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PITTSBURGH, FRIDAY, DEC. 30, 1892.

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SELL THE FRANCHISES. Yesterday the Rapid Transit Commissioners of New York failed to obtain a satisfactory bidder at the advertised sale of the Underground Rapid Transit Franchise.

And still Pittsburgh persists in giving away with no rational compensation franchises that would fetch a good price if placed in the market for competition. And the service rendered to Pittsburghers by companies, which are practically made monopolists by the receipt of exclusive privileges, is such poor service as unrestrained monopolists are wont to render to themselves with little care for public comfort or convenience.

The expenses of Pittsburgh's government are steadily increasing. Next year's estimates foot up to \$5,000,000. It is time that Pittsburgh should look around for means to relieve the individual taxpayer of his growing burden. One most obvious and economic method is in the sale of franchises in the future, and in the taxing of corporations that have been the graceless recipients of such things in the past.

A NEEDED REFORM. There is a large amount of interest taken just now in the personnel and political complexion of the United States Senate of the Fifty-third Congress.

The direct election of United States Senators is becoming more and more widely recognized as a necessary reform. With the secrecy of the ballot and the elimination of the Legislatures as intermediaries in the transaction, possibilities for corruption would be greatly reduced.

UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS. The recent explosion at Dublin Castle inflicted a severe blow upon the cause of home rule for Ireland, by its effect upon public sentiment in England.

Another human sacrifice. At Chicago grade crossings yesterday a locomotive struck a crowded street car, with the usual fatal result. It should not be difficult to locate the responsibility for the catastrophe, and criminal negligence ought to suffer the severest punishment the law provides.

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GOVERNMENT IS JUDGED TO SOME EXTENT BY THE instruments it uses, as a man by the tools he uses.

Ironworks have turned out armor and guns superior to anything in Europe, the assumption is most severe on the journal that is politically unable to recognize the industrial achievements of our city and State.

As to the question whether it is better to buy cheap ships and armor abroad than to make them at home, there is an easy answer. If the United States was, as the Record seems to think, no better able to build its own navy than Japan, it would have to buy its vessels abroad.

THE QUESTION OF PROTECTIVE TARIFF DOES NOT enter into this matter directly, and in the hope of not being misled as to imagine that it does. It is an essential part of an intelligent military policy that a nation should command not only a large supply of war material but the ability to replenish the supply from its own resources.

ANARCHISM IN FRANCE. There is now little room for doubt that the only danger to the French Republic lies in the efforts of the communistic party and politicians working on its behalf from motives of ambition or revenge.

THE ARGUMENT MADE BY THE Socialists is that society is rotten, and the Panama scandals are pointed to as evidence. On the strength of that evidence the destruction of society is asked for.

ANARCHISM CAN ONLY BE ENDED BY DEATH. And the despair would be desperate indeed which would install the party of dynamite in power, in full view of its law and its disregard of all rights of life and property.

LOST NO TIME. Elsewhere in THE DISPATCH this morning Chief Clerk Crosby Gray, of the Department of Public Safety of this city, outlines the stand taken on the quarantine question at the last meeting of the American Health Association.

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LABOR COMMISSIONER PECK is wise in his determination to abstain from suing for libel in the case of the down on the up campaign. Most of the criticisms meant to reflect on the gentleman's integrity were really tributes to his ability to forget partisan affiliations in the discharge of his duties.

TOLERATION OF grade crossings in crowded cities is one of the many outward and visible signs that the pursuit of money is the most absorbing occupation of America.

IT IS AN excellent thing that the National Treasury should profit by the carelessness of individuals who cause or permit the loss or destruction of paper money. But it is really those that notes should be exchanged before they reach the state of ragged dirtiness now prevalent.

ANY STRANGER TO this city—to say nothing of residents—must be utterly bewildered over the difficulties experienced in selecting Majority candidates.

PARTIES nominating candidates for the Mayorality of Pittsburgh will greatly aid citizens in casting their votes and, of course, can in no wise injure their chance of success, by formulating a compact platform wherein said candidates may stand.

BAKER'S ballot law has certain weak points, but they are small and few compared to those displayed by some of its blundering critics.

A LARGE amount of the immense interest in the trial of Dr. Briggs now draws to a close in the minds of the people. In no sense than one, the Prosytery, no less than the Doctor himself, will be judged by the result of its voting on the charges.

PROMINENT AND POPULAR. BROENSEN celebrated his 60th birthday recently, and festivities in his honor were held throughout Norway.

SPURGEON'S Bible, which he had used for more than ten years, contains no less than 500,000 notes by his own hand.

THE EMBLEM OF the Earl of Craven to a daughter of Mr. Bradley Martin, in New York, was announced yesterday in London.

CONGRESSMAN BAYNE and Mrs. Bayne are at present on a trip through Europe. They are expected back in Washington about the middle of June next.

GENERAL ROCHE, who is reported to have joined the Mexican revolutionists, is known throughout the country as "The Tiger." He was one of Maximilian's Generals.

