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The city controller's statement of the receipts and expenditures of Hazleton for the past year has been publish ed. In the column of receipts appears an item which reads: "Pole tax, \$1,170." This is certainly a neat sum to derive from that source, yet it does not appear to bear heavily upon those who pay it, or else an occassional pro test against its collection would be

the extent of over eleven hundred dollars per year for having the appearance of the town despoiled, why cannot Freeland derive some revenue from those who obstruct our streets with unsightly

In theory a pole tax or any similar tax is not to our liking. A tax upon the value of the franchises of the corporations which use our streets for private gain would be more equitable the community, but as it is not possible under present laws to tax their franchises the next best tax to levy is one on their poles and similar property.

orough council a few years ago arrived at this conclusion and a lengthy ordinance relating to taxes upon pole wires and other street obstructions was passed and made a borough law.

For some unknown reason this law has lain dormant, and it is about time that it is awakened from its slumbers and sent forth to bring in the much needed revenue which its framers calculated it would draw to the local

upholding the legality of this form of taxing have been affirmed by the highest courts of the state, therefore no doubt of its constitution

ality need arise.

The borough authorities should allow this law to sleep no longer. The town is under no obligations to any corporation which uses and disfigures the streets. They come here and take what they can from the town and its people, and there is no reason whatever for exonerating them from legitimate assessments and taxing our citizens to the full limit of the law.

Other towns, as the Hazleton state-

ment clearly proves, have found it to their interest to enforce these laws.

The tax need not be exorbitant, no laid with discrimination. Let it be placed at a fair figure, then insist upon

If the streets are worth using, that privilege is worth paying for. If not let the corporations take their poles and

In Philadelphia Dewey Day, the 1st ult., was observed by a celebration in which the city officially took part. The expenses of the city in assisting to honor the day were \$3,186. Of this sum items aggregating \$2,236.46 were incurred by sub-committees of councils in luncheons, dinners, cigars and refreshments. Another item of \$173 was for badges for councilmen. Evidently membership in Philadelphia councils is heaven to the epicureans of the city

## Respect the Deserving Poor.

It is reported that the poor director are considering the plan of publishing the names and amounts of all persons who receive outdoor relief in the

This is a question which is worthy of not be arrived at hastily.

the district may have been and perhaps is still being imposed upon by persons the district may have been and perhaps is still being imposed upon by persons charter when attacked in the federal who really need no help, but if such has contris. No remedy will be complete been and is yet going on, there are that is not coextensive with the federal

poor along with the imposters, if there are any of the latter, is not just.

widow, the orphan, or the aged and in- OUR CAPITAL LETTER. head every time the name is made

There is a certain justified pride eve ought to be respected by the authorities. The spirit of charity which the found ers of the public relief system were actuated by did not seek to further cast down our unfortunate neighbors by any such means as those now under con sideration by the directors.

Consider the question a while longer, Messrs. Directors. We believe you have the ability to devise a better solu-

The twenty-second anniversary of the ublication of the Philadelphia Record as a one-cent newspaper was celebrated on Thursday. The Record easily leads the penny papers of the country, and that its worth is appreciated is proven by the large circulation—the largest of any paper published in the state—that

#### Give Coyle a Square Deal.

Ex-Senator John J. Coyle's audacity in demanding to be appointed bank examiner of the state, in face of the fact that he is charged with grave crimes by the bribery investigation committee of the legislature, has occasioned considerable discussion

Mr. Coyle has been a staunch friend and admirer of Matt Quay for some time past, and in demanding an office, even while charged with felony, he is merely following the precedent estab lished by his tutor.

Quay was a candidate for United States senator at the time he was under indictment for conspiracy to rob the state, and Coyle would not be a true Quayite if he did not believe that to the accused belongs a vindication in the shape of a fat office.

That is the Quay doctrine, and the ex-state senator should not be singled out as a target for the press any more than the other Quayites who try to put into practice the same dogma.

#### Bryan on "Corporations."

From Philadelphia City and State.

