

In compliance with an order of State Factory Inspector Lewis, the hours of daily labor will be reduced to ten in the cotton factories at Lancaster.

THESE are very sad stories that reach us from the Siberian wastes, but how about the starving miners in the Lehigh Valley? Sympathy, like charity, ought to begin at home.—New York Herald.

ECKLEY B. COXE appears to be the man whom most of the Luzerne Democrats are in favor of for Congress. While Mr. Coxe has declined to be a candidate for Governor, he has not yet said anything about running for Congress.—Philadelphia Press.

A CATHOLIC Bishop in Kansas, in an address to the people of his diocese, says that the only people who are not protected by existing tariff laws are the farmers and the wage-winners. This is touching perilously close to party grounds. But why should not a clergyman interested in the temporal and moral welfare of his flock speak of those things that come home to the business and bosoms of the people?

It is thirty-five years since the Democrats of Iowa, have had the felicity of electing a Democratic Governor. The organization of the Legislature having been finally effected, Governor Boies will be inaugurated, to-day, with unusual and imposing demonstration. Thirty-five years is more than an average lifetime; but there are many Democrats in Iowa still alive who voted for the Governor elected in 1854.

The Canadian farmers actually demand the abolition of taxes on imported wheat and corn, according to the Toronto Globe. The reason seems to be that they perceive they are being amused with impost on certain agricultural products, while they are robbed by other impost on necessities. How long will it take the American farmer, who is not protected at all, not even in theory, to see what the Canadian agriculturist perceives so clearly?

CHICAGO was selected by Congress on Monday as the city in which the World's Fair of 1892 will be held. Nearly all the representatives of Pennsylvania, including Osborne of this district, voted to send eastern and foreign exhibitors a thousand miles into the interior of the country. The skilled mechanics and artisans of this State who have some interest in the World's Fair will not be likely to forget the stupidly partisan vote of their Republican representatives.

A CONGRESS of prominent physicians is proposed, to be held in Berlin next July, for the purpose of recommending a uniform system of international meat inspectors; and it is the idea of the promoters that the German Government should then call a conference of nations to take action on the recommendation. Nineteenth century scientists do not take much thought of the legislative difficulties involved in the carrying out of their numerous projects; but their sincere desire to work for the public good cannot be doubted.

A REMARKABLE case has just been decided in a Nevada Court. Among other things the Nevada law exempts fuel from seizure for debt. A creditor of a farmer directed the Sheriff to seize 1000 bushels of corn in part satisfaction of his debt. The debtor, on appeal, claimed that the thousand bushels of corn constituted his stock of fuel for the winter, as it was cheaper for him to burn corn at its present price than to buy coal. The Court decided that corn to be used as fuel was exempt from seizure for debt, and that a thousand bushels were not more than enough for the winter's supply.

In some of the counties of the State the public school teachers have interested themselves in taking up collections from pupils for a monument to the late Dr. Higbee. This seems like an extraordinary proceeding, and there is little wonder that it is being vigorously denounced by the local newspapers. Calling upon the schools for such contributions can hardly fail to prove demoralizing and should be consistently discouraged. There are few, if any, instances in which collections from school children may be fairly made. The feeling aroused by this case is so aggravated that it has been proposed to have the next Legislature enact a law prohibiting the levying of contributions of any kind in the public schools.

The Australian System. Henry George, the tax reformer, discusses that question in his paper and says: The establishment of the Australian system of voting will do much toward remedying these evils by checking bribery and curtailing the powers of the machines. It is, however, only the first step, and is chiefly valuable in prepar-

ing the way for a free and effective declaration of the people's purpose to accomplish any far-reaching reforms. The next great step will be the overthrow of the protective tariff. The false fraudulent system, called protection that gives to numerous individuals a pecuniary interest in the result of elections and in legislation, is chiefly responsible for the bribery and corruption that marked the last Presidential campaign, and was probably more effected in Brooklyn than in any other part of the country. So moderate a reform as the establishment of a tariff for revenue only, will do wonders in depriving the corruptists of the vast sums they now arise by "frying the fat" out of the protected monopolists, but, so long as a tariff of any kind remains, there will be the constant tendency to seek protection for special interests and the temptation to the corrupt use of money for the control of conventions and the purchase of legislation. Absolute free trade, alone, will put an end to such attempts to misuse governmental power for the private advantages of manufacturers.

