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hasn't considered that it has anything to
do with the quarrels of the factions
in a neighboring state, where the party
is big enough to take care of itself, if
it will just get together.

The Intelligencer, along with every
other paper, noted in the press dis-

patches that there had been some dis-
graceful things in connection with the
trouble up there and modestly thought
the party would do well to come to
some sort of an agreement. If that's
"bolting the Pennsylvania caucus" and
"aiding and abetting" Mr. Wanamaker,
whom we never heard called a "hy-
pocrite" before, we are sure we cannot
help it. In the meantime the Intelligencer
begs leave to suggest to its
Moundsville neighbor that the Pen-
sylvania legislature and Mr. Quay and
Mr. Wanamaker, and the Republican
party of Pennsylvania, will get along
somehow without the "aiding and abet-
ting" of the Moundsville paper and the
Intelligencer on either side; and that,
so far as this paper is concerned, it is
content to let them go ahead and fight
it out, reserving its right to give its
opinion at any time it desires; likewise
to keep on fighting for Republican prin-
ciples in West Virginia, for everything
that is good the party represents, and
especially for peace and good will with-
in the party ranks.

To Test Anti-Trust Law.

It is interesting to note that a test
of the bearing of the national anti-trust
law of 1890 upon combinations, such as
have been recently formed, is to be
made in the case recently begun in the
federal court against the Chesapeake &
Ohio Fuel company, of Cincinnati, and
some fifteen other corporations and
shippers of coal and coke, a suit hereto-
fore referred to in these columns. It
is understood that the action was begun
with the approval of United States At-
torney General Griggs. In view of the
amount of discussion being indulged in
regarding the efficacy of the law, of
which this case is to be an important
test, and the frequent allusions to the
alleged failure of the authorities to en-
force the law, a brief summary of the
matter may be interesting.

The bill of complaint in the suit
charges that the companies that are
made defendants formed a contract
and combination on December 15, 1897,
"for restraint of trade and commerce,"
in the production of coal and coke, and
that this "conspiracy was formed in
violation of law." The bill says that
on January 1, 1898, the agreement be-
tween the companies went into effect,
and that ever since the companies that
are made defendants have monopolized
and controlled the amount of coal and
coke produced in the Kanawha mining
district of this state. The Intelligencer
has published in the past considerable
information regarding the operations of
these companies.

The charge is that the combination
has only permitted such amount of coal
to be mined and coke to be made by
the several companies in the deal as could
be sold by the Chesapeake & Ohio Fuel
company; it is also asserted that the
mining companies were only permitted
to ship their proportionate amount of
coal at a stipulated price based on the
ratio fixed by the executive committee
of the combination.

This explanation of the manner in
which the combination has worked is
given in connection with the statement
that the result of the action will afford
a test of the bearing of the law of 1890
on the combinations of the more mod-
ern type. Saturday's Bradstreet's is of
the opinion that the prosecution of the
case, which seems to have been stimu-
lated by the recent discussion about
combinations, will be followed by some
degree of interest by the public, in
whose mind the exact legal status of
combinations remains a more or less
open question.

The point upon which the suit is
based is alleged by the bill to be that
the above-named restrictions imposed
by the executive committee of the com-
bination have destroyed competition in
the sale of the product, and the bill
prays the court to enjoin the companies
from selling or shipping coal or coke
into other states. The court is asked to
declare the agreement made by the
companies null. The outcome of the
case will likely be watched for with
more than ordinary interest, particu-
larly in West Virginia, where the com-
bination is operating.

Golf and the China Trade.

The New York Herald thought to
startle the china trade by an article
designed to show that golf and other
athletic fads among women were in-
juring that branch of industry. The
China, Glass and Pottery Review
doesn't seem to be frightened at the
Herald's gruesome predictions, which
contain the following paragraph:

"Among the latest vices over the ath-
letic craze among women is one from the
dealers in fine china and exquisite table
settings. Girls who love golf do not care
for masterpieces on English platters or
the value of a soup tureen. Rousseau
plates of marvelous beauty at \$1,000 a set
go for naught with the girl who finds de-
light in sailing a boat or hurrahing her-
self hoarse at a foot ball game.

