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FREELAND, PA., MAY 11, 1893.

The "baby King" of Spain has ceased to amuse and entertain his subjects by his infantile graces and has become a weakly and uninteresting child of larger growth.

Statistics in regard to murder, which return 2184 homicides in 1888, 3567 in 1889, 4290 in 1890, and 5906 in 1891, are being widely quoted as showing a great increase in murders in this country.

A minister was standing in a public office when another approached and took him by the hand, which he seemed to be shaking very warmly.

The report that it will cost \$36 in admission charges to see all the departments and divisions of departments of the World's fair may possibly be an overstatement, but all overstatements should once for all be put out of the question by the management.

The base ball season opened only a few days ago down South, but already the mobbing of umpires has begun. One umpire is laid up in Savannah by the injuries he received from a lot of hoodlums in that city.

No one need hurry to the World's fair. They will save money, temper and comfort by postponing their visit until everything is in its place.

Some of the "bon ton" aristocracy of Hazleton propose to hold a charity ball next month for the benefit of the miners' hospital at that place.

Agricultural Depression.

In this century the price of wheat has not ruled so low as it has done this spring. Cotton was down to the bottom last year, although it is a little better at present.

The low price of grain and petroleum is due, economists say, to overproduction. Russia is our most formidable competitor in petroleum, not to speak of the vast wheatfields which she pits against ours.

But meantime the remedy is for farmers not to raise so much wheat and corn. This country is varied enough in climate and soil to grow almost anything that will grow.

We learn incidentally from the paragraph below that that astronomical romancer, Camille Flammarion, thinks of newspapers.

The time of his story is the twenty-fourth century. All the astronomers of the globe could communicate with one another in an instant, and the main observatory was in the Himalaya mountains.

The daily papers sowed broadcast this alarming news, embellished with sinister comments and numerous interviews in which the most astonishing statements were attributed to scientists.

Leaving No Stone Unturned. "Take all my beard off and give me a short hair cut," said the man in the adjoining chair as he threw himself upon the mercy of the razor wielder.

Shingles by the Carload. The northwest is sending immense quantities of shingles to the east just now. Fifteen to 20 carloads a day was the average freightage of this commodity passing through Seattle in the first half of the month.

John W. Bookwalter, the Ohio millionaire, said the other day, "I cannot tell you how much money I have spent trying to build a machine which will fly, but I think that I have a model under way now that will solve the problem."

It is said that a large hotel for the accommodation of colored people is to be built in Slater, Mo., by colored capitalists.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., May 9. There have been so many erroneous statements printed about the amount of gold in the United States that the official figures in the latest statement, issued this week, are herewith presented.

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The Chinese minister claims to have information which leads him to fear that a conspiracy exists in the Pacific states to do violence to the Chinese residing in those states, in connection with the enforcement of the Geary exclusion law.

President Cleveland has made a few general appointments and appointed a large number of postmasters this week, and it is believed that he is now considering the claims and qualifications of the long list of candidates for the very important position of public printer.

During the Barnum & Bailey circus parade Saturday morning a pretty Italian girl, Celeste Chiesa, appeared on one of the floats as a Chinese woman. She was dressed in rose colored tights, and very thin clothing covered the upper part of her body.

She grew worse as the evening wore on and was taken home by Tody Hamilton in a hack to the humble apartments at 226 Thompson street, where she roomed with several other members of the troop.

Forbidden to Swear by a Chicken's Head. The trial of William Walsh, charged with robbery in the first degree, was begun in the criminal court yesterday.

Lane's Medicine Moves the Bowels Each Day. In order to be healthy this is necessary.

EVEN THE CHILDREN.

LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS OVERWORKED AND UNDERPAID.

The Future Men and Women of America Dwarfed in the Treadmill of Commercial Life—They Are Slaves and Help to Fasten Chains on Their Parents.

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There are in New York city about 20,000 children employed as cash and stock girls and boys. Of these fully 5,000 are under 14 years of age. The work required of them is more arduous than that of the majority of men.

