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THE WILL OF THE BOSS

Quay's Domineering Tactics Shown Up In True Colors. (Philadelphia Times.)

In all the history of Republican in-stitutions it may be doubted if a sitschutons it may be doubted if a sic-uation ever was presented exactly parallel with that existing in Penn-sylvania today. It is the most won-derful exhibition of the power of the "boss" that even this state has seen "boss" that even this state has seen under the long developing system of which Senator Quay is the consum-mate exponent.

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This may not differ in result from the own. This may not differ in result from the old plan of electing delegates in-structed for local favorites, with a view to the transfer of their votes at the convention, but that plan, at least, maintained the appearance of some freedom of choice. All this pretense is now cast aside. Mr. Quay's present orders are, in effect, that the delegates to the convention shall be chosen with the understanding that they will do whatever he shall tell them. They are not be instructed for Elkin, nor for another; they are to be instructed for X, an unknown quantity. By this

do whatever he shall tell them. They are not to be instructed for Elkin, nor for another; they are to be instructed for X, an unknown quantity. By this means the entry of any individual candidates into the contest is to be prevented. There is to be no oppor-unity for any man to make himself or bis goalifications known. The choice is to be left entirely to Quay. This demand is put forward with-out disguise. Mr. Quay does not pre-tend that the convention is to choose the candidate shall be. He is exam-ning the various applicants, but will not announce his decision until the neur approach of the convention, which will then officially ratify his choice. Strange as it may appear, the only earnest objection to this auto-tratic assumption comes from the friends of the candidate whose whole claim is based upon the fidelity with which he has represented Quay and his system. Elkin has been one of the orbit system. Elkin has been one of the applying discipline to insurgents, "Tipping" out one man to put in an-other, and he has no logical ground on which to protest when the ripping is applied to him. The wonderful fea-ture of the situation is that Republi-cans was the Republican party in penneylvania—as apparently he is. If fever there is to be any political independence in this community, it must be won by the absolute separa-tion of all self-respecting pool from this whole infamous system and the defeat of whatever candidates may represent it, whether they be person-ally good or bad. Stone and Elkin be and obmatois that he be allowed ousy's orders in contempt of public morality. Now he coolity throws them asion demands that he be allowed on select ther tools at his own con-responding, he is praised and uphed in this by Republicans who have here

Quay's orders in contempt of public morality. Now he coolly throws them aside and demands that he be allow of this super-to select other tools at his own con-venience. And, what is most as-tounding, he is praised and upheld in this by Republicans who have here tofore posed as reformers and now scamper to get under the Quay um brella.



THE KING SNAKE. He Is the Deadly Enemy of Every Polsonous Reptile.

He is the Deadly Enemy of Every Polsonous Reptile. Of all kind provisions of nature per-haps the manner in which snakes are brought into the world is the most re-markable. As a rule all harmless snakes are hatched from eggs, arriv-ing in batches of from thirty to eighty. The polsonous snakes, on the other hand, are born in litters of from seven to eleven in number. There are ex-ceptions to the rule, of course, but they are few and unimportant, for, though the deadly king cobra lays her eggs to be hatched by the sun, they are few in number, unlike the colondes deposited by the harmless snakes. Chief among the enemies of the snakes are the reptiles themselves. Camibalism is general among the crea-tures, the snaller snake serving as food to the larger one. But chief of all endemost the them their aver kind for

tures, the smaller snake serving as food to the larger one. But chief of all snakes that hunt their own kind for the pleasure of slaughter is the long, slender king snake, a constrictor by habit and a flash in his movements. anong all reptiles the king snake alone may truly be said to be the friend of man. He is found through-out the whole south, where the rattler and moccasin abound, suming himself and preying for slaughter. Picked up by human hand, the reptile seems pleased with the touch. He makes no effort to escape, but twines about his captor's arm and makes himself omfortable

To the rattlesnake and to every other dangerous snake, large or small, the king snake is a terror. The poison of a rattler has no more effect on him than so much moonshine. Instinctive-ly the rattler knows his match and at ght of a king snake tries to escape, possible. In fight the king snake reif possible. In fight the king snake re-lies wholly upon his incredible speed. If the movements of an ordinary snake seem quick to the human eye, the movements of a king snake would seem instantaneous. In a twinkle the long, lank fellow has wound bimself about the throat of an antagonist and, his sinewy colls closing about the oth-er's throat, chokes the wind out of him.—New York Times.

MAIL CARRIERS' CAR FARE.

Companies Are Paid a Lump Sum by the Government.

