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ing them of anything but their own impecuniosity and the otherwise hopeless inquiry of all mankind, and this they already know. The case is apparently hopeless.

CONDITIONS PRELIMINARY.

There are a great many Democrats who are for harmony regardless of the likes and dislikes of men like Cleveland and Bryan, Gorman and Hill, Watterson and Vilas. Unfortunately they are, while numerous, not powerful enough to prevail over those same eminent statesmen.

Even in the party of great principles, by which we are given to understand the Democratic party, there are redundantly described, we must take account of great men; and it may as well be observed here and now, as in July or even November, 1904, that there can be no effective agreement on principles until we can get some agreement between persons.

VOTERS BY COMPULSION.

Professor Barnes, of Philadelphia, says: "I would, if I could, give woman the ballot tomorrow, but I would demand that she use the right if she did not, I would fine her. If she did not pay her fine, I would imprison her."

The political need of the time is not, says the Pittsburg Gazette, a compulsory suffrage law, but "an awakened public conscience that will move men to labor voluntarily for honest administration of the public business."

GERMANY'S STRINGENT MEAT-INSPECTION LAW.

The German meat-inspection law, discussed at great length and with some acrimony for some years, is finally to be put in effect in October of the present year. This law was passed in June, 1900. The first section, prohibiting the importation of canned meats, went into effect in October of the same year.

So severe are the restrictions imposed upon fresh meats that the nation even now forces a meat famine. Hamburg butchers had no beef recently because Denmark sent short supplies and Austria failed to meet the deficiency.

war minister, a great executive and administrator; a great man, but no more to be compared to permanent fame to an exceptional political philosopher and thinker like Burke than a great Minister of Foreign Affairs like Talleyrand or a War Minister like Carnot could be compared with Goethe, whom Napoleon treated as his intellectual peer as a political thinker.

LIBERAL DIVORCE LAWS.

Discussions of marriage and divorce reform seem to be increasing in interest throughout the country. No subject is more deserving of consideration and no subject is so much worthless as that of marriage and divorce.

Professor Earl Barnes, of Philadelphia, gave what he termed a practical talk before the National Council of school principals and superintendents in session at Chautauque, N. Y., last week, of which it is said he "spared neither men nor women" in his criticism of teachers.

The Philadelphia Ledger notes the rebukes which have been administered in the West to the Republican supporters of the beet in Congress, and observes: "In other words, wherever the people get a chance to express their views, even in the beet-sugar states, they are willing and eager to follow an honorable and enlightened course."

Pittsburg seems to be the special home of typhoid fever. A recent compilation made by authority of the Chamber of Commerce of that city showed a grand total of 1115 cases of this disease there in five months. This, for a preventable disease, is an appalling record.

Details of the Baldwin-Carlson fight, which resulted in the death of the latter, as brought out at the hearing before the Municipal Court, are shocking to the moral sense and disgusting to the ordinary sensibilities of all decent persons. It is clear that somebody, and indeed more than one, should be severely punished for this disgraceful affair and its fatal termination.

A correspondent writes The Oregonian saying that in its issue of February 9 Chatham was spoken of as "a comparatively cheap man," while in The Oregonian of July 17 Chatham is described as "perhaps the greatest of Prime Ministers that ever ruled England."

There is no inconsistency in our language concerning Chatham. A great Prime Minister, a great executive, a magnetic orator, is a comparatively cheap man when measured by the greatest political thinker and writer of his century.

Tracy has escaped his pursuers, but fortunately he has a face that will betray him wherever he goes, and unfortunately he has a penchant for crookedness that will forever keep him from losing himself under any name in the ranks of honest industry anywhere.

EASTERN SUPERCILIOUSNESS.

Chicago Record-Herald. Two characteristic instances of the affected or real ignorance of the Eastern press concerning men and affairs in the West have recently appeared in the New York Times.

