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SCRANTON, NOVEMBER 21, 1902.

The Times is printing more elaborate reports of the proceedings of the anthra-cite coal commission than any other newspaper on earth,-Wednesday's Times. In inches the comparison to the close

of Thursday afternoon's session stood as follows:

Times \$15 Tribune excess 253

an excess equal to 11% columns or 31 per cent. The comparison as to quality may be ascertained by noticing how much of The Tribune's excellent report is copied bodily into the Times each day. Enough said.

In Regulation of Trusts.

HE ASSERTION of President Roosevelt that a constitutional amendment may be necessary to clothe congress with power to regulate corporations of trusts doing an interstate business has served what was probably the purpose for which it was made. It has caused a thorough study to be made of existing laws and court decisions and has elicited a respectable opinion that amendments of these laws can be made adequate to the necessities of the occasion, without recourse to the tedious and doubtful method of constitutional amendment.

Attorney General Knox's Pittsburg speech asserting the right of congress to prescribe conditions upon which cor porations may use common carrier facilities in the transaction of interstate business pointed the way; and it is announced that Senator Cullom and other men of experience in this field of constructive statesmanship are now at work upon drafts of legislation in this direction. Attention has also been directed to a section of the Sherman anti-trust law by which any person who can prove that he has been injared in his business or property by reason of any unlawful combination, may sue in the United States Circuit court and is entitled to recover three times the amount of damage sustained in addition to the costs of the suit and

reasonable attorney's feer. Here, it would seem, is the foundation of a remedy. It supplies a method of \$1891 redress where proof of unlawful comcluation is forthcoming. There remains the problem of facilitating the ascertainment of proof; and one obvious solution would be to require the production in court of books and papers where unlawful combination should be specifically alleged. That this might contribute to attempted blackmail or to instituting insincere and wholly meddlesome and annoying litigation is very evident; but that danger exists already, and is better removed by frank publicity on the part of incorporated enterprises than by an atti- 1891 tude indicative of a desire to shun in-

A law authorizing the department of justice, upon responsible complaint, to 1896117.7 corporation accused of unfair methods, 1886 these to include either dishonest capitalization, dishonest selling or conspir- 1901 acy to restrain trade, and clothing the court with power, upon conviction by made to take care of this increase regular process, not only to inflict since 1894 is shown by the following punishment by fine and imprisonment figures: In 1894, locomotives 36,304, or either upon the offending person, but freight cars 1,228,781; 1895, locomotives also to say that until purged of the 36,610, freight cars, 1,230,798; 1896, locooffense the corporation shall be en- motives 36,338, freight cars 1,245,640; joined from use of the mails, tele- 1897, locomotives 36,410, freight cars graphs or other carriers engaged in 1,204,792; interstate commerce, would, if consti- freight cars 1,284,807; 1899, locomotives interstate commerce, would, if consti-tutional, provide an effective means of safeguarding the public interest. The motives 38,065, freight cars 1,328,084; 1990, loco-motives 38,065, freight cars 1,350,258; on congress for a ship subsidy bill." belief of Attorney General Knox that such a law would be declared constitutional is entitled to respect until canceled by a final court decision,

Schenectady seems to be furnishing the best examples in the matter of boycott-namely, contempt of the cowardly

Trial by Newspaper.

ILLIAM S. FOREST, a prominent Chicago lawyer, has been visiting England lately. Among tim objects of his study while in that country was the relation of the newspaper to judicial criminal proceedings It is a law, or rather a rule of law, in the British islands, that editorial opinions in a newspaper on a case sub judice, amount to contempt of court, and the editor, publisher, and writer of the article may be committed to jail for an indefinite time for such an outrage upon judicial decorum and recognized legal privilege of the accused. A shrifar process holds good in our own courts, but it is so rarely invoked that when a judge sometimes takes down this fusty weapon from its place among the antiquated terrors of his prerogative, he very rarely resorts to this armory a second time for self defense or the defense of the person charged before him. The only difference in the matter between the English and American procedure in a law of this kind, is that in England almost any judge

everely reprimand the editor who per- The production of steel at Pittsburg, in nitted in his paper the expression of an 1901, equaled half that of England, was pinion on the guilt or innocence of the more than that of Germany, twice that cused and be upheld accordingly by of France, five times that of Russia or ublic sentiment in doing so, while in Belgium, and twenty-five times that or his country the custom has become Spain. No wonder Pittsburg crows. obsolete and popular opinion on the whole seems to be against its practical

