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We guess there is more back than bite to the gassip about contemplated wholesale ripping at the City Hall.

### Defaming the Legislature.

HE EVER interesting "Roderick Random" of the Times professes great amagement at The Tribune's "depths of deprayity" in failing to throw a fit because the Wanamaker reschoed by the Democratic organs, charge the recent legislature with wholerale venality, "Roderick" proceeds: There is no attempt on the part of The Tribune or any other of the Quayite papers to deny the damning charge that this tremendous amount of money (\$1,000,000, according to the Wanamaker organs) was spent in debauching the men elected to make laws for the people of this common-

Attempts at denial of vague general accusations from notoriously disgruntled sources are plainly unnecessary and would simply encourage the coiners of defamation to increased output. Whenever the virtuous defeated "reformers" of Philadelphia want to invite in court a study of the methods employed at Harrisburg the probabilities are they can be accommodated; but they, though liberal in maligning others, will take good care to keep well under cover

There has not been a legislature since we can remember that was not accused of stupidity and crime by those who didn't get what they wanted from it. Hurling bricks at men in public office, and especially at makers of laws, is the easiest and most widely distributed occupation that we know of, and to qualify for it requires neither knowledge, experience nor judgment. Let the present critics cool off and scrutinize the recent legislature's record in the judicial spirit. Those who are fair will then soon reach the conclusion that it was good and clean in the main and that its worst faults were the inevitable fruitage of "reform" hypocrisy.

By the time the interest is paid, the Langstaff contest will cost the county easily \$1000.00. And for what?

### Merely a Midsummer Fantasy.

E. A. Coray, et Luzerne county, has been men-tioned as a candidate for the Republican neumination for state treasurer. He would be the right man for the place, as he has strongly objected

five terms a member of the Pennsylvania legislature and there hasn't been moment in that time when he wasn't strongly objecting to something. As an objector he is without doubt the most conspicuous success that the politics of Pennsylvania has yet produced; but the biographer who searches through his public record for data of affirmative achievement-who looks for traces of some legislative enactment which bears the Coray impress of constructive statesmanship or of some concrete evidence that his habitual scolding has affected practical results-discovers little that is worth the effort. The record on this side is barren.

It is not difficult to win a reputation by the process of ingenious fault-finding; and Mr. Coray's methods exhibit considerable ingenuity. But it is usually an ephemeral reputation. People in time tire of a rhetorical diet of political biliousness and long for more substantial achievements. The harlequins of "reform" in our state have found Mr. Coray's gifts of sarcasm and invective temporarily useful in their plottings for place and power; and through their newspapers they have been liberal in their administrations of verbal taffy. But it need not be feared that they meditate conferring more substantial secognition. Mr. Coray would be much too critical, pessimistic and incorrigble in public office to constitute the sind of official they would care to elevate if they had the power. That spirit of perverse captiousness which they now applaud when leveled by him at the organization would soon lose its tharm if aimed at themselves; and Mr. Coray is just the kind of man to be always, "agin the government." The Coray state treasurership boom

an therefore be dismissed. It is merey a midsummer fantasy.

Old Kruger, safe in person and pock et, orders the starving Boers to fight on. Such heroism does not ring true.

The second-class mail matter now embraces nearly three-fourths of the yet it brings in a revenue of less than tal revenues of more than \$110,000,000. the weight, it contributes only about one-thirtieth of the revenue. To handle and carry the second-class matter costs fully \$60,000,000 a year above what the government receives for

ordinary loss grows largely out of abuses which have crept in gradually Published Daily, Except Sunday, by The Triband which the law never contemplated; and Postmaster General Smith is about to try his hand at administering practicable remedies. It is to be hoped that he will be able to draw the line fairly between merit and fraud. This is not as easy as it looks,

> The Wilkes-Barre Record wants the erganization of the Republican party of Luzerne county placed in the hands of "absolutely fair, non-factional Republicans," a proper enough wish if such Republicans can be found. In the meantime, it is encouraging to observe that the organization in that ounty is in the hands of Republicans who are not hot one year and cold the next, nor fusionists nor assistant Democrats, but regulars.

