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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS. State. Congressmen-at-Large—GALUSHA A. GROW, ROBERT H. FORBES, Auditor General—E. R. BARBER, BERGEL.

Legislative. First District—JOHN S. REYNOLDS, Second District—JOHN CHESTER, JR., Third District—EDWARD JAMES, JR., Fourth District—P. A. PHILLIPS.

The proposition has been made to have Judge Taylor run again for governor of Kentucky while a refugee in Indiana. The idea is of doubtful value.

The Assessment Problem. UNDER THE LAW there are three ways in which courts can order assessments for sewer purposes—by the foot frontage, by benefits appraised and by equal assessment on the basis of the valuation of real estate as assessed for city purposes.

In one block on Wheeler avenue several inside lots 40 by 150 are assessed for sewers on a valuation of \$500; another lot, the same in size and general location, is assessed on a valuation of \$400 and a corner lot, 55 by 150, is assessed on a valuation of \$275, while another corner lot, of equal size, is assessed on a valuation of \$600.

Where there is approximate fairness in the assessment of unimproved real estate for city purposes the method of assessing for sewers on the basis of the city assessment is equitable, economical and expeditious. It does away with the costly and tedious machinery of viewings, whose appraisal of benefits is not always impartial, and it provides a fair means of distributing between inside and corner lots, a matter in which the foot frontage plan gives rise to great dissatisfaction.

President Kruger might have saved money by having suggested a war ballot earlier in the game.

Amusements and Morals.

SO FAR AS Methodism goes, the action of its general conference respecting matters of church discipline, especially the attitude of the church on the subject of worldly pleasures, has the force of binding law until subsequently modified by the same high ecclesiastical tribunal.

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developed and immature, this may be attended with peril, but parents, teachers and pastors are near to exercise counsel and offer wholesome advice; an ecclesiastical conference, presbytery, synod, or convention can hardly possess the accurate knowledge of particular circumstances to lay down rigid rules going into the whole range of details.

The moral law of temperance is a good law to keep in view when considering the problem of what are ordinarily regarded as innocent amusements. There is no sin in a novel, play or playing card pastime; the whole question of sin or sinlessness depends upon the circumstances, and these are best determined after they have received mature and intelligent consideration.

Equalization of assessments would make a winning battle cry in a municipal campaign in this city if proposed by men in whom the people have confidence.

Why Not Get Together? COLONEL SCHOONMAKER is correct in the assertion that it was the Elmhurst boulevard which drew general attention to the natural beauties of the territory surrounding Nay Aug falls and thus made possible Nay Aug park.

The Tribune does not believe and has not said that the boulevard company was actuated by an unworthy motive in maintaining a toll gate in the park. We are confident that the gentlemen interested in the boulevard are equally interested in the park and can appreciate the fact that a toll gate in a city park is neither an ornament nor a public joy.

It is reported that the Boer envoys have been advised by the Dutch minister at Washington to waste no time in miscellaneous missionary work in the United States, but to take the first boat to Southampton and open negotiations with the British ministry directly. The report may or may not be true, but the advice is undoubtedly sound.

Cigarettes, War and Women.

IT IS ALLEGED by the promoters of the anti-cigarette league that the Spanish-American war is responsible for a noticeable increase in the habit of cigarette smoking. The soldiers borrowed the habit from the Cubans, Porto Ricans or Filipinos and brought it home with them, where the American small boy, quick to imitate, seized upon it as the proper tribute to pay to martial prowess.

For the truthfulness of this we cannot vouch. It is, however, set forth in some detail in a recent publication inspired by the opponents of the cigarette, together with abundant and convincing testimony from medical experts concerning the greater injuriousness of the habit upon the delicate nervous organization of the feminine sex of tender years than upon that of boys, which, heaven knows, is bad enough. It is true that in certain European countries cigarette smoking is in fashionable vogue among respectable women, but they do not practice the "accomplishment" until grown and then observe moderation, so that the physical injury, if any, is slight.

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allowed to be sent from the front except in the form of official dispatches, and the apparent impossibility of any one correspondent grasping the situation in broad outline, it may well be asked, if from a newspaper standpoint, the game has been worth the candle.

The scientific men made correct calculation of almost everything connected with the eclipse in this section save the weather.

A Mistaken Attack.

THE SECRET of the fierce opposition which has developed in congress to the bill appropriating \$200,000 to the Philadelphia Commercial museum has been explained. The commercial agencies are fighting the bill under the impression that enlargement of the museum's scope would threaten one source of their revenues.

The museum under municipal and state support organized for the particular purpose of making the commercial interests of the United States acquainted with the market conditions and requirements in foreign countries. It sends agents into foreign countries to study market needs and to equip it with specimens and samples of articles in demand.

Under the conditions of the bill appropriating \$200,000 out of the national treasury for the enlargement of the museum, its collections of data regarding trade opportunities and phenomena are to be distributed free to boards of trade and other public organizations throughout the country.

Their action appears uncalled for and it is to be hoped that it will not succeed.

The Chinese boxers are in a fair way to furnish work for the war correspondents when trouble in the Transvaal has been settled.

The general passenger agent and summer boarding-house keeper have donned their working clothes.

Nothing in the cheap butter line seems to have been labeled also in Scranton as yet.

ABOUT "THAT TOLL GATE IN THE PARK."

