

Is There a Coal Combine?

Developments during the past few days have raised the question in the minds of some whether the government has not been advised for the purpose of beginning prosecutions against the anthracite coal owners, or the railroads for violation of the new rate bill, one or both.

The editor's mysterious gentleman to several towns in Michigan has raised this question by Reynolds or Wyeth has not understood to have gone by secret. He did not enter any of the hotels in town where he stopped. But he has quietly been making his rounds in the business. It would never have been known that any such man was making the rounds if it had not been for the fact that he is in Birmingham. A dealer has admitted that he is in Kalamazoo, but it has been impossible to find him or to learn anything about his movements.

Some very interesting conditions about the coal business, however, have been uncovered. The unanimity of dealers in Kalamazoo in maintaining a fixed price for the commodity aroused the suspicion that it combines effect.

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THE FORECAST

THE HURRICANE DAMAGE IN CUBA LESS THAN FIRST REPORTED.

Two Cities Suffer Most
Sweep of the Cyclone Covered Only a Limited Area—Nine Killed in City of Habana.

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After deliberating 22 hours, the jury in the case of the State of Ohio against the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio, in finding the company guilty of conspiracy against trade in violation of the Valentine antitrust act, returned a verdict of guilty.

Disposal of Fines.
Upon request of Attorney General Bird the Kalamazoo supervisors have ordered the collection in that county for the past fifteen years and what the county will receive therefrom.

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Hurricane Gave Destructive.
Reports from Cuba indicate great loss of life and property by the hurricane which struck Havana and crossed over to Florida. Fully one hundred houses were blown down in Miami and the city was in a demoralized condition.

Three Killed and Many Injured.
Passenger train No. 8, of the Washburn railway, running from Kansas City to Chicago, was wrecked near Buffalo, Mo., and the train was derailed and crashed into a section of a freight train.

John's View of It.
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THIS IS RICH

Wisconsin Has So Much Money Only School Taxes Are Levied.
All the state taxes, with the exception of the school tax, which was levied to pay for the maintenance of the state school system, are levied by the state board of assessors.

Retired Reports.
Reports received by Gov. Marzoni from the provincial governors of Cuba show that the damage done by the hurricane in its results than was at first believed. The storm was confined mainly to the provinces of Havana and Matanzas.

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Met Horrible Death.

Edgar Gillet, chief engineer of the steamer Mary, met a horrible death in the engine room of the boat on Lake Michigan Thursday afternoon. He was hurled through the machinery and was killed.

Severed Head From Body.
Eddie McGuire, 5-year-old son of Patrick McGuire, of Kichville, with several boys, was on a heavily loaded wagon for a ride home. The McGuire boy slipped off the wagon and was killed.

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THE MARRIAGE VICE

ALL EVILS HAVE THEIR ROOT IN PROFRANSTATION.

Slave to the Habit Moralizes and Announces His Conclusions—Can Never Rise Above the Rank.

"The hope of my existence," said the "Slave to the Habit," "has been my habit of putting things off. I never do today what I can put off to-morrow."

"The result is that I am always waiting off and never doing any more than is necessary for my current daily hand to mouth support; and so, as the result of my waiting off, I never have an independent, but always dependent upon somebody else for the means of my support."

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CHILD LIL WITH MALIGNANT DIPHTHERIA RECEIVED NO CARE.
DOCTOR WAS NOT CALLED.
Shocking Case of Indifference and Neglect Reported From Saginaw—One Dead, One Ill.

Beats Beat the Record.
Saginaw valley sugar factories are swamped with beets, the local factory being unable to handle the surplus. Beet raisers are being erected to hold the surplus. A mile of wagon stretches away from the factories to the fields. Beet raisers are being erected to hold the surplus.

Kills the Fish.
Discharges into Grand River from the Lansing sugar factory are believed to be responsible for the death of many fish in that river. The Lansing sugar factory discharges into Grand River from the Lansing sugar factory.

Retired the Money.
The tragedy of poverty was never better illustrated than in the experience of a woman who had a helplessly crippled man who supports himself in a precarious manner by selling coal.

Scientific men have at last discovered how to catch the octopus. All you have to do is to "put salt in his tail" or you will find him in the water. It is more commonly called, the devil-fish, has been added to the New York aquarium. As a general thing this creature lives in the ocean, but because soon as any object touches one of its tentacles, or "feelers," it faster to the rocks so tenaciously with the other tentacles that some of the limbs may be, and generally are, torn off.

Buried Side by Side.
The death of Willis Hobbs and Arthur Larson, of Jackson, brings out a strange parallel in the lives of these two men. Both were born within hours of each other 30 years ago.

Stoyne a Baby.
Joseph Boynton, of Kalamazoo, 17 years of age, under the influence of a pipe, and while in the company of his cab and ran down the street, pursued by a policeman. He pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness and was fined.

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