still hunt and Recorder Goff accepted

It as testimony. But this was a notor-

ious instance in which an excess of

journalistic activity was natural if it

was altogether unjustifiable. All the

pertinent facts in the Molineux case which the public needed to know or had

right to know, or even that the jury

should have had before them, could have

been fully and easily obtainable under

any legitimate restriction of newspaper

enterprise within its proper sphere

and functions. Mr. Forest would have

this limitation established by law. We

do not think such statutory enactment

is at all necessary. The gutter sheet

finds its natural inlet into the sewer,

It may survive for a time, or even

flourish, but if there is one aspect of

newspaper that is conducted with san-

ity, honesty and on rigid moral prin-

ciples, is the only vehicle of public in-

formation that can live, Trial by news-

paper is not only a nuisance, but an

outrage, and it is not a permanent evil,

The Home Market club of Boston, the

will hold its annual banquet November

25 at Mechanic's hall, Boston. The list

of invited guests is a notable one. It includes Hon. James Wilson, secretary

of agriculture: Senator Hoar, Congress-

men Grosvenor and Littlefield, five state

governors and three governors-elect.

Our esteemed Schenectady contributor,

The Best Index of Prosperity.

N SPITE of an expenditure on bet-

in the country, the railroads of the

United States find themselves short of

carrying facilities to an amount repre-

sented by more than 50,000 standard

than doubled, but there has also been

quadrupled.

such an increase in motive power and

There is no parallel in our history or

in that of any other country to the

growth in transportation demands

which has taken place in the United

States during the last six Republican

first the number of miles operated, the

ton or freight mileage and the freight

Mileage.

68,677,276,992 79,192,985,125

81,210,154,520

81, 113, 197, 130

90,552,087,290

82,219,900,498

93,885,853,634

97,842,569,150 114,566,173,191

126,991,703,110

148,959,203,492

Mileage. 115.3

131.8

 $\frac{119.7}{128.9}$

1898, locomotives, 36,746,

Look, next, at the percentage of bus-

iness done in each year, taking the

The provision in added equipment

1901, locomotives 39,729, freight cars

In view of this wonderful expansion

in our internal commerce, which has not only resulted in the additional em-

ployment of thousands of rallway

workers, but has notwithstanding this

addition, put a large tax upon the endurance of all the workers by the unavoidable necessity for overtime work

it is not surprising that the large rail-

ways are voluntarily advancing wages

after having, also, in many instances,

instituted pension features in the na-

ture of profit-sharing. Wage increases

already announced or foreshadowed in

the railway world affect nearly three-

quarters of a million men and involve

the additional disbursement of close to

\$26,000,000 annually. It is a good illus-

tration of the truth of one of President Roosevelt's favorite remarks that, upon

the whole, the American people go up

or go down together. Just now, in spite

of certain foolish excesses both among

speculators and among unwise leaders

of organized labor, the American peo

Eight per cent, of the population of

this country is still illiterate. In Ger-

many, only one per cent, of illiterates

exists, and in Bavaria, Baden, Wur-

temberg, and Scandinavia there are no

totally uneducated people. The Ameri-

can schoolmaster needs reinforcements

According to a writer in Success, the

aggregate capitalization of the indus-

tries at Pittsburg is more than two

ple are still going up.

would unhesitatingly either punish or billion, five hundred million dollars.

1,409,472.

figures of 1889 as 100 per cent.

Year 1889 as standard—109.

miles per mile of road:

. 153,689

.. 165, 262

. .170,607 . .173,361

.181,663

.184,117

1901 194, 455

terment of track and equipment

\$1,000 a mile for all the mileage

Walter J. Ballard, is also invited.

application.

If all the rallroads in the United States should grant the 10 per cent. It will be recalled that in the first increase given to employes, by some rial of Roland B. Molineux the yellow of the more prominent ones, it would journals virtually put a price upon his aggregate \$60,000,000, a sum equal to head. The two leading yellow journals half the total railroad dividends deof New York were brutally, outrageous- clared last year. This looks a good deal ly active in manufacturing evidence like profit sharing. that would lead to his conviction. They got what they wanted because they paid the detective forces of the district attorney's office made what use they

There is now some question whether for it. It was more shameless still that the Utah volcano was the real article or simply the smoke raised over th senatorial campaign of Apostle Smoot could of the result of this inquisitorial

Memphis, Tenn., does not often celebrate, but when she does, her citizens

demonstrate their ability to thoroughly

enjoy that campaign feeling.

