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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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The proposition has been made to have confidence. have Judge Taylor run again for governor of Kentucky while a refugee in Indiana. The idea is of doubtful value. The man who undertakes to lead the Republican cause in the Blue Grass state should march in person at the head of the procession and face the enemy on every battlefield,

The Assessment Problem.

NDER THE LAW there are three ways in which councils can order assessments for sewer purposes-by the foot frontage, by benefits appraised of the valuation of real estate as asgessed for city purposes.

The latter method is the one adopted in the construction of the Schultz has not said that the boulevard comcourt system in the Seventeenth ward, Last year viewers were appointed and a schedule of approximate assess- the park. We are confident that the ments on the benefit basis was made gentlemen interested in the boulevard out, but two successive advertisements for bids failed to bring a bid within can appreciate the fact that a toll the sum estimated by the city engineer as a reasonable cost for the sewer | ment nor a public joy. This being system in question. This year, to ex- true, what is to prevent the company pedite matters in view of the urgent officials and the city authorities from need of sewers in the affected locality, getting together and agreeing upon councils chose the third method within its option, that of an equal assessestate as assessed for city purposes, thus doing away with the delay and cost incident to the appointment of this method of making sewer assessments has been tried in Scranton, and some of the results are interest-

In one block on Wheeler avenue ed for sewers on a valuation of \$500; eral location, is assessed on a valuation of \$400 and a corner lot, 55 by 150. is assessed on a valuation of \$375, while another corner lot, of equal size, is assessed on a valuation of \$690. This makes a variation in the cost of sewers to property-owners of in the neighborhood of \$30 for 40-foot lots lying side by side and of more than \$75 for corner lots of equal size located in the same block. It is proper to say that under the ordinance the these inequalities; they trace back to city assessment.

provides a fair means of discriminat- have begun to smoke cigarettes on the ing between inside and corner lots, a matter in which the foot frontage plan gives rise to great dissatisfaction, But where the general assessment is characterized by such discrepancies as those noted above, the basing of sewer assessments upon it simply increases the unequal burden of the average property-holder as compared with the property-holder whose assessment is below normal.

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

Amusements and Morals.

O 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. Those not connected with Methodism have no right to advise in the premises and those identified with that denomination are in the right in yielding cordial assent to the supreme authority in their church, so long as

they prolong their allegiance to it. But with regard to the general subject of amusements and merals it is pertinent to say that as customs change so must there be a reasonable flexibility of discipline, which takes into account that not all persons are cast in one mold and that if they were this would be a very duit world. There is implanted in each individual a conscience and it is the mission of the church to cultivate that conscience in the light of divine precept and example, to the end that each individual may be lifted out of selfishness and brought to yiew from an elevated standpoint his relations not only toward his Creator but also with his

Increasingly the modern church emphasizes principles and leaves to indis writers, Julian Ralph. Ralph is pretty vidual conscience decision as to details, well shot to pieces and may lose a leg.

developed and immature, this may be allowed to be sent from the front exattended with peril, but parents, teachrs and pastors are near to exercise insel and offer wholesome advice tery, synod, or convention can hardly possess the accurate knowledge of particular circumstances to lay down rigid rules going into the whole range of de-Outside of the Decalogue the Bible deals but little in "Thou shalt In the New Testament esnots." pecially it seeks to instil such spiritual graces as will constitute the genuine Christian a tolerably safe person to guide his own conduct in secular af-

The moral law of temperance is a good law to keep in view when considering the problem of what are ordinarily regarded as innocent amuse ments. There is no sin in a novel, play or playing card per se; the whole question of sin or sinlessness depends upon the circumstances, and these are best determined after they have received mature and intelligent consideration From the philosophical standpoint the church which shades its discipline on the side of strictness and austerity is probably a valuable offset to the oward laxity; it must govern its own discipline, however, toward the best esults, and this principle in due time will cause a wise .djustment.

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

Why Not Get Together?

OLONEL SCHOONMAKER IS correct in the assertion that was the Elmhurst boule vard which drew general atention to the natural beauties of the territory surrounding Nay Aug falls and thus made possible Nay Aug park. He is also correct in saying that the promoters of the boulevard were actuated by public spirit in opening this fine driveway and that practically every penny of profit derived from the collection of toll is expended on imand by equal assessment on the basis provements of the readway, or, in other words, contributed back to the public.

