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Brother C. Ben Johnson, of the Sunday News, should remember David B. Hill's advice when he told Democrats to beware of over confidence.

A Rally for Good Roads.

Every person in this vicinity who is interested in the subject of good roads—and this ought to include everybody who walks, rides or hobbles—will do well to make mental note of the fact that on next Monday evening General Roy Stone of the United States department of agriculture, and John Hamilton, of the state agricultural department, will address in the board of trade rooms a meeting under the auspices of the Lackawanna County Good Roads League, and make clear just how better highways can be secured and how their benefits will diffuse among the people.

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Something, of course, could be said on the other side of the account. It might be remarked that not infrequently it is the corporation or the individual capitalist that is pushed into a corner by the multitude and made to stand and deliver. Not all the evil in human nature is monopolized by the "monopolists," by a good deal. Still, it is probably true as a matter of history that the men with money set the first example in gouging and gave to the men without money that sense of injury which from time to time, in a political sense, makes them dangerous.

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GOLDSMITH'S G. B. BAZAAR.

The Easter News

Store News. Good news to hundreds of prospective buyers. News relating to many lots of Easter needfuls that it will pay you to take note of. With such a volume of values we should make a merchandise moving record that will be hard to beat a year hence. This go-ahead store will be a great traffic center for all classes of our public buying during this week.

A Kid Glove Sale

Profiting by former experience, we have put the glove stock in the best possible shape to satisfactorily meet the great demand for Easter Gloves. The exceptional values will speak for themselves: 4-button with two toned embroidery, fine quality, 75 cents. 2-clasp, embroidered backs Gusseted Fouchettes, guaranteed, \$1.00. 2-clasp and 5 hook, best French Kid, guaranteed, \$1.50. All of the new shades.

Parasols Galore

Such beautiful creations never displayed before. Prices always comfortable, from 25 cents to \$9.98

An Easter Sale of

SUITS, JACKET'S, CAPES, SEPARATE SKIRTS, among them? Nub Check Skirts, the latest fad, the \$4 kind at \$2.63. Silk Finish Brocaded Mohair Skirts, \$1.49 to \$2.98. Two Toned Bourette and Brocaded Skirts, \$3.49 to \$4.98. The Finest Silk Lined Serge at \$7.98. We have secured additional help in our Carpet Department to wait on the rush of customers during our GREAT CLOSING OUT SALE.

FINLEY'S ALWAYS BUSY

Alteration SALE.

SPECIAL SALE OF FINE DRESS GOODS

Wholesale and Retail. Lewis, Reilly & Davies. Easter Season. Demands new Shoes as well as new clothes. We furnish the Shoes for every member of the family.

THE RAINBOW OF THE LENTEN GLOOM.

Easter is the only generally recognized holiday, the celebration of which is purely spiritual and admits of no worldly festivity. A CARD—presently embellished and inscribed with a motto in keeping with the spirit of the season—sent to a friend, will do much toward keeping in view the meaning of the observance.

Reynolds Bros STATIONERS.

510 AND 512 LACKAWANNA AVENUE. Hotel Jermy Building.

BEIDLEMAN'S Easter Bulletin.

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BEIDLEMAN, THE BOOKMAN.

437 Spruce Street, The Rotunda, Board of Trade Building. WM. T. S. (Scribble)

Gossip at the Capital

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Washington, April 14.—There is not much danger of Senator Chandler's bills empowering the secretary of the navy to take forcible possession of the armor plate establishments of the marine and the United States Army ever passing either branch of congress. The measures are regarded as revolutionary in their nature, and they will probably never get further than the committee to which they have been referred.

RAILWAY COMPARISONS.

From the Philadelphia Press. Comparing the Prussian state system of railroads with the Pennsylvania railroad system, we have the following figures:

Table with 3 columns: Prussian, Penna., Miles worked, Gross earnings, Net earnings, Per mile, Gross earnings, Net earnings, Millions of passenger miles, Millions of ton miles.

THE CHURCH AND POLITICS.

From the Voice. The church does not need to be, neither should it be, especially partisan. It should educate by precept and requirement that its membership observe a standard of political ethics by association and example. It should not do violence to the common morality for which the church stands. That sort of education has not been employed to any considerable extent by the church.

A CENT R SHOT.

From the Philadelphia Times. Senator Quay shot the bull's eye the first shot when, in his recent interview with Mayor Warwick, he answered the demand for the resignation of Warwick's cabinet in the city by the terse remark: "The people make leaders, Mr. Mayor; I do not name them."

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Alcehus, The Tribune Astrologer. A child born on this day will notice that those who have the least cause generally worry the most.

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