Another statement has been made that these children are employed because they are desirable, but as fast as possible merchants are dispensing with cash girls and substituting pneumatic carriers.

These young girls and children are a menace to all wage earners, as well as to the manufacturer and producer. The time has come when we must be initiated into a different school of economy than that of the past if we would be prosperous.

The only way to remedy it is to shorten the hours of labor and to take our young people out of shop and factory and force them into schools, where they can be educated to that higher standard of living which is necessary for the prosperity of our nation.

Perhaps no stronger argument can be used in favor of this measure than the fact that the number of unemployed adults in this country about equals the number of children under 16 years who are employed.

A convention for the purpose of forming a national union of blacksmiths will be held in Philadelphia Monday, May 15, under the auspices of the A. F. L.

SHAMEFUL IF TRUE.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union Charged With Maintaining a Sweat Shop.

Before the Woman's temple was erected the offices of the organization were located in the Mercantile building, 161 and 163 La Salle street. Every one was cramped for space, but a change was promised when the temple was completed.

And it was a sight indeed. Crowded closely around half a dozen worn-out incandescent globes were 12 girls, whose pinched features told only too plainly of the want of fresh air.

On the other hand, the flooring is of cement, and it is said that during the chilly weather this was absolutely too cold to stand upon.

When the reporter was leaving, four of the girls followed him into the corridor, and taking his mission for granted begged that something be done to alleviate the sufferings of the poor girls who were on a precarious existence as binders for the reformers in the Woman's Christian Temperance union.

J. M. Ashley, Jr., vice president of the Toledo, Ann Arbor and North Michigan railroad, discussing the trouble on his road with a New York reporter, said he believed in more stringent laws relating to the railway service.

"First—Entrance into the railway service should be by enlistment for a definite period. "Second—Examinations as to the mental and physical qualifications of all the applicants should be made, and an oath taken to support the constitution of the United States and to obey the laws of the state and nation and enforce the rules and regulations of the company to the best of their ability."

"Third—Resignations and dismissals from the service shall be governed by fixed rule. In case of inefficiency endangering the public summary dismissal shall be enforced. In all other cases 60 days' notice shall be given by either party desiring to terminate the relation."

"Fourth—Compensation to be fixed at the time of enlistment, to be changed only by mutual agreement or in case of great financial changes in the country's monetary system, such as a change from a gold to a silver or paper basis, by arbitration."

In two states of the Union the question of employing convict labor is not down. In Illinois the contract system has been abolished, but it seems that objection is raised to the plan substituted by the state.

HOMES FOR WORKINGMEN.

The Peabody Donation Fund in Great Britain—Philadelphia and Boston.

The question of providing homes for the workingmen of Philadelphia has been largely solved by our building associations. The result is that this city has the largest number of houses owned by workingmen in any of the great industrial centers of this country or abroad.

The largest and most important as well as the most successful operation of this kind is that of the Peabody donation fund, endowed by the late George Peabody, for London.

This splendid benefaction is managed by six trustees, one the United States minister, the others friends and sons of friends and relatives of Mr. Peabody.

Every such plan needs for its success the help of the city government through all its various branches—police, health, water, paving and other bureaus—and that once enlisted the slums can in time be built out of existence.

At a recent meeting of the Chicago Trade and Labor assembly George Schilling read an open letter to Governor Altgeld in reference to the Amnesties association of Illinois, which, incorporated in a resolution asking immediate action, was passed.

We also wish to call your attention to the fact that the years of 1885 and 1886 were years of great turmoil in the labor world. Strikes and lockouts were the order of the day, in the heat of which, no doubt, many mistakes were made by both employer and employed.

It is now more than six years since that fateful second thought, and are, therefore, more capable of treating this subject in a sane and rational manner. There is not a person in Illinois that has given this subject a fair consideration who would attribute to Fielden, Schwab or Neese the common instincts of criminality.

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READING RAILROAD SYSTEM. LEHIGH VALLEY DIVISION.

Anthracite coal used exclusively, insuring cleanliness and comfort.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS. DEC. 4, 1892.

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