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LET UP, MR. PALMER. In its issue of Friday, the Detroit Journal, in an editorial not the best tempered in the world, takes to task all those republicans who do not agree with its scheme to force the nomination of a United States senator by the state convention which meets next summer.

REFORMED CHURCHES. Census Bulletin No. 159 gives statistics of the Reformed church in America. Reformed church in the United States, Christian Reformed church, Orthodox Jewish congregations, Reformed Jewish congregations, four bodies of Friends, six bodies of Reformed and Associate Reformed Presbyterians, and Spiritualists.

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commodity may become, the sport of speculation, and sunk in value to about one-third its face value. In a lesser degree but no less marked would be the fate of silver, should the Bland bill become a law.

from the field. Mr. Moulton, notwithstanding his peculiar political views, as a man who will fight for principle to the last ditch before he will yield to the blandishments and glitter of democratic boodle to betray his friends.

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There are all too few instances of such public benefactions as that of William N. Rowe, through whose unselfish generosity the building to be dedicated as the home of the Sixth Ward Baptist today was built.

God reserves unto Himself the right to prohibit—man may forbid. Prohibition by mankind becomes synonymous with intolerance. Intolerance is the attribute of despotism, and begets resentment. Opposition destroys, hence any prohibition not in consonance with God's commands becomes unbearable.

WHEREVER the conditions of trade and finance are well-developed the free silver bugaboo is ridiculed. Even the blindest inflationist is forced to admit that the future will adjust the differences, such as they are, on a basis that will preserve the parity of the two metals.

DETROIT IS THREATENED BY FIRE BUGS. An evening paper declares that a big conflagration in the heart of the city is imminent. Detroit is posing as a rival of Chicago for sensations.

WHILE THE DISH OF CROW served up by the city hall gang is unpalatable some of the old line democrats will eat it, even if it nauseates them.

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BAD FOR THE THUGS

Cars Will Be Built Too Strong to Break Into

NEW CONTRIVANCES PROPOSED

One Man Submits a Monitor Car, Guarded by Men in a Turret—Other Plans and Suggestions.

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L. W. WINCHESTER, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NATIONAL EXPRESS COMPANY.

will of course be awarded," said Mr. Flagg. "I still have a hesitancy in regard to the design we have been able to overcome the ingenuity of the American criminal genius. After all we must depend upon the watchfulness of individuals. It is not with us as with banks and trust companies where valuables are stationary, and where the amplest protection is provided by means of iron walls and armed guards.

"Take for instance the monitor design that was submitted to us. That is really an absurd pattern, for its weight alone would make it an impossible addition to our express facilities. Then imagine an armed guard on the turret, and you have the completion of the most ridiculous idea presented to us.

"It is, as I say, the watchfulness and the discretion of individuals on which we depend. I believe that the highest tribute paid to McInerney, the messenger who was shot by Perry in his attempt to rob a New York Central express car recently, was by the robber himself. 'McInerney,' said he, 'was indiscreet; he didn't put up his hands when I told him to do so.'

It will be interesting in this connection to read the exact circular issued on the subject of a prize plan: One hundred dollars will be paid, subject to the following conditions, to any man connected with an express company who prepares and submits the best plan for a messenger's working or office car, suitable for the carrying and handling of money, valuables and small parcel business.

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between Chicago and Milwaukee, a few days before. The chase for Sly, while longer than that for Perry, was full of peril to the men who were on his track.

There is one thing I would like to say," said a high official of the American Express Company, after detailing to me the inside story in connection with the Perry robbery.

"It is a fact that we knew of Perry's identity immediately after the first robbery at Utica. The Pinkertons had chased him from town to town, and on the day of the second robbery they were within a few miles of the whereabouts of the robber, as they had followed him to Syracuse.

MANAGER ANTIDOTE, of the United States company, believes that the only feasible car will be that which can prevent the destruction of valuables from the effects of nitro-glycerine or dynamite.

"You see," said he, "these fellows can always get into a car as it is built now, but they no longer are able to get anything of great value unless they dynamite the time lock safes which are being put in everywhere.

"Before these criminals got into the habit of blowing in car doors and ends our old combination portable safes were a reasonable protection, but now we realize that we must fight the dynamite as well as the masked men with revolvers.

I believe that the most feasible plan will, after all, be the steel car. You like the steel car, and in this safe inclosure our big fire-proof and burglar-proof time lock safes. Some of the safes will, of course, be so adjusted that the locks can be opened even at local points by authorized agents.