### Sunday Observance and Law.

THE EXPERIENCE which Pittsburg is undergoing through the purpose of its recorder, Major A. M. to effect a stricter enforcement of the Sunday laws, more especially of the so-called Blue Laws of 1794, is of general interest, since the conditions in Pittsburg are not materially different from those prevalent in most large cities more than two generalions old. Soon after his qualification as re-

corder, Major Brown issued an order to the director of public safety informing him and, through him, the police, that it was the recorder's desire that the laws for the safeguarding of Sunday should be enforced strictly and impartially. This wise general principle immediately developed confusion as to details. The Blue Laws. roughly summarized, outlaw all transactions on Sunday which are not "works of necessity or charity." What are "works of necessity or charity," judged from a twentieth century standpoint?

The answer came from the recorder n a general way, that all Sunday business provocative of public disorder must be stopped; and the superintendent of police added: "All ice cream parlors, lemonade stands, rereshment booths of all kinds all over the city will have to close. Drug storez may sell soda water, soft drinks and drugs. That is the limit for them." Under the law the "dressing of victuals" in "houses of entertainment" is permitted, and the cry forthwith arose that ice cream, soda water and lemonade constituted "victuals" within the meaning of the act. The Commercial-Gazette, a representative and conservative paper, indersed it by

"The prohibition of sales at booths or In ice cid am parlors seems aimed parks on Sunday. In the public parks n every other city in the country here are spacious and well-appointed estaurants where the people may go o get meals or refresh themselves with ice cream and cake. On the afernoon of Sunday, the people's rest lay, the broad porches of those resaurants are crowded with happy family parties. In the Pittsburg parks visitors can hardly get decent water to drink. In default of decent municipal provision for pavilions and restaurants in the parks themselves. enders have gathered about the park approaches, and these, according to report, are marked out for suppression. Those booths and shanty-par-

lors are not attractive surroundings for the parks, but the fault is with municipal authority, which has been shamefully remiss in not providing for he erection of suitable restaurants in the parks themselves. Carriage people, enjoying the parks drives, may stop at the country clubs and get to the high-handed cobbey that has been going what they want. What is needed is on at Harrisburg this year. Nichelson Examiner provision for the masses of the peowhat they want. What is needed is R. CORAY has been for ple, and there is reason to fear that the police are using the law to oppress the very classes who deserve the greatest consideration. It would be a piece of ingenious cruelty to deny to the masses of the people, who do not happen to belong to country clubs. the opportunity to get a cooling drink while taking an outing on a hot Sunday. And, while simple and harmless pleasures are put under the ban. everyone knows that there are pienty

> of illicit resorts, which, instead of dealing in ice cream and soda water, do a roaring Sunday trade in liquor." The retail druggists sent a representative to learn from the recorder what the drug stores were expected to do. He reported that the recorder admitted the necessity of the drug stores being open on Sunday, but said they would not be permitted to sell cigars. A resolution was thereupon adopted which binds the druggists to

stop the sale of cigars on Sunday. This is as far as the movement has proceeded as yet. Its next step, it is understood, will be to suppress the sale of liquor in houses of ill-fame on Sunday. On Saturday night the licensed saloons of Pittsburg close promptly at 12 o'clock; but the sale of liquor is then merely transferred from places which pay a license to places which contribute nothing to the community but disease and scandal, and it goes on within these disorderly houses throughout Sunday with little hindrance. Gambling, too, of the professional type, with all kinds of devices for fleecing the unwary, is a Sunday vocation in certain places, and the real objective of Recorder Brown is to put the clamps of the law as tightly on these vicious practices as it is possible to do without provoking a reaction to a condition of "wide-

open" vice. This qualification is important, and extremists often ignore it to their own rapid undoing. Elective government is never ideal, but nearly always average. The people who are way up are counterbalanced by those who are way down in the moral and social scale, giving the balance of power to the medium class. This class opposes entire weight of all mail matter, and violence and disorder, but is not, as a rule, enthusiastic over the outlawing \$4,000,000 a year out of the entire pos- of ice cream and soda water selling on Sunday, and soon votes out the While it aggregates three-fourths of government which fusses too much over the gnats while awallowing the

Testimony as to the pitiable plight of the Boer women and children whom handling and carrying it. This extra- | the British in South Africa have con-

camels of Sunday desecration.

camps is accumulating rapidly and comes from sources not to be scouted. Whatever the military motive of this reconcentration policy or its apparent justification on the score of existing necessity, the fact remains that the growing death list and frightful sufferings of these non-combatant victims of war should admonish the Brit ish government to put forth its utmost mercy. It has by no means done that

