

A Kentucky judge nearly died from brouhaha a short time ago. Thus it is seen that even mint has its thorns.

Erastus Wiman is beginning the world again, and it is safe to say that he will not allow himself to be Dun up again.

A woman, Miss Emma Whitney of Cleveland, who was recording clerk of the Ohio Legislature last year, will likely be re-elected.

Is anything serious troubling Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany? No arrests for lese-majeste have been reported for a period of fully a week.

To the people who find themselves confused by diplomatic terms we will say that the Monroe doctrine means: "Shiny on your own side."

"Old Glory" should never be floated in front of a wrong. And when it is adout, Americans will mass in solid columns behind when the bugle sounds.

Senator Teller may be credited with the introduction into political jargon of a phrase which will go far. But no one likes to be called a "tide-water waster."

Mlle. Yvette Guilbert's visit can have no demoralizing effect on persons who do not understand French and carefully refrain from attending her performance.

There appears to be a disposition on the part of the czar to pat us on the back and say "Bully Boy" from which we infer that he would like to have England's attention distracted for a few minutes.

A New York paper, referring to the recent Alhwardt episode, says: "This egg business ought to be stopped." Well, Alhwardt is doing his full share; he succeeded in stopping three of them the other night.

In Ypsilanti a widower married a widow on the same day the widow's son married the widow's daughter. It is evident that they do not intend to have the third generation spoiled by a superabundance of dotting grandparents.

Congressman Woodman insists upon hanging his hat and overcoat on the screen behind his seat in the house. The astute member from Chicago hasn't knocked about in that city for twenty years without finding someone who conceals his spare garments out of his sight is apt to find them in a pawn shop.

A good citizen does not care if there is a policeman on every corner, while the thief fears every bush an officer. The former sees the shield on his breast; the latter the club in his hand.

The assertion of the journals that in case of a war between this country and England, the only effect on the grain trade would be increased prices, which would be protected by heavy bonds from Russia and India. If the war were prolonged the difficulties out supply would be greater.

Co-operative stores are making headway in France as well as in England. The value of sales of the 306 societies in France is over \$15,000,000 a year, and the total number of members is about 30,000. In addition to these societies in France are the farmers' syndicates, which about \$30,000,000 in co-operated. The syndicates buy fertilizers and other chemicals for vine culture, maintain laboratories for the analysis of soils, publish monthly price lists and perform other services for the general benefit.

A peculiar fact in respect to petroleum is the difference of conditions under which that oil occurs in Russia and America. In the former it is found in strata of the tertiary period, while a formation resembling a sandstone and at depths of only a few hundred feet—in this country it occurs at great depths in the older compact sandstones and limestones of the Devonian, Devonian, and Silurian periods. The oil of Russia consists of uses of hydro-carbons known as kerosene, benzene, and naphthalene, while American oil is mainly composed of paraffine; it is this difference that the great variation between the products from these oils is due to, while American oil yields a large proportion, say about 70 per cent, of illuminating oil exactly suited for combustion in ordinary lamps, Russian oil produces far less of oil and a larger proportion of class lubricating oil.

William Watson, Lewis Morris and Ed Austin have all been considered Queen Victoria as candidates for citizenship. If she had not died when she died her choice on the chances are that eventually she would have pitched upon a poet.

Concerning Russia's alleged offer to us with all the millions of gold it is unkind to recall the few years ago we were sending us of provisions to the famished subjects of the czar.

Insurgents are mistaken in their belief that the destruction of property will make Cuba a free country. They may make Cuba a free country, but it would not make it free, unless it were made free by force or enslaved.

Has offered to act as umpire in the Venezuela dispute if Great Britain will agree to arbitration. Italy in procuring an agreement from Great Britain to arbitrate acceptable than its offer to be arbitrator.

Henry Van Derhan killed in a Bicycle Accident at Des Moines.

Van Buren County Buildings Burn.

James Crowley's Mysterious Death.

Tragic Ending.

Dawson Indicted.

BREVITIES.

Linseed Cake (oil meal) does not only keep your stock in good order, but is a great flesh producer and is now as cheap as corn.

Des Moines dispatch: Detectives arrested nineteen students and the janitor of the Drake medical school, on warrants charging them with robbing graves at Saylorville cemetery and the county poor farm.

Sioux City dispatch: Anna McGraw, a waitress at a hotel in this place, is in a fair way to lose her life, or at least her eyesight, as a result of a rat bite on the eyelid.

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