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In an interview in the Pittsburg Gazette former Governor Pattison intimates that he is willing once more to save the state. As a state-saver he certainly has quite a record, but this not need salvation at the hands of a Democrat.

Postponed.

NOM reliable reports it appears that the conservatives have carried the day in the matter of the Crumpacker ther action in this matter at the prescratic leaders who raised the bogey cry ism," "bloody shirt" and "sure method of insuring Democratic reunion" appear to have carried their point, which into pigeon-holing the whole matter, The excuse given for postponing the it may lawfully do." proposed investigation is that "public public opinion needs to ripen before ing into an alleged state of facts in the United States.

The fact which seems most closely to fit the attitude of the majority is that this country and it works both ways. among the men now in the lead in the house are some who lack either the courage of their convictions or are deby grossly unfair discriminations. Either the negro must have the vote which the highest law of the land declares that he is entitled to, or the men who restrict the suffrage must restrict their representation in proportion. That is the lawful and the equitable view; therefore, it is also, in a broad interpretation, such as statesmen should take of public issues, the expedient

That this wrong can ever be righted without ruffling the feathers of those who politically profit by its continuance we do not believe. If the Republican majority is waiting for such a time to come to pass it may as well postpone the subject indefinitely. But if a great and notorious wrong can be committed and gloried in on the floor of the American congress and those who know it to be a wrong and whose sense of fairness calls for its righting are afraid even to undertake an inquiry into the matter lest it should offend the beneficiaries of that wrong, a condition of affairs is indicated which we should hesitate to believe true of the Republican party.

The defeat of Senator Jones will doubtless cause the bosom of the octopus to palpitate with spasms of relief.

What Once Was Waste.

N THE excavations made in the vicinity of the court house square large quantities of peat have been removed. It may be interesting to know that two uses for this substance have recently been found. One, by a process not divulged, converts'the peat into a highly carbonized fuel resembling coke but much more lasting in combustion and also cheaper. The claim is made in behalf of this discovery that it will provide a superior substitute for anthracite coal when the supply of the latter becomes exhausted. The attention of men of large lin, where the closest sort of scrutiny is wealth has been turned toward the process and the information which we have is that they are favorably impressed with it.

According to Kuhlow's German Trade Review, a means of using peat street north of Fifty-ninth street, fibre has been discovered at Dusseldorf | Moreover, in London if one has any dis--a fibre which is capable of being spun, pute with the 'cabby' a reference of the which is absorbent, and which can be bleached and dyed. The vegetable fibres are first isolated, and treated with acids and alkalis, the result being a peat wool consisting of nearly pure cellulose. This wool is soft, elastic and capable of being used in the same way as sheep's wool. With the addition of cotton or sheep's wool, yarn can be them."

lent dressing for wounds.

ment enough peat was thrown away to should through the advances of ap- adrift by his employer, in consequence plied science gain a value exceeding that of a ten-foot anthracite vein, yet stranger things are happening almost

ter of 1901, nearly one-fourth more corresponding quarter of 1900 and the which were approved in that quarter was almost 50 per cent, larger than the figures for the corresponding quarter one year before. Similar conditions are reported by the New York state department of labor in Buffalo, and Rochester. In other words, the spread of substantial prosperity continues. notwithstanding the ups and downs of speculation. We have no doubt that the figures for Pennsylvania, if similarly tabulated, would show a similar

The Law as to Strikes.

HE New York court of appeals has decided that workingmen organized into labor unions have the right to strike to prevent the employment of workingmen not so organized. The opinion of the court says:

"They (workingmen) have the right to strike, provided the object is not to gratify malice or inflict injury upon others, but to secure better terms of employment for themselves. A peaceis one of the years when the state will ful and orderly strike is not in viola tion of the law. A body of men, having organized for purposes deemed beneficial to themselves, have the right, if they feel it is detrimental to interests of their organization, to refuse to work. Their reasons may seem inadequate to others, but if it seems to be in their interest as members of an or resolution for a committee to investi- ganization to refuse longer to work, it gate the restriction of suffrage in the is their legal right. So long as workvarious states. There is to be no fur- men must assume all the risk of injury that may some to them through the ent session of congress. The Demo- carelessness of coemployes, they have the moral and legal right to say that of "force bill," "revival of sectional- they will not work with certain men, and the employer must take their dictation or go without their services. A labor organization is endowed with was to scare the Republican managers precisely the same legal right as is an individual to threaten to do that which

