

settled portion of the country, has been made in connection with the great coal strike. In this connection it is interesting to note a recent event there. E. V. Debs made some strong assertions in the line of combinations and conspiracies referred to, and in some of the great cities away from the scene his statements were ridiculed as absurd. Here is one of them, concerning Special Judge Mason, of Marion county, West Virginia:

I will tell you how this injunction business works. A mine operator named Mason, who is also a lawyer, prepared the injunction and the arguments on it. Then the judge found it convenient to leave the county and appoint this same Mason acting judge. Then the application for an injunction which Operator Mason had prepared came before Special Judge Mason, and, on the argument of Lawyer Mason, was granted.

The New York Literary Digest, which aims at absolute accuracy in its editorial treatment of current topics, thus relates its experience in this case:

The Literary Digest asked West Virginia papers for copies of the injunction and whether Debs's statements are true. A copy of the injunction has been received, but no reply to Debs's statements.

The inference is unavoidable.

A TEXAN'S RETROSPECT.

The Houston, Texas, Daily Post of Sunday last contains a spicy letter from Mrs. E. C. Baldry, a lady from Texas who stayed some time in this city. Of Utah she says:

I love this mountainous country so much, each day I discover something new and beautiful that my heart and soul fill with gratitude to Him who has given me the privilege of enjoying these blessings. With this incomparable climate, these glorious and grand old mountains, the most beautiful valley on earth, with a city so picturesque it would be difficult to find its equal, do you wonder I love to sing its praises? And when I tell you that this climate and the wonderful life-giving waters of this city have restored me to health and happiness I lost more than five years ago, you will understand my feelings better. "De l'abondance du coeur la bouche parle."

Then the lady gives an account of what she witnessed here from the middle of June to the latter part of July, her earlier letters having related previous experiences. She tells of the Old Folks' excursion, giving a graphic description of the same, and remarking thereon:

Should I live to be an hundred years old I shall never forget Old Folks' day. Nothing has ever impressed me so, and I have often since wondered why other cities do not treat their aged in a like manner.

The Christian Endeavorer visit comes next for a share of attention. She gives some inside history, which should be specially interesting reading to the Endeavorers, and which we will not spoil by condensing. It is sufficient now to say that she expected the Endeavorers to act here as they do in other cities, and to see rowding, enthusiastic meetings. But to her the rally was a disappointment all round.

There seemed to be an utter lack of enthusiasm." And she adds:

The gentlemen composing the executive committee were Mormon-haters, and they opposed the others from beginning to end. Dissension characterized every meeting, reporters and outsiders were barred so the world should not know of their squabbles over this Mormon question.

The Post letter then tells of the Transmississippi congress and the Jubilee, both of which pleased the correspondent greatly.

NO LIVE MEN'S PICTURES.

It is reported that a recent picture of President McKinley is to adorn a denomination of new treasury note. No other living person's portrait has yet been placed on government stamps or currency; and when the President comes to remember the fact, he will doubtless protest against being the first exception to the rule.

The foregoing paragraph appeared in these columns yesterday. It now transpires, however, that not only the President's good taste, but a law of Congress, will prevent anything of the kind above mentioned from being attempted. During the latter part of soon after the war, the then chief of the bureau of engraving and printing in the U. S. treasury department, S. M. Clarke by name, caused his own portrait to be put upon the five-cent fractional currency note, while the portrait of George Washington was permitted to adorn the three-cent note of the same series. Whereupon in April, 1866, Congress adopted a law, which is still on the statute book, containing the following prohibition:

"No portrait shall be placed upon any of the bonds, securities, notes, fractional or postal currency of the United States while the original of such portrait is living."

THE EXCELLENT military rule about keeping one's mouth shut as to matters in the army, might with fine propriety be recommended to those who figure in the field of diplomacy. Secretary Sherman, for instance, has either been grossly misquoted in his comments on late European occurrences, or he needs a brake on his talking machine.

A BOSTON jury has officially decided that "Yankee Doodle" is not sacred music. The question arose in the determination of the point whether a certain Sunday concert could be passed and justified as sacred. The "good men and true" unanimously agreed that the rare and stirring old tune was thoroughly secular.

THE STATEMENT that a Sanpete county town was excited over having the simple-minded man is receiving special attention from the press outside of the State. Similar sized towns in our neighboring commonwealths would be excited too were the number of simple-minded men reduced to one.

THE LAUGH is on the adjutant of one of the brigades of the National Guard of Massachusetts, who on the retirement of his chief concluded his

farewell order as follows: "May God bless and preserve the militia of the commonwealth of Massachusetts; by order of Brigadier General _____."

HARDLY EVER is a mistake made in buying ground, perhaps not only of suburban lots, but what the real estate men call "acreage." Secretary Seward paid less than seven and a quarter millions for Alaska, and the purchase is likely to pay back the original price every year, and many times over.

PART OF the floor of the White House has had to be strengthened owing to the heavy tread and the vast number of the office seekers. This seems to have been a needless precaution; why not let the old floor sink with all its precious cargo!

PEOPLE WHO pride themselves on keeping only the Sabbath day, yet require others to labor on the Sabbath, come as near to violating two important commands as persons can well do.

CROP REPORTS indicate that the farmer this year is raising, in great abundance, grain, fruit and vegetables. It will be interesting to know if he is also raising mortgages. They are a bad crop, yet the more a man raises the better he's off.

AS TO how bicycle women shall clothe their legs there is, and may be, much dispute. But everybody will agree that they ought to comb and tightly fasten up their hair, which most of them do not.

ONE OF Alaska's chief climatic charms is versatility. If the traveler escapes an stroke during the day, he has no guaranty that he will not be frozen to death during the following night.

OVERCOATS FOR dogs in England sunbonnets for nurses in France—the same being now the rage—may call for some other fastidious European country to adopt summer skirts for cows.

IN SEVERAL English lunatic asylums journalism has been introduced as a curative measure. In several American newspaper offices, in any has been introduced as a new form of journalism.

THAT GREAT rumbling and quaking in the joint city and county building yesterday was not an earthquake—it was only the regular tour of the county commissioners, snickers in hand.

IT'S A pity some of the rubbers for the Yukon did not take with them a few carloads of dogs from this city. Just think of canine flesh \$2 a pound on the butcher's block at Klondike.

THE ADVANCING boom of prosperity is, again said to be at hand. Well, nobody is getting ready to dodge it.

THE ICE-TRUST has no use for the Klondike, so far as developed at present.