Back of this problem, again, lies the tremendous railway question. The power of the government to regulate transportation is now conceded, and so long as public highways are permitted to remain in the possession of private individuals, to be operated for private profit, a dangerous connection between private and public interests will remain to stimulate a selfish and improper pecuniary interest in the results of elections.

Governor Campbell stated to a reporter while in New York that a ballot reform to be introduced into the Legislature in response to his recommendation is now being prepared. Hon. Guy Mallon, a young Democratic member of the House from Hamilton county, will have charge of the bill. It will be based upon the Massachusetts law, with some additional protection for illiterate voters. Gov. Campbell is certain that the measure will pass.

The Single Tax men may congratulate themselves upon the fruition of their hopes. It might be wise, however, for every friend of the measure to write to his representatives, urging their support of the bill without regard to party lines.

The Philadelphia Record has held a very comprehensive review of the Democratic gubernatorial field, and is not only itself hopeful, but declares its party (Democratic) is not without hope of carrying the State next November for their candidate. What it says is as follows:

Pennsylvania Democrats regard the contest for the Governorship, which is to be fought out next fall, as a most hopeful one, even in face of the big Boyer majority last year. They regard the Democratic gains in that campaign outside of Philadelphia as most encouraging, and they expect to show some extraordinary results in the city alone. The peculiar condition of the Republican campaign for the gubernatorial nomination is looked upon as particularly favorable for Democratic hopes. The Democratic leaders looked upon this contest as virtually settled by the declaration of Senator Quay in favor of a personal friend against a most powerful field of candidates, any one of whom would probably, upon his own merits, elect five delegates to Senator Delamater's one, but who have been stripped of every chance in the fight by the active interference of State Chairman Andrews under Senator Quay's own eye. The Democrats see in this condition of affairs the embryo of a Republican revolt, which, assisted by disaffection with Quay by these whom he has been compelled to turn down in the distribution of Federal patronage, a probable open independent fight against the forced nomination of the Senator's candidates, and some other and possibly deeper complication, such possibilities for Democratic success as have not appeared in State politics for some years.

Correspondence from the Capitol.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25, '90. Standing at the corner of Fifteenth and F streets a stranger in Washington can see any day in the week more distinguished people pass in the course of an hour than could be witnessed in many other cities in many days. Washington prides itself on the cosmopolitan character of its population, and while residents of the capitol will scarcely be likely to turn their heads when presidents, diplomats and other historical personages pass them on the avenue, this procession is a source of unending interest to tourists. Many of the men who are making names for themselves in the temple of fame are not averse to pedestrianism, and consequently an uninterrupted view can be obtained at the corner mentioned.

Unlike his predecessors President Harrison is not much given to walking, but in what is called a mail cart, drawn by a spirited bay, he can generally be seen in the neighborhood of the White House about 6 o'clock, returning from a drive in the suburbs.

Once in awhile Vice President Morton walks from the Capitol, but the cares of business more frequently compels him to use the most stylish brougham, with red wheels, to be seen in a city noted for its fine equipages. A capped bay horse and two footmen in light melton livery complete the outfit, and when in his carriage Mr. Morton usually sits forward peering out of the windows.

Sir Julian Pauncote, the British minister to the United States, on the other hand is never so happy as when swinging along Fifteenth street at a stiff gait; his tall form and face encircled with snow-white and close-cropped whiskers making him very conspicuous in the throngs on the sidewalk.

It is a favorite pastime for Congressmen to walk from the Capitol daily, thereby providing a good appetizer for their dinner, and among the most noticeable are wily but enduring Thomas M. Bayne, of Pennsylvania; Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts; Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, always a brisk and graceful walker, and Chairman Ingalls, of the Senate District Committee, who knows every foot of ground about Washington by personal exploration.

plexions and delicate mustaches and occasionally side-whiskers being in marked contrast to the stalwart North Americans against whom they jostle. In their rambles about the city the Misses Margaret and Harriet Blaine are generally accompanied by a large mastiff, who obeys their slightest command of his young mistress, and there is no necessity to use the whip which Miss Harriet carries in her right hand.

