

News of the Week

The anthracite commission of arbitration has visited the mines and both parties to the controversy have filed papers stating their claims. What seems most astonishing is that two or three of the coal barons have declared in their papers that they will not accept the decision of the commission if the miners organization is to be recognized. That is just what might be expected from such a gang of holy scoundrels. They still seem to cling to the "divine right" idea. As far as The Independent is concerned it would just as soon see the barons repudiate the award of the commission as not. This thing of trusts has to be settled in the near future and that would be a good way to begin it.

When the announcement is made that the Molineux trial cost a little over half a million of dollars and the accused was finally acquitted, it needs no further demonstration to prove that criminal procedure in this country is a travesty on common sense and a parody on law.

The republican party lacked more than 25,000 of having a majority of the legal voters of the state of Nebraska, yet they elected their state ticket and all the congressmen but one. As far as The Independent is concerned, it has a great deal higher opinion of a populist or democrat who goes to the polls, votes the republican ticket and gives active support to the trusts and extortionate tariffs, than of the one who stays at home and does not vote because some one does not contribute money enough to hire a carriage to haul him to the polls. That sort of a creature is ten times more despicable than the mullet head.

This time a full-blooded Hawaiian has been elected as delegate to congress from those islands. He is known as "Prince Cupid" and is a republican. It is probable that he knows about as much concerning the difference between a republican and a democrat as does the crown prince of Dahoma.

Leprosy seems to be getting a strong foothold in many places on this continent. Centers of leprosy have been located in a dozen or more places. Among them is a Scotch-Irish one in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, a Chinese and Japanese center in British Columbia and the Fraser river country, and an Icelandic and Norwegian one about Winipeg. Cases also exist in Louisiana. Its growth has been so rapid within the last few years that it is attracting the attention of medical men everywhere. During the last year a Chinaman who had a pronounced case of leprosy and diagnosed to be such by several eminent physicians, was treated at a hospital in St. Louis by a new system and after a few months was discharged as cured, showing no signs of the disease whatever. This was so stated in all the newspapers and if true, it is undoubtedly the first case of leprosy that was ever cured. Modern improvements in transportation of freight and human beings and "expansion" threaten us with all the most terrible epidemic diseases of the Orient. That there have been several genuine cases of the bubonic plague in San Francisco is no longer denied. These Asiatic colonies of ours may yet make us pay a more terrible price for them than ever yet entered into the craniums of the imperialists.

It continues to be persistently declared that there are inexhaustible hard coal beds in Arkansas. They say that it is genuine anthracite and burns without smoke, although a little softer than the Pennsylvania kind. If it is true, why in the name of common sense do they not send some of it up this way. But the fact is that the great dailies are such persistent and outrageous liars that no one will believe the story until they begin to see a few train loads of that Arkansas hard coal rolling along the rails over these plains.

Recently forty-nine cases of Winchester rifles and carbines and 150 others not boxed were found in an old building in New York. An inquiry resulted in discovering that they belonged to the government and had been placed there for the purpose of arming the police in the draft riots forty years ago and forgotten. That is the story that the New York dailies tell, but they lie so no one out here knows whether it is true or not.

At the beginning of the investigation by the arbitration commission, John Mitchell found himself faced by the greatest array of lawyers that ever

A Sale of Ostrich Feathers.

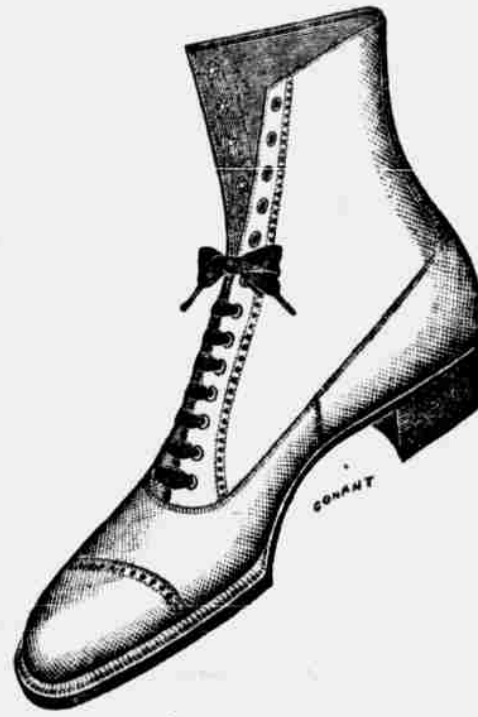
They are All Black and in Two Lots.