The fact is that a number of public spirited gentlemen realizing the necessity of a pleasant and safe driving road out of the city and the fact that the Elmhurst boulevard, so per cent. of the stock being subscribed without a promise of profit or hope of reward other than the satisfaction that attends the knowledge of having accomplished an undertaking that would benefit the city and contribute to the pleasure and health of its people; the road was completed at a cost of about sixty thousand dollars.

The boulevard company owned the right of way through the territory now containing Nay Aug park before it was known that the city would own or control said land for park purposes. The fact that the city afterwards acquired land on both sides of the right of way for park purposes in no way abridges the right of the boulevard company or justifies a claim to give a portion of its property or the use of it to the city without compensation.

The park commissioners should not be so zealous of their trust as to lose sight of the fact that the same interests and motives are being the boulevard that prompts the purchase and improvement of parks, and that one public interest should not be advanced to the injury of another.

Scranton, May 28. U. G. Schoonmaker. A TALE OF "WHOA." (MORNING). Good-bye, old horse, we'll turn you out to roam of hill and plain; We've bought a homely carriage and We'll never need you again.

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GEORGE T. POWELL.



This is a portrait of George T. Powell, a former director of the New York State Farmer's Institute, who is now the director of the new school for practical training in agriculture and horticulture at Bear Cliff Manor, N. Y.

AMUSEMENTS AND MORALS.

The difficulty that confronts the Methodist Episcopal church, and every other evangelical denomination, in determining how far professed Christians may be permitted to identify themselves with worldly amusements and pastimes and yet retain their full standing in the church, is that of drawing the line between harmless and objectionable recreation.

The provision in the church discipline regarding dancing, particularly among the young people, in the various denominations is the most generally and flagrantly disregarded of all disciplinary rules. The education of the average young man or young woman is not considered complete, by parents who are themselves prominent in church and charitable work, without a knowledge of the fashionable social dance of the day.

To read and study Shakespeare plays and not be permitted to see them performed by artists of renown; to study operatic music, and learn to play brilliant compositions of the waltz and two-step and yet not be permitted to witness the presentation of one or participate in the other, presents a system of inconsistency which few young minds can reconcile with the discipline of the church.

The great fire loss is one of the most marked features of the present year, and following the large losses from the same cause in the year 1899, it has awakened profound public concern. Last year \$16,000,000 worth of property was burned up in this country and Canada, a loss greater by \$25,000,000 than in 1899. The fire loss for the first four months of the present year totals up \$62,250,000, or more than two-fifths of the total last year.

NOTHING POLITICAL.

There is nothing political in the movement against certain Scranton officials accused of bribery. It is merely a wholesome declaration of feeling to those who are elected to serve the public that the public interests are not to be sacrificed for personal profit.

THE ANTI-CANTEEN BILL.

The house committee on military affairs does not believe or intend to even recommend the passage of the anti-canteen bill which has been so earnestly pressed by the W. C. T. U. and other temperance organizations.

IN WOMAN'S REALM.

The Gibson pictures at the Country club the other night caused so much enthusiasm that it has been the universal opinion of those who witnessed them that the bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in saloons, where it will remain without further action, has been brought by the religious and temperance communities and has placed it on the calendar, where it will remain without further action.

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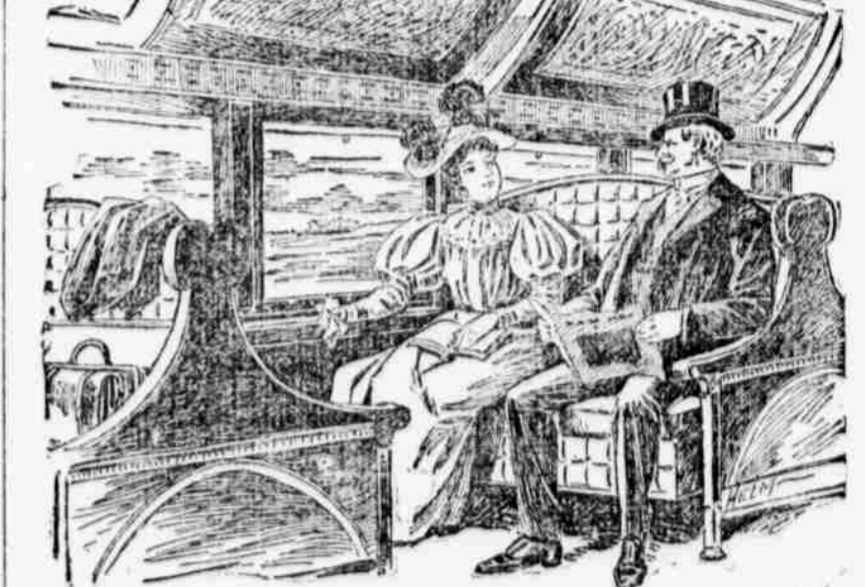
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A young lady of my acquaintance in St. Louis was for a long time a chronic sufferer from dyspepsia. She used to make use of a mixture prepared by the druggist where the family traded, but one time when the supply was exhausted and she was absent from home and had not a copy of the prescription with her, she was at a loss to know what to do and I recommended her to make trial of Ripans Tablets. She purchased some and was so greatly benefited by their use that she has been a regular customer and a walking advertisement for them ever since.