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PITTSBURGH, MONDAY, JAN. 28, 1889.

BOULANGER'S VICTORY.

Boulanger has won the fight at Paris and now occupies the position of the Colossus of French politics. He must be accepted as the chosen leader of the French people, and calculations as to the future of Europe must take him into account as a prime factor.

Such calculations are rendered all the more difficult, because Boulanger, as a governing power, is an absolutely unknown quantity. As a general in command of armies in the field he is without record; as a leader of politics his only success has been in rallying the excited elements of the French to his support. His sole work as a public administrator was in increasing the French armament while Minister of War.

Nevertheless, his political career in politics does not always imply a lack of capacity. There must be some ability in the man who can concentrate such diverse elements; and if Boulanger can hold these elements together in actual administration as he has in his political campaign he may yet make his achievements some proportion to his promises.

What the outcome will be, is a doubtful thing to-morrow as for next year. We can only wait to see what we shall see.

CHURCHES AND CONVICTS.

The rather surprising statistical statement, published elsewhere with regard to the religious belief or connections of the prisoners at the Riverside Penitentiary, needs to be taken with a large amount of allowance. It is hardly to be inferred that 90 per cent of the prisoners who reported themselves as belonging to various religious denominations were communicants of the churches or regular professors of religion.

AN UNDESIRABLE CONTRAST.

Some of our esteemed contemporaries are indorsing the bill providing a punishment for people who solicit others to violate the law, in order to secure their prosecution, laid to perceive the vital error of the bill. It is true, as the Philadelphia Record says, that the business of spies and informers who pursue that practice, is one that ought to be suppressed. But it is neither necessary nor wise to put the law in the position of nullifying itself by declaring that solicitation for the sake of punishment is to be punished.

THEORY ABOVE CONDITION.

There are several volumes of political instruction in the statement by good authority, with regard to the course to be taken by the House on the tariff bill, that "President Cleveland is very emphatic in his recommendation that the Democrats shall do nothing in this Congress which will tend to take the tariff issue out of politics."

A COMING CATASTROPHE.

Statistics as to the total supply of anthracite coal have been produced, which state that the aggregate yet in the mines is only 25,369,376,000 tons. Of this two-thirds was leaving only a 8,788,888,000 tons as the available stock of lump coal. At the annual rate of production of 10,000,000 tons a year, which it is expected will be attained in 1900, this supply will only last 186 years.

SENATOR QUAY IN FLORIDA.

The declaration by the New York