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The Republican organs are deluging their readers with windy editorials on the dangerous position of the party in state affairs. More than a few of them are sufficiently honest to point out the fact that their candidate for state treasurer failed to receive a majority of the votes cast last Tuesday.

The return of the counties of Luzerne and Lackawanna to the Democratic camp was one of the pleasing incidents of last Tuesday's election. Centre and Clinton counties also almost squeezed themselves through the fence into the inclosure where they belong.

The scenes enacted in the common council chamber of Philadelphia, as depicted the past week by the Inquirer, should make every borough in the state feel proud it is not governed in the same manner as Pennsylvania's metropolis.

Joyce's Black Diamond, of Mahanoy City, was the only newspaper we know of which had an unkind word for the late Henry George.

Not the least gratifying result of Tuesday's election is the knowledge that County Detective Eckert will soon lose his title and his sinecure.

The Production of Smoke. It is said that where no hydrocarbons exist smoke cannot be produced by any fuel. Recent experiments made in the laboratories of Sibley college showed from ten to twelve pounds of soot in the smoke generated by the consumption of a ton of coal.

Day's Variance in Weight. Have you ever tried this experiment of weighing yourself in the morning and again in the evening? It is one of the best ways, so doctors say, of finding whether your health is good or not.

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JIM CROKER. Jim Croker lived far in the woods. A solitary place. Where bushes grew like whiskers On his unrazed face.

COST OF A HIRED MAN.

WHEN Mr. Williams was hurrying past Mr. Welles' house he found Henry, Mr. Welles' hired man, eliminating plants from the front lawn.

Henry said: "Why, you don't take my boy, Mis'r Williams, an' haf him take care dem place all time? He's 17 year old an' work good. Chop wood an' turn ice cream freezer. Make garden an' ten fires. Do everything. I let him go to you for \$50 year, you board him."

"I'll tell you," he said, "this business of me mending clothes and losing time in digging up the weeds and rinking off the lawn is a great mistake when you come to think of it."

"No," Mrs. Williams answered, "and I think it's a shame—this nice weather. You're always sputtering in the garden or propping up the trees or flushing the drain or trimming the vines."

"But, do you think," Mr. Williams pursued, "that we would have enough work to keep Henry's boy busy all the time? As it is, just the little bit of lawn mowing and the odd jobs would not amount to much."

"I've considered that suggestion of yours about Joe," said Mr. Williams, "and—"

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"Yes," said Mr. Williams, "I had thought of that. Mr. Welles will sell us the two lots next to ours for \$2,800—on time, of course."

"I don't know," said Mrs. Williams, dubiously. "That looks like a lot of money."

"Not at all when you consider that we would have Joe's room in it. Of course, you'd want the man to have a room in the barn, wouldn't you?"

"Well, I suppose so, and, of course, if he had a room out there it would be easy for him to milk the cow."

"We'll, but, tender—you know—we don't want to go into the milk-dairying business," Mr. Williams objected.

"Oh, we needn't sell the milk, of course, if you think we shouldn't. Still, I'd hate to waste it."

"If Joe is half as handy with tools as Harry is I believe truly that he could build a new sidewalk around the place. You know the lumber man said it would cost about \$95 for the lumber for the present lot."

"If we had Joe I'd have him put down a brick walk. It's as easy as anything. It would cost a little more, and then we'd have to about double the price to cover the expense of it in front of the two extra lots, but there's no sense in a few devious definitions."

"Paragoric—The crying need of the midnight hour. Undertaker—A man who follows the medical profession. Liberty—The right to compel an outsider to vote with the gang."

"I think so, too," Mrs. Williams declared, enthusiastically. "But hadn't we better calculate these figures. Let's see—\$50 for his pay."

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ON AND ABOUT THE STAGE.

Olga Nethersole is desirous of securing the Lyric theater, London, when Wilson Barrett takes his departure.

Marie Studholme, the English stage beauty, is a constant attendant at the race tracks and attracts as much attention as the winners.

Miss Rehan has had an enormous success at the Grand theater, London. She played Rosalind in "As You Like It" and Katherine in "Taming of the Shrew" to over 20,000 persons and nearly an equal number were turned away because of lack of room.

"Rev. Griffith Davenport" is the title of James A. Herne's latest catch in the way of plays. He will present it next season in conjunction with a strong company, and hopes it will prove as successful and profitable as "Shore Acres."

There are three varieties of the dog that never bark—the Australian dog, the Egyptian shepherd dog and the "lion-hearted" dog of Tibet.

It is reported that the formation of a Russian press association is projected with a view of inducing the government of Russia to relax some of the stringent laws against the freedom of the press.

The postal authorities in Berlin are preparing to place at the railway and other stations 200 penny-in-the-slot machines for the sale of stamps and postal cards; also for pencils to write on the cards.

The civil court at Leon has given a French lady damages for the loss of a trunk and its reasonable contents, but has refused to allow anything for a considerable sum of money alleged to have been in the package, on the ground that a trunk is not a proper place to carry cash.

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EARNING A LIVING.

How a Cleveland Girl is Carving Her Way to Fortune. The Denver girl who so cleverly earned money to go to Vassar by boot-blacking should have more followers than she now has, though in Cleveland there is a young woman who is carving her way to fortune, if not to fame, by a boot-blacking establishment that has novel features.

She has rented a window in a lace shop and here she has displayed a few pairs of repaired shoes. On the window is her sign, which announces that boots are blacked for five cents and shoes renovated and made to look like new for five cents more.

The utility of such an establishment for the woman who wants to earn a living is obvious. Fixing up one's own shoes is never a pleasant job, and if for five cents you can leave them in a nearby place and get them the next day looking "like new," why, there are many who would gladly do it.

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