We would direct attention of capitalists everywhere to this utterance of the New York Evening Post: Aside from the interesting inconvenience and loss to which the public is being put by the indifferent and distasteful attitude of the coal operators, the latter are rapidly alienating the sympathy of fair-minded men by the way in which they confuse all just ideas of what a labor market really is.

There is nothing to suggest the late Hazen S. Pingree in his make-up. They are as dissimilar as the potato and the peach in Wisconsin politics. Governor La Follette has been his own master.

This smacks more of the condescending ignorance of a college graduate newly endowed with the editorial pen than of the well-considered and dignified of a well-informed writer for the New York Times.

There is going to be a strike. It is a hard thing, a seemingly evil thing, to do, but it is better than the alternative. We are going to see a strike, and we know exactly how and when to do this, and we do it, though it looks cruel, as a matter of business and profit.

It is all very fine to sneer at Judge Tuley and attempt to ridicule the demand for some legislation that will compel the settlement of such strikes along the lines of justice and fair dealing between capital and labor, but the probability is dismissed without breeding dangerous conditions.

OMINOUS FOR THE FUTURE.

Harper's Weekly. Lord Salisbury's resignation comes at last as an event long expected, though often denied. Thus the last great man of the Victorian age passes out of the ranks of men whose names will stand in history.

Lord Salisbury is a man whose family has been pre-eminent since the Tudor times, the days of the founding of the British church and the English imperialism, the Oriental Empire, and England's great colonies in the Old and New worlds.

Trust's Contempt for the Public.

"It is none of the public's business," says an anthracite coal road president, in answer to the question why they will not consent to arbitrate a strike that will leave the public in the lurch.

Thought He Might Need It.

Chicago Tribune. "Albert," said his wife, "are there many rattlesnakes where you are going?" "Hundreds of them," replied the doctor, "but that does not concern me."

DENIAL OF TRIAL BY JURY.

Chicago Chronicle. Judge Jackson of the United States District Court at Parkersburg in sentencing certain strike leaders for contempt of court in violating an injunction against them as "professional set of agitators, organizers and walking delegates," whose "mission is to foment trouble."

The Chronicle will undertake to say that the men whom the Judge sent to jail are all that he said they were, how comes it to be the business of the Judge to tell them guilty of these things and put them in prison therefore?

In what law, National or state, is it written that it is a crime to be one of a "professional set of agitators, organizers and walking delegates?" In what law is it written that a man may be convicted of such a crime, if it be a crime, without opportunity of defense before a jury?

Every just man capable of forming a correct estimate of the rights of laborers to combine for the purpose of securing all their lawful rights, but he does not recognize the right of laborers to conspire together to compel employers who are not dissatisfied with their present wages and conditions to give them more and to quit their work without a just and proper reason therefor.

Burke's Retort.

Chicago News. Edmund Burke was ever ready with his retort. He had been attacking the government one night in Parliament very severely for a policy which he had not known, was strongly advocated and approved by the King himself.

PERSONS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward, the English novelist, is planning a visit to this country for the coming Autumn. Governor Crane, of Massachusetts, dislikes public speaking, and though he is always interesting in his address, he considers the necessity for their delivery one of the most trying forms of public life.

Clarence H. Mackay, who succeeds to a vast estate by the death of his father, has been in training a long time for his new position. He is the nephew of the late John D. Rockefeller and is the son of a wealthy banker.

Harry Lehr, the Baltimore fashion plate, threatens that if the newspapers do not leave him alone he will oblige them with this kind of live abroad. "Oh," says he, "I am a gentleman." It will be remembered that William Waldorf Astor said the same thing some years ago.

London, 1902.

O Friend! I know not which way I must look for comfort, being, as I am, opposed to that which now our life is only death. For show; mean hand-wring of craftsman, cook, or groom;—we must run glittering like a brook in the open sunshine, or we are unblessed!

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Ex-Senator Peffer is writing history. He finds this easier than making it. The young lady who rode 33 miles an hour on a wheel is clearly not a resident of Philadelphia.

The Sagamore Hill larder must be running low. All the great men are eating in New York now.

All we lack is a couple of months of continuous rain to make the weather absolutely perfect.

Colonel Lynch is fortunate that his trial is not being conducted by his namesake, the Judge.

Perhaps Tracy has merely gone to New York to warn Edgar Stanton MacLay not to write a history of his escape.

It is understood that the last Van Allen wedding was a trifling affair, costing only a couple of millions of dollars.

Captain Hobson gets his name in the papers every now and then, but he discreetly keeps away from Summer resorts.

The sporting editor of the Congressional Record will have plenty of time to write a good report of the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries affair.

It has taken Havana an amazingly short time to acquire American methods. Her Chief of Police is already under arrest.

J. P. Morgan still lingers in Europe, and it is astonishing how well this country gets along without any Director-General.

In the absence of W. J. Bryan a number of industrious earthquakes are doing their best to strain the galling monotony of life in Nebraska.

Seats for the coronation are selling so cheaply that it may now be necessary to put the throne on the market in order to make the show pay out.

It cost Major Glenn \$50 to give the water-cure to the Philippine, and the patients who benefited by the treatment didn't even furnish testimonials.

Lord Salisbury is now entitled to write K. G. B. R. V. O. after his name, but he doesn't, probably because he doesn't want people to mistake him for a railroad line.

The King of Saxony is ill with pneumonia. Emperor William seems to be about the only ruler who is in any danger of being troubled by life insurance agents.

Now that good train service makes it possible to run up to Portland every now and then to get a square meal and a few hours' rest, life at the seaside begins to be supportable.

A skeleton with an eight-inch jaw has been discovered in Texas. Possibly this discovery will assist some of the statesmen of the Lone Star State in tracing back their ancestry.

A New York bank set a time lock wrong and was unable to get its money out. Usually it is the depositor's money which is held so securely in bank vaults that no one is able to get any of it out.

This item is from a Korean newspaper, published in English: "Snool, Korea, May 23, 1902.—Lately the Police Headquarters ordered to forbid the servants, etc., to run the horses fastly on the big streets as they sometimes pressed the children down and hurted them on the ground and the Police stopped a Mapoo running a horse hardly on its back, but a number of Soldiers came along quickly and captured the Police away."

The Japanese Army is equipped, organized and drilled like a European army, and many of its officers have received their education in European countries, says an exchange. Conscription was introduced into Japan in 1874 and the regulations now in force were adopted in 1880. Every man between the ages of 17 and 40 years owes military service, which is given three years in the active Army, four years in the First Reserve, five years in the Territorial Army and 12 years in the National Army or the Second Reserve. The aggregate is 816 officers and 135,533 men on a peace footing. The war strength is 202,229 men and 1993 guns, the reserves excluded.

A parrot fish in a New York aquarium is said to be responsible for a good deal of gambling among the small boys. It has stripes of blue and red and has yellow eyes. As the fish turns in the water it looks red at one time and blue at another. When a crowd is about the parrot fish tank, cries of "Come, you blue!" "Come you red!" may be heard, with the snapping of fingers, such as players at crag games are accustomed to. The big parrot fish makes frequent "turn-overs," and when it straightens its fins again the announcement comes, "Red wins," or "Blue wins," as the case may be, and the gambling youngsters settle their bets on the color of the fish on the turn-over.

Abraham Lincoln and an Illinois farmer had long been friends; and the latter had written an everyday sort of letter in which he said, among other things, that he had been in poor health. Out in Illinois, they are able to this day to quote what is called "Lincoln's prescription," sent to the farmer in reply by the President. "Do not worry," it read. "But three square meals a day. Say your prayers. Think of your wife. Be courteous to your creditors. Keep your digestion good. Steer clear of billows. Exercise. Go slow and so easy. Maybe there are other things that your special case requires to make you happy, but my dear friend, these, I reckon, will give you a good life!"

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