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THE SUGAR BOUNTY.

It is to be hoped that the decision of the democratic members of the ways and means committee, to retain raw sugar on the free list, reduce the duty on refined, and not to abolish the bounty...

The reduction of the duty on refined sugar from one-half of a cent to one-fourth of a cent per pound would not make any material difference in the revenue from this source. The probability is that the imports of refined sugar under the lower rate would be considerably increased, and this could hardly fail to be the case unless the price of sugar should be reduced to a figure with which the foreign producer could not compete.

As to the bounty it would manifestly be a gross injustice to those who have invested their capital in the business of developing the sugar industry to at once strike down this support to their enterprise. They were induced to embark their capital in the business by the assurance that the bounty would be continued for a sufficient period to demonstrate whether the production of sugar, particularly beet sugar, could be developed to such an extent as to become a valuable national resource.

THE FRENCH STATE SAVINGS BANKS, showing an excess of 34,000,000 francs in deposits over withdrawals during the year 1892, state savings banks are a success in France. The postal savings bank has been repeatedly recommended by postmasters general in this country, always to remain unacted upon in the committees of congress.

EVERYONE must regret the inability of the Lehigh managers and employers to come to a speedy understanding and adjustment of their difficulties. The public suffers from inadequate service while the laborers are deprived of their wages and the owners of the capital invested in the road lose the returns which they have a right to expect.

A POLICE census of the unemployed in Philadelphia shows that nearly 47,000 persons who are usually engaged at remunerative labor are at present without work. These figures, while they do not show how many idle persons there are in addition to the average number out of work at this season of the year, are to be taken as a basis for the relief movement which is in active preparation in that city.

THE constitutionality of the supreme court commission is to be called once more into question by the Missouri Pacific railroad, this time before the United States supreme court. Just how the United States court is to obtain jurisdiction over the matter has not yet been disclosed.

destruction. Promoters were confident that a system of bond payment in numerical order would give the business the mantle of honesty and satisfy the authorities. Judge Grosscup's charge clearly shows that the reformed scheme will not be tolerated by the courts if the promoters use the mails to further it.

Bond promoters have reached the end of their rope much sooner than they expected. Condemned by courts and public opinion, their passing is a triumph of honesty over fraud.

INAUSPICIOUS TIME FOR STRIKES. Strikes and rumors of strikes prevail to an extent which indicates that American workmen do not give that careful attention to conditions which is to be expected of them in view of their general intelligence and their ample opportunities for obtaining information.

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manifestly necessary to look to the federal government. According to the testimony of express officials whose companies have suffered at the hands of robbers, they have received little assistance from local authorities in hunting down the criminals, and there is but one instance remembered in which the robbers encountered any resistance from the local authorities.

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as at their disposal during the years 1885 to 1890 was \$1,317,380. The average number of volumes has increased during the same period from 6,387 to 8,194. The eastern states, of course, head the list in the number of free libraries, but the showing of the western states is by no means bad.

THE American growers of beef cattle will find gratification in the report of the committee of the British House of Lords which has been investigating American and English beef. This expresses the belief that the larger quantity of English meat is inferior to the American, which is a good deal of an admission for such a committee to make.

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BLASTS FROM RAMS HORN. Where hard work kills one man, worry uses up a dozen. The mistake of a moment may be the sorrow of a lifetime. The truth a bad man hates is the truth that hits him in the face.

THE Hay State Example. Massachusetts is solving the road problem in a practical way. The State Road commission has decided to build in every town or township in that state one good road along the most used route.

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