NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

150,000 workingmen now propose to capture Washington and force Congress to appropriate $500,000,000 to expend on roads and thus give work to the unemployed. That it would be a good thing for Congress and state legislatures to put the unemployed at work on roads, few would question, but an intelligent ballot, not violence, is the way to bring all this about.

Prof. Langley demonstrates that if a body of coal sufficiently large to last the United States a thousand years should be set on fire, the heat given forth from it would not equal that which the sun gives out in the thousandth part of a second. —Scientific American.

The platforms of political parties are much like those of railway cars; they are used to get in on, but not to stand on. —National Spectator.

Hawaii wants annexation. If she can't get that she will accept a protectorate, and if she can't get that she will take a pair of Uncle Sam's old star-spangled trousers and use them for a national flag. —World.

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This is what President Jordan, of Stanford university, says of the cigarette habit: "As a college teacher my experience with boys who have formed the cigarette habit is somewhat limited. It, however, confirms me in the opinion that such boys are like wormy apples—they drop long before harvest time. Very few of them ever advance far enough to enter college.

Very few of those who enter last beyond the first year. They rarely make make failures in after life, because they don't have any after life. The boy who begins cigarette smoking before he is fifteen never enters the life of the world.

When the other boys are taking hold of the world's work he is connected with the sexton and the undertaker. There is one grim argument to be made for the use of cigarettes by boys—it helps on the survival of the fittest. The manly boy does not take to such things. He has life in him."

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