The Tribune does not believe and pany was actuated by an unworthy motive in maintaining a toll gate in are caually interested in the park and gate in a city park is neither an ornasome fair plan for the removal of that coll gate? It ought to be done and ment on the basis of valuation of real we imagine that it can be done by

he exercise of a little diplomacy. The city is proud of both boulevard and park and it wants the two to viewers. This is the first time that harmonize. At the same time, the toll gate in the park is an eye-sore.

It is reported that the Boer envoys have been advised by the Dutch minister at Washington to waste no time several inside lots 40 by 150 are assess- in miscellaneous missionary work in the United States, but to take the first tiations with the Britsh ministry directly. The report may or may not be true, but the advice is undoubtedly

Cigarettes, War and Women.

T 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 city engineer had no power to equalize from the Cubans, Porto Ricans or Filipinos and brought it home with them. uncorrected inequalities in the regular where the American small boy, quick to imitate, seized upon it as the proper Where there is approximate fairness tribute to pay to martial prowess. Dein the assessment of unimproved real scriptive and pictorial war literature, estate for city purposes the method of with its continued exposition of the assessing for sewers on the basis of fondness of our new wards for the narthe city assessment is equitable, econ- cotic weed, is also credited with havomical and expeditious. It does away ing contributed to the revival; and to with the costly and tedlous machinery make the case yet worse, it is affirmed of viewers, whose appraisal of bene- that in the public schools of a number fits is not always impartial, and it of our larger cities the young girls

> For the truthfulness of this we can not youch. 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 eigarette 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. In tobaccogrowing countries women frequently smoke, but they have the good jungment to prefer the natural leaf loosely colled into a cheroot or unadulterated cigar to that deadly concection of vite smells and poisons, the paper-covered

> cigarette. Lovers of the American woman-and they are many-are not eager, however, to have her ape the customs of foreign lands in this respect at least, and they sincerely hope that the spread of the cigarette habit among school girls may be speedly and effectually arrested. The kind of American woman who habitually smokes eigarettes is a

kind more to be pitled than imitated. Investigation has entirely justified General Funston in the act of ordering the execution of two Filipino murderers recently. Investigation takes the starch out of nearly every anti-expansion yarn calculated to bring the American soldier in the Philippines into

disrepute. The South African war has been a severe one for the war correspondents. Twenty-five have been killed, wounded or otherwise incapacitated, the lates to quit bing that prince of descriptive ore the individual conscience is un- Considering how little news has been

cept in the form of official dispatches, and the apparent impossibility of any one correspondent grasping the situaan ecclesiastical conference, presby- tion 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 calulation of almost everything connected with the eclipse in this section save the weather.

A Mistaken Attack.

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

The museum under municipal and state support organized for the paricular purpose of making the commercial interests of the United States equainted with the market conditions and requirements in foreign countries. It sends agents into foreign countries abounding influences which operate to study market needs and to equip t with specimens and samples of articles in demand. It collected valuable information bearing on the growth of the American export trade and distribated this information in most instances without charge, but latterly it made charge for special inquiries affecting a particular industry or firm, This charge was nominal and was designed simply to reimburse the museum for actual expenditure, but it displeased the commercial agencies and they are now seeking revenge.

Under the conditions of the bill appropriating \$200,000 out of the national reasury for the enlargement of the nuseum, 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. This does not mean that the museum is to become an international detector and free disributor of business ratings, but that t is to give away infermation calulated to upbuild the trade between American manufacturers or exporters and foreign importers. This in its turn would soon enlarge the field peculiar to the mercantile agencies, but they seem to think otherwise and have instructed their agents throughout the country to bring influence to hear upon congress to upset the museum appro-

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

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 eleo in Scranton as yet.

ABOUT "THAT TOLL GATE IN THE PARK."

Sir: The talk about moving the Elmhurst boulard toil-gate out of the park and giving the of the road for the free use of the public is puerile, and would not be worthy of notice by air-minded lausiness men excepting for the fair-minded lausness men excepting for the prominence given the subject by an editorial in The Tribune, and the only thing that raises that to the dignity of discussion is because of the writer's ignorance of the facts or his mani-fest unfairness in distorting them, which if ald to pass unchallenged might lead to creatng a false public sentiment.

