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REPRESENTATIVE WOLVERTON will not be a candidate for renomination, which is bad for his party and too bad for congress. Politics apart, Mr. Wolverton is a gentleman and a scholar, and there should be more like him in public

Anthracite for Engines.

The New York Tribune, while regretting the enormous waste and misery caused by the soft coal strike, manages to extract one ray of selfish comfort from that unfortunate complication. That is the fact that it is gradually compelling the railroads to use anthracite coal on a larger number of their trains. "Soft coal," it truly declares, "is an unmitigated nuisance on a passenger engine, and its use can only be pardoned where hard coal cannot be obtained, or where traffic is so light as to make the expense probibitory. Many railroads which formerly used soft coal altogether are now using hard coal on a few passenger trains, and the comfort of the public is thereby greatly increased. The patrons of a line, once accustomed to freedom from cinders and smoke, will hardly permit a return to the old methods. It is to be hoped that the strike will contribute something to the education of the railroads and people in this direction."

When one considers the comparatively slight difference between 'the respective costs of anthracite and bituminous coal for use as fuel on passenger locomotives, it is little short of niggardly that a wealthy railroad corporation, deriving its lavish support from the people, should compel its

passenger agents' eyes to the wishes of out." the traveling public in respect to smokeless fuel; and that involuntary among the panalties of summer travel on economical railroads.

As an advertising scheme, the reported engagement of an unknown actress to Howard Gould has discounted all of the diamond robbery fakes upon

THE CONTEMPLATED changes in the management of the Wilkes-Barre Times occurred on Saturday last when the energetic proprietor, Charles B. Snyder retired, having disposed of his interests to a stock company rearesented by Liddon Flick, C. O Perkins and Otis Lincoln, as president, secretary and manager. Under the new management it is announced that the Times will honceforth be a Republican paper and that its energies will be directed to furthering the best interests of the party and developing the industries and commercial advantages of Luzerne county. Editor Niven, whose labors have been largely instrumental in bringing the Times to its present high standard, will be retained and the local force will be strengthened by the infusion of new blood. The Times already gives evidences of renewed vigor under the new regime. It is better than ever and to all appearances is upon wave of prosperity.

THERE APPEARS to be a combined offort to keep Coxey off the grass and out of the clover. Under all circumstances it would seem in good taste for Coxey to retire from the earth altogether.

Chicago. Whole blocks of houses in Chicago are said now to be tenantless, while "for rent" signs are as common as idle men. The reaction has come. Philadelphis had it. Paris had it, although Paris has all Europe to lavy on for reinforcement. And every other city has had it that has anchored its hopes to some passing incident and awakened the next day to find the anchorage gone. Many persons during the fight in congress over the World's fair site wondered why Chicagoans did not let New York have it and then saffer the reactionary consequences. But Chicago was young. She was also eager. Her citizens were accustomed to paying handsomely for their advertisements. And they thought it no extraordinary undertaking to hold a gigantic World's fair largely for the benefit of the publicity it would bring.

We are not prepared to say unreservedly that such a policy was utterly wrong. It was plucky. It was heroic. It exhibited the American character in one of its fundamental instincts. It was in line with what had made Chicago. It was in line with what, in a smaller way, had made Scranton. The contract was a massive one. The bite was a tremendous tax on mastleation and digestion. Chicago, all things con-, ably. For the baby city of our great

SCRANTON TRIBUNE abroad With eventful centuries stretching backward in their perspective, Europeans were astonished,

> Yet a reaction was certain. The thing had been overdone. In a business sense, investments had been multiplied not judiciously but madly. In a speculative sense the gambling in-stinct had led to hopeless excesses. The fair really lasted only one brief season. The fair "boom" was distended upon a basis that would have done credit to eternity. One could perceive the inevitable consequence without needing a microscope. Even

in the best of normal times, there would have been a shrinking of values. With a tremendous panie thrown in, the collapse has been little short of calamitous. Chicago will recover. We do not wish to convey any false-impressions on that point. The future capital of the continent-that is to say the business capital, the literary capital, the focus point of the greatest activities-will be right where the murky Obicago river empties its viscid cargo into blue eyed Lake Michigan. But the recovery will be slow. It will take time. It will take patience. It will also take hard work. Those contemplating going to Chicago, without definite missions in view, are recommended to remain away. Chicago is no place for work-seekers. There are better opportunities right here at home.

HENRY WATTERSON these days is very unhappy. The present trend of senatorial tariff tinkering is even less to his liking than is the moral trend of blue grass chivalry. The "Wilson" bill as it now stands he calls "a mongrel piebald of patches and pusillanimity, a grotesque hodgepodge of pretense and pettifogging, a nondescript abortion of incompetency, selfishness, cowardies and treachery." All this, too, because it neglects to "rip, tear, pull up and annihilate" the "accursed conspiracy called protection." Mr. Watterson's wrath excites our sympathy; but it is trivial compared to the determined, if less effusive, indignation of the masses.

