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OUR GREAT WATCH OFFER.

We earnestly call the attention of our readers to the great watch offer which appears in another column. This is really the best offer of valuable timepieces ever made by any paper.

GERMANY is trying to reciprocate with Brazil. Germany is destined to become our sharpest competitor for the trade of South America.

KANSAS Advertisers have not the end of the world at Christmas. This is too late to help out our fellows who have to buy presents.

SEND in your subscriptions to the Logan monument fund, and let us build a monument in the Capital of the Nation which will surpass all others in Washington.

The latest about small families of Americans do not seem to have much foundation. Nicholas Staiter, who died in Bergen County, N. Y., last year at the age of 83, left 24 children and 26 grandchildren.

The English workmen complained to the British House of Lords Sweating Commission that labor-saving machinery was the main cause of the development of sweating.

The trades-unions are charged with many of the evils of sweating, as, by their rules, they force non-unionists out of the shops, and compel them to do piece-work at home, and become sub-contractors, by employing assistance, at starvation wages, and amid the worst surroundings.

The attempt to assassinate Russell Sage with a bomb, calls renewed attention to this deadly device. The result may be repressive laws against it, like other countries have adopted against the manufacture, sale and administration of poisons.

WHY ARE THEY?

So much is said, with so much vehemence and rancor, about the hosts of undeserving men on the pension-roll, and about so many men who never did any service getting enormous allowances, that there ought to be little trouble in citing instances of these.

It would be very strange in any law of such wide application as the pension laws if some unworthy men did not receive advantage from it. That was to be expected. All general laws must, from their very nature, work badly in numbers of instances.

There is no remedy for it. We can only hope to mitigate its evils by rigid inspection of factories, compulsory obedience to sanitary laws, limitation of hours of labor, prevention of the employment of children, etc.

THE CHILEAN SITUATION.

The Chileans do not seem to be "getting over their mad" nearly as quickly as was hoped for. The gathering of a strong fleet in front of Valparaiso, and the manifestation of a firm but not overbearing attitude by our Government will greatly help to cool down their wrath, and give their good sense.

THE SONS OF VETERANS.

The first quarter of Gen. Bartow S. Weeks' administration as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans has now ended, and the returns show a gratifying increase in the numerical strength of the Order.

SONS OF VETERANS IN MISSOURI.

Missouri has a very stringent law against any men but regularly-organized troops of the National Guard drilling or parading with arms. It reads:

Col. R. W. Frauenthal, commanding the Division of Missouri, Sons of Veterans, recently addressed the Adjutant-General of the State, pointing out the patriotic character of the Order, as well as its charitable features, and asking if it could not be excepted from the operation of the law.

THE SWEATING SYSTEM.

Further publication of the conclusions arrived at the committee of the British House of Lords appointed to investigate the sweating system, make it still clearer that sweating is the direct result of the changed conditions of mechanical labor.

for example. Take the clothing trade, for example. It does not take long to teach an average man to run a machine to cut out coat-sleeves with a stamp.

An echo of the contested election of 1876 comes with the announcement that ex-Gov. J. Madison Wells has sued a Louisiana Judge for \$20,000 damages for saying that he (Wells) altered the returns from a Parish in order to defeat Blackman for the Judgeship.

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Those who were elected three times were: Nathaniel Meen... 7th, 8th and 9th Congresses. Schuyler Davis... 20th, 25th and 26th.

Those who were elected once were: Jonathan Trumbull... 2d Congress. Theo. Sedgwick... 13th.

THE OLD DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVES

are having a solicitous time over the rules which will govern the House. There is room in this for a great deal of anxiety. What they would like would be rules a great deal more stringent than those enforced by Speaker Reed in the last Congress.

THE WORLD MOVES.

The South Carolina cotton planters who in 1832 were trying to break up the Government because it imposed a low tariff rate, are now demanding protection against the importation of low-grade cheap cotton.

THE NEW YORK EPOCH SAYS:

A really honest and thorough inquiry into the working of our pension laws would be a most valuable contribution to the knowledge which the wise people ought to have of their own affairs. Precisely. That is just what the veterans desire.

ROGER Q. MILLS was a persistent enemy of the removal of the tobacco tax, and he denounced the Democrats who favored it as "a set of imbeciles."

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