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West Virginia's Great Industry.

The year 1899 promises to be a record breaker for the West Virginia coal industry. It may be judged from the reports as chronicled in the trade journals. It was in 1897 that West Virginia attained a total output of 2,600,000 tons larger than her rival state of Ohio, and won her indisputable title to the third place in the rank of coal producing states in the Union.

It is apparent that the Americans have started in for an aggressive campaign in this new field, and the reports which have been so encouraging recently may be expected to be followed by others. Odis has evidently determined to push the campaign to a decisive finish.

Law and Precedent Combined. The appointment of Mr. Quay by Governor Stone to succeed himself in the United States senate, pending an election by the next session of the legislature, is held by some of his opponents to be void, and that, according to precedent and the law he cannot be seated, the point being that it was the duty of the governor under the state constitution to call a special session of the legislature, after the adjournment without an election; otherwise to leave the seat vacant until a senator could be regularly elected.

These are pretty bold assertions and are not calculated to aid the cause of Mr. Quay in the senate. Regardless of personal or party feelings, and of any desire to see Mr. Quay occupy the seat in the senate pending an election by the legislature, there are precedents as well as laws to consider, and one of the practices of the senate has always been to observe precedent in a case of this sort.

Incident to this subject last week's issue of the American Manufacturer, of Pittsburgh, in its report of the West Virginia coal trade at present, notes that from every section of West Virginia and eastern Ohio "comes the report of good and improved business."

In the Fairmont region things are lively, and while everything is not working quite up to capacity, business is good. The demand for coke is increasing slowly, but steadily, and a good feature is the fact that most of it is being used in the iron and steel works.

Already the government authorities have discovered a half million cigars bearing counterfeit stamps manufactured by Jacobs, the Lancaster, Pa., manufacturer whose bold operations have created such a sensation in revenue and cigar circles. Three hundred thousand of them were found in Jacob's own factory at Lancaster and the remainder in various cities.

The advent of Congressman Showalter, of Pennsylvania, into Washington, signalled the inauguration of a new fashion of hanging the family washing in the front yard, which has caused so much trouble that the authorities have put a stop to it.

The future is now assured, and in this single industry alone, the state is destined to become the leader in point of production. In other lines the advancement has also been great, but it is well for those seeking investments to know what wonders are being done in their own state, and what opportunities there are for investments of surplus capital in this one industry, with vast territory yet untouched.

Learning By Doing, of Battle Creek, Mich., an excellent journal devoted to practical and progressive education, under a department heading, "Our State Laureates," publishes a portrait and brief sketch of Mr. Waltman Barbe, so well known throughout the state as a poet and as the energetic and efficient

agent for the State University, and one of West Virginia's most gifted sons. The publication pays a deserved tribute to Mr. Barbe's genius and accomplishments, the sketch with the publication of eight of his most charming poems.

The Fight at Quengua. Dispatches from Manila this morning contain news of a disastrous but successful fight between American troops and the Filipinos, who were entrenched at Quengua. The greatest loss in the engagement was sustained by the Nebraska regiment of volunteers, among the killed being Col. Stetzenberg, a regular army officer, and Lieutenant Sisson. Three cavalymen were killed and forty-four soldiers of various regiments were wounded before the insurgents were driven from their stronghold. The Filipino loss was not large, because of their shelter from the attacking troops, but they were driven from one trench to another, which was also carried by the Americans and the town of Quengua was captured.

This was a costly fight, the death of Col. Stetzenberg, while leading a charge being especially regrettable because of his reputation as one of the bravest fighters in the army. The number of Americans killed and wounded, while not large, was unusual, and the disaster is the more regrettable because it is so rare.

It appears from General Otis' dispatch to the war department that the rebels were strongly entrenched and the assault by the Americans was a desperate one. The havoc played among our brave men seems to have inspired their comrades with an enthusiastic desire for revenge, and the regiments sustaining the losses will doubtless show a good account of themselves when the victory is followed up.

