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Colonel Wint should see fit to swim a river or two, General Funston will do well to look out for his laurels.

Questions and Answers.

WE ARE always glad to impart information to the Times. It asks us four questions in a rambling kind of way and, while they are of no particular importance, we proceed to answer them in the order of their asking.

(1) Do we approve of the ripper law? As applied to Scranton, we do. It has given the city an administration generally satisfactory to the people and desired, we believe, to be better liked the older it grows.

(2) Do we approve of the Focht and Emery street railway bills? We do. They make rapid transit a possibility and afford a means of securing in this city a street railway service that will fulfill public requirements.

(3) Do we approve of the candidacy of Rothel for district attorney of Philadelphia? We are not worrying about it. It is Wanamakerism over again and while picturesque is not likely to be formidable.

(4) Do we approve of the ripping of Colonel Hitchcock? We do not. Frank Clemons. And we call the Times' attention to the fact that the man who ripped them is ripping no more.

Anything else? South African war news will probably have to occupy an important corner for a few days, until we learn what the golf players are doing.

The Tendency Toward Suicide.

THAT SUICIDE is on the increase is a fact well established. Although accurate statistics of suicide for the United States as a whole have never been compiled, Dr. F. S. Crum, of East Orange, N. J., has collected figures covering 30 years in five American cities and they are instructive:

Table with columns: Period, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Boston, St. Louis. Rows for 1871-75, 1876-80, 1881-85, 1886-90, 1891-95, 1896-1900.

It will be noted that while the percentages in these cities vary greatly, there is almost a uniform ratio of increase. Could the figures of the whole country be collected accurately there can be little doubt that the ratio of increase would be found to be general and rapid.

Dr. Haig, the well-known exponent of the uric-acid diathesis, has recorded his belief that mental depression and suicide are due to errors of circulation in the nerve centres, these errors being due to excessive uric acid in the system, this excess being present from errors of diet. The Medical Record thinks it might be worth the while of some investigator to follow this train of reasoning and to ascertain the kind and quantity of food consumed in the countries where suicide is most prevalent; and his suggestion is certainly a good one.

As a people we give more heed to the physical care of dogs and horses than of men and women. It is time for civilization to remedy its own notorious abuses, of which excessive nerve-waste is one.

It begins to look as though the promising element known as "liquid air" would never be available for family use.

Hope for Consumptives.

THE mountain hospital so-called, or rather, the cottage colony for the treatment and cure of consumptives, on Green Mountain in the range extending eastward of White Haven and Wilkes-Barre, is now to be materialized into actual existence. As Tribune readers know, from our full report a few weeks ago, the work of the association which planned this mountain sanitarium has been sufficiently fruitful in results, though carried on in city environments, to more than justify the founding of such a sanitarium.

The recently adjourned legislature appropriated the necessary sum for founding the hospital and assuring its permanence.

The farmhouse on the selected site will form the nucleus of the hospital, and beds for patients will be pitched near that for the present season. The work of building an administration building will be presently begun and that of cottages will follow. In using tents the hospital colony will be carrying out the same plan of life for those with threatened or incipient lung troubles that—as we have already noted—will, under the supervision of Forestry Commissioner Dr. J. T. Rothrock, be made available in the state's Fike county forest reserve.

This is substantially the same system as that of outdoor life and treatment that has restored many such patients in the Adirondacks and in the high plateaus of New Mexico and Arizona. It is becoming every year more thoroughly understood that consumption, taken early, is a curable disease, and that even in much later stages can be ameliorated, and life prolonged for usefulness.

The Pekin deadlock, as all have suspected, comes from the fact that nearly every foreign minister in the city has insisted upon being the whole administration rather than a representative of his government.

China at Home and Here.

NOT LONG AGO we had recourse to refer to an Australian correspondent's detailed account sent to a prominent London newspaper of the influence and high mental, moral and social standards of the large contingent of Chinese merchants in Australia, and of their desire for governmental reform in their native land.

Now Sir Claud MacDonald, Great Britain's able representative in "The Flowery Kingdom" has been hearing testimony that he finds the Chinese strong in trade, commerce and labor; that in Japan they are the accountants in the banks; that in the Philippines they are superior to the native race.

thing is done to make easier the nocturnal searchings of the uninitiated. One of these days a similar agitation will develop in Scranton and then councils will have trouble.

"We forget because we must and not because we will," wrote Matthew Arnold. The ever-crowding events of daily life left few people in all the land—save the surviving near and dear of the one hundred and seventy-one victims of the awful Hoboken pier fire of June 30, 1900, to remember that calamity when the first anniversary of the awful calamity came. The North German Lloyd Steamship company, however, was one of those who remembered the victims. A granite monument erected to their memory was dedicated on Sunday at Flower Hill cemetery, North Bergen, with fitting ceremonial. In the spot at but twenty-two of those who lost their lives in that terrible fire are buried. The names of the twenty-two are on the bronze tablet with the others. It is well they should be so given memorial.

An Historic Landmark.

