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POSTOFFICE SITE.

The action yesterday of the Committee of the Whole on Mr. Milliken's bill in relation to the purchase of a certain site for the erection of a City Postoffice makes the prospect of obtaining that much needed building more hopeful than it has been for some time. All the Congressmen who discussed the matter agreed that the present accommodations were inadequate and discreditable, and the feeling in favor of immediate action in providing proper postoffice quarters seemed to be unanimous.

The only difference of opinion elicited was in regard to the choice of a site. An amendment locating the building on Judiciary Square was very properly negatived. The Government is now so poor that it needs to invade the breathing spaces of the people, in order to carry on its business. The buildings which are now on that square should have been built elsewhere, and, to add to them, would be in the nature of an outrage.

There is a good deal to be said in favor of Postmaster General Wamuck's suggestion of a well-located and simply constructed building to accommodate the Postoffice Department and the City Postoffice together—such a building to be large enough and sufficiently planned and equipped to answer for both for a century to come. Mr. Cogger's proposition to appoint a commission empowered to make a definite and final selection of a site would, under ordinary circumstances, have commended itself to the good judgment of the House.

But there has been so much delay in this matter, most of it attributable to the difficulty of agreeing upon an eligible site, that a disposition now prevails to take decisive action at once. Most of our citizens will be ready to admit that the site prescribed in Mr. Milliken's bill is convenient as to access and approach. Care should, however, be taken that enough ground is obtained for the occupancy of a building that is to be permanent. As to the danger from floods, all that is necessary to urge in that connection is that the Long Bridge must be so changed and the river front so improved that all such peril may be averted in the future. This is a point which concerns not only the building of a new postoffice but the safety and well-being of an important section of the city as well.

SHEEP OR HENS.

It is given out as the conclusion of Mr. McKinley and the majority of the Ways and Means Committee, that the American sheep is a disappointment. Through this meek domestic animal has been most carefully protected during the past twenty-five years it has steadily refused to take its proper place as a "shining example" of the benefits of this nurture. He has not kept up with the progress of the country. In proportion to the population forty years ago there was a sheep a head for everyone in the country; now the sheep are 30,000,000 short of enough to go round.

But the old proverb that what one loses another gains bids fair to hold good in this case. The Ways and Means Committee, disgusted and distressed by the apathy of the sheep industry, has turned its attention toward that interesting domestic bird, the farmyard hen. The virtues of this fowl have too often been kept under a bushel. But it is matter of fact, entirely susceptible of proof, that without waiting for any tariff or other regulations, it has gone on, almost without variation, putting its product on the market undeterred by fear or favor.

The committee has ascertained that this sometimes vivacious and hippany logcabin bird generally unpretentious fowl adds more to the wealth of the country each year than all the sheep in it. This fact is henceforth to be duly recognized. No more will the American hen be required to do her best against foreign competition. A tariff duty is to be imposed on eggs.

A NEGRO STATE.

Evidence accumulated tending to show that colored men in different parts of the country have a common understanding looking toward the occupation of Oklahoma and the control of its political machinery, with a view to its ultimate admission to the Union as a negro State. It is claimed that before the end of the year 100,000 negroes will have been settled in the Territory. Many of the recent accessions to its population are from the Carolinas, and the negroes find its genial climate and fertile soil as tempting as any other class of settlers.

One advantage which this movement has over the propositions of Senators Morgan and Butler for African deportation is that the Oklahoma scheme requires no appropriation of Government money. Spontaneous contributions may be relied upon to aid in establishing a commonwealth which would be a new experiment among our States, and which would afford an opportunity never hitherto presented of developing

AMERICAN SEAMEN WANTED.

The complaints against the discipline which Commander McCalla attempted to enforce on board the Enterprise attract attention once more to the fact that the vast majority of sailors in the American navy are foreigners. The crew of the Enterprise, from which there were so many desertions during its recent voyage, was only about one-fourth American.

When Commander McCalla was on duty here at the Navy Department he was universally esteemed an officer of good sense and sound patriotism. His troubles in the command of his ship, such as they are, seem to have arisen from his desire to improve the service by the enforcement of a rigid discipline. On one point certainly he is thoroughly in the right. He holds that the only way to create a truly American navy is to offer inducements to American boys of good character and aptitudes to enlist as naval service as a career, and that it is sound policy to put new ships in commission "only as fast as properly trained American blue-jackets can be put on board to keep them orderly and efficient."

The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald states Commander McCalla's view thus: It was a favorite remark of his that a new type of seaman was more needed than a new type of cruiser, and that it was a mistake to pay attention so exclusively to the provision of vessels, for which it crews could not be had from the raffish sort of foreign merchant service. This statement by an experienced officer shows the importance of the proposal recently made to establish a school-ship here at Washington. Beyond question the American navy should in the main be manned by American sailors.