The prospects of the international copyright bill are greatly improved by the adoption by the House patents committee of amendments conforming to the measure to the Senate bill. This copyright bill has been more misrepresented than almost any other measure that was ever before Congress. It is a simple clean-out proposition to give the author and the American printer and binder a chance. It provides that foreign authors may take out a copyright on the same terms with American authors provided the type-setting, printing and binding are done in this country. It is equitable and it is common sense. The late session of the American Newspaper Publishers' Convention heartily endorsed the measure. In every aspect of this matter that is presented to wise and honorable legislators there is only one course open—to pass the international copyright bill with as little delay as possible.

Delegates to the Women's Suffrage Convention, which will meet in Washington to-morrow, are arriving by every train and the Riggs house has been selected as headquarters. An informal reception was held by Miss Anthony and other representative workers in the parlors last evening, and fully a hundred ladies who will attend the convention were present. They came from all parts of the union, and in their ranks were women who have gained a national reputation on the rostrum for their efforts in behalf of suffrage for their sex.

The bills relating to the World's Fair are brought up in the House to-day if the committee having them in charge will exert themselves. The debate on the rules has cleared the way for the measure, but if other legislation is allowed to precede it it will probably be impossible to get the bills up.

Now that the United States Senate has said "Howdy" to the government of Brazil, the rebelle will probably proceed to get its sign patented.

MISSING LINKS.

There is a growing demand in England for human skin leather.

The average life of an ocean cable, as at present constructed, is twelve years.

The French army officers are now all armed with revolvers, during the war of 1870 they had none.

M. Meissonier is the first painter ever raised to the dignity of Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

King Louis, of Portugal, gave the copyrights of his literary works to charitable institutions.

There were over 250 varieties of chrysanthemums on exhibition at a flower show at Los Angeles, Cal.

The most interesting exhibition in Europe next year will be the loan exhibition of tapestry at the Austrian Museum.

Anson Willesoye of Avon, Ill., a rolling blade of 85 years, was married recently to Susanna McCoy, a blushing maiden of 24.

Prince Louis Napoleon, who was lately an officer of the Italian Reserves, has obtained a commission as Major in the Russian army.

Harriet Beecher Stowe recently said: "I wish writers of my life would wait until I am dead before they publish their biographies."

Louis Kossuth declares vehemently that he will not accept Italian or any other citizenship, but will die as he has lived, a Hungarian.

John Tyndall, father of the famous scientist, was a carpenter by trade. He lived in the little town of Carlow, forty-four miles from Dublin, Ireland.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, the Woman Suffragist, claims Boston as her home, but spends nine months of the year lecturing in various parts of the country.

Miss Amelia B. Edwards says the work of a galley slave is not to be compared with his or her work who undertakes to extract a guinea from the pocket of a Britisher.

Andrew Jackson Pine, who died recently at Harrisburg, Pa., had been chief page of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for twenty-eight years. He became a page at the age of 14.

Mr. Lew Rosen is responsible for the rather expressive and suggestive remark that "A. M. Palmer has been connected with the stage in New York almost as long as some of our popular soubrettes."

Monaco, to which only consuls are accredited, has a big diplomatic corps in the rest of Europe, and its diplomats display a profusion of gold lace and titles purely for the honor of serving the principality gratis.

A wild hog was shot recently at Oak Hill, Cal., which weighed 500 pounds. It was snow-white and had tusks six inches long. A pound of lead was found in his carcases, the result of efforts of former hunters to kill him.

The English statistics give a notable decrease in their convict population during the last twenty years. The total number of convicts under sentence of penal servitude was 6,405 in July; twenty years ago it was 11,660.

King Luis of Portugal did not in all his reign sign a single order for capital punishment. He had conscientious scruples against inflicting the death penalty, and so succeeded in making it practically absolute in his dominions.

The late John F. Smith, the great Philadelphia typefounder gave to various charities more than \$100,000 a year during the closing years of his long and useful life. "Everything I have to give away," he said, "I shall give away before I die."

