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The Coal Trust May Have to Go. From the New York Journal. The far-reaching effect of the United States supreme court's decision in the Trans-Missouri Freight Association decision is apparently just beginning to dawn upon that portion of the business community which is interested in pools and combinations of various sorts.

The Sherman anti-trust law, which is sustained by the decision, contains the following clauses: Every contract combination in the form of a trust or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce among the several states or with foreign nations, is hereby declared to be illegal.

Under the terms of this law, as can be seen, the combination among the anthracite coal producing and carrying companies, commonly called the coal trust, is illegal. This trust was organized for the avowed purpose of restricting the output of coal and increasing the prices charged for it.

It is claimed that freights on hard coal are the highest on any commodity in the country. This toll is fixed by the combination, and the independent coal men claim that with rates on coal to tide water on a par with tolls on other merchandise it could be sold at a profit of something like 83 per cent.

It is now evident that railroad magnates, in order to divert the attention of public from the decision as it affects them and at the same time to frighten the laboring men, are trying to make it appear that a combination of workingmen for the maintenance of wages is as much a violation of the law under the supreme court decision as are railroad pools.

The bill to put a stop to speculative suits for excessive damages on the strength of chance errors in newspaper publications was defeated in the house at Harrisburg on Thursday. The majority against it was so great as to forbid the hope that better treatment of the Editorial Association's libel bill may be had later on at this session.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

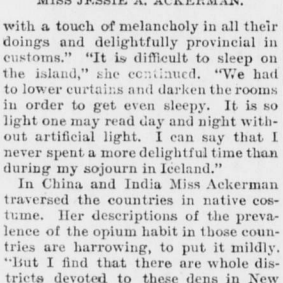
CRUSADE AGAINST RUM.

Led by Miss Jessie Ackerman, a Woman of Pluck and Purpose. Saloonkeepers on Chicago's west side are squaring their shoulders for a battle royal. A modern Joan of Arc in the form of Miss Jessie A. Ackerman, who has scaled the highest mountains, explored the depths of the ocean in diving costumes, hailed passing steamers from the masthead and ridden overland in Iceland 800 miles on horseback, has begun a crusade against King Alcohol.

Miss Ackerman is known to temperance and rescue workers the world over. It is unlikely that among them may be found another woman with such a history of varied and daring experiences. When seen at the home of a friend her agreeable manners and expressive face belied the trying situations through which she has passed as a missionary.

The Fourth Baptist church, of which Rev. Kittredge Wheeler is pastor, will experience a change of work and policy as a result of the work mapped out for the versatile woman. Miss Ackerman is one of the two licensed women Baptist preachers in the United States and is pretty well known as a lecturer.

Miss Ackerman is an American, but has devoted most of her life to active work abroad as a missionary. She is at present working upon a history of her 800 mile ride on horseback through Iceland. Thirty-one days were consumed in the trip, and each had its quota of picturesque incidents. She describes the Icelanders as "a people



MISS JESSIE A. ACKERMAN.

with a touch of melancholy in all their doings and delightfully provincial in customs." "It is difficult to sleep on the island," she continued. "We had to lower curtains and darken the rooms in order to get even sleepy. It is so light one may read day and night without artificial light. I can say that I never spent a more delightful time than during my sojourn in Iceland."

In China and India Miss Ackerman traversed the countries in native costume. Her descriptions of the prevalence of the opium habit in those countries are harrowing, to put it mildly. "But I find that there are whole districts devoted to these dens in New York, San Francisco and Denver," she said, "and I have an idea that plenty of them may be found in Chicago. In foreign countries—India and China—the number of people enslaved by opium is almost as great as that of the victims of strong drink. The effect is just as inevitable and ruinous."

Among the many daring incidents in which Miss Ackerman has figured is her descent to the bottom of the sea near the coast of India. Arrayed in the tappings of a woman diver, probably the only suit of the kind in existence and obtained for the occasion from an expert, Miss Ackerman viewed the beauties of the deep and helped to bring up a number of pearls. On her way to India on the high seas, while on board a steamer, she climbed a mast and, clinging to the swaying top, waved a greeting to a passing ship. On the same journey abroad Miss Ackerman was a passenger on a Chinese junk, and during a high storm at sea was swept overboard. Her presence of mind and some saved her. Australia was also the scene of some of Miss Ackerman's most active labors. She has twice encircled the globe. When in Africa, she was prostrated with sickness. Lady Henry Somerset heard of her condition, sent for her and brought her back to health in her castle, near London.

Miss Ackerman is a good platform speaker and her manner is sincere. She is determined to carry on an active campaign on Chicago's west side, with the Fourth Baptist church as her support.

BITS BY THE BARDS.

She's President. Since mother is the president of Bigville's Woman's club, Pa's made her have a hired girl. "To wash 'nd iron, 'nd scrub. 'As washin' at the tub. Ain't just the work for mother, since She's president, eh, bub?"

Night and Morning. "Good-night! good-night." I drift into my slumber As one who sails into a peaceful sea. Of kindly thoughts each day bestow a number I keep to share my ship of dreams with me.

The Schoolhouse Flag. How beautiful it blows Over the roofs of homes, With stripes like the heart of the rose, And stars, as white as the snows, On background of freedom's sky!

At Twilight. From out the shades of twilight, When sitting all alone, I hear familiar voices, In gentle winds that moan, Alas! the leaves, they whisper Of hopes forever flown, The language of the wind, Acknowledged as my own.

Man! the Kicker. In winter, when the cold winds blow, Man kicks, Tobacco, Cigars, Tin and Queensware, Wood and Willowware, Table and Floor Oil Cloth, Etc.

My Love. I kissed him—my life's life is there, On his forehead and his cheek; To others he may not seem fair— But to me—O, I never can speak The half of the Heaven I know!

His Time for Talking. One morn at breakfast Mrs. Bunce to Mr. Bunce remarked: "I'd like to know, Henry, on what mission you're embarked; For in your sleep you talk and talk, and keep it up so long, That I'm sure that all's not right. Now tell me what is wrong?"

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