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THE DIRECTOR of the Philadelphia mint says this country produced in 1896, \$51,500,000 in gold. From the amount that found its way to us we did not suppose it was over half that amount.

THE editor of the Springfield Republican has been living on traditional Boston diet. Witness this one of its latest utterances. "Half baked beans on Job, Psalms or Revelation are not the material for an interesting sermon."

THE EDITOR of the NEWS has no desire to "score" anyone. His business is to get the best thought of the best men of the city, and tell the aldermen and everybody else what that thought is. Doing just that, in spite of some mistakes, has made the London Times ' the greatest paper in the world. The NEWS is following in its steps.

WE JUST MADE a startling discovery, to-wit: that at the late election in this county, for trustees of the University of Illinois, there were only 28 Republican women voters, while 30 Prohibition women went to the ballot box for home and country. If it has come to this that these Prohibitionists are going to carry Lake County, where are we at?

THE SCHOOL QUESTION is always at the front, but not always the same phase. The recent state teachers association had up the high

school for pretty sharp discussion. The High School claims to be a poor boys' college, but the trouble here has been, our poor boys have passed this college by on the other side. Is the fault in the college or in the boy? Our theory has been for some years that it was in the boy, the state association seems to think it is in the college. This subject will bear ventilating a little.

It occurs to us that the Council's method of "holding up" the monthly payments to the Electric Light Co. for street lighting, is not a very business like performance. The council practically confessed, at the last meeting, that it did not know whether the lights and the little incandescent lamps were up to candle power or not. But the aldermen were dissatisfied, and so are some other folks. In other words, the Council had a lot of half formulated complaints, more or less, opinions about the quality of the light furnished, and some notions about defective arc lamps, but nothing clear, definite, and positive; nothing they could go into court and swear to: hence no evidence of violation of contract. Now, we hold that as business men, the aldermen kick all they like, but pay their bills promptly as due, and go about legal redress, if entitled to any, like business men. This holding up the Company's pay is not business, under these circumstances, so our good business men think.

LITERARY NOTES.

POSSIBILITIES, by J. G. K. McClure, D. D., Chicago, Revell Company, \$ .75.

This little 16 mo. book is by Dr. McClure, the able and popular pastor of the Lake Forest church, and it is one of the best books we ever read. It is thoroughly Christian in spirit, but not one trace of sectarianism in it; no one could tell from the book his denomination. We wish it could be in every family and Sunday school library in Lake county and the country, too. It is wonderfully stimulating; and inspiring to young men and women, and so perfectly healthful in tone in every respect. He cites so many cases of men and women who have blessed the world; tells how they did it, what obstacles

they overcame, how the young of our day and community may go and do likewise. There are eight chapters in the book, entitled Finding, Asserting, Protecting and Developing our Possibilities, the Possibility of Being Like Our Heroes, of Living Right Everywhere, of Our Time and of a New and Blessed Life, here and hereafter. Some of those chapters are of thrilling interest and power; all are good and excellent, indeed. They are not sermons, nor yet lectures, but plain, honest, earnest, frank tales of very able, unusually level-headed man; for Dr. McClure's broad Christian common-sense is a marvel. He is one of those Scotch men whose name begins with "Mac," and that is enough. Young men and women, buy this book and read it, reread it, and then read it again; that is, keep it where you can snatch it up for five to ten minutes at a reading and let its lessons permeate your whole being.

THE HOUSEHOLD is the best monthly for the woman's side of the house; we mean for practical women, we know of. It is different from the Ladies' Home Journal, and better for the practical woman, perhaps not as acceptable for the fashionable woman. It is published by the son-in-law of the proprietor of the Youth's Companion, and has the same spirit, common-sense and enterprise which has made that such a phenomenal success. It smacks New England life and ideas, the fragrant aroma of the old Puritan virtues are on it; and we love it. We have met it everywhere, in the homes of New England, this great Central West, in North Dakota's happy homes; and in the old Creole mansions of Louisiana. We will club this or the Journal with the NEWS at \$1.75.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

The aldermen had not been together for a month and they were in for a frolic and so strung out an hours work till about 11:30 p. m. Some former council did not do its work properly when they changed the location of the Lake Place down by the club house, and Tuesday night S. M. Millard was present and helped through two ordinances correcting the old errors. Then he, L. G. Yoe, J. W. Wakem and J. L. Stockton put in a strong petition for the restoration of the old arc street light which the council took away. As it now is, that corner is a very danger-