The teacher readers of Learning by Doing will be interested to know that Mr. Barbe is an educator as well as a poet; he has been for several years a member of the faculty of the West Virginia University, and now fills the responsible position of assistant to the president. Besides his poetical work he has made a marked hit with a book of short stories entitled "In the Virginias." He is at present engaged upon an educational work to be called "Going to College," and which will be brought out in a short time.

The poet was married in 1894 to Miss Clara Louise Gould, of Parkersburg. They reside at Morgantown, where Mr. Barbe devotes himself chiefly to the interests of the university.

How Room was Made. London Spare Moments: A little black-eyed and nimble-tongued Irish street car conductor in Dublin came into the car, and called out, in his peculiarly penetrating voice: "Was seat on the right! Sit closer on the right, ladies and gentlemen, and look room for a leddy phwat's standing!"

A big, surly-looking man who was occupying space enough for two, said, sullenly: "We can't sit any closer."

"Can't you?" retorted the little conductor. "Begorra, you never wint corra then."

It is needless to add that room was made "on the right" for the lady.

The Eagle Screams. New York Weekly: American Official (in China) This interfering with American residents must stop.

Chinese Official—Huh! Whatee Mellan glovment do 'bout it? American Official—Hark, do you hear that terrible rumble? Chinese Official—Thattee earthquake. We havee many.

American Official—Do you know, sir, what causes earthquakes? Chinese Official—No, no sabe! American Official—It's the American government testing its new big guns at Sandy Hook.

Very Neat. Brooklyn Life: Loftor—Indeed, Miss De Vine, I must say. You are the star of the links.

Miss De Vine—Now that is very nice of you. And you are the first to discover me, too.

Loftor—Then, may I have an astronomer's reward? Miss De Vine—What is that, Mr. Loftor? Loftor—The right to give you my name.

Blasted Hopes. Philadelphia North American: "Mr. Scripps," said the head of the firm, "the firm is very much pleased with the work you have been doing."

"Thank you, sir," he replied, and the vision of a raise grew more distinct. "Yes," continued the head of the firm, "we are very much pleased with your work, and—well, we thought you would be glad to know that you are giving satisfaction."

In the Philippines. Rushing over ridges Like a flock of sheep; Swimming over rivers Where the water's deep; Running like scared scorpions Over rural scenes— This they call rebellion In the Philippines.

Leaving smoking ruins Of their towns behind, Tossing in the coat-tails Spreading out behind; Lurking in the jungles, Hiding in ravines— This they call rebellion In the Philippines.

Making tracks that measure Loftor's but to take a Fresh and better start; Halting not for battle— Not by any means— This they call rebellion In the Philippines.

Following their leader, Who is far in front, Leading from the bearers Of the battle's brunt— Who sees little bounding 'O'er the tropic scenes— This they call rebellion In the Philippines.

"A WORD to the wise is sufficient" and a word from the wise should be sufficient, but you ask, who are the wise? Those who know. The oft repeated periphrase of trustworthy persons may be taken for knowledge. Mr. W. M. Terry says Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives better satisfaction than any other in the market. He has been in the drug business at Elton, Ky., for twelve years; has sold hundreds of bottles of this remedy and nearly all other cough medicines manufactured, which shows conclusively that Chamberlain's is the most satisfactory to the people, and is the best. For sale by druggists.

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sive elections cannot win success, cannot win back their northern and border Democratic states—Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Indiana—all of them now Republican, and set over against a Democratic gain of one little state—Utah. He must see that there is nothing in a trade of eighty-four electoral votes for three.

OUR STATE LAUREATE.

A Western Educational Journal's Tribute to Waltman Barbe.

Battle Creek, Mich., Learning by Doing: West Virginia is happy in being the home of a poet whose genius is too evident for his fame to be bounded by state lines. It was in 1893 that the Lippincott's brought out a modest little book of poems, called "Ashes and Incense," by Waltman Barbe, an unknown young newspaper man of Parkersburg, W. Va. This work at once drew the attention and favor of those who know the qualities of lasting poetry. Such high authorities as the London (England) Saturday Review, Edmund Clarence Stedman, the New York Independent, the St. Louis Republic, the Boston Home Journal, Lippincott's Magazine, the Boston Congregationalist, the New York Christian Advocate, and many others, praised it with enthusiasm and complimentary letters came to the young poet from eminent authors everywhere.