No. 1.—1,500 ostrich tips, single or in clusters of three, originally worth 50c and 75c, to be sold at **25c** | No. 2.—300 demi plumes, originally worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, to be sold at **50c**

Feathers are very popular this year and usually make expensive trimming for a hat or bonnet yet here they are for very little. It is a line that we desire to close out immediately and to do so are willing to offer them at these surprisingly low prices. The feathers are full and in good condition—not rusty or mussed. They would re-trim last season's hat beautifully or reduce the cost of a new one considerably.

Good Shoes at Low Prices.

Shoes that are in no way superior to our \$2.50 line are often sold at other stores at \$3.00. Why pay \$3.00 when you can buy these which are offered on narrow margins? They come in 7 different styles, heavy or thin soles, patent or kid tips, and all widths and sizes.



At **\$2.00** we can furnish you with a good shoe in 8 or 9 different styles, heavy or thin soled, patent or kid tip, low heel or medium heel.

If you have far to ride or are troubled with cold feet, try our **Wool-Lined Shoes**. They will keep your feet as warm as toast. There are two kinds. (1) Broad toe; low heel: fine kid; a regular comfort shoe—\$1.50. (2) This is more of a dress shoe—beaver top, patent tip, low heel—\$2.00.

Men's Underwear. Here are two specials well worth investigating. (1) All-wool, fleeced shirts and drawers, ribbed, at **\$1.25** each, regularly priced at **\$1.50**. (2) Separate pieces at **37½ cents** each and equal to the most **50c** garments. They are fleece lined, heavy weight, and in mixed tans.

We have men's **Red Medicated** shirts and drawers, all wool, at **\$1.00** a garment.

Rings We never before have had such beautiful rings at these low prices. They are in exact imitation of the most expensive and the average person could not tell the difference.

They are **Gold Filled** and set with opals, emeralds, pearls, garnets, amethysts, turquoise, and rubies.



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assembled in a case in the state of Pennsylvania. There were 24 of them, and they began their badgering at the very outset. Lawyers skilled in concocting questions, to which if an answer of either yes or no is given, the witness can be accused of falsifying were they to bring all their skill to bear upon the miner. And these lawyers do this for money. The profession of the law has degenerated more than any other except it may be the clergy. They will do anything for money. A cross examination that would tend to bring out the truth from an unwilling witness is an entirely different thing from one that is intended to irritate and insult a witness for the express purposes of covering up the truth. A lawyer that conducts a case in that way is about as despicable a creature as exists. The coal barons have millions. They can hire the best legal talent, talent that is wholly prostituted to the vilest methods.

Professor Jenks, one of the literary gentlemen that plutocracy keeps in its service, has made his report on the Philippines. He advocates the importation of Chinese into that already overpopulated country. While Luzon is more thickly populated than any of the states in the union, he says that there is a dearth of labor there. Are the Filipinos all plutocrats and rich enough to live without work? Among the millions there ought to be enough who would be willing to work to supply the labor market. Or do the Filipinos want wages enough to get a

share of the products of labor sufficient to live respectable lives and so the carpet-bag exploiters desire to import coolies so that their profits may be larger?

The "lily white" republicans of the south did not make much of a show in the late election. In Louisiana they did not average 500 to the candidate, while in Alabama they did very little better. The day of their total extinction is not far off.

The papers state that Congressman William F. Rhea of the Ninth congressional district of Virginia has positively declined to accept a certificate of election from the state board of canvassers on account of some voters having been thrown out which were cast for his opponents. He says in a public letter: "I believe that the votes at the two precincts of Pattison and Mendota properly belong to my opponent, and would probably elect him and entitle him to the certificate. Thus believing, if a certificate of election were issued to me by the state board of canvassers, based upon the exclusion of the precincts mentioned, I would decline to accept it." In this

age of political corruption, when the dominant party proclaims that "all is fair in politics," such action deserves to place Mr. Rhea before the public as a model for all men who have escaped the almost universal depravity and degeneration of modern times. But what will such men as Quay and Gorman think of a man of that kind?

President Elliot of Harvard college has joined the godly Baer and declares that the "scab" is the modern hero. The scab and the strike-breaker is used by plutocracy to destroy labor unions. They bring the scab forward to fight their battles for them and if he is the modern hero, then labor organization is wrong. Laborers should never strike, and always be content with such wages as capitalists are pleased to give them. Establish that as a principle and industrial progress would stop. Capitalists would pay no more than enough for the laborer to subsist upon and propagate his species. Then what would become of the market for the goods produced by the capitalist? Who would there be to buy them? If there is such a thing as absolute economic idiots, some of these university presidents and professors head the list.

Some of the editors of republican dailies are saying that Secretary Shaw went around the country like a common hired stump speaker and that it is the first time a member of the president's cabinet ever so demeaned himself. The reason of those things, they say, is because they have heard the