### Striking Canvasses at Pan-American

T IS RATHER strange, to say the least, that one American artist whose work is probably-best known through reproductions is utterly epresented at the Pan-American exposiexhibition. It is still more peculiar that both have claimed this region as home and birthplace and are very well known in Scranton. The in Miss Jennie Brownscombe, whose "Peace and whose apple orchards in bloom are as familiar to this generation as "From Shore to Shore" and "Washington (rowing the Delaware" were to a generation gone by. No painting from her hand is catalogued at the exposition. This may be explained in part from the fact that she is abroad and has been away from America for some months. Yet other arrists who have not been on their native shores for many a year are nobly represented in the art gallery, through the enterprise of friends or some members of the committee the have secured leans of valuable works. Then, Klackner, the New York dealer who has exclusive right to Miss Brownscombe's picres for the purposes of reproduction, has leaned to Daingerfield Malouna and other costly canwe and it would seem that he might naturally a been expected to see to it that the exnsitely lovely creations of this favorite Ameriartist were not overlooked. Mr. John Rought councily of this city, is another who assuredly bould be represented, and who unfortunately not. He has done much excellent work, is a me artist, and it is a pity that he should t have sent semething to the exposition. It Ridge, whose genius and ability have been renized at home and abroad,

As was remarked in a former article, no pict the exhibition excites more interest than the ingle representation of our Royal Academician Edwin A. Abbey, who has lived so much in England that we half forget he is American until we see some of his work in the Boston or the Congressional library or read some old song ilstrated by his hand. This is a mighty canvas anging in Room B, opposite the Sargent group. is crowded with figures and by reason of the ral person, and the brilliant scarlet uniform of the Loni High Sheriff, people flock like moths about it. The inscription, "The Penance of Eleanor, Duchess of Gloster" seems not to help ut the multitude in their guesses as to the opened the catalogues were a minus quality and it has made them rich, and their famiocture. People asked each other what she didhe beautiful large amid the throng with her beet bared and the look of despair on her lovely face, and afterward when they secured cata-legues and read the quotation from Shakespeare sprended to the number their enlightenment did

of seem to colorge. This is in the inscription, Come you, my lord, to see my open shame? low then dost penance, too. Look how they gaze! See how the giddy multitude do point And ned their heads, and throw their even or

Ah! Glester, hide thee from their hateful looks; And in thy closet pent up, rue my shame, And ban thine enemics, both thine and mine."

nchess, who, with the priests, Home and Southbeen detected practicing necromancy against the hing in the duke's garden, is made to do pen-ance amid the rabble. She "endures the flinty fornia is unlimited. California oil ces make a background for the slender, white shed figure. Gloster, standing aside, gazes pite at his disgraced duchess, to whom she says; Methinks I should not thus be led along Mailed up in shame, with papers on my back And followed with a rabble, that rejoice o see my tears and hear my deep-felt groans

The ruthless flint do cut my tender feet. And he a prince and roler of the land, Yet so he ruled and such a prince he was As he stond by whilst I, his forlors duchess, Was made a wonder and a pointing stock. To every odle cascal follower." Such was the penalty of ambition and jealous

f the queen and her power.

In this room, too, is the exquisite little can vas. 'Venice from the Lagoons,' by Thomas Moran, and it has the worderful Turnersque blues and the shares of this company are

The five pictures of F. D. Millet hang at the time being at 20c per share, to eastern end. "The Expansionist" is so rich in procure money to bore the first wells eastern end. "The Expansionist" is so rich in detail, so marveloudy definite and clear that one enters the very room with the little main in her quaint garb. They are all interiors and give an unexampled opportunity for the study of this artist's style. Among the minor pictures in this toom is a little canvas, badly skied, it is so the lands is constantly advancing. Do not delay making an investment in vague in outline, so peatie in conception that hew people study it closely. When they do they this stock. As to the value of this se a frail, shad), made figure lying prone on ha oil property and the character and her it all a weird crimson light. That is all, refers, by permission, to the presi-Consulting the catalogue it is found to be "The dent of the Broadway Bank and Moth," by Guy Rose. To me there is an exception Trust company, of Los Angeles, Cal. ional charm and originality in the idea. -H. C. P.

### AND STILL THEY COME.

A Credit. From the Paterson, N. J., Press.