Dynamite will break the steel partition, but it will not break the safes. "One of the unique ideas presented to the express companies came from St. Louis. It was that of a crank which proposed to build holes under the



THE STEEL CASE CAR, SHOWING STEEL CASING AND TIME-LOCKED DOOR.

tracks at every station where money and valuables were left. He then proposed that the car be built solid of iron and steel with a double casing of steel within. All the openings would come from a few minute openings at the bottom of the car. This car floor was to be locked, so that it had to be opened by some one in the hole at every station. It would then sink and could be unloaded, pushed up and relocked.

One of the ablest expressmen in the country, Col. Locke W. Winchester, general manager of the National Express Company, has adopted some unique ideas of his own in connection with the transportation business of his company.

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"Rob" Pinkerton, talking about the possibility of breaking up these train robbing gangs, remarked that they had really been more successful in this work than people generally supposed.

It seems that the Pinkertons have been able to connect Sly with three of the most daring robberies of the year. He is a man who is skillful with the use of dynamite, and it is unquestionably his who, after blowing up the Omaha cable barn, did the terrible work at Glen Dale, Mo., on November 30 of last year, and at Western Union Junction, be-

desperate onslaught from dynamite fuses. Vice President Thomas, of the Erie road, expressed the opinion that the new Wells-Fargo cars on his system were as effective as any yet put into service.

On the New York Central the time



THE NEW TIME LOCK.

lock safes have been in operation for some time, and Vice President Webb in talking about the matter remarked that thus far the best proofs that the Central express cars were pretty well looked after lay in the small results reaped by the train robbers during their recent desperate attempts.

CARS FOR TRANSPORTING GOLD. On two of the lines I understand that gold cars are being built which are to design a good deal like the gold holds on the large ocean steamships. A great deal of money is shipped out of New York to banks, and much more, of course, comes into the city from the far west. The car will be constructed of steel plates one-quarter of an inch thick, strongly riveted together.

There is a car now in use on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis road which has a war record. It is made of boiler iron and was used to transport ammunition during the recent difference. It also carried money and other valuables and was a pretty safe protection from the rain of bullets which generally pelted its sides.

"We recently adopted what was called mail cages for registered letters," he said, "but they were discarded within two months, as we were never able to get all of the stuff into them. Train robbers make no effort to

get into a mail car. I believe there were only two cases recorded by the inspection department last year, and in both instances the pilfering was trivial. Registered matter when in small packages is locked up in ordinary drawers, and when in large ones is piled up in pouches at a portion of the car where it can be kept constantly in view. Then, too, we always have from five to thirteen men in a mail car running between large cities, and these are all armed and ready for action. No, I do not think we need look for any improvement in mail cars that will increase the protection from train robbers.

As it is, the mail cars designed by the government are very complete, perhaps the most complete and perfect in the world."

BLAND'S LATEST MOVE. He Introduced a Resolution Fixing March 28 as a Day for Discussing Silver.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The first move looking to a renewal of the silver fight was made in the house late Friday afternoon. Mr. Bland introduced a resolution fixing Monday, March 28, as the date for resuming consideration of his free coinage measure.

The resolution also provides that the speaker shall refuse to entertain any motion which in his judgment are considered dilatory. It is understood that the anti-silver men are so much encouraged over their successful fight Thursday night that an effort will be made to defeat this resolution and thus terminate the contest.

HARDWARE IN HIS STOMACH. St. Louis, March 25.—There died Thursday night at the city hospital a man, a post-mortem examination of whose body to-day revealed the fact that he was an ostrich in human form.

His true name was John W. German, but he was known to his friends as James Kennedy. On the 21st last he was admitted to the hospital suffering from mechanical gastritis. Emetics given him caused the ejection of nearly half a pint of nails, screws, etc. This failing to relieve him laparotomy was performed and resulted in the removal of as much more hardware, but to no avail, for the fellow died in a short time.

At the post-mortem examination the stomach, its walls and lining were found entirely normal, but liberally filled with the nails, screws, tacks and broken glass, which the man had swallowed. A remarkable feature of his presence there was the fact that none of them were encysted, and that there was not one instance of perforation of any part of the stomach or throat by the sharp points or edges of the substances. But beginning from the base of the tongue back to

the esophagus and from there entirely down into the stomach, the nails, tacks, glass, etc., were found. In the stomach itself there was found almost a handful of these nails, tacks, screws, and pieces of glass, over an ounce weight of them being removed. Continuous ulceration marked their presence, extending from the esophagus into the stomach. Some of these objects had already become imbedded in the membrane lining the stomach but were not encysted. Those in the throat seem to have lodged and remained there. The total quantity taken from the body would fill a pint measure.