In his speech on "Corporations" at the recent St. Louis conference, William Jennings Bryan stated very concisely and clearly the ground on which the trust organizations have secured country in these modern times, and how. in his view, the great evils in this con nection, come everywhere to be recognized, can be overthrown. There seems to be a growing number of people on all sides of us in the land who in cline to believe that the trust reall can not be controlled. They are sure that it cannot be controlled in the sense of being put absolutely out of existence; that it is simply impossible, in short, to may be nearer right in this than many body-namely, that something will have to be done, and that whatever the ulti-

are just yet ready to acknowledge. But one thing seems certain to everymate issue, this or that, the government as the first thing will have to control the trusts. If the government-i. e., the people—can not control the trusts, then the trusts must inevitably control the government and everybody included in it and all interests subsisting under it. Mr. Bryan, speaking in a general way, on this subject, says:

The government would be guilty or gross neglect if it permitted an individ gross neglect it it permitted an individ-ual to secure an monopoly even with-out legislative assistance, but it is still more culpable if, by legislative act, it furnishes the means by which a monop-oly is secured. The corporation is the means now employed by those who seek to secure a monopoly. Since the corto secure a monopoly. Since the cor-poration is a fictitious person, created v law, the power that creates can by law, the power that creates can regulate, restrain, or annihilate. To say that the government is impotent to prevent the organization of trusts is to say that it has called into existence a fictitious person, and that the fictitious person created has become greater than the creator.

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What has proved in the past to be and is still, a serious weakness in our system of government-allowing evils of various sorts, and often ominous, to of various sorts, and often ominous, to get, and, rather tenaciously at times, to hold a footing among us—is sharply pointed out as viciously operative in this instance. Mr. Bryan further says:

"One of the difficulties which has been encountered in opposing trusts is that the trust hides behind the federal conssible that the generosity of the trust hides behind the federal con-

been and is yet going on, there are that is not coextensive with the federal surely many other ways of ascertaining these facts.

The publishing and punishing of frauds is the duty of the directors, but to publish all the names, the deserving the coextensive with the interest of the trusts is left to state legislation, the public at large will be victimized so long as a single state will furnish a robber's roots where the spoils collected in other states can be divided.

The Honolulu Volcano is a newspaper It is no crime to be poor, nor to be in that has "blown up" Embalmed Beef a position where it is necessary to accept public relief, but where is the Volcano is appropriately named.

SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS IN THE NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

Washington, D. C., June 2.
There is something decidedly suspicious in the news from the Philippines.
Not a line of press news can be cabled from Manila until it has been approved by the United States military censor, and it is not likely that he would approve anything the administration did not wish public. Hence, the publication of the statement that it would be impossible for General Otis to conbe impossible for General Otis to co quer even the entire island of Luzon, not to mention the remainder of the group, so that it would stay conquered, without a large increase in his army, was allowed to pass the censor for a purpose. Not being in the confidence of the administration,—few persons, even among the most prominent Republicans, are—it cannot be positively stated what that purpose is, but the inference is that it is intended to pave the way for one or two things; a call for volunteers to reinforce Otis, or to make the people of this country satisfied with some dicker that is about to be made with the Filipinos, and which they could naturally be inclined to be dissatisfied with. The preponderance of opinion in Washquer even the entire island of La ally be inclined to be dissatisfied with The preponderance of opinion in Wash-ington is that it means more volunteers. Orders have been sent to the civilian members of the Philippine commission that they must do nothing to interfere with the military plans of General Otis, which is confirmation of the reported wrangles in the commission.

Representative Daizell, of Pennsylvania, who stands about as much show as Payne, the New York anti-Platt candidate, dropped into Washington a day or two ago and announced that he was a candidate for speaker. He could not control three votes in the Pennsylvania delegation, counting this own to sear delegation, counting his own, to save his neck. Bingham is the dummy can-didate of the Pennsylvania delegation, and will remain such until Quay decides who shall get these votes.

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The administration was very particular to have the widest circulation given to the report of the beef court of inquiry, but it has now discovered that all of the \$200,000 set aside to pay for the inquiry has been used up, and has ordered work stopped on the printing of the testimony, upon which that report was supposed to be based, after it had all been put in type. It has all along been contended by many that the administration never intended to make the testimony public, and this action the testimony public, and this action makes it look as though that contention

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No surprise was caused in Washington by Senator Platt's flat-footed declaring that McKinley and Hobart would be renominated. Se far as McKinley is concerned, Platt has been mortgaged since early in the present administration; his endorsement of Hobart means that if he ever had any idea of helping to get Roosevelt second place on the tieket, it has been abandoned, but whether because he wasn't pleased with Roosevelt or whether the latter wasn't pleased with the idea of second place, is a matter of conjecture, but the former is more likely to be true. The declaration of Senator Penrose, who is Boss of Senator Penrose, who is Bos Quay's man and mouth-piece, in favor of McKinley's renomination is nothing more than a bid for administration help for Quay in his contest to get his seat in the senate. This was doubtless pleas the senate. This was doubtless pleasing to Mr. McKlinley, whether he means to help Quay or not, as he found Quay decidedly "uppish" towards the administration while he was in the senate.

