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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

Controller—EVAN B. MORRIS. Election February 15.

It begins to look as though the release of Miss Stone and the sale of the Danish West Indies would be effected about the same time.

Where Uncle Sam is Derelict.

LIBERAL provision should be made at this session of congress for the retirement on disability and maximum service pension of railway mail clerks. Measures to this end have been before congress heretofore; this time something should certainly be done.

Last year, of the total force of 9,182 men employed in this branch of the postal service 7 were killed, 63 seriously and 229 slightly injured, making the percentage of disability 3 1-3. Since 1877 no less than 124 railway mail clerks have been killed, 1,116 seriously and 1,916 slightly injured, or two full regiments.

The United States government has tried to be and always should be a model employer. It should set an example in liberal and humane treatment of faithful and efficient employees who wear out or are disabled in its service.

It Must Be Faced.

IT IS sincerely to be hoped that Representative Crumpacker will be successful in bringing to a vote his resolution requesting the census committee to report a bill amending the apportionment act passed last congress so as to provide for a reduction of representation in congress from states where voters are disfranchised by state constitutions and laws.

As an illustration of how voting is limited in the South to those whom the party managers want to vote, the case of the Fifth Mississippi district is noteworthy. At the last election the sitting member of congress, Mr. Williams, was returned in a total poll of 9402. Yet at the primary election at which he was nominated the total vote polled was over 22,000.

The simple truth is that if the white people of the South wish to dispense with the negro at the polls—a proceeding to which objection will decrease in proportion to the effort made by the South to enable the black man to take himself for the suffrage in the course of time—they must be made to solve this problem without expense to the remaining portions of our country.

several of the Southern states to use all the negroes of voting age for the purpose of gaining large representation in congress and then by squint-eyed legislation denying the participation of this negro element in the selection of the representation.

Interstate Commerce.

Some interesting and encouraging information is contained in the fifteenth annual report of the Interstate Commerce commission, which has just been transmitted to congress covering the fiscal year 1901.

Returns of railways operating 192,195 miles of line, or nearly 99 per cent. of the whole, show passenger earnings amounting to \$174,740,770, and freight earnings of \$1,748,164,205 or \$3.11 per mile of line. The gross earnings for 1900 were \$1,487,044,814.

A peculiarly gratifying feature of the report is the decrease shown in the liability of railway employees to accident since the enforcement of the safety-appliance law. This law became fully effective August 1, 1900. Says the report: "The greatly increased security to life and limb by which the men on freight trains and in freight yards now perform their work is apparent on every hand."

That gentlemanly and courteous brakeman to pick up the basket and remarked: "If you don't bring that basket over here immediately, I will see that you are removed from this run."

It was in the morning hours of "bake day" in the little out-of-the-way village. The mingled odors of fresh bread, pies and cookies floated out of the open kitchen windows.

From one of the smaller cottages at the end of the street came a barefooted child in a colorful calico dress and sandal. With the important air of a busy lawyer she entered the village store, and handed across the counter a blue cup. The proprietor took the cup, and said, in brief tones:

"Well, Emmy, what does your ma want to-day?" "Please, sir, ma wants an egg's worth of molasses," and she carefully placed a large white egg on the counter.

From a stone jug a little molasses was poured, and the cup set before the customer. "Mr. Smith," she said, as she took her purchase, "I'll be back in a little while for some ginger. Ma said to tell you the black hen was on."

"I have been here several times in my wanderings," said Quay. "And what might be the reason for your wanderings?" "I am trying to ameliorate the condition of man—the finer man," replied Quay, solemnly.

She was richly but inconspicuously dressed and would have attracted no particular attention as she stood on the corner of Tremont and Winter streets had not her face, under a white veil, been wreathed in a series of remarkable contortions.

As if we did not already have enough anxiety over the proper adjustment of the Cuban and Philippine tariff; the location of the Isthmian canal and other perplexing questions, we are confronted with the announcement that there has been a split in the bowing congress at Buffalo that threatens to disrupt the organization.

OUTLINE STUDIES OF HUMAN NATURE

How Langtry Fooled "Aunt Louisa"

"Aunt Louisa" Edridge, who is reported to be dying from pneumonia at her home in New York, is probably better known to men and women in her profession than any other actress in the country. She never cut much of a figure on the stage, but her efforts with the Professional Woman's League and with the annual entertainments for acts out of luck and for stage children have given her a national reputation.

"Aunt Louisa" first came to this country "Aunt Louisa" was engaged for one of the "whites in black." For some reason or other the initial performance was delayed three weeks, while the company was called to rehearse every day. As there is usually no pay for rehearsals all the members of the company were sore.

"But," said Mrs. Langtry, "if you will not step in the manager's office you will find that they are paid for rehearsal." This proved to be true. The members of the company did not get their salary simply because they had not called for it.

Was Not Hired as a Valet. The following story is told by the Louisville Post on Colonel Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, but it isn't like Watterson and therefore isn't true. But as a story it is worth hearing. It is supposed to have happened as he was on his way from Louisville to his residence at Jeffersonton.

Opulence in Sight. It was in the morning hours of "bake day" in the little out-of-the-way village. The mingled odors of fresh bread, pies and cookies floated out of the open kitchen windows.

Took Time to Place Him. Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, is not a laughing man, says a writer in the New York Times. He rarely lets anything move him beyond the twinkling in his eye, but a Florida newspaper's impression regarding him made him "let loose."

Looked Worse Than She Felt. She was richly but inconspicuously dressed and would have attracted no particular attention as she stood on the corner of Tremont and Winter streets had not her face, under a white veil, been wreathed in a series of remarkable contortions.

A Modern Mrs. Malaprop. A new crop of Mrs. Malapropisms was gathered by the passengers who returned to this country not long ago on the same boat with a certain Chicago woman whose reputation for this kind of unconscious humor was finally established years ago.

Cullum Learned a Lesson. Senator Cullum made a call on President Roosevelt the other day and when he came out of the chief executive's room he was asked: "Did you suggest to the president any candidates for cabinet positions?"

An Irishman on the Stand. Lawyers with an appreciative sense of humor enjoy nothing so much as to get a quick-witted, ready-tongued son of the Emerald Isle on the stand to relieve the monotony of the legal technicalities of a case.

Always Busy. A slice that fits the eye should fit the foot—or you don't want it. There is style—effect of smartness in your shoes which appeals to good dressers—but more important—every pair of our gentlemen's \$5 shoes are at this time \$4, which is important to the economist.

Lewis & Reilly. 114-116 Wyoming Ave. Dupont's Powder. Mining, Blasting, Sporting, Smokeless and the Best Gunpowder in the World.

High Explosives. Safety Fuse, Caps and Exploders. Room 401 Conwell Building, Scranton. AGENTS: THOS. FORD, Scranton, Pa.; JOHN B. SMITH & SON, Plymouth, Pa.; W. E. MULLIGAN, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

FINLEY'S Black Silks For Spring 1902

Are of unusual merit—guaranteed to give satisfactory silkwear, will not break, crack or slip. Our Silks have established a splendid reputation for excellence of quality, finish and wear, we can recommend them to your consideration with great confidence.

Peau de Cygne, Armures, Bengalines, Gros Grains, Peau de Soie, Habutais, Taffetas, Surahs, Satin Duchesse, Satin Liberty, Moire Antique, Moire Velour

Foulard Silks of new designs and colorings in light and dark shades, a good quality of silk at the attractive price of 75c per yard.

Our Window Display of Challies in new spring designs is creating many favorable comments, see them at 510-512 Lackawanna Ave.

Office Desks and Office Furniture. New and Complete Assortment. Being the LARGEST FURNITURE DEALERS IN SCRANTON.

Hill & Connell. 121 Washington Avenue. EDUCATIONAL.

Free Tuition. By a recent act of the legislature, free tuition is now granted at the Literary Institute and State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Pa.

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SCRANTON'S BUSINESS HOUSES.

THESE ENTERPRISING DEALERS CAN SUPPLY YOUR NEEDS OF EVERY CHARACTER PROMPTLY AND SATISFACTORILY.

BUILDING CONTRACTOR. Storm sash and doors, store fronts, office and store furniture, in hard or soft wood, and jobbing. 222 N. Washin. ave. L. SOMMAR.

FOR SALE. BUGGIES and WAGONS of all kinds; Horse Homes and Building Lots at bargains. HORSES CLIPPED and GROOMED at M. T. KELLER, Lackawanna Carriage Works.

J. B. WOOLSEY & CO. CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS. Dealers in PLATE GLASS AND LUMBER OF ALL KINDS.

SECURITY BUILDING & SAVINGS UNION. Home office, 509-509 Meigs Building, transacts a general building and loan business throughout the state of Pennsylvania.

E. JOSEPH KUTTEL. rear 511 Lackawanna avenue, manufacturer of Wire Screens of all kinds; fully prepared for the spring season. We make all kinds of porch screens, etc.

HANLEY'S BAKERY. 420 SPRUCE ST. Successor to HUNTINGTON. We make a specialty of the bread stuffs. Orders for Breads, Oysters, Croquettes, etc., promptly filled.

PETER STIPP. General Contractor, Builder and Dealer in Building Stone, Cementing of cellars a specialty. Telephone 3292. Office, 527 Washington avenue.

THE SCRANTON VITRIFIED BRICK AND TILE MANUFACTURING COMPANY. Makers of Paving Brick, etc. M. H. Dale, General Sales Agent, Office 529 Washington ave. Works at Nay Ave., Pa. E. & W. V. R. R.

REMOVAL SALE

We have determined to reduce our stock prior to our removal to our new building at our former location, 129 Wyoming avenue.

Special Clearance Prices on Entire Stock. Carpets, Draperies, Rugs, Linoleums, Shades, etc.

WALL PAPER. Temporary Store, 126 Washington Avenue.

GOODS STORED FREE OF CHARGE. Williams & McNulty, Temporary Store, 126 Washington Avenue.

A Bargain Harvest for Shoe Buyers. We are in the midst of old-time Sacrifice Sales of Winter Footwear. The shoes we shall offer during this sale are not old or shopworn; among them will be the well known makes of Johnson & Murphy and The Stetson.

Lot 1—J. & M. and the Stetson. Men's Patent Leather, Patent Ideal Kid, Enamel and Box Calif. regular \$5 and \$6 values, all sizes, for \$4 and \$4.50.

Lot 2—Men's Enamelled and Box Calif. winter weight, regular \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 value, for \$2.50 and \$3.

Lot 3—Ladies' Box Calif. lace, winter weight, regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 value, for \$1.75.

Lot 4—Misses' and Children's Lace and Button, regular 75c and \$1.00 value, for 50c. It will be cheaper to buy now than it will be to wait.

LEWIS, RUDDY, DAVIES & MURPHY, 330 Lackawanna Avenue. Headquarters for Incandescent Gas Mantles, Portable Lamps.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF SCRANTON. Capital, \$200,000. Surplus, \$550,000. Pays 3% interest on savings accounts whether large or small. Open Saturday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30.

Gunster & Forsyth. 253-327 Penn Avenue.