The facts are that a number of public spirited entlemen realizing the necessity of a pleasant ad safe driving road out of town and appreciatthe advantages that would accrue to the city Scranton if such a road or boulevard was ilt, secured the right of way, organized a supany, got the stock subscribed, procured a parter and built the Elmhurst boulevard, 90 promise of profit or hope of reward other than a satisfaction that attends the knowledge of aving accomplished an undertaking that would encit the city and contribute to the pleasure and health of its people; the road was com-pleted at a cost of about sixty thousand dollars, its operation has scarcely furnished revenue icient to pay the interest on its bonds and

boulevard company owned the right of park before it was known that the city ould own or control said land for park pur-ises. The fact that the city afterwards acced land on both sides of the right of way for park purposes in no way abridges the rights of the boulevard company or justifies a clamor to ve a portion of its property or the use of it the city without compensation. If the toll should be moved out of the park the use of the bridge and that portion of the road in he park would be much greater than now, and wear and cost of maintenance would be espondingly increased, besides park roads on or city side of the tell house could then inter ect other reads so as to go around the toll house and thus reduce the tolls so the income would he sufficient to pay interest on the bonds keep the road in repair.

The park commissioners should not be so zealous of their trust as to lese sight of the fact that the same interests and motives are back of s houlevard that prompts the purchase and im-ovement of parks, and that one public interest sold not be advanced to the injury of another. The writer of this is not persuaded that the sark being located on the city and of the boulehas, as alleged, added to the revenue of upany. On the other hand the park has rought into prominence by reason of the pleasure traffic through the park to reach more desirable and beautiful roadway be-, and it is fair to assume that it would ave been years before the beauties and advan-ages of Nay Aug park could possibly have been perceinted or understood as they are now had not been for this peerless mountain drive at-cacting hundreds of persons daily through the ark. The boulevard is making the park. The Falls and Elmhurst bouleyard

A TALE OF "WHOA."

U. G. Schoonmaker.

(MORNING). Good-bye, old horse, we'll turn you out To roam o'er hill and plain; We've hought a horseless carriage and We'll never used you again.
With naphtha, oil or gasoline
We'll ride from morn till dark, And on Sunday afternoon
Go puffing through the park.
You're hardly worth a piece of pie!
Good-bye, old horse, good-bye!

(EVENING). Come here, old horse, we need your pull To get us home tonight; This nasty, stinking, puffing thing Is not perfected—quite. Ten miles from home it tussed and fumed And then refused to go;
And minus both a push and pull
It was a case of whea!
If you'll return, so will our joy,
Good boy, old horse, good boy.
—Trotter and Pacer.

GEORGE T. POWELL.



hool for practical training in agriculture Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, of New York, is chair-man of the committee Laving the work in

AMUSEMENTS AND MORALS.

From the Philadelphia Press.

The difficulty that confronts the Methodist Episcopal church, and every other evangelical lenomination, in determining how far professed Christians may be permitted to identify them-selves with worldly anuscments and pastimes and yet retain their full standing in the church, ricals, for instance, recent years have witnessed a great change in the attitude of prominent laymen and elergymen, and it is no longer considered a sin and a stumbling block to attend hakespearean productions, or witness the performance of standard plays of moral and artistic orth by prominent and reputable actors. So far has the relaxation in this direction got

that it is not unusual for amateurs elesely iden-tified with church and Sunday school work to give performances with all the accessories of stage, setting, costume and music, of operettas, and light comedles for the benefit of religious or deemosynary institutions. In the matter of so-ial card playing, whist luncheous and progressive cuchic parties, to gid deserving charities with which churches are identified, are a recogized source of income to which no serious ob ection has been urged by those benefitted.

The provision in the church discipline regard-

g dancing, particularly among the young per , in the various denominations is the most arrally and flugrantly disregarded of all discinary rules. The education of the average ing mun or young woman is not considered emplete, by parents who are themselves promient in church and charitable work, without nowledge of the fushionable social dances of the day. With attendance at the play-house barred onder all circumstances, cards, with the excep-ion of innocuous games of "Old Maid" and 'Muggins," and dancing stricken from the list of diversions, the range of amusement for vigorous and healthy young boys and girls, and older ones, too, is closely circumscribed. To read and study Shakespearean plays and

yet not be permitted to see them performed by artists of renown; to study operatic music, and learn to play builliant compositions of the waltz and two-step and yet not be permitted to wit-ness the presentation of one or participate in the other, presents a system of inconsistency which few young minds can reconcile with the iscipline of the church. The result is a call for reformation, or perhaps revolution, in thes matters, as demonstrated by this movement in he Methodist Episcopal as well as other