\$ \$ \$ \$ Secretary Alger has been putting his Secretary Alger has been putting his foot in it again, Several days ago, he caused an order to be issued by the war department, instructing the military authorities in Cuba to give clearances to Cuban vessels under the Cuban flag, and at the same time stating that the vessels flying the Cuban flag would not be under American protection. vessels flying the Cuban flag would not be under American protection. As there is no Cuban government, there can be ne recognized Cuban flag; hence the order strikes the average man as ludicrous. Somebody called Mr. Mc-Kinley's attention to the order and he directed that it be referred to the attorney general for an opinion. This opinion, it is expected, will knock the order out. It might answer for Cuban vessels to go from one Cuban port to another, under such a clearance, but in any port outside of Cuba, the masters of any port outside of Cuba, the masters o such vessels would be at anybody

The Dewey Home Fund isn't growing as fast as it might. It did not reach a total of \$5,000 until last week. Unless it gets a move on, it will not be big enough to buy a Washington house by the time Dewey gets home.

G. A. R., Department of Pennsylvania.

Annual Encampment,
Wilkesbarre, June 5 to 10, 1899.
The Lehigh Valley Railroad announces a rate of one fare for the round trip from points in Pennsylvania to Wilkesbarre and return, for the above occasion. Tickets will be sold June 4 to 8, inclusive, for all trains, except the Black Diamond express, limited for return to and including June 11.

Inquire of Lehigh Valley ticket agents for further particulars.

WHAT HE YEARNED FOR.

"I tell you what it is." said the man with tired, drooping eyes and a scrubby fringe of fur around his overcoat, "humor ain't what it used to be. Back in the days when I used to write the real stuff for the Whangsville Monitor—never heard of the Monitori Why it was the sensation of the day. I couldn't go to a minstrel show or pick up a book without seeing some of the good things I had had in the Monitor; changed, of course, but I could recognize them."
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tor; changed, of course, but I could recognize them."

"Do you think humor has degenerated since then?" inquired his auditor, whose interest seemed rather slight.

"I should say so. I don't see any of the good, old-fashloned, out-and-out fun that used to delight me. Where is that joke about the motner-in-law? It has drifted from the "cene. Like the giants of oratory and statesumn-ship and acting, it is no more. They way they used to get up taings to hurt the feelings of mothers-in-law and show 'em they had no right to say a word if a man chose to stay out all night and come home intoxicated and fumble around the keyhole did my heart good. That always used to make me laugn: the way they would depict a man in a state of total in-ebrety fumbling at the keyhole, with his mother-in-law and wife inside, wondering whether it would be safe to let him in or not."

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"No. They seem to have lost the knack. The spirit of the age is iconoclastic. The tendency is to slight the old. classles; even to sneer at them, and think that things pretty near as good are being produced. There was the young man who went tren.bling into the old man's study to ask him for his daughter's hand. What has become of him? The way the old party would take him by the ear, lead him out to the front door and kick him clear out to the curbstone—he always lit on the curbstone—he always lit on the curbstone—he alughed for hours as I thought of him lying there with his best clothes spoiled, waiting for somebody to come along and send for the ambulance."

"He is not very much in evidence, that's a fact," was the reply.

"Then there was the little boy who ate things that didn't agree with him—green apples, usually—and went to join the angels. That used to keep me in roars. The idea of that little boy—well, there's no use trying to describe it. It's too funny to talk about. And the servant girl who blew herself into atoms trying to light the fire with kerosene, and a lot more of them, have about disappeared. Once in awhile they try to flicker to the front, but they aiz't what they were when I was writing the real stuff for the Whangsville Aonitor. Those were the palmy .ays of humor, and I have my doubts if we'll ever see anything like 'em again."

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The shades of night were deepening and the sky was overcast. The girl stood at the casement, watching the raindrops which dotted the white pavement, heralds of the storm which soon was to follow. She knew that very soon a youth would pass on the opposite side of the street—a youth, who would wave his hand and who would smile to see the flutter of her handkerchief in reply.

Are bert quit work at half-past five. How pittlessly the rain beat down! Soon she saw a figure in the distance. The overcoat was buttoned up to its owner's chin and the hat was pulled down over his ears, but she recognized the walk. She held her handkerchief in readiness to be duttered, but he did not pause as usua! With a low cry of joy she saw that he was crossing the street. She ran to fling open the door, and as he ascended the stepsexclaimed

"I knew you could live down these calumnies. Come!"

"Where to?"

calumnies. Come!"
"Where to?"
"Into the library. I want my father
to meet you face to face."
"But I'm all wet."
"Yes hurry before you dry off, or he
may not believe us. It wasn't twenty
minutes ago. Herbert, that he was saying you hadn't sense enough to come
in out of the rain, and I want him to
see how cruelly he has wronged you!"