OF THE beautiful city parks in Philadelphia, laid out in Penn's original plan for the city and carefully held for the people ever since, Logan Square is the one made memorable by being the site of the fair, in June, 1867, of the United States Sanitary commission. For a period of twenty days under the heavy canopies stretched from one to another of the magnificent trees that make the park glorious the place was thronged. On the 10th of June the fair was visited by President and Mrs. Lincoln. The announcement is now made that Logan Square has been selected by council as the site for a monument to the soldiers and sailors of the war for the union, and it is also, most fittingly, proposed to erect there a tablet commemorative of the great fair and of President Lincoln's presence there.

Mr. Cleveland, whose letter to The Tribune we published yesterday, is very angry at us for quoting the official report read in the British parliament, showing the enormous number of deaths in the reconcentrated camps established by the British general in South Africa, and into which he has crowded the Boer non-combatants, an official report that has stirred indignation throughout England. Mr. Cleveland asks whether it were better to leave the Boer women and children to starve on the farms or to "feed them in the camps."

To Aid Working Girls.

THE long-continued practice of medicine tends to inculcate rational ideas of humanity and to generate practical methods of bettering human conditions is well established, and if it were not, the will of Dr. W. H. Daly, of Pittsburgh, would go far to establish it. Dr. Daly, whose unexpected suicide some weeks ago will be recalled, left an estate valued at \$150,000, and all of it save some minor bequests is devoted to the "basic endowment, founding, establishment, and maintenance of a home or homes for industrious girls and women, without respect to age or sect."

After providing that the home is to be known as the Athalia Daly home, in honor of Dr. Daly's deceased wife, it is directed that a proper charter is to be obtained forthwith by the executors and trustees. The contributors of \$10 or more to the fund for the home are to be the constituent voters who shall elect the board of managers annually from among the contributors to manage the home. The will continues:

The aim and effect of the Athalia Daly home shall be to furnish home, shelter, protection, instruction and improvement to industrious girls and women, while either in or out of employment, at the lowest possible cost commensurate with maintaining the proper sense of self-respect and ambition on the part of the beneficiaries, who shall desire or require the shelter of a plain, comfortable and cheerful home, surrounded by good influences, attended by proper and wholesome amusement, presided over by kind and friendly guardian officers, known to be interested in the happiness, prosperity, self-respect and welfare of the beneficiaries. To those honestly out of employment, especially in shops, sewing and servant girls or others run down physically by overwork, domestic servitude, or anxiety, there shall be the most generous consideration given in every way to their restoration to health and industry and employment secured for them. To girls who have strayed from the path of rectitude there shall be a helping hand extended toward restoration to the paths of propriety and industry. This class of girls can be cared for in one of the branches of the home separately.

There shall be evening courses of lectures and training during nine months of each year, given by women who are experienced housekeepers on the duties of housekeepers toward servant girls and other relevant matters. There shall be lectures in the same manner given by women, if possible, who are, or were, formerly servants themselves, upon the duties of the servants toward their employers, one another and other relevant subjects. There shall be lectures and other papers read by merchants on the duties of merchants and other employees of female labor, clerks, shop girls and others, on the duty of employers to their employees with reference to their preservation of health, comfort and deportment. There shall be lectures and papers read and training given by competent shop girls or other employees or those who formerly were dependent by such employees toward their employers. A cooking school and training in all house and chamber work shall be a department in each of the homes.

It is directed that a system of annual cash bonuses or rewards shall be established for long, faithful and continuous service of servant, sewing and shop girls, if possible, similar to that of the German Housewives' association, of New York. The trustees of the home or homes are to be the judges of the course of Beaver and Allegheny counties and the mayor or chief municipal officer of Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Beaver and Baden.

Certainly no better monument could have been left to Dr. Daly's name.

The agitation for illuminated street signs visible at night, continues in New York and will go on until some-

Press Bureau at the Pan-American

NO AGENT has been prominent in the success of the Pan-American Exposition as the Department of Publicity under the direction of Mr. Mark Bennett. The Press Bureau has done some remarkable work and through its enterprise is disseminated most of the information regarding the progress of affairs at the great exposition.

Just why, however, the Press building was located on the Midway exactly opposite Bostock's animal show, nobody seems to have attempted to explain. There is a force of clerks in that Press building who have duties to perform and they do appear to be busy. They are, however, unable to think or write coherently in that locality passeth the understanding of man, or at least, of woman. How on earth the visiting representatives of the press who are urgently invited to use the pleasant reading and writing rooms are able to accept this courtesy with any degree of literalness is also past finding out.

GOOD ADVICE.

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THE PLAIN TRUTH.

The ingenuity of man never has declined and never will decline a system under which elections, primary or general, will be honest unless absolutely honest men can be secured to hold the elections and make the returns. Honest elections are possible under any system, however simple or crude, provided honest men serve on the election boards. That is a simple fact, plainly stated.

LIGHT.

From the quivered womb of the primal gloom, The sun rolled black and bare. Till I wove him a vest for his Ethiopian breast, Of the threads of my golden hair. And when the broad tent of the firmament Arose on its airy spars, I reweaved the hue of its matchless blue, And spanned it round with stars.