Just what the end will be is difficult to fore shadow at this stage of the agitation. Lie doe trinaries and disciplinarians who cling to the old theology and see danger in every departure therefrom in matters affecting social life, will rerard such modifications of church rules as ssion, distinct and emphatic, to the world to flesh, and the devil. That other and apidly increasing class whose adherence to th austere brethren will regard the proposed char as an enlightened step, in keeping with the changing conditions of daily life and not in the least detracting from the beauty or pow truth of the teachings of the Savier of mankind.

year \$153,597,850 worth of property was burned up in this country and Caunda, a loss greater by \$25,000,000 than in 1898 and greater by \$37,000,000 than in 1897. The fire less for the first four months of the present year foots up 800,258,500 will approach \$200,000,000.

From the Philadelphia Press. There is nothing political in the movement against certain Scranton officials accused of bri-sery. It is merely a wholesome objection to having those who are elected to serve the public sell out the public interests as if they were so much personal property.

THE ANTI-CANTEEN BILL.

W. E. Curtis in Chicago Record. The house committee on military affairs does not indorse or commend or even recommend the



mer director of the New York State Farmers' institute, who is now the director of the new orticulture at Briar Cliff Manor, N. Y. Excharge, and associated with him are many

that of drawing the line between harmless and ojectionable recreation. In the matter of theat-

GONE UP IN SMOKE.

From the Philadelphia Press.

eatures of the present year, and, following the large losses from the same cause in the year 1800 it has awakened profound public concern. Las or more than two-fifths of the total last year Should the eight remaining months of this year, show a proportional loss the total loss for 1900

NOTHING POLITICAL.

f the measure or the necessity or propriety of uch legislation. It has reported the hill to obtain relief from the extraordinary pressure that has been brought by the religious and temper-ance communities and has placed it on the cal-

endar, where it will remain without further action. A minority of the committee has made a strong report in support of the usefulness of the canteen in promoting morals and discipline in the army and will resist all attempts to pass the bill. There is no political division in either souse of congress on this question. Both parties are trying to avoid the legislation without of-

In Woman's Realm

The Gibson pictures at the Country club the other night caused so much enthusiasm that it longated their necks on that occasion, until their collars are a hopeless might or who promptly stood up in the assemblage whenever a tableaux was presented that they should be repeated. The number of people who could be crowded into the somewhat parrow space of the Country club was perforce limited. The num-ber of those who would like to see them is rath or unlimited, hence it is proposed to give a repetition of the entertalment one week from Thursday night, when larger accommodation will be provided and when it will be arrange s a benefit of the Free Kindergarten ass

The mosical programme alone is well a second hearing. Mrs. Brady's beautiful so-prano was never heard to better advantage and Miss Spencer is also sure to delight an audience whenever she will consent to sing. Th

same is true of Mr. Williams.

A little embarrassment is caused by the absence of Miss Barket, who as one of the Misses Pip made such a sensation with her beauty, her artistic poses and her magnificent gowns. Miss Barker has unfortunately been obliged to along. The embarrassment is not, however, from a lack of pretty girls or gowns, but from the presence of so many "Gilsecry" girls in this city, any one of whom would do. For instance there are but here is the place to pause, The Tribune is not looking for trouble

The Young Women's Christian association will have a debate on Thursday night when the me mentous question will be forever settled of "Resolved, That the entrance of young wome into business should be discouraged." The de-baters will be Miss Josephine Lees, Miss Lena Clark, Miss Swingle and Miss Louise Barnes, Mrs. Heinz-Rundle will sing. Everytody who wants to know what opinion should be enter-tained on this subject is invited to be present,

The ladies of Elm Park church will have a rousing old fashioned strawberry festival Friday night in the social rooms. Anybody who misses it will be sorry. It will be a good occasion on which to congrutulate the church people on the carbiles of recanning in Giffin as quarter. privilege of retaining Dr. Giffin as pastor,



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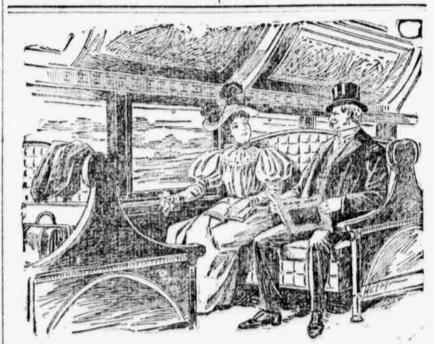
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