The Scranton Tribune, one of Pennsylvania's congest daily papers, has issued a beautiful suvenir booklet in commemoration of the tenth universary of this prosperous journal, and in which is given, naturally, an account of its successes of the decade, as well as portraits and reading matter about this thriving city in the cal regions. Among the pictures is an excellent one of O. F. Byxbor, the business manager, for-merly connected with the Press, also showing him scated in his handsome private office. The sou-Scranton by picture and otherwise, and its nest appearance is a credit to The Tribune and the one ime Patersonian now so ably filling his respon

Timely and Unique. From the Hazleton Sentinel. The Scranton Tribune on its tenth anniversary ssued a handsome souvenir. Between the covers told the story of The Tribune's success. column also contains an interesting history o he postoffices of Lackawanna county, from the pen of Postmaster Ripple, a history of the Scrapon board of trade and other valuable local data. It is a creditable production and a fine illustration or the mechanical and artistic resources of its well equipped establishment. It does not seem a decade since the first number of the Scranton Tribune appeared, so fast is he flight of time in this busy age, still its tenth anniversary souvenir serves as a happy reminde notice bary and unique.

### RECONCENTRATION.

Editor of The Tribune-Sir In an editorial entitled, "Weyler and Kitchener," you accuse the British of the same atrocities that the Spaniards were guilty of in Cubs. Which do you think is bester, to let non-combatants starve on their farms in Sou Africa, or to feed them in camps? Weyler dr them into cum a and let them starve there. Do you say that the British do this? You know that it is not frue. Are they to be held responsible for the ravages of disease? It is a disgrace to the American press to circulate such atree W. F. Cieveland.

Scrunton, June 6.

### JOURNALISTIC.

Mirror, was been in 1815 and first appeared un-der its present name Oct. 5, 1832. Judge Ham thed the paper in March 1988, bought a part flerest in it in September, 1981, and in 1985 come sele proprietor, a connection be has just climquished through the paper's sale to a cor-cration which promises increased capital and any improvements. In a feeling farewell, Judge Ham reviews briefly the paper's political record "But the local newspaper has another its support should be objects of its constant so licitude and receive its best efforts for their betterment. I think I may safely appeal to the files of the Herald in support of the claim that in these particulars, at least, I have not been derefiet. No public imprevement has been suggested which has not received my faithful advocacy; no charity has lacked an earnest appeal; no aspiring youth has failed of an encouraging lift toward preferment and distinction; no calamity unrepresented at the Pan-American exposi-tion and that another who has received honors at the Paris Saion and a medal at the world's fair should also be conspicuous by absence from this exhibition, it is still more peculiar that both constitutes a just title to a rest.

> The Chester Times, one of the best edited an nest influential papers in the interior journalism of Pennsylvania, celebrates us twenty-fifth ann versary by issuing a 44-page special edition devot ed largely to a historical review of men and con ditions in Chester and Delaware county. It is a most interesting number of a newspaper that has wen prosperity by meriting it.

By a recent transfer of capital stock the El mira Advertiser has passed into the control of Clay W. Holmes, a former manager. He in turn has placed the entire editorial management the hands of John H. Cunningham, for many and more recently on the editorial staff of the Utica Press. Mr. Cunningham is an alumnus o Hamilton college, a fine scholar, splendid writer and thorough gentleman. He will make his mark

### To Wage Earners and Others of Moderate Income

Do not spend your money foolishly because you have so little of it, but save what you can from month to menth and invest it in something that will multiply many fold. The millionaires of this section were laboring men a generation ago and they pursued this course while most of their comrades blew it all in. The prudent ones saw that fuel was a good thing, that the world had to have on the first day when the art gallery was at a time as they could spare it, and lies live and will live in the greatest comfort, while the descendants of their imprudent comrades are laboring as their fathers did-for day wages.

Keep this object lesson in mind

The opportunities of that earlier time were in coal, today greater opportunities exist in oil, which is fuel in a more concrete form and is rapidly supplanting coal, because it is easier and cheaper to mine and handle, and is, besides being a more economic fuel for all large consumers, profitable for a hundred other uses. The oil of California is furnishing that state with cheap fuel, for the lack of which her progress has been woefully retarded. The entire Pacific coast will consume oil as a fuel, so that treets to tread them with her tender-teeling refiners will hold the markets of the wearing only a sheet and carrying a lighted far East and of the west coast of Sir John Stanley, with the sherin and South America. It is plain to be seen that the oil fields of California will be the source of incalculable wealth far beyond what the coal mines of Pennsylvania have been in the past All thoughtful men can see that the thing to do now to make money is to buy the shares of conservative, re putably managed oil companies having large holdings of undoubted oil lands secured at low prices, and only requiring development to become the of enormous revenues for

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