This is sound law. The converse of opinion has not yet ripened," but it it is also sound; namely, that if an would be interesting to know by what employer does not wish to employ exprocess of reasoning it is assumed that clusively workingmen organized into a union he can dismiss the union workers congress shall be warranted in inquir- and take the consequences. In that event, his property is not to be injured direct conflict with the constitution of and men whom he hires are not to be attacked or intimidated. Liberty within the law is the fundamental rule in

In the long run, dictation on either side, enforced by threats or the might of superior strength, is a poor basis of ficient in convictions. Their view is mutual prosperity, since it leads to too closely at the immediate and too almost endless ill will, sullenness and little at the ultimate effect. The de- friction. Much the better plan is for nial of suffrage to the negro, as prac- both employers and employes to try to ticed in various Southern states, can be just to each other; to cultivate be strongly defended from the stand- friendly instead of hostile relations; point of the Southern white; but there and to desist from recklessly rocking is no possible defense of using the the boat that holds both. The Golden negro to get a large representation in Rule is the best rule, notwithstanding congress and then disfranchising him its apparent absence from many yex-

The movements on part of the Boer leaders looking to a settlement of the South African trouble are regarded as hopeful indications. Where there is so much smoke there is liable to be some

As to Cab Charges.

HE New York Tribune has undertaken to bring about a reform in Gotham that all travelers will indorse. It urges a more effective regulation of cab charges. This the municipality has the power to do and by ordinance has tried to do, but like many other wise laws, this ordinance is not properly enforced. Says our contemporary:

"When the officers of the Hohenzollern were here a good illustration of the outrageous conditions existing among cabbies was furnished. These officers, who were unacquainted with the city and had only a limited amount of time to spend in seeing it, had to pay \$5 and \$7 to cabmen for being carried from Herald Square to the Christopher street ferry. The result was that the officers remained on shipboard rather than run the risk of such treatment. Such an outrageous and disgraceful scandal as this might have been expected to arouse some outburst of public sentiment. But New Yorkers proved too hardened and too resigned to the situation, and the same condition continued to prevail."

There are two items as to which the Tribune demands reform. First, a lowering of the tariff which the city permits the cabmen to charge. Fifty cents a mile is the lawful charge; and twenty avenue or seven street blocks constitute a mile; yet the Tribune asserts that in Philadelphia, Chicago or Boston the rate is much lower, and it adds: "For a shilling one can cover a wide area in London. In Paris or Berkept on the cabs, it is possible to secure a carriage for an entire day for what is charged to take two or more passengers in a carriage with their baggage to the American or Cunard pier from any matter to a policeman insures a proper settlement. Then the cabmen may, In addition, lose his license, for he will certainly be reported to the authorities by the officer. Here the police are thoroughly in sympathy with the cabmen, and can depend on a 'rake-off' for any

over-charge that may be bermitted by spun which is useful for various clothing fabrics. It manufactures into a fine felt and from it felt hats are made. Dress stuffs and carpets are made from it, and if the way can be found to reduce the fibre into a finer thread its employment in hosiery manufacture is predicted. Another useful quality of this yern is its adaptability to the needs of surgery, it making an excellent dressing for wounds.

The second item grows logically out of the first: Prevention of extortion. Notwithstanding the legal rate of 50 cents a mile, it is practically impossible to get a cab for the shortest distance for less than \$1, unless one rides in a pennsylvania or New York Central hack, and to do that it is necessary to go to one of the stations of these railroads. If the passenger objects to paylent dressing for wounds. ing more than the legal rate, a row When the excavation was made for follows and both cabby and passenger the foundation for the soldiers' monu- have to be hauled before a magistrate

carpet half the city or provide every bother by yielding to the former's dephabitant with a new felt hat. It mands. Nor is the fault wholly with would be an interesting turn in affairs the cabby. As a rule he is underpaid if that once despised swamp product and liable at any time to be turned of which he makes hay while he can.

