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With the National Retail Grocers' organization fighting the sugar trust and John D. Rockefeller of the Standard Oil company fighting the Butchers' trust and a few other great combines making war on each other, the poor man should get his living at a cheaper rate than has prevailed for some time.

America and Germany.

A prominent German writer, Hugo Munsterberg, in the September Atlantic gives a clear and clever critique on the present situation between America and Germany, which, if read and accepted by the right people, would have a good effect. Like most of the preaching in this world, it is heard by those who are already converted.

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He then proceeds to describe the many misapprehensions which exist on both sides and gives a graphic picture of the ludicrous blunders which are made. He asserts that the emigrants who bring so much thrift and industry to our shores are not the ones to disabuse the American mind of the popular delusions and hints that the American tourist who is known in Germany as American is usually the loud-voiced, objectionable one whose eyes color to the trans-Atlantic prejudices.

Not a small part of the mistaken ideas, he declares, are to be attributed to our yellow journalism and incidental to this he speaks of the widespread falsity of the portraits given of Emperor William, and in this connection says that there is one living American whose personality most closely resembles the German emperor and that is "the brilliant young governor of New York, whom many Americans hail as the future president."

As to the idea of American freedom, Herr Munsterberg insists that while he loves and admires America, yet with a president who has such an unlimited power, with such domination of party bosses, city administrations under the whip of spoilsmen, the economy and tyranny of trusts and all under the autocracy of yellow journalism, Germany, to him, seems freer, adding significantly that Alger could not have stayed as chief minister in Germany one year in face of the protests of the people.

The fact is that the feeling between Germany and America is, on this side at least, much as Mark Twain declared the reports of his death to be, "greatly exaggerated." Americans have too many good, honest and peace-loving Germans in every community to be much wrought up over Germany's attitude toward the United States.

To be sure the socialists who come from that country to stir up strife and disseminate atheism are undesirable representatives of their native land, but they seem to become naturalized, as it were, all through, in the course of a few years and vex their adopted home but little. Our press likes to caricature Germans as it likes to caricature every other nation under the sun and spares not its own dearly beloved statesmen and politicians, but there is no deep-seated repugnance to Germany, and little fear of any overt act of hostility on the part of the United States.

The Brooklyn Eagle pays Bryan the left handed compliment of saying that he talks uncommonly well for a man who talks altogether too much.

An Uncertain Outlook.

The Dreyfus trial continues to bring forth proofs of the racial prejudice existing in France. In the last day's proceedings the evidence came out that when at military college Dreyfus had achieved remarkably high standing during the first year and that while still holding the place reached by his intelligence and faithful work, he heard that a member of the examining board had boasted of putting a low mark opposite Dreyfus' name because they "did not want a Jew on the headquar-

ers staff." Thus the feeling permeating to the core of army sentiment can only give to fair minded people the conviction that no matter how innocent the prisoner may be, he is fighting the great battle of his life against tremendous odds.

So twisted, so tortured has been the patriotic sentiment in France during the centuries of her history, that slipping forcibly from her desperate grasp on one trail led after another—from the splendid mockery of kings and emperors from the Commune and the Republic, she finally has nothing left but the Army, the hollow, pretentious type of what was once her pride and glory. To this she clings with frenzied fingers and far better in her eyes is the destruction of an innocent man, of hundreds of innocent persons, than that the honor of the Army shall be smirched.

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congrating report. Public sentiment may also have some effect on the lawless element which has frequently been the means of starting great conflagrations, and more care is now observed by railroad companies in extinguishing the flames kindled by locomotive sparks.

A philanthropic and enterprising New Yorker has opened an "all night" shoe store with a view of catching the customer who wanders home at 3 a. m. The shoe dealer declares that a man in a happy frame of mind after an evening at the club is more likely at this time to be suited with patent leathers than at any other; or if he happens to fall asleep during the trying on process, the sale is even more assured.

The lot of a Methodist preacher is not always a happy one. He must move every five years whether he would or not and the Methodist parsonage is a favorite resort for thieves, who apparently doubt the ministerial following of the Bible injunction to lay not up treasures on earth, as they habitually break in and steal his donation gifts and his anniversary hour.

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The father of Rt. Hon. William Court Gully, speaker of the British house of commons, was John Gully, a butcher, and afterwards a prize fighter, who grew rich and was a member of parliament in 1831. Speaker Gully receives a salary of \$2,000 a year.