The trade paper mentioned above
thinks "this will be of interest to all
dealers who have heretofore depended
wholly upon the trade of the girls who
love golf," which sarcastic allusion will
be doubtless appreciated by the Her-
ald's expert trade writer, whom the Re-
view believes is the sole possessor of
the imagination from which the walls
on behalf of the china trade come. "The
young ladies," it remarks, "who pur-
chase Rousseau plates at \$1,000 a set
are so few that their withdrawal from
the ranks of prospective customers
would scarcely cause any heartrending
scenes in the retail trade."

There has been no notable distur-
bance in the pottery industry in Wheel-
ing by reason of the approaching season
for golf and other athletic sports in
which our young ladies participate. If
the retail dealers are falling to lay in
large stocks of Rousseau plates at \$1,000
per set it isn't because they fear the
effect of the golf season.

Yesterday was the quietest Sunday
on the streets of Wheeling that has
been experienced for many years. The
absence of the noise as well as the con-
venience of the street car lines was
notable, and those who complain of
the noise had an opportunity to judge

for themselves whether they would pre-
fer to have the car service all the time,
even with the noise. A public con-
venience is never so appreciated, and its
necessity never so fully realized, as
when the public is for a time deprived
of it. After the experience of the past
two days Wheeling needs no argument
to convince her of the value of the
street railway service.

The incident of the Princess of Wales
suddenly taking a notion to pay a visit
to her royal Danish father, King Chris-
tian, is made the basis of sensational
dispatches, in which the princess is de-
scribed as having performed a "strange
freak," that she "did not inform her
two daughters whether she would re-
turn or not," and that the prince "didn't
know about the visit." After it is all
sifted down, there doesn't seem to be
much in the matter except that the
Princess of Wales suddenly chose to
visit her father, and that, as she is
given to such eccentricities, there is
nothing particularly strange about it.

It seems that the Samoan crisis is,
after all, but a tempest in a teapot.
Three great nations can settle a mat-
ter more amicably when so small a
thing is at stake than can three small
nations. The United States, England
and Germany are big nations. The news
from Berlin is that official circles there
are not concerning themselves much
about the Samoan episode and already
regard the trouble as over.

The effort to make it appear that
the Windsor hotel fire in New York
was the result of incendiarism may
prove successful, but the great diffi-
culty will be in deciding which one of
the many mysterious theories and stor-
ies in connection with the suspicion is
the correct one.

CURRENCY REFORM.

The Wisdom of Going Slowly in This
Matter Very Intelligently Com-
mended.

Philadelphia Inquirer: It has been
decided, according to report, that the
committee of Republican congressmen
which is shortly to assemble at Atlantic
City to formulate a scheme of currency
reform for presentation to the next
Congress, will not undertake to revolu-
tionize the existing system, but will
confine itself to the preparation of a
simple, practicable, and unobjectionable
plan for its amendment. That will be
the wisest and, indeed, the only safe
and proper course. Experts and theo-
rists may say that our currency system
is radically unscientific and unsound,
and that it needs to be reconstructed
from the ground up, and that may be
true, but it does not follow that it
would be good policy to undertake the
work of reconstruction all at once, or to
spring a new currency law upon the
country on the verge of a presidential
election.

The currency is a subject on which
people are sensitive. Their fears with
regard to it may be very foolish, their
reluctance to allow the issue of paper
money to pass under the exclusive con-
trol of the banks may be unreasonable,
but the wise politician will reckon with
those fears and he will seek to over-
come that reluctance rather than ven-
ture upon paths where there is cause
for supposing that the masses of the
people will be unwilling to follow him.
It is no use trying to go faster than the
majority of the community, and the
political leader who knows his business,
who has the qualifications for leader-
ship, will not attempt it. He will make
every effort to the best of his ability,
that he is heading in the right direction,
and then he will move along, but not
faster or farther than those whom he
wishes to lead are able and ready to
keep up with him. He must be a little
ahead, of course, otherwise he were no
leader, but he must not be out of sight
or touch or hearing of his followers.

These are truths which the men who
have been charged with the duty of
forming a currency bill will do well to
keep steadily in mind. The secret of
successful politics is to attempt no
more than is possible, and a currency
bill to get through Congress and to
command the approval of the country
will need to be brief, simple, and con-
servative. If it embodies the President's
suggestion for protecting the gold re-
serve, it empowers the banks to issue
notes to the par value of the bonds de-
posited instead of by only 90 per cent
thereof, as at present, and perhaps au-
thorizes the incorporation of national
banks with a capital of no more than
\$25,000. It will go quite far enough. In
this matter one step, and that not a
very long one, is all that should be
taken at a time.