Like James Whitcomb Riley, Mr. Barbe got his initiatory literary training in a newspaper office. A university education (he is a graduate of the University of West Virginia), supplied that quality of scholarship that is evident in all his work, and his poet's equipment is completed by an intense love for and appreciation of the finer poetic aspects of nature and human life. His verse has that brave virile swing, that marks the poetry of Lowell, and the never-falling naturalness that belongs profeminarily to Bryant. A fine quality of Mr. Barbe's verse is its simple directness. There is none of that subtle, delectable, and often makes poetry-reading a serious task. Mr. Barbe never indulges in poetical puzzles. "He who runs may read," and enjoy as well.

Our West Virginia laureate, like Walden Caswell, is yet a young man, and full of literary promise. Thus far he has produced but little, but that little is good. Mr. Barbe is exceptionally conscientious as to the quality of what he gives to the world as poetry. He is a prolific maker of rhymes that deserve the waste-basket. He is his own most censorious critic.

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The Heaviest B. & O. Train.

When the receivers of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad began the now famous series of improvements of the physical condition of the entire system, their object was to increase both the train load and the number of revenue tons per mile and at the same time reduce the cost of transportation. Much has been done, and by the lowering of grades, elimination of curves, laying of new steel rails and the purchase of heavy motive power they have very materially added to the number of cars per train.

But it was not until the 17th of March last that a demonstration was made of what might be expected of the new Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Enough new fifty-ton capacity steel cars had been delivered to give the operating department a chance to experiment. Fifty steel cars, each weighing 34,000 pounds, were loaded with an average of 95,000 pounds of coal. To them was coupled a new 22x25 inch Consolidated locomotive, weighing 168,700 pounds and having fifty-four-inch driving wheels.

The start was made from Cumberland, Md., and the destination was Brunswick, Md., on the second division. In his report General Superintendent Fitzgerald says the train was pulled with comparative ease and that the class of engines used will be able to handle fifty cars of fifty tons capacity each on that division without trouble.

Hitherto the train load on that division has been 325 units of six and one-half tons each, or about 2,000 tons, a 40 per cent increase over that of five years ago. The fifty car train was computed as containing 497 units, or 6,458,100 pounds gross. The net weight of coal in the train was 4,758,100 pounds.

It was by far the heaviest train ever handled over the line and demonstrated that heavy power, modern equipment with safety appliances, and a good track, mean more revenue tons per mile and a decreased cost of transportation.

Louisville Post: Aginaldo has lost Malolos, but he can fall back on Boston, Mass.

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SPENCER ASYLUM. Meeting of Directors—All the old Officers Re-elected—Improvements. Special Correspondence of Intelligencer. SPENCER, W. Va., April 20.—The board of directors of the Second Hospital for the insane met in session yesterday, with the following members present: Hon. B. W. Foster, Nell Robinson, R. H. Browne, J. M. Hayden, Leroy Shaw, Dr. T. B. Camden, E. H. Flynn and Col. H. R. Howard. Hon. B. W. Foster was re-elected president of the board, and Hon. E. H. Flynn, treasurer. All the old officers of the hospital were re-elected, and Dr. W. H. Wilson, of Kanawha county, was elected second assistant physician.

The contract for an ice plant was awarded to the William E. Mild Ice Machine Company, of Hamilton, Ohio.

The insurance on the state's buildings was divided between Charleston, Huntington, Winfield, Point Pleasant, Parkersburg and Kingwood agents.

Contracts for flour, beef, etc., were referred to the superintendent for future action.

The board directed the superintendent to notify the proper authorities of each county from which idiots had been sent to this institution, that they would be returned to the respective counties. The board also wrote a memorial to Governor Atkinson, reciting this fact and also stating that these idiots were proper cases for the home for incurables, but would not be received by that institution.

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