Companies Are Paid a Lump Sum by the Government. "Most people who spend \$25 a year for car fare consider that they are con-tributing liberally toward the dividends of the company." remarked a postal elerk, "but Uncle Sam spends nearly \$250,000 a year for the transportation of carriers in street cars in the different ree delivery citles. "For instance, including substitutes, there are 275 carriers in Wushington. You may have observed that carriers, when riding on the surface roads, do not pay fares either with tickets or in eash. The free delivery system allots the Washington city postofile on an-nual allowance of \$4,000 to be used ex-clusively for the car fare of letter car-riers. The postmatter is authorized to make a contract with the companies to transport all carriers while on duty for a lump sum, which he does. The car-ing of his uniform being insufficient. "This rule obtains in some citles, while in others special tickets are sold at special rates to be used only by car-riers. The carding insufficient. "This rule obtains in some citles, while in others special tickets are sold at special rates to be used only by car-riers, or the can's \$250,000 for letter earriers' can fare because of its large territorial extent and distance between stations on the praite, oftentimes ne-cessitating a double fare by the carterritorial extent and distance between stations on the prairie, oftentimes ne-cessitating a double fare by the car-rier. Boston is allowed \$13,500 and New York and Philadelphia about \$10, 000 each. Few people know that the government expends such a large sum yearly for such a trivial cause."— Washington Post.

Washington Post. A Very Old Rule. The oldest mathematic book in the world is believed to be the "Papyrus Rhind" in the British museum, pro-fessed to have been written by Ahmes, a scribe of King Ian-a-us, about the pe-riod between 2000 and 1700 B, C. This "Papyrus Rhind" was translated by Elsenlohr of Leipsic, and it was found to contain a rule for making a square equal In area to a given circle. It was not put forth as an original discovery, but as the transcript of a treatise 500 years older still, which sends us back to, approximately, 2500 B, C., when they approximately, 2500 B, C., when they and they had solved, the problem of squaring the circle.

Proved Her Claim.

"I wanted to show," she said, "that woman is maligned, that brevity is quite as much her attribute as it is man's, and so when he proposed I had to say 'Yes'" to say 'Yes.'" "You might have said 'No,'" it was

"Not at all," she protested. "When you say 'No,' you have to explain why you say it and tell how sorry you are, and it would have spoiled everything," --Chicago Post.

If every man is the architect of hi own destiny, he should pay particula attention to the fire escapes,-Phila delphia Record,

* Somehow whenever we hear a man called an Adonis we long to hunt him up and smash his pretty nose.—Atchi-son Globe.



THEY'RE WONDERS.

Young Married Man's Comment the Feminine Riddle.

Young Married Maa's Comment on the Feminine Riddle. "Say," remarked a young married man, "they're wonders, ain't they? "Yesterday my wife got out of bed and ate about half a pound of choco-late cream candies, the remains of a box that 1'd fetched home the evening before. After that she didn't want any breakfast, but she drank a couple of tups of coffee. She went shopping she drauk a strawberry soda and a choc-olate ice cream soda. For lunch she had a glass of milk, a couple of choc-olate eclairs, a piece of hot mince ple and some candy. Then she went shop-ping some-endy. Then she went shop-ping some-endy and topped at a coun-ier where a woman was 'demonstrat-ing' some new kind of piekkes. My wife ate about six of those piekkes. Then she flited on to another 'demon-strating' counter and went up against a plate of some new kind of canned salmon that some 'demonstrator' push ed in har direction. Then she went to the mather, consuming during the per-formance about a pound of peanut brit-ie. When I got home, I found her Iy ing down, suffering from a bad head-ache.

"'Now I wonder,' said she 'what in the world could have g a headache?'

a headache?" "About a month ago she had a cold that I was afraid was going to develop into pneumonia. She started it by go-ing shopping during slushy, raw wenth-er in paper soled low shoes and thin silk stockings. Then she stood for ten minutes in the basement areaway in her bare head and with a thin house jacket on and house slippers, telling the washerwoman how she wanted the clothes done up. Then she took a redclothes done up. Then she took a red-hot bath and dressed immediately and went right out to buy the Sunday din ner, standing outside the market house for an hour or so talking with the wo-mon friends she met. Then she went to the theater with me, against my solemn protest, wearing nothing on her head but an aigret that weighed one-eighth of a grain, and it was cold enough on that night to chase a polar

"Now, what in the utility of the next morn-ing that she couldn't talk. "Now, what in the wide, wide world,' said she to me when she'd got ner pipes thawed out a little bit, 'could have given me a cold, do you think?' "Oh, "Oh, they're wonders, all right "oh, they're wonders, all right znough," concluded the young married man, shaking his head dismally and gazing at the celling of the car as if the key to the eternal feminine riddle were inscribed there. – Washington Post

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In the Restaurant. "What have you got today?" "Beefsteak, roast beef, corned"— "Beef! What are you talking about? Do you think I am Pierpont Morgan, to afford such extravagance? Bring me a dish of terrapin, a pate de foie gras salad and some strawberry short-cake."—Washington Star.

Native Pride. "The greatest race across the Atlan-tic that I ever heard tell of"- began the racing skipper. "Is the Irish, of course," interrupted Hooligan.- Catholic Standard and Times

Hooligan. Times.

The Bluestocking When they warned the bluestocking that she would certainly wear herself out, she laughed at their fears. "Darn me if I do!" quoth she cheerthat sh ily .- Town Topics.

Nerve.