Something Bound to Drop.

American Manufacturer: Every con-
servative business man must regret the
wild movements of prices of "indus-
trial" stocks that has amazed even Wall
street during the past few weeks. The
great upward swing in many of these
new and untried stocks must be attrib-
uted, it would seem, to manipulation by
stock jobbers desirous of making a
market on which to sell stocks. Numer-
ous warnings have been given by prom-
inent commission brokers of high
standing and by leading newspaper
editors, but these seem to have small effect
on the gambling element in the stock
market—the element that buys stocks
not for investment or on their fair earn-
ing power, but because "tips" are re-
ceived that prices are going up. For
two months past, palpable falsehoods, if
slandered, have served the purpose of
bringing in a full supply of specu-
lators to the Wall street mar-
ket. It is said that in many instances
sober-minded, conservative manufac-
turers, who sold out their own business
to promoters at what were known to be
highly extravagant valuations, are now
engaged in buying back, in Wall street,
an interest in their former properties in
the form of shares, at much higher val-
uations than they obtained when the plants
were sold. The end of this sort of trad-
ing can easily be foretold. Every one of
our readers will recall how disastrous a
plan was to the Pennsylvania oil pro-
ducers for many years. The craze to
buy many of the inflated "industrial"
and other highly manipulated shares
will pass, but there are certain to re-
main many cases of badly burned fin-
gers. Some of the combinations are
worthy of confidence, even if over-cap-
italized, but many will do well, we
believe, to be very wary about parting
with his money under such methods of
manipulation and false statement as are
now rife in Wall street.

Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Oliva, of Barcelona, Spain,
sends his kinters at Alken, S. C. Weak
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back of his head. On using Electric Bites,
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country needs. All America knows that
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and new life into every muscle, nerve
and organ of the body. If weak, tired
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going on regular trains of the above dates
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NEWEST SWINDLE.

How Thieves got Control of a Savings
Association.

Buffalo telegram to New York Trib-
une: John L. White and Charles L.
Eastwood are under arrest here charged
with robbing the Globe Savings and
Loan Association, of this city, of \$10,-
500, by a game that is remarkable for its
cleverness and the ease with which it
was worked on the officers of the asso-
ciation. Warrants are out for three
others who had taken the scheme, but
they have not yet been arrested, and
their names are kept secret.

Four weeks ago a man came here and
told the officers of the association that a
trust building and loan association was
being formed, and they could make
money by joining it. He said he was
from New York, and was a lawyer, and
the men he was representing would pay
a bonus to get control of the Globe. If
the officers of the Globe would resign
in favor of his friends there would be
lots of money for every one.

To this remarkable proposition the
Globe officers appear to have consented,
for on March 27 Eastwood and White
and three other men came to Buffalo.
On this day eight of the twelve direc-
tors of the Globe Association resigned
and a new board was elected, with
White, Eastwood and their friends as
members. Then a meeting was held
and the old officers resigned. White
was elected president, and Eastwood
secretary and treasurer.

The next day White and Eastwood
visited the banks where the association
had deposits, in all about \$20,000, and
began drawing this money out. East-
wood sent to the City National Bank
with a stranger, whom he introduced as
a man from whom the association had
bought land in Queen's county. East-
wood said he wanted to make a pay-
ment to this man. The stranger pre-
sented a check signed by Eastwood for
\$10,500, which the bank paid. Then the
stranger disappeared.

Eastwood undertook to transfer the
deposits in two other banks to the City
National Bank, and in this way the
scheme was discovered. Joseph Block,
president of the Citizens' Bank, in which
the association had \$3,100, became sus-
picious when the check signed by East-
man came in from the City Bank, and
he made an investigation which result-
ed in the arrest of Eastwood on Friday.
White was arrested last night. The old
officers of the association have turned
over to the American Detective Company,
of New York City, invention of Herman Cas-
sander, under auspices of Lafayette Cas-
sander and Ladies' Auxiliary Knights of
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land, etc., etc.

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