Colonel Watterston's pledge of safety should have been sufficient warrant for Speaker Reed's prompt acceptance of the tendered hospitality of the Blue Grass State. It has been further suggested that the Speaker may, perhaps, never know how much he missed in neglecting his lost opportunity. To a staff officer reared amid the frigid surroundings of Maine, and accustomed daily to inspect the statebook to discover what he may legally eat or drink, three days' hospitality in the land where "old Bonhom" is a natural product would be a revelation in regard to the art of living and the possibilities of existence. His experience would long haunt his memory as with the reminiscences of a blissful dream and thrill all his senses with a wild, delicious joy.

The NEW ENGLISH invasion syndicate has bought up our breweries, are buying up our oyster canneries and are threatening to buy up the Chicago World's Fair. But it has never been anticipated that an English syndicate would have the temerity to reach forth for our spiritualistic appurtenances. Yet the announcement is made that the American Society for Psychical Research has disbanded for want of ghosts and become a mere branch of the English society of the same name. This certainly looks suspicious. The American ghost-out-pull may have been disappointing in recent years, but such it was and is, it is humiliating to see it pass under English control.

SENATOR ALLISON, according to a Washington correspondent, has considerably modified his views in regard to the kind of tariff reform that the Western people want. The Senator occupies at present a position of conspicuous political advantage and independence. Barring the fatalities to which all life is liable, he is secured in the high and honorable position of a Senator of the United States for the next seven years. But the Senator has recently been among the people of Iowa and in contact with their representatives. Since his return he is reported as saying that Mr. McKinley is behind the age, and that "two-story and attic tariffs are going out of fashion."

IT WOULD SEEM that in all parts of the country the weather of this winter has been a disappointment. In San Francisco the inclement, rainy weather has prevented out-door work and left a very considerable portion of the laboring classes in circumstances of distress. The city government is to be impotent to take immediate measures for their relief. The worst thing about such relief is that it seldom comes in other words, when it becomes available, it will generally be found that the worst suffering has been endured and is, perhaps, beyond remedy.

LOVE CANNOT LOSE ITS OWN.

Say, my! No matter from what bitter pole The winds of Fate be blown, My recent sorrows have been blown— No storm can shake my throne! I reign a queen, e'en in my loneliness; Tho' happiness be flown, O time and death, I do defy ye both To rob me of my own! My kingdom reared itself in one fond hour, And seeds that there were sown, To germinate and flower, will flourish To splendid growth have grown. Widowed, ye say that I am left to walk The ways of life alone; Yet have I still the great companionship Of all that is mine own! While I have memories and hopes, what tho' This present field be mown, Of blossoms I have foster pictures in my heart, And when I look on them, What's the sorrow and the gnawing grief My being heart has known, One comfort and crown is ever mine— Love cannot lose its own.

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ALL ABOARD FOR SINAI!

A New England Syndicate to Build Railroads in Egypt. The story comes from Boston, says the Troy Daily Times, that several well-known Americans, including Benjamin P. Butler, Frank Jones and Governor Goodell of New Hampshire, Senator Fye of Maine and Joseph G. Palmer of New Jersey, are planning the formation of a syndicate to be known as the New England Land Company of Egypt. The business of the syndicate will be to build a railroad from Port Said through Palestine to Damascus. The line is to be equipped with all the latest machinery and will follow a route which will bring all the historically famous points within easy reach.

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FUNNY MR. ALLEN. He Relates a Humorous Incident of a Congressional Trip. Mr. Allen, the humorous member of Congress from Mississippi, says the New York Tribune, has been amusing his fellow-statement this session by telling some of the incidents of a little Congressional excursion which he represented Missouri got up last year in the recess of Congress to Oklahoma. Besides the gentlemen named there were the Hon. Mr. W. M. Springer of Illinois and Peter and Perkins of Kansas. Colonel Mansur was "running" the thing, and the settlers in the new country looked upon him as a man who had promised them a great oratorical treat. The funny man from Mississippi would not go on the speakers' stand at the meeting until it became his turn to speak. He went down among the people who had assembled, in order to note the effect produced and to watch the other Congressmen as they addressed the audience. Eventually it became the Mississippi's turn to speak, and he was asked to mount the stand. Here are some of the points that Allen made at the expense of the other Congressmen present. "I have been standing out in this vast audience," he began, "listening to the remarks of the gentlemen who preceded me. An old fellow near me while I stood in the crowd touched me on the shoulder, and pointing to the speaker, said: 'And them is Congressmen! Well, great Scott, no wonder there is so much complaint that it is so hard to get men to go to Congress these days.'"

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