One in four of the 650,000 immigrants who arrived last year could not read or write. Is it safe to take such chances:

MEXICAN NOTES.

Compiled for The Tribune by Walter J. Ballard

The cultivation of flax in the state of Plaxcaia (Mexico) has proved so succes ful that the project of establishing a liner factory at some point convenient to the fields and readily accessible from the Mexican and Interoceanic railways, both of which intersect the state, is being so riously considered. There are already the American press more predominating two linen factories, one in Mexico City than another, it is the fact that the and the other near Cuernavica, both deing well and known as the Compania

IN THE CITY OF MEXICO: California fruit sells for 50 cents Strawberries are sold every day in the

Hotels rarely maintain their own re-The summer climate is the finest of influential protectionist organization,

all the year. The demand for a big, modern hotel is still unsatisfied. Blankets are a necessity every night ummer or winter. Priests are not allowed upon the street

their clerical robes. A dozen free open-air concerts by mill ary bands are given every week. Newsboys are forbidden to cry any thing but the names of their papers.

Many modern houses, particularly those built by foreigners, are being provided

with fireplaces,

The copper output in Mexico is increasing very rapidly, as shown by the exports of the first ten months of the fiscal year 1901-1902, which amounted in last year averaging more than money value to \$11,238,013 gold, a gain of nearly \$2,000,000 over the corresponding ten months of 1999-1991. It is predicted that the production of copper during the current fiscal year 1902-1903 will show still greater increase, as a result of sev-eral new mines of large producing capacity being now ready to yield. Practically all the copper produced in Mexico cars. This is in spite of the fact that in the past few years not only has the is exported, a large part of it as assort average size of the freight car more ed ore - Modern Mexico.

Mexican radiumes built from 1877 to improvement in grades and quality of miles. Subsidies paid by the government track, that train loads have nearly or promised to be paid, on stipulated

> In railway bonds 36,059,157 92

years. The figures, so far as they are ernment when the respective concessions comprehendible, read like works of were granted.

magic. Let us look at them, taking ome other countries is that this countr has a continuous government, a well-thought-out set of public policies, and that here experts take the place of prodensity, which is the number of ton fessional politicians. Wherever the too talkative purveyor of eloquence is kept in the background there is real progress peace-abounding, and a chance for the money-making private citizen to go his own way unworried. Here, we are all talking of silver and the gold standard, but no one doubts that the administration is doing a deal of hard thinking about the monetary situation, and that, in the end, it will announce a sensible decision, and avoid upsetting the busi-ness community. Elsewhere there would be mass-meetings, much declamation by fussy and superficial orators, processions and brass bands. Mexico settles her problems differently. Meantime, we are all industriously pursuing the big silver peso, knowing well its depreciation, but also knowing that we are not in any danger of a flood of rag money. Mexico, in any case, is going to have a metallic currency to back her bank notes and give stability to her expanding trade, in-ternal and external.—Mexican Herald,

The average annual value of Mexico's agricultural exports to the United States for the last five years has been \$15,500,000 gold. American imports of agricultural products last year reached a value of \$392,000,000, Mexico occupies eleventh place among the countries supplying these products, furnishing only 3.74 per cent, of the total. These figures indicate the great possibilities that exist for extension of tropical agriculture in

A company has just been formed in Trieste, Austria, under the name of the "Austro-Mexican company," to trade and encourage trade between Mexico and Austria. The company also proposes to establish a fast line of steamers between Europe and Mexico, Why are we not also establishing lines to foreign ports to

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Five Presents	1.00	E	ach			5.00
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Only words defined in the MAIN PORTION of "Webster's International Dictionary" (edition of 1898) will be allowed. Any dictionary can be used, but in judging the contest THE TRIBUNE will debar all words not found in Webster's. Proper names, or any other words appearing in the "Ap-

pendix" will not be allowed. Obsolete words are admitted if defined in the dictionary. Words spelled two or more ways can be used but once. Words with two or more definitions can be used but once. No single letters counted as words except "A" and "O."

How to Write Your List. Write on one side of the paper only. Write very plainly; if possible, use a typewriter.

Place the words alphabetically. Write your name, age, address and number of words at the top

Write the name of parent or guardian with whom you live and who is a renular subscriber to THE TRIBUNE. Fold the list-DO NOT ROLL.

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