PRESIDENT DIAZ takes a great deal of stock in every railroad, telegraph, telephone and electric light company in this country.

THREE great brewers have also responded to the call of Queen Victoria. All of them are now in London.

CAPTAIN HAINS, the Commodore of the Canada fleet, wound up his brilliant service on the ocean by being promoted to the command of the new monarch of the sea, the Campania.

HEER TAUCH, who has been secretly furnishing papers in and out of Germany with ammunition favorable to Bismarck and against the republicans, is reported to have been discovered, and is to be expelled from Berlin.

REV. ADOLPH ALLEN, of New York City, has accepted the call of the St. Louis Avenue Presbyterian Church, in St. Louis. Dr. Allen has been in New York but a short time, having previously had a large church at Williamsport, Pa.

HON. G. M. LAMBERTSON, recently appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, arrived in Washington yesterday morning and entered at once upon the discharge of his duties. He took the office of office in Wisconsin some ten days ago.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION. Teachers Most Mingle With the Masses in Order to Lead Them On.

LOOK AROUND. "THE suggestion of THE DISPATCH of a uniform system of tree planting on all the new streets will be taken up by the Department of Public Works and carried out next year if Councils will agree to it," remarked Chief Engineer H. W. Wood on the occasion of the appropriate ordinance I shall ask for \$10,000 for this specific purpose.

IT IS BY NO MEANS surprising to the older generation of men having the handling of monetary affairs that the possessions of the Economic Society should have dwindled as they have. As a matter of fact, their investments in the main have been unwise, and they have shown a lack of foresight in regard to several enterprises.

FROM THE sale of the Lake Erie stock about \$700,000 was realized. Later the society sold \$250,000 of Lake Erie bonds at about 114, which gave them \$287,500. This is a very good result.

THE management of the Duquesne Traction company had to do a dozen calls on the equity before the end of the year, owing to the breaking down of the big engine at the power house at Ben Venue. They had to call in service their extra engines and have them run for a long time.

THAT enthusiastic Republican and rating good orator and lawyer, George B. Grady, of Huntington, was the city yesterday. He made the speech in nominating General Hastings for Governor which almost turned the tide against Delamater, and is as warmly for the General now as ever.

A SHARP, hard frost, some snow and much pedestrian travel brings out the beauty of some parts of the pavement on lower Fifth avenue. Those places where there are large squares of glass or patches of broken asphalt are very noticeable.

A GROUP of people were waiting for a car in East Liberty yesterday when a large flock of sparrows suddenly darted down to a tree and began to chatter and jabber like mad.

THE AMERICAN ARTICLE NOT WANTED SINCE the Native Corp is immense. SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 29.—A prominent merchant here has shipped about 400,000 bushels of corn to Mexico during the past season returned from the country to-day. He says: "In the city of Mexico the corn market is completely glutted with surplus corn."

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AN ASSEMBLY BALL. Given at the Pittsburgh Club Last Evening—A Pleasant Day for School Girls—An American Woman's View of English Society—Illness Postpones a Wedding.

THE whole of the Pittsburgh Clubhouse was given up to the guests at the Assembly Ball last evening. The affair was one of the notable social events of the season, and the members of the club fully realized the responsibility that rested upon them of making the appointments absolutely perfect.

THE annual tree for the children of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, Grace avenue, is to be given next Sunday in the West Street Presbyterian Church. There will be a grand and festive affair.

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ILLNESS DELAYS A WEDDING. The illness of the bride pending a fashionable wedding that was to have taken place last evening in the Second Presbyterian Church, Miss Eugenia Maple was to have become the bride of Mr. E. J. Johnston, but it was unavoidably postponed.