Coxeyism Defined by Coxey.

Coxeyism has at last been intellipassengers to begrime themselves with gibly defined by its author. It is not great flakes of soot that inevitably an intelligent theory; but it is at least emerge, cloud-like, from the bitumi- a lucid definition. Says Coxey: "I nous locomotive stacks. An incident would have the government issue that illustrates this annoyance will money against municipal non-interest readily be recalled by those who, four bearing bonds deposited with the secyears ago, attended the Republican retary of the freazury at Washington. state convention at Harrisburg. It These bonds would be issued to half was a sweltering day, and the passentiate municipality's assessed valuation.

In other words, there would be two stories, and affirming that farming does tional discomfort of successive layers dollars' worth of property back of of soot that became encrusted on all every dollar issued by the government exposed portions of the faces and against the bonds. It now issues money hands. No division of Coxey's army looked less like law-abiding citizens than did those Republican pilgrims who attended the great convention of 1890 by the aid of railroads using soft coal fuel, and many were the pledges taken against a voluntary re-accept hands. No division of Coxey's army to banks upon much easier terms. The taken against a voluntary re-accept- ble because, with money issued against tills the soil with his own hands and owns ance of such discomfort.

do to succeed. The American farmer, who tills the soil with his own hands and owns a man aftern, is probably as independent as a man Many transportation companies, for-go steadily on, and property does not unately, have since seen the error of decrease in value where there is plants tunately, have since seen the error of decrease in value where there is plenty their ways, some voluntarily and some of work for labor and improvements under compulsion. It is to be hoped are persistently made. And each year REVENGED that before this difficulty among bi- the municipality would redeem 4 per tuminous producers shall have been cent of the issue, so that in twentysettled there will be an opening of the five years the total would be wiped

This money Coxey would expend in building good roads, constructing muchange of color will not hereafter be nicipal sewers, bridges, turnpikes, culverts and other public works and, in doing anything whatever that would, on the one hand, tend to give present employment to the 4,000,000 adult men now estimated to be idle in this country; and on the other hand, add to the value of the municipal property that stands behind the proposed new issue of money. It will be readily perceived there is a certain shrewdly designed air of plausibility about this scheme that quickly recommends it to dissatis fied men with greater zeal than discre

What is not clear is how the new ederal money issue would be more table or more helpful in the employment of labor than would be a similar ssus and sale by each municipality of municipal bonds. A city that is solvent can readily find a market for its oonds. One that is not solvent ought not to be tacked on as a drag to the financial credit of the general government. The precedent that Coxey would establish would be a dangerous one if for no other reason than that it would encourage congress to interfere with municipal governments in matters of ourely local concern; which would at present be unconstitutional, and which, ven if that objection were removed by a constitutional amendment, would still remain unrepublican and unwise.

If IT BE true that under the term of heir existing permits the electrical companies of this city can, without further legislation, be restricted to the smallest number of street poles necessary to properly conduct their business, that fact should accelerate the proposed adoption of union poles lim-proposed adoption of union poles lim-lited to one- half or one-third the numper now standing. Among conservative citizens there is no wish to cripple these local companies nor to impose unfair or uncommon exactions. But in their own defense they should be willing to co-operate liberally in efforts to improve the sightliness of our streets; and we are glad to note that many of them are thus co-operating.

EXCHANGES ARE beginning to cast hadows of doubt upon the stories in eference to forest fires in Rhode Isand. One paper cruelly intimates that here is not room enough in the little state for anything of greater dimensions than an ordinary local campaign

GLEASON, the horse trainer, has ap plied for a divorce from his wife on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. Mr. Gleason finds that it is much easier to tame horses than wo-

EARNING BREAD by the sweat of one's brow can never be as popular, even in these days of Coxeyite clamor for work, as an existence upon birds and bottles in a fat position under the gov-

too perplexing to solve. He ought also to be a thrifty inhabitant of the Sasqudumbstruck, at the achievement of this hanna; but he isn't. By the way, what big child of the prairies, whose history as a city is spanned by the life time of many living men.

becomes of the trout that are so numerously "planted" each spring? Who can satisfactorily answer these questions.

Ir now looks as if the brave Coxey ites, who weathered the storms upon their weary march from Ohio to the District of Columbia, will become demoralized and dissolve as an organized body before John Barleycora.

It is possible that a blue pencil can be made to play a patriotic purpose at Harrisburg this week, whem it comes to the silver plank.