Just how to remedy these conditions our contemporary does not say, if, indesd, it knows. The probabilities are that no remedy is possible short of the In New York city, in the last quar- formation of a strong corporation to take over and systematize the business buildings were completed than in the of cab-letting along the lines of the two railroad companies above mentioned, estimated cost of buildings plans for who have been compelled to enter this field in protection of their passengers.

> The public at large knows very little about the row in the National base ball league, and, to all appearances, cares less. About the only thing the public is certain of is that the big league must change its methods and play good, clean ball or do without attendance.

> It will be fair to await what reason Bulgaria gives for objecting to Charles M. Dickinson as American diplomatic egent at Sofia. But the many Scranton friends of Mr. Dickinson are willing to wager that Bulgaria's reason yon't hold water.

> Senator Drury announces that his experience with the "insurgent" type of political reformer has led him to wish for a change of environment. We awalt the judgment of the esteemed Wilkes-Barre Record,

> The statisticians who are endeavorng to explain the cause of the advance n prices of meat would confer a greatr benefit on the public if they would devise some plan that would enable us to pay the increase,

The rapid advance in the price of beef threatens to again stir the Belgian hare enthusiasts to activity.

It is evident that some one must have twisted the 'tail of March on the eve of

Outline Studies of Human Nature

Eugene Field's Story.

In the last months of his life Eugene Field normally from anything like cold weather. Upon his doctor's advice he went to California and visited a cousin, Heary Field, who lived at Alameda, near San Francisco. While there he heard daily the usual glorification of the splendid climate of California, but in his extremely sensitive condition did not take kindly to it. One morning he came down to the breakfast table looking the picture of despair. "I had a terrible dream last night," he said,

ddressing Mrs. Henry Field. "You must not tell it before breakfast," she replied, "it is bad luck."

"Oh, well," said Field, "it might have been worse. I dreamed that Henry, your larshand, had died, and when he approached the gates of heaven, he found St. Peter sitting there with the key and the Great Book. As he was about to enter the pearly gates he was stopped, and St. Peter announced that before he entered there must be an investigation to see whether his name was in the Great Book or not. asked St. Peter. 'My name is Field.' " 'Oh, Engene Field! Well, walk right in.

* 'No, unfortunately, not Eugene Field, but a cousin of his, Henry Field.' " 'Well, then,' said St. Peter, 'I must examine the book.' And after an inspection he said: 'I Mr. Field, but I do not find your nor here, and you cannot enter. You must go below. so he scuttled away and went down. There he found the guardian with cloven boots, and all dressed in red. He was about to push his way in without ceremony when he was stopped, and this guardian also said: I must know whether your name is on our book before you can enter. 'But it surely is, said Feld. 'I was refused nission up above, and I must go in here.' "'No,' said his Satanio Majesty, after examining his register, 'I don't find it.'
"'Great heavens,' said Field, 'must I go

back and live in Alameda? "-New York Times, Unequal Distribution.

The train was leaving Lancaster when a young man in the rear of the car began to cry vio lently. So loud were her lamentations that a

"You seem to be in great grief, madam," aid he. "Is there anything I can do for you?" "N-no," replied she between her sobs, "I'v ust got my husband cremated." On bearing this an elderly lady cat also began to cry violently.

The young man went from the young to the

lder woman and asked if there was anything that he could do for he She straightened out and replied in a haughty

"No, there is nothing. I'm 60 years old and never had a husband. Now, please do something One of President's Correspondents.