A sensible suggestion is made that the movement to restore the monument to the memory of Mary Washington, the mother of the first President, shall include the purchase of the old house in which she lived and died. It is a small house at Fredericksburg.

Philip McKim, the new steward of the White House, has given great satisfaction to the Harrisons. He understands old-fashioned American cookery better than did Hugo Ziemann, and can provide the president with better pies than could the Chicago chef.

and sister, after their release from the dungeon, drew near and recognized him and yet dare not approach nearer. An American Amateur recently offered \$12,000 to the municipality of Genoa for the violin of Paganini, which is religiously preserved in the city museum as a memento of Genoa's gifted son. The instrument was made at Cremona by Guarneri in 1700. The American offer was declined.

The old saying that the man who minds his own business will make money is not true. Charles Cochrane, a Canadian, has remained on his farm for fourteen straight years without leaving it and has not spoken to a stranger in all that time, and yet he is poorer than when he began.

The decline of the English tailor in America is announced by some of the trade journals, and it would seem that there is a reason for the assertion that he is no longer as fashionable as an American tailor. It has been discovered at last that the conventional English clothes do not fit him.

Swimming baths are becoming popular additions to English schools. The school board contends that it is quiet as important for a boy to learn to swim as for a girl to learn the art of cookery, and claims that the swimming bath adds to the comfort of the scholars and assists in the work of education.

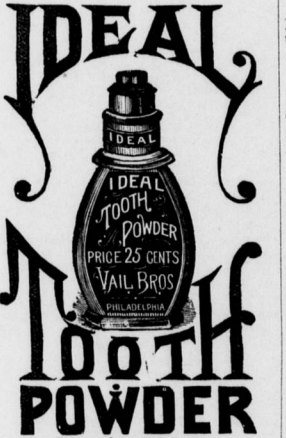
From the tabulated returns just compiled in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction it has been ascertained that the total number of trees planted on Arbor Day in the school districts throughout Massachusetts, outside of the cities, was 24,166. These were all planted on school grounds.

Gen. Boulanger lives a curious life on the island of Jersey. He spends his time in reading history and talking politics to his followers. He smokes a vast number of cigarettes and seems inclined to disobey the commands of his physicians regarding wine. He is as unutilitarian as regards to his dress and always dons an evening suit for dinner.

It is announced that F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, is to become a resident of Washington, D. C. Crawford is a very handsome man, in perfect health, and is known all over Europe as an accomplished swordsman. He is a good deal above the average height and keeps his muscles in perfect condition. He will form an attractive addition to Washington society.

Mr. Gladstone said in a recent address to a workingmen's organization: "It was not extravagant to say that although there were but 2,000,000 people in the thirteen American colonies at the time of the American revolt, yet from among those 2,000,000 of people there proceeded at that epoch a group of statesmen that might defy the whole history of the world to beat them in any one period of time. Such were the consequences of a well-regulated and a masculine freedom."

Capt. Christian Emson, a fine old seafaring and shipowning Dane, who has been in this country nearly seventy years, died in Ocean county, New Jersey, recently, aged 96. In the coasting trade he had accumulated a fortune of \$2,000,000. He was in the Danish navy as a youth, and remembered the first Napoleon. "I could not have held him with two fingers," he went on to say, "but he had a hat full of brains! If his ambition had been no bigger than himself he would not have failed. Plucher, not Vellington, was the man that failed him!"



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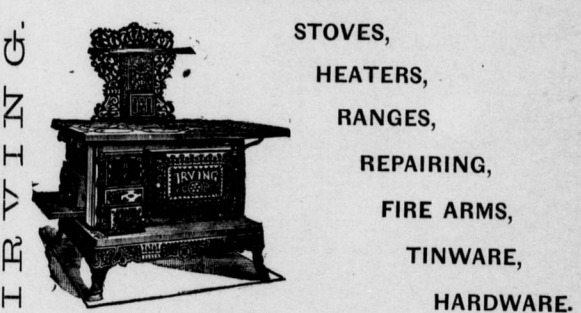
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