I painted the flowers of the Eden bowers, And their leaves of living green, And mine were the eyes in the sinless eyes Of Eve's virgin spouse. And when the feast art on the trustful heart Had fastened its mortal spell, In the silver sphere of the first born tear To the trembling earth I fell.

When the waves that burst o'er the world accurst, Their work of wrath had sped, And the Ark's lone tow, the tried and true, Fane forth among the dead; With the wondrous gleams of my bridal beams I bade their torments cease, As I wrote on the roll of the storm's dark scroll, God's covenant of peace!

Like a pall at rest on a senseless breast, Night's funeral shroud slept. Where slumbered swains on the Bethlehem plains Their lonely vigils kept. When I banded on their sight the heralds bright Of Heaven's redeeming plan, As they chanted the moan of a Saviour born— Joy, joy to the outcast man!

Equal favor I show to the lofty and low, On the just and unjust I descend; 'Tis the blind, whose vain spheres roll in darkness and tears, Feel my smile, the blindest smile of a friend, Nay, the flower of the waste by my love is enlivened.

As the rose in the garden of kings; At the chrysalis hie of the worm I appear, And lo! the gay butterfly wings.

The desolate Morn, like a mourner forlorn, Conceals all the pride of her charms, Till I bid the bright hours chase the night from her bowers.

And lo! the young day to her arms; And when the gay Rover seeks Eve for his lover, And sinks to her balmy repose; I wrap their soft bed by the ephry-fanned West In curtains of amber and rose.

From my sentinel steep, by the night-broadened deep, I gaze with unumbering eye, When the expanse star of the mariner Is dotted from out of the sky; And guided by me through the meridian sea, Though sped by the hurricane's wings, His compasses bark, lone, weltering, dark, To the haven-home safely he brings.

I waken the flowers in their dew-sprangled bowers, The birds in their chambers of green, And mountain and plain glow with beauty again, As they mark in my maternal breast.

Though I bid and bid the world to earth, Though I bid and bid the world to earth, What glorious rest on the home of the blest, Ever bright with the Deity's smile? —William Pitt Palmer.

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There is one lonesome in a cage exposed to the view of the passers-by that must be a trial to her family. Either she has an uncommon soul or she else she has the toothache, for she keeps up such an everlasting complaining in a loud tone of voice that at times almost drowns out the disturbances made by her rivals on the other side of the bars. Then occasionally she utters a plaintive cry, which scenes do a great deal of expostulating and altogether the person who can compose any sort of a sane letter across from Bostock's ought to go out as a war correspondent or an agent in the trenches. Probably it's all right, however, Bostock's is a good land-mark and unsophisticated newspaper folk are sure to find the Press building. Possibly, too, it is generally understood that they will spend the time of the Midway. Then it is close to the East Amherst gate, which is the most popular entrance.

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better to be a crook than a crank, a knave than a fool," about expresses the moral sense of the American "man on the street." The end of such morality must essentially be that the man who is not a crook is a crank, who is not a knave is a fool. The business trickster, the literary trickster, the medical trickster, the legal trickster—we accept them all as "all right" if only they "win out" by trickery. Of the crook or fraud or fake in any department of life we say, "Oh, yes, but he gets the dough," and that settles it. The man who protests against the doctrine is a crank or a calamity howler. The man who believes in the integrity of motive of anybody is called a "sotry." When one utters a fine sentiment the query-response is: "What's in it for him?" All the crowd demands is, that a man "get there," and that it honors him, thinking the means by which he succeeds. How much longer will this continue now can say. We only know that the crowd is morally atrophied. The reign of the smart men is on us, which means that those reigned over are fools.

NEW BUILDINGS NEEDED.

From the Architect and Builder. A banking house for the First National bank. A Union depot for all railroads which have their terminals in, or which run through the city. A market house for the benefit of the public and the farmers who supply our people daily with fresh vegetables. A large school building to be used to educate Catholic and labor, to settle all differences by conference committees. A large ice house to be filled with ice to be used to keep our city officials cool headed when they put in force the new ripper law. An apartment factory building to accommodate the manufacturer who has limited capital. An apartment stable to house the horse, that faithful but burdened.

One hundred brick dwelling houses to rent at rates in reach of that family who can't afford to build nor pay the rates of rent charged at present in desirable residence sections. There are hundreds of families doubled up in one house to make it possible to live within their means. "Capital, where is thine eye?"

An observatory near Lake Scranton, built high enough to overlook Scranton, Carbondale, Wilkes-Barre and other cities.

A fence fifty feet high, built on the city line around Scranton, painted red, white and blue, to remind our citizens that they should not purchase in other cities, that which our own merchants retail at the same price, and in particular to keep the architects from other cities from mixing with our home artists, as there are twenty within our city limits who are ready to do your work.

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There are many young men, and young women, too, who would be glad of an opportunity to "work their way through college," in fact, the presidents of these institutions are deluged with applications for chances of this kind. Here the work for an entire course of four years can all be accomplished in three short months, and an education that would cost in cash \$1,000 is assured without further outlay. Parents should urge their boys and girls to enter the contest and work for one of the special rewards. One of the eight is within the reach of everyone who really tries.

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