IOWA LEGISLATURE

The Senate Refuses to Take Up the Resolution to Reconstitute the Prohibition Association to the Constitution.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 25.—The senate on Friday refused to consider the reconstitution resolution out of its regular order by a vote of 27 to 22. This action undoubtedly ends the chances of the resolution being heard of again during this session. The bill appropriating \$20,000 for the purpose of reorganizing the state militia was passed.

The house passed the senate bill for the construction of cottages at the soldiers' homes. Mr. Coffin introduced a petition signed by E. L. Shaugart and 254 other republicans of Council Bluffs asking the reconsideration of the vote by which the Gatch bill was defeated. The petition sets forth that while the present law may be enforced in some localities yet it is not, and the petitioners believe cannot be enforced in cities of larger towns.

The house passed the general appropriation bill, the total sum appropriated by it being \$1,200,000. The senate bill to appropriate \$120,000 for a state exhibit at the world's fair was passed.

INDICTED ALDERMEN OVE BLOOD

CHICAGO, March 25.—At 11 o'clock a. m. the grand jury returned indictments against two aldermen for conspiracy to commit robbery. They are Harold Michael, of the Fifteenth ward, and Michael J. Bowler, of the Fifteenth ward. The bonds were fixed at \$10,000. Charles Green and Joseph Sokup signed the bonds for Michael, and Thomas Connelly and Andrew Schultz became sureties for Bowler.

HE CARRIED A KNIFE

The Singular Contents of a Pickle's Stomach.

On the last day of last-mentioned fishing in this county the renowned fisherman, Harlow Schlessler, caught a four-pounder in Killow's pond, near here, says a Homeville (Pa.) correspondent of the New York Sun. The fisherman was not a little taken aback to discover an immense fish-bone in the pickle's upper jaw and about ten feet of fish-line trailing from its mouth. This line was fastened to another big and rusty hook that was buried in the pickle's throat.

These things were sufficiently surprising, Schlessler thought, but when he dressed the pickle he found that the fish had still a large quantity of bones in its stomach. The first one of these was a eight-inch catfish, with sharp horns on each and a half long, in the pickle's stomach, and not only in its stomach, but with the horns imbedded in the pickle's flesh. Removing the catfish and proceeding further with dressing the pickle, Schlessler found some hard substance in its stomach. This proved to be a two-bladed knife five inches in length with a lockhorn handle an inch thick.

The appearance of the knife showed that it must have been inside the pickle a long time, as the metal was coated thick with rust and the lockhorn had become quite smooth.

A MONKEY'S INTELLIGENCE

In the Nature Notes, Robert Morley tells the following story: A friend of Mr. Morley's, a native of India, was sitting in his garden, when a loud chattering attracted the arrival of a large party of monkeys. One of the party proceeded to make a meal of his fruit. Hearing the loss of his entire crop, he stretched his howling-piece, and so frightened them away, fired it off, as he thought, over the heads of the chattering crew. They all fled away, but he noticed, left behind upon a bough which looked like one fallen asleep, with his head resting upon its arms. As it did not move, he sent a servant up the tree, who found that it was quite dead, having been shot through the heart. He had it fetched down and buried beneath the tree, and on the morrow he saw sitting upon the little mound the mate of the dead monkey. It remained there for several days bewailing its loss.

WEALTH OF BRITISH PRINCES

The announcement that Cardinal Manning, who was at one time enormously wealthy, his father having been a governor of the East India Company, had only left him of six hundred dollars at his death, recalls to mind the large personal properties of the bishops and archbishops of the church of England. An examination of the records of the probate office shows that the bishops of that church who have died during the last thirty years have left an average personalty of two hundred and twenty thousand dollars each. These figures do not include the value of the real estate possessed by the prelates or any sums lying in pockets of life insurance, which are settled for the benefit of their families.

Be Sure

If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other. A Boston friend, whose example is worthy imitation, tells his experience below: "In one store where I went to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla the clerk tried to induce me to buy their own instead of Hood's; he told me their would last longer; that I ought to take it on

To Get

any trial, that if I did not like it I need not buy any more, etc. But he could not prevail on me to change. I told him I had bought Hood's Sarsaparilla, knew what it was, was satisfied with it, and did not want any other. When I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I was feeling real miserable with dyspepsia, and so weak that at times I could hardly stand.

Hood's

Sarsaparilla. I looked like a person in consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla did me so much good that I wonder at myself sometimes, and my friends frequently speak of it." Mrs. ELLA A. GORF, 61 Terrace Street, Boston.

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