Captain E. Ross Smith, of the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Indiana volunteers, who, it is said, had the distinction of being the youngest captain in the United States service during the Spanish-American war, has again been honored with a captaincy in the United States service. He was only 13 years old when he took his company to the field. He is the only son of Captain M. Smith, a veteran of the Civil war, and his home is in Washington, Ind.

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for superior court judge. The platform will endorse the administration of President McKinley and Governor Stone and pledge the party to a re-division of the state government. General Frank Reeder, of Easton, will succeed Attorney General Elkin, who will be a member of the state committee. The committee will not be so largely attended as former gatherings on account of it being an off year and there is every indication that it will dispose of its business in short order. Senator Quay is on the ground and will attend the convention as a delegate from Beaver county, while his colleague, Senator Penrose, will represent the Eighth Philadelphia district and serve as chairman.

Anti-Quay Leaders.

Senators Wm. Flinn, of Allegheny; David Martin, of Philadelphia, and Wm. Sproul, of Chester, are the most active anti-Quay leaders in the legislature who are here to watch the making of the preliminaries of the convention. Senator Flinn will be chairman of the Allegheny delegation and Senator Martin will stay away from the convention entirely, this being the first time since he was elected that he has not been a delegate for a long time. Some of the anti-Quay delegates will vote for Superior Court Judge Dinner Beeber, of Philadelphia, an appointee of ex-Governor Hastings, whose term expires on the first Monday of next January. Ex-Retentive Emerson Collins, of Williamsport, will present the name of Judge Beeber to the convention. James L. Miles, president of the Philadelphia select council will be the host for Mr. Adams. There is no opposition to Governor Stone, but apparently his friends are confident they will be nominated by acclamation. Richard B. Schandrett of Allegheny, will make the nomination speech for Barnett, a Congressman from Westmoreland. Mr. Brown, Judge Wm. D. Wallace, of New Castle, this evening, announced that he was no longer a candidate and that he had advised his friends to vote for the Lancaster lawyer. The name of Judge T. W. Morrison, of McKean, will be presented by J. W. Burton, of Smithport, and seconded by Wm. Erice of Warren. Deputy Attorney General Fleitz will speak for Judge Robert W. Archbald, of Scranton, and H. M. Fuller, of Wilkes-Barre, and James W. Scarlett, of Luzerne, will name ex-Attorney General Henry W. Palmer, of Luzerne. The names of all these candidates for supreme judge, except Mr. Brown, are expected to be withdrawn before the result of the ballot is announced and his nomination be made unanimous.

Senator Quay Arrives.

Senator Quay reached here this morning from his Mountville farm and he is staying with Governor Stone at the executive mansion, where many of the visitors called upon him today to pay their respects. E. A. Van Valkenberg, secretary, and William T. Tilden, chairman of the executive committee of the Business Men's league, and other active anti-Quay leaders over the state have headquarters at the Commonwealth. They are apparently making no fight against the Quay programme, except the selection of Mr. Adams. A mass meeting will be held tomorrow morning to determine upon a line of action for the convention. The Allegheny delegation met this evening and by a vote of 17 to 5 endorsed Judge Beeber. Several of the delegates from Philadelphia will also vote for Beeber. A meeting of the state committee was held this afternoon to make up the roll of delegates for the convention. Chairman Elkin presided and made a short speech in which he referred to the pleasure it had given him to be associated with those who had been of such valuable assistance during the gubernatorial campaigns. He spoke of the bright party outlook and said that the state would certainly be again carried by the Republicans and that the outlook was exceedingly bright. Mr. Elkin stated that he had received no notice of contested seats and knew of no seat being contested. He suggested that in order to avoid delay a committee on contested seats be appointed which should investigate any contest that might be made. This suggestion was adopted by the committee and the chair appointed the following committee: E. B. Henderson, Jefferson; E. L. Reinhold, Lancaster; C. H. Speakman, Chester; Thomas Kilroy, Susquehanna; Caleb S. Brinton, Cumberland; George P. Blackburn, Westmoreland; S. B. Cochran, Armstrong.

Senator Flinn's Statement.

Senator Flinn, chairman of the anti-Quay organization in the last legislature, gave out the following statement tonight: Seventeen of the twenty-two members of the Allegheny delegation agreed tonight to vote for J. Hay Brown for supreme court judge and Hon. Dinner Beeber for Superior court judge. As no other name will be presented for state treasurer, Colonel Beeber will undoubtedly be chosen by acclamation. The Allegheny delegates further agreed to oppose any resolution favoring ex-Senator Quay's re-election to the United States senate or any action of the convention commending Governor Stone for his unconstitutional appointment of ex-Senator Quay or his unwarranted reduction of the public school appropriation.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

The Transvaal has seventy-four gold mining companies.