MR. DAVID P. LITTLE, of Wilkesburg, is to be married next Thursday to Miss Daisy P. Shaw, of California. The ceremony is to take place at her home. Rev. George Hodges, of Calvary Church, will officiate.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. —Native Australians eat butterflies. —There is no half vote in the Electoral College. —Philadelphia has 23,000 more women than men. —The microscopist says that a mosquito has 23 teeth. —Texas has 37 counties each larger than Rhode Island. —Rain has fallen only twice in 29 years at Eden, Arabia. —The State of California leads in cigar production. —Aluminum plate pencils are among the latest inventions. —The editor of a Missouri paper takes "puzzles" on subscriptions. —There are three places in this world where green snow is found. —Boston enjoys the distinction of being the favorite city for tramps. —There are 27 foreign ships with guns having a range of ten miles each. —London undertakers send out price circulars to families having cases of serious illness. —Mexico has public bath houses in every town, however mean it may be in other respects. —The Palace Hotel in San Francisco has the largest isolated lighting plant in the country, there being 8,000 incandescent lamps. —The electric street cars of Albany, N. Y., are provided with an automatic device that shows the name of each street just before it is reached. —Australian viticulturists are agitating for a bonus of 6 cents per gallon on all wine made in Victoria, and a certain standard of excellence. —In Boston they are getting to call afternoon teas "smoke talks," because the hostesses usually have incense burning in a little ornamental stove. —The largest wooden statue in existence is that of a woman. It is in Tokio, the capital of Japan, and is dedicated to Hasebam, the Goddess of the Sea. —The Government has enacted further restrictions on Hebrew marriages. They can exercise their calling only in cities where there are Government Boards of Trade. —An eland, a species of South African antelope, which had been in the zoo at Washington for some time, died on Monday. —Fifteen men, 13 hounds and 23 dogs chased a solitary jack rabbit for several hours the other day, in Pettis county, Mo., resulting in the triumphant escape of the rabbit. —The aggregate capital represented by the various "trusts" in the United States amounts to more than \$1,000,000,000, or nearly half a billion of our entire manufacturing capital. —The largest sheet or pane of glass in the world, it is stated, is set in the front of a building on a Vine street, Cincinnati, O. It was made in Marseilles, France, and measures 186 by 104 inches. —During the G. A. R. encampment at Washington 100,000 new 10-cent pieces were struck, and 20,000,000 new 5-cent pieces were struck by the treasury exchange by visitors for souvenirs. —A horse shoe was nailed over his door by a St. Louis man for good luck. The shoe, however, was not intended to enter his house, but to be nailed over the door, and he was not so lucky. —In India and South America there is said to be a small tree, known as the "wonder flower," which bears sweet scented flowers that "bloom only in the nighttime and fall off at the break of day." —During a run of salmon in the Nahalem river, Washington, the other day, the people of the banks killed thousands of the fish by spearing. So plentiful were they that one man found no difficulty in killing "one man" says in Hungary. The rare is according to distance, first five miles, second five miles, and so on. It is very low, and the income has increased in proportion to the distance. —Chrysanthemum dances are "all the rage" in London. At a recent ball the hostess was dressed as a white chrysanthemum. She wore a pretty girlish or chrysanthemum above her waist, and carried on her arm a large bouquet of white chrysanthemums. —The number of persons carried by the railroads of the United States last year was, in round numbers, 600,000,000. Owing to the World's Fair, the number for next year will probably be 700,000,000. It is likely to reach a total 1,000,000,000. —No railroad seems to be perfectly happy until it has a nickname. Every road in Cincinnati has one, some more forcible than others. The Erie is "Cincinnati," the Pennsylvania and Virginia Railroad is known all along the line as the "Coal, Pant and Vest road." —There are a fresh water spring which flows out of two acres in the Atlantic Ocean, two miles from the Florida shore and ten miles south of St. Augustine. The spring is defined by the fact that it is a fresh water spring, and it is itself from the power of boiling spring. —The best insect destroyer known is hot water. Put alum into hot water and boil until dissolved, then apply the water with a brush to all cracks, closets, bedsteads and other places where insects may be found. Amos, cockroaches, fleas and other creeping things will die. —A powerful lamp, which distinctly illuminates objects over half a mile distant, by means of a great reflector, is to be adopted in the French army. It is carried on a tripod, and is used by the soldiers, and they will be in obscurity, while the enemy and all objects in front will be made conspicuous. —A very sympathetic gentleman, who had the honor of the ladies at heart, delivered a lecture on "The Duties of Husbands," to a provincial audience. In impressive sentences he urged the gentlemen to treat their wives kindly, and he did not complete his advice when an officer appeared upon the stage and arrested him for bigamy. —The question, "Is light a dark color?" was recently discussed by a debating society in a Western college. Some stated that light was, because if no lamps were lit but the sun shined, the world would be in darkness, because if there was no darkness there would be no light. The debate finally terminated in a draw. —There are nearly 2,000 known species of orchids. Probably as many more remain undiscovered in the depths of unexplored tropical forests. He who comes upon a new orchid gains almost as much glory as is got by the discovery of a star. It seems curious that, whereas the plants are spread over nearly all the world, as far as the borders of the frozen zone, there should be so few kinds that are useful in any way to man. —We DRAW THE LINE. 'Tis now the season of the year When all the world is in a hurry, By sending out calendars Of an unusual size. Of course we don't object to them. At least a certain few. But there's one thing we object to, With postage on them due. —THE SUPPLY SHOULD EXCEED THE DEMAND. "How much are your hair restorers?" "Fifty cents." "What?" "Yes; you see, hair is very scarce." "Oh, come off! Padewski has just had his locks cut." —A QUESTION. "My dear, what are you looking so puzzled about?" asked the groom of his daughter. "Something Mr. Stringer said to me last evening." "What was that?" "We were drinking lemonade at the cottages, and he said 'it was like it, and asked me to look in his glass.'" —"What?" "And I don't know whether he meant it was sweet or too sour." —THE MOTHER'S ALARM. The strangest thing of all the year Is that some pretty, wealthy dear Has laid her many charms to rest, And asked not, Could the marry me, Or else? —CURE.