THE MATRIMONIAL adventures of Miss

Lillian Russell appear to be patterned very much upon the Mrs. Frank Leslie standard. THE THING, under Democratic man-

enue in more ways than one. IT IS THE general impression that that Boston base ball fire ought to have

been fanned out.

ipulation, is evidently a tariff for rev-

### RIFLES Grave and Gay.

THE BASE BALL CRANK. His friends and neighbors knew him as modest, pious man, And be was built in very truth upon a

Christian plan; He passed the hat on Sundays and his pastor always knaw He could depend upon him as a brothe meek and true.

when he went on afternoons to see the base ball game This brother meek immediately a base ball crank became,
And when the home team was in luck he

yelled with might and main, danced and acted otherwise as though he were insane, And when the home team lost its grip and

things were going bad This brother looked as though he'd lost the only friend he had, And when at last the score was tied and on a double play The umpire queered the home team and so gave the game away,

The quiet man, the pious man, he shook dis fist and said:
"O rodents, rodents, rodents! O kill him,

kill him dead!" -Syracuse Herald.

Editor J. W. Geist of the Lancaster New era, after offering a ball column of excel-ent advice to boys who want to succeed in life, particularly farmer's sons, makes the following exceedingly sensible obser-vations: "A poor boy cannot earn a farm by taking a tin pall and, going into a field, at down and wait for the cows to back up not pay owing to western competition and unjust railroad discrimination, any more than a poor boy in a city can expect to be-come a merchant prince by loaling around maires who do not.

Little Mary has always been devoted to her Aunt May, and prays for her each night long and fervently. One day, how-ever, during a visit at her aunt's, the child did something wrong and had to be punished. When evening came and she knelt at her aunt's kuee to say her prayrs, it was evident that the sore spot was

"Bless papa and mamma," began the childish voice, and then there was an ominous silence, after which the prayer was concluded with no reference to Aunt

"Now," remarked Miss Four-Year Old, with flashing eyes, as she rose to her feet, "what do you think of that for a prayer?"

New York Tribune.

THE FUGITIVE SONG A song leapt up within me, But ere my pen could write It passed my spirit's portals And onward took its flight.

My mind went forth pursuing Haply to fetch it back, But all in vain the effort, No trace remained, alack!

Into a train of musing
My saddened spirit fell,
When stole there softly o'er me
A vision's pleasant spell.

I saw within the vision, Or men a varied throng; One touched a harp and straibgtway I heard that wandering song.

Its music made me wonder, And when the last note rung The poet was immortal For that sweet song he sung.

Teasing Friend-What makes that new baby at your home cry so much. Tommy?
Tommy indignantly)—It don't cry so very much—and any way if all your teeth was out, and your hair off, and your legs so weak you couldo't even stand on them,
I guess you'd feel like crying yourselt.—

-Richard Owen in Chicago Record.

Kissers have lipsomania, waiters have tipsomania, sailors have shipsomania, skaters have slipsomania, barbers have clipsomania, drivers have whipsomania, inebriates have dipsomania, dead beats have skipsomania, mild drinkers have nipsomania to drinkers have nipsomania.

EXCELSIOR!

"Up in the mountain high," The warblers gayly sing.
Up in the mountain board is high;
But that's another thing.

—New York Recorder.

AS IT WAS! "And on her lover's arm she leant,
And round her waist she felt it fold.
And far across the hills they went
In that new world, which is the old?
Across the hills and far away
Beyond their utmost purple rim,
And deep into the dying day,
The happy princess followed him?"

AS IT MAY BE! And on the maiden's arm he leant,
And round his waist he felt it fold,
And so across the town they went
To where the votes were being polled!
Across the town, not far away,
There was no outbreak, word or stir,
And seeing that she voted well
The happy loyer followed her!
—New York Recorder.

THE REASON WHY. He loves to rise at early dawn When others love to lie; This is the finest time for him, Because he is a fly.

The inborn pride of Scrantonians and and digestion. Chicago, all things considered, acquitted herself most creditably. For the baby city of our great urban centres she succeeded to an extent that astounded spectators from the special properties of special position under the government.

bottles in a fat position under the government belongs to it, is well illustrated by a remark made by a youngster in Hyde Park the other day. His mother overheard him talking with his little sister and discussing great questions, as children, do, with all

the gravity of his elders. Finally the little girl asked: "Harry, where was the world made?" And harry, with an air of superior wisdom, answered:
"Why, don't you know, Dotty? In
Scranton, of course!"

A'so to Sunday Clesing. When two criminals are at large, when two criminals are at large, one a murderer and the other a petty thief the officers of the law do not concentrate their energies upon the thief. They put forth their best efforts to catch the mur-derer first, because he is the greater crimi-nal. This principle applies to all other lawbreakers as well.

Not Cur Spruce Street.

Philadephia Record.

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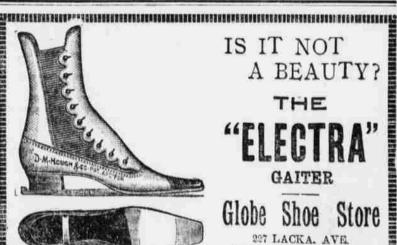
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