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lan at New York recently, and the edition that had been published for sale in Germany has been confiscated.

Fried wasp soup is considered a great delicacy in China. It is stated that they are quite an acquired taste.

A soap factory at Acapulco, Mexico, has an output of 100,000 pounds a month, and finds it difficult to supply the demand.

The Long Island railroad has adopted the rule that passengers are to leave the cars by the front doors and enter by the rear door.

It is estimated that at the beginning of the new century England will have 82,000,000 tons of coal still unused and available.

About 100 years ago the use of starch for stiffening the frills around the neck was considered highly reprehensible, if not positively sinful.

In six of the largest cities of Switzerland foreigners make up 40 per cent of the population; but of these all but 39 per cent were born in Switzerland.

It is calculated that during the London season the average amount of money spent daily in flowers is \$2,000, most of which goes to foreign flower growers.

In 1887 there were 2,025 professors and instructors at all the universities of Germany. In 1897 the number was 2,484, an increase of 19 per cent in a decade.

The Bank of England destroys about 250,000 of its notes every week to replace them with freshly printed ones. One evening in each week is set apart for the making of this expensive hoarding.

Running horses are unknown in Russia. No one drives there without having a thin cord with a running noose around the neck of the animal. When the animal bolts it is pulled and the horse stops as soon as it feels the pressure on the windpipe.

A homing pigeon owned at Church, in Lancashire, has been returned to its loft after a remarkable adventure. It was caught by one of the crew of the Cunard liner Lucania off the Newfoundland coast. It was fed and then dispatched home by rail.

Anthony Hudson, the first white settler in Pierce county, Wis., is still living, having just passed his hundredth milestone. He is actively engaged in farming, and cultivates thirty acres without employing help, his wife tending him assistance in harvest time.

French railroad companies have been ordered by the courts to provide their passengers with season tickets without advertisements. The Western railroad had increased the number of advertisements until a season ticket was as thick as a pocketbook, and commuters refused to carry them.

WHAT THE POET'S OFFER.

The Flower of Fame. He sought it before the billow of spring on the meadow was seen. When only the flush of the willow was tracing the river with green; He sought it to the edge of the fraying snows that dipped the mountain slope. And ever too late the March sun rose, for he searched the world with hope.

I saw him at noon of the summer day, and that was the favorite hour. To one who had hunted from March to May and never had found a flower; For the light was full as though the sun were aiding his eager quest; And there was no waiting shadow to run o'er his path from east to west.

And still in September's purple and gold he was hunting the grudging ground. But not with the steady eye of old or the springtime's joyous bound; If he stopped in the twilight's roaming, 'twas to question the darkling air; Too early came the gloaming; he was searching with despair.

And while, for a chance of the rarest, he wanders in storm or heat. He is blind to the charm of the fairest; he creeps beneath his feet. The flower of every valley, the flower of all the year, Deep in whose broken blossom the dew lies like a tear. —The Century.

Boil It Down.

Whatever you have to say, my friend. And whether witty or grave, or gay, Condense as much as you can. And say it in the readiest way; And whether you write of rural affairs, Or matters and things in town, Just take a word of friendly advice, Boil it down.

If you go spluttering over a page, When a couple of lines would do, Your butter is spread so thin, you see, That the bread looks plainly through; So, when you have a story to tell, And would like a little renown, To make quite sure of your wish, my friend, Boil it down.

When writing an article for the press, Whether prose or verse, just try To settle your thoughts in the fewest words. And let them be crisp and dry. And when it is finished and you suppose It is done exactly beneath his eye, Just look it over again, and then Boil it down.

For editors do not like to print An article lazily long. And the general reader does not care For a couple of yards of song; So gather your wits in the smallest space. If you want a little renown, And every time you write, my friend, Boil it down. —Anon.

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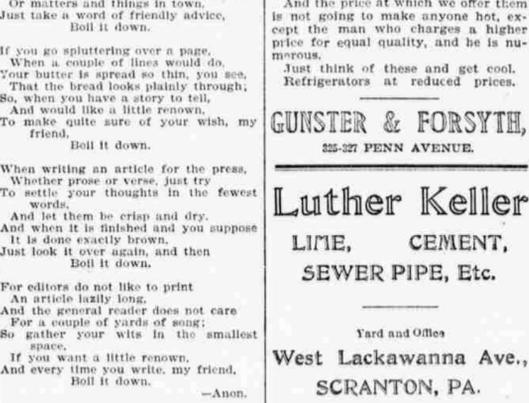
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