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cities now require telephone and telegraph wires to be buried; others have adopted ordinances requiring the burial of such wires within a certain future period, thus giving the electrical companies a reasonable time in which to make the substitution.

When the councils of Scranton get ready to take action in this matter, we suggest that it instruct a joint committee to make inquiry, by correspondence, concerning what has been done in other cities and to incorporate this information in a public report.

A baker's dozen of Quay-haters met in a Pottsville hotel the other day and drew up a set of resolutions pledging their support to John Wanamaker for United States senator.

Quay's Ultimate Ambition. A Harrisburg letter in the Philadelphia Inquirer, a journal specially friendly to Senator Quay, hints at a programme of considerable interest.

Those who are Quay-haters will no doubt scoff at this suggestion, but among his friends it will be received with general credence.

Practical Christianity. It is conservatively estimated that during this happy season of preparation for the year's incomparable holiday, when throughout Christendom parents and children in uncounted millions are planning mutual surprises in the form of Christmas gifts.

College Athletics. Much of the outcry against college athletics is founded flatly on ignorance. President Harper, of the University of Chicago, puts the case tersely when he says: "Our theory is that by emphasizing physical culture we accomplish two things: First, prevent that immorality and rowdiness among students which fifteen years ago was common, and for which excuses were invented; second, give these young men and women strong physical bodies, and fit them not only for mental training, but for the struggle of life."

Coxey wants a new party. Coxey should confer with Bynum. The decision of the Metropolitan Traction company of New York to adopt the underground trolley system on all its lines beginning next spring answers in the affirmative the question whether it is practicable to do away, in American cities, with the dangerous and unsightly overhead trolley wire.

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It does. Is it to the advantage of any honest citizen of Illinois to be taxed for the support of convicts kept idle? The honest workman who fears the competition of a convict evidently lacks self-confidence.

The new congressional library building at Washington, in which Mark Hanna wants to hold the inauguration ball, is pronounced by experts not only the handsomest modern edifice in the United States but also in the world.

Says Brother Watterston: "The Republican party cannot stand on protection. Protection cannot stand alone, and never will be able to stand itself whenever the country gets a crack at it."

Representative Leisenring is to be congratulated upon the probability that his \$150,000 Wilkes-Barre public building bill will pass. Wilkes-Barre needs an architectural prod.

The latest proposition is that a Pan-American electrical exposition shall be held at Niagara Falls in 1899. Why not tap our cum banks and have one in Scranton?

Twenty out of Kansas' 105 counties now have women county superintendents. Women overseers of instruction are women within their proper sphere.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan, is accused of harboring a presidential bid. A race between Pingree and Bryan would be a spectacle for the nations.

Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention. The New York Herald of yesterday contained the following concerning Rice, the plucky Wilkes-Barre boy who won second place in the six-day bicycle race in Madison Square gardens:

"I know I can," said he, "for the reason that I know how I felt at the end and how I was hampered at the commencement of the race. They did not feed me. All I got was chocolate eclairs and pie until 'Mike' Breslin came along with some chicken."

An interesting feature of the Methodist ministers' meeting at Elm Park church yesterday morning was the reading of a paper by Rev. Dr. Giffin reviewing Harold Frederic's strong novel, "The Damnation of Thomas Watson." Dr. Giffin dissected this alleged portrait of Methodism with a critical thoroughness and effectiveness that left little to be desired.

The city of Boston is about to establish at public expense the finest public baths since the days of ancient Rome. There will, at first, be fifty bath rooms, or sufficient to accommodate 150 persons every hour.

The University of Pennsylvania (Pee, Manekin and Gutter) clubs, numbering sixty persons, are to be the Academy of Music on Dec. 29. A committee of alumni, residing in Scranton, has the matter in charge.

"Captain Dick" as Captain Edwards is called by his brethren on the force, has a remarkable memory for faces and he can pretty nearly tell when a person is arraigned in police court whether that was the first offense or not.

Miss Marie Donovan, the soprano whose magnificent singing with Gilmore's band will be remembered with pleasure, will be a guest of Mrs. R. D. Brown, at 49 Jefferson avenue, during the holidays.

SHORTSIGHTED. From the Pittsburg Gazette. If the Business Men's league recently organized in Wilkes-Barre to help down Quay really had an eye to business, instead of making a Philadelphia factional fight, they would cultivate the senator's favor.

GETTING EVEN. Artist (just completing a portrait of his wife)—I hate that Shelby so much, Clara; is there no way of getting even with him? Clara (thoughtfully)—I don't know; you might paint a portrait of him.—Truth.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacehus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 1:35 a. m., for Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1896.

A child born on this day will observe that those who are most anxious to reform the civil service, or in fact any other service, are generally the fellows who are not in it.

Mrs. Sparham's vindication by the school board last night reminds one of the applause near the close of a very length literary entertainment by home talent.

Do not expect that Santa Claus can bring peace and contentment if in your heart, for little cause, are hate and sore resentment.

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