The Prodigal Son-Father, I have

for a river of the sour rather, i have come home to die. Father-What! Confound you, have you not been expensive enough to me without adding the cost of a funeral? -New York World.

IT MATTERS NOT How Sick You Are or How

Many Physicians Have Failed to Help You.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy Will Cure You if a Cure Is Possible. Doctors are not infallible and there

Dioctors are not infallible and there are many instances where they have decided a case was hopeless and then the patients astonished everyone by get-ting well and the sole cause of their cure was Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. A case in point is that of James Lettuce of Canajoharie, N. Y., who write: who writes:

who writes: "Some years ago I was attacked with pains in my back and side that were fear-ful in the extreme. I could not control my kidneys at all and what caue from them was mucuous and blood. I was in a terrible state and suffered intensely. The partner of Dr. Vanderveer of Albany, N. Y. decided that an operation was all that would save me. I dreaded that and com-menced to take Dr. David Kennedy's Fa-vorite Remedy. I felt better almost in-stantly. When I had taken about two bot-ties, the flow from the bladder was much from the surgeon's knife and am now well."

Well." Dr. W. H. Morse, the famous physi-cian of Westfield, N. J., has this to say

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lood disease, or the distressing sickness blood disease, or the distressing sickness-es so common to women, can long with-stand the great curative power of this famous specific. "A small quantity of this wonderful medicine has more curative power than barrels of other remedies," says a prominent New York physician. Its record of cures has made it famous in medical circles every-where. vhere.

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HARDENED TO COLD.

Natives of Siberia Don't Mind a Be-low Zero Temperature. Frequently, when we could not ex-ose our ears for two minutes without

aving them frozen, says a traveler in liberia, the natives would go for an our at a time with their hoods thrown back from their heads, and when it r quired constant watchfulness to keep our noses from freezing they did not appear to notice the temperature at all. One morning in January I stood in perfect amazement at their disregard perfect amazement at their disregard of the low temperature. They worked for at least half an hour with bare handls packing up the tent and utensils, handling the packages and lashing them together with icy seal thongs without experiencing the least appar-ent inconvenience, while I partly froze my fingers striking a light for my pipe with a flint and steel, the whole opera-tion taking not more than three min-utes.

tion taking not more than three min-utes. The night before, happening to go out of the tent after our men had retired. I passed their camp, which was near by. Their fire had burned to a pile of cmbers, barely affording me light enough to distinguish the sleepers. They were lying colled up on small decrskins, with their backs to the em-bers and their fur coats thrown loosely over their naked bodies. The coat of one of them had slipped almost entirely of his body, leaving his back and shoulders exposed to a tem-perature of 18 degrees F. below zero, and, though his hair was frosted, he smored as soundly as if in comfortable quarters.

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Mr. Gindstone's Catch. "How many members of this house," asked Mr. Gladstone once in the course of a debate on electoral qualifications. "can divide £1,330 17s. 6d. by £2 13s. 8d.?" "Six hundred and fifty-eight!" should

5d.?" "Six hundred and fifty-eight!" shouted one member. "The thing cannot be done!" exclaimed another. A roar of hughter greeted this last remark. But it was true, nevertheless. You cannot multiply or divide money by money. You may repeat a smaller sum of money as many times as it is contained in a larger sum of money, but that is a very different thing. If you repeat 5 shillings as often as there are hairs in a horse's tail, you do not multiply 5 shillings by a horse tail. Perhaps you did not know this before. Never mind; you need not be ashamed of your ignorance, for it was shared, as has been demonstrated, by the entire house of commons (her one member), including the then chancellor of the exchequer.

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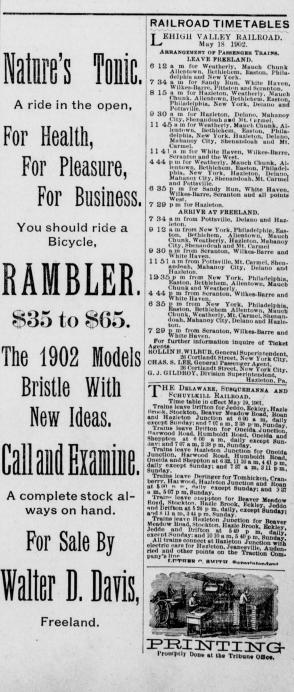
A Matter of Ears. "You should get your ears lopped, O'Brien," said a "smart" tourist to an Irish peasant whom he was quizzing. Irish peasant whom he was quantum "They're too large for a man." "An", bedad." replied the Hibernian, "I was just thinkin' yours would want to be made larger. Sure, they're too small for an ass."—Tit-Bits.

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"Now, dearest, you know I'm not in love with that fossilized brute. I"— "Sir, how dare you be disrespectful to my dear pa?"—Baltimore News.

Why the Doctor Felt Bad. "Dr. Bingham's badly used up by his hast case, eh?" "I should say so. He pronounced the patient dead and sent for the un-dertaker, when she came to life." "He ought to be glad of it." "Not at all. Having pronounced the girl dead, he considered her recovery a reflection on his kill." — Denver Times.

Times.

In the Restaurant.