Hidden Beauty. (mourniully)—Ah'm neval weah such high collahs any Good gracious, why not, my

Willie-Good gracious, why not, my deah boy?
Cholly-Because when me fawtha asked me millionaire uncle if ah was n't a fine-looking fellah, doncheno, hy said he weally couldn't tell-he didn't like to turn down my collah and look at me because ah might think he was cuwious.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

She Was Rather Disappointed.
"Flossie, may I have this little
hand—" said Rezgie.
"Oh, dear boy, this is so—"
"This little handful of violets from
your bouquet?" continued Reggie
who had been in erupted.

underwear.

Every woman has a vague idea that all her husband does every day is to open his office, read, smoke and count his money.

Old men go to a great deal of trouble dyeing their mustaches, considering that they fool neither women nor death

homely when he meets her at a dinner table quicker than anywhere else in the world.

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If a young man takes a girl sleighriding he has a right to demand that she hold his hands when they get home, to thaw them out.

Every time a girl visits at a house the men folks are kept in a dazed condition trying to figure out how she got so many clothes into one little trunk.

After a man has taken a girl to a theatre as often as six times, and called upon her with chocolates in his pocket, she begins to see a resemblance in him to her favorite hero in a novel.

A silk skirt makes no impression on the men. An Atchison woman says that when a woman rustles in going into a store she gets no more attention from the men clerks are very attentive.

THE LITTLE ENCYCLOPEDIA

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There are 4.500 women printers in Americans pay \$8,000,000 a year for

ooking glasses.

The Chinese have a special god for every disease.

World's annual coffee production is

1,600,000,000 pounds.
There are 600,000 people employed in

The number of medical periodicals published in the United States is 275. Among the 780,000 persons employed in Russia's factories about 200,000 are

women.

London enjoys a greater area of open spaces than any other capital in

the world.

No fewer than 2,401 patents have been taken out on processes for making sugar and salt.

The University of Oxford has type and appliances for printing in 150 different languages.

It is sald that the peasant of the south of France spends on food for a family of five an average of 2 pence a day.

day.

Thirty years ago there were only two dozen explosive compounds known to chemists; now there are over 1,000.

It is computed that at the present time the diamonds bought for American beauties living in the United States are worth no less than \$5,000,000.

### A FEW BRIGHT SAYINGS.

Loneliness is the greatest foe a wonan has to fight. Every field of labor seems more fer-

ile than our own. The hardest thing in the world is to endeavor to be brilliant to order.

The fragrance of fresh flowers is the nearest thing in nature to a caress. nearest thing in nature to a caress.

The very thing that we wish to see most in the newspapers is the item we are apt to overlook.

The person most suspicious regarding another's actions is generally the one most in need of watching.

The longest day is generally the one when you get ready in the morning for something that doesn't occur until night.

It isn't always the girl who wears the biggest bunch of roses and violets to the game who knows the most about football.

tootball.

There may be some people so impued with anglomania that they can see something beautiful in a fog, but their name is not legion.

The fragrance of a flower or a long forgotten strain of music has the power to paint a mental picture for us that we thought had faded into oblivion.

## HIGH LIGHTS

It generally turns out that a broken

If you ask a woman for a reason give ner time to make one up. Dismal people would never smile were it not for other people's bad luck. A cynic sneers whenever he sees a rosted wedding cake in a bake shop

Extravagant people are sometimes sured by having to earn the money they spend.

After marriage a girl becomes too

onomical to cry on her husband's

coat collar.

Man gets ready for winter by saving money; woman gets ready by making money fly.

It is the people without background who generally scramble to be seen in

the foreground.

A strong minded woman is one who goes shopping without counting up her change on the way home.

A pair of suspenders for the breeches

A pair of suspenders for the breeches of promise.

A barber to shave the face of the earth.

A dentist to work on the jaws of seath.
Sea horses to feed from the trough of the sea.

A few seeds from the flower of speech.

A pen that will write with inky darkness. War Correspondents.

War correspondents were employed as far back as the time of Richard II. Scribes, specially commissioned, were sent up with the English army, which invaded Scotland at that time. But, incredible as it may seem, not one of the London newspapers was specially represented at the battle of Waterloo

Calling he Raise.

Bookkeeper (stri,ling for more sall ary)—I've been with you for twent; years, sir.

Employer—Yes, \( \) know; I'm a ver; patient man. A raffle for Bibles takes place every year in the parish church of St. Ives, in Huntingdonshire. This queint cus-tom has been observed for 200 years.

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