His Musical Dog. Talking of bunds, a showman at Barnstaple, in North Devon, recently put outside his show the following notice, "Come and see the Musical Dog. Admission 2d." A good many people, attracted by this invitation, paid the sum and entered the tent, where a big dog, wearing a huge metal collar, was crouching in a corner. After waiting for a while the audience grew impatient and called to the showman, asking then the performance was going to begin. The

Fit for Any Home

seemed much surprised at their reques

The New York Tribune's plans and pro-The New York Tribune's plans and programme for 1902 contemplate improvements all along the line, so as to keep it in the front rank of the newspaper procession. What the Dally tribune is and what it stands for pretty nearly veryhody knows. That it keeps pace in enterprise with the spirit of the age, without sacrificing decency of accuracy, it is needless to say. But a word as to the other publications issued rom The Iribune office may be timely. For instance, it may not be generally known that the amous old Weekly grew and grew until it became inneratively necessary to divide it in two nous old Weekly grew and grew until it beme imperatively necessary to divide it in two
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unless the latter prefers to avoid this bother by yielding to the former's demands. Nor is the fault wholly with the mastiff. "Can't yer see the brass band round the mastiff. "Can't yer see the brass band round the mastiff." the mastiff, "Can't yer see the bras-his neck?"—Rochester Post-Express,

Benjamin Cothert, a United States marchal in the Indian Territory, and a half-breed Indian, is, in the opinion of President Roosevelt, the most versatile individual on the government's extensive payroll,

The president told Mr. Miller of Kanson the tory when Colbert called at the white house with the Kansas congressman the other day. When the troops were at San Juan, Col. Rooseveit wanted a butcher to dress a few beeves for his regiment, Colbert was called in. "I am not a butcher," said he, "but my brother is, and I have often worked in his place." Celbert slaughtered some beef cattle, cleaned them up in the best style and was commended for his work.

It was not long afterward that the president horse threw a shoe, "I am not a blacksmith,"
said Colbert, "but I can set a shoe," and he went
about the task in approved style. Then, later,
Col. Roosevelt wanted a stenographer. "I can
write shorthand," declared Colbert. He took dictation from his chief with rapidity, wrote the letter out on a typewriter and for the rema of the campaign served as private secretary.

Straightening a Theological Kink.

Passengers in an uptown car one afternoon last reek were very much entertained and amuse by a discussion of things spiritual by two colored passengers. As the debate waxed warmer the voices of the debaters grew louder until what was said was plainly audible to all in the car. After each had made a confession of faith and given, his views of the means whereby mortal man could gain salvation, one of the pair blurted out in a tone that implied that all his hope for the next world was embodied in the words: "Well, sah, I b'lieve dat what's gwine to be

is sho'ly gwine to be.' grunted his companion, contemptuous "Den yo' be'lieves in premeditashun."

An Irish Fishing Story.

There is a good fishing story in an Irish cor Two enthusiastic anglers arranged emporary. a fishing match to decide the respective merits of the worm and the minnow as bait. For hours they sat patiently on a bank without getting so much as a nibble. At last the proprietor of the worm suddenly said that he had got a bite, and, jerking his line out of the water, discov-ered at the end of it the other man's minnow, which, having by this time grown hungry, had

TRUTHFUL CITIZEN.

"What have you ever done to deserve the office to which you aspire? asked the voter.
"Nothing," answered the candidate, frankly "If I had ever done anything to thoroughly qualify me for so important a position, I could probably make a great deal more money as a private citizen."—Washington Star. me for so important a position, I could

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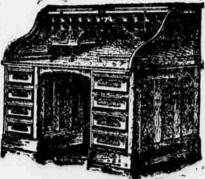


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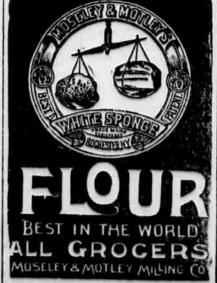


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25 It is expected that several other important scholarships will be added to this list before the opening day, and these will be announced as fast as agreements are reached.

Each contestant failing to secure one of the scholarships as a special reward will receive ten per cent. of all the money he or she secures for The Tribune during the contest."

Special Honor Prizes.

A new feature is to be added this year. Special honor prizes will be given to those securing the largest number of points each month. Just what the prizes will be are to be announced later, but they will consist of valuable and useful presents, such as watches, books, etc. · The best explanation of the plan of The Tribune's Educational

Contest will be found in the rules, which are here given:

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