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WORKING FOR RAPID TRANSIT.

The bill for Rapid Transit came up for

consideration yesterday in the Legislature

at Albany, and was ordered to a third reading

and recommitted. The sentiment of the Senate

seems to be very favorable to Rapid Transit,

and the prospect at the Albany centre of work for its

promotion is promising.

The slight obstruction placed in the way

of the bill yesterday was due to side issues.

Manhattan Railroad and the New York

Central Railroad interests led to some fencing

by two or three Senators. One Senator

felt that section 39 of the bill was a concession

to the "L" roads.

The business of pushing Rapid Transit to

a speedy consummation should not be hampered

by involving with it considerations

directly favorable to the "L" roads or the

New York Central, which need not be

entertained at present. The single purpose

should be to get Rapid Transit for New York

as soon as possible, and to get it without any

handicapping conditions.

The Rapid Transit Commissioners gave a

second hearing yesterday to exponents of

plans, and a number were submitted. Out

of the many suggestions which are thus

brought to the notice of the Commissioners

it would be an admirable thing if they could,

by elimination and combination, discover

the system combining the most advantages.

They have thought to think about with all

the vast schemes that are suggested to

them, and they must think long and well.

THE WEST INDIAN TRADE.

Canada is eager to snatch the West Indian

trade from the United States. England

naturally favors this scheme. But that is

about all there is to be said in its favor.

The West Indians have business instincts

and perceive clearly that it is greatly to their

advantage to trade with the United States

rather than with Canada, which offers little,

if any, advantages.

Trade is estimated entirely by its results.

Sentiment has no place in it. One buys

where he can get the best on the best terms,

and sells where he can realize the most with

the least trouble and expense. There is

not much reason to fear, therefore, lest

Canada may disturb the commercial rela-

tions, constantly ameliorating, between

this country and the West Indies.

INDIAN INVESTIGATION.

THE WORLD has brought home to the

mind of just Americans more forcibly

than has yet been done the need of a

thorough investigation into the treatment

of the Indians by the agents. Rascally

dealings by these men, who have had a single

eye to their own gain and have used the

Indian merely as a stepping-stone for them-

selves, have been brought to light by the

efforts of THE WORLD'S commissioner, and

they are of a nature which makes an official

investigation something that the Govern-

ment cannot well afford to decline.

Right this general rottenness of action

towards the Indians. Inaugurate and

maintain a policy towards them which

justice can approve. There is no room for

any other course.

MRS. JOSEPH MANN.

SURROGATE RAMSON has declared that the

woman who contested the will of the late

ROBERT HAMILTON on the ground of being

the widow of the deceased was never

married to that gentleman, as at the time

street were more satisfactory to the public

than might be less question of this surface

road.

"Old Huron" has retired from the arena

of speculation. The merry cereal dealer

will no longer spin his wild coveting. His

family threatened to have a conservator

applied for if he did not drop speculation.

Many may be surprised to know that "Old

Huron" was anything but a conservator of

his boodle, which he has trimmed down to

a very modest pile by his mania for dealing

in speculation.

The Germania Schutzen Bund drank two

kegs of beer on returning from the funeral

of their comrade, Sachs, who killed him-

self. It was the dead man's wish that

the beer should be drunk at his funeral,

and so his friends did it. But it was not an

ill-timed drinking party, whatever Mr.

Sachs may have hoped.

The Old Guard Ball was the usual bril-

liant affair. Valor and beauty meet in

joyous revelry at these balls of the Old

Guard, and pleasant hours rapidly whistled

away with friends, music, mirth and dance.

They have a ball which is all that a ball

should be. The brave and fair deserve

nothing less.

It seems that the fertilizing effect of that

free cottage speech did not reach the Kan-

sas Legislature, as expected, and Mr. IV-

GALLA'S crop of votes is to fall short of the

re-election measure. The chances are that

a farmer candidate will reap the harvest.

The husband of ANNE O'DELLA DISS DE-

LAN wants his spook pictures back again.

Why not give them to him? Does anybody

else crave them?

The German Reichstag has again spoken

with unfeeling disregard of the American

Hog. They forget *Nisi de mortuis nisi bo-*

SPOTLIGHTS.

Somebody has discovered blots of George

Washington. Happily for the Father of his

Country's reputation they were in George's

copy book.

It does seem a little peculiar that the trouble

of James G. Blaine, Jr., at the Baltimore ball

should have come from a "pump." He took his

pumps off.

Henry Burgh is to be in a brown and set up

on a drinking fountain for horses. Row, isn't

that really to animals?

From results it would seem that a detective

who starts to catch a fellow in going in for

a rest.

The hunter now, in high-toe boots,

is a more serious proposition.

The white tie goes and shoots

his friend among the bushes.

The town where they make Remedine has

been flooded. With such a liquor in the place

what has been done to a leak.

A dealer in marine glass profers one picture

which has a sale in them.

It seems the Brooklyn belles have taken to

the "fun dance." They have snatched

the "whore life," the less complaint is there

of the "whore life."

The only thing that can go on a strike and

not create a disturbance is a clock. Even the

baller is barred out.

WORLDLINGS.

Leland Stanford is regarded as the biggest

horseman on the Pacific coast. It has been said

that he can talk to a horse and understand

it as well as anybody else.

The present population of the world is estimated

by a British statistician at 1,460,000,000.

Prince Bismarck appeared to be in excellent

health when he passed through Berlin recently.

His form was erect and his eyes were so

clear that he could read the smallest

print of a newspaper.

A direct descendant of Joan Hart, the

poet Shakespeare's sister, died in England

recently. She was Mrs. Fletcher and

possessed the unusual vocation

of woman, of gun making. She possessed

several relics of the past.

VAGRANT VERSES.

They Think.

I think that a farmer like me ought to dig

his big nose into the soil.

THE WAYS OF WOMAN FAIR.

Fads, Fashions and Fancies That

Delight the Gentler Sex.

Mrs. Kendal's Enamelled Brooch—

How to Pack Fruit Baskets

—Harmony in Colors—

English Driving Coats

—A Red Lunch.

Among the enamelled brooches are noted

the American and the English one, the Queen's

coat-of-arms, and the Prince of Wales's crest,

so that the patriot of each country can satisfy

herself. Mrs. Kendal wears at her throat an

American one.

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THE GLEANER.

John E. Warren, who is controlling the

prosperous fortunes of Nat Goodwin this year,

was once an ornament to journalism, and he

has a wide circle of friends among the craft.

He has been in the city for the past few weeks

attending to the elaborate arrangements pre-

paratory to his star's appearance at the Bijou,

and he looks just as happy as he used to when

he pushed a reportorial pencil.

I met handsome Col. Rosale at the Arlington

waits in Washington the other day. Col.

Rosale is known to thousands of New Yorkers

as the proprietor of the Delavan House, Albany,

and the Lake George House. He hinted that he

had about secured a valuable New York hotel

property.

I hear that a bill is in preparation for presen-

tation at the present session of the Legislature

providing for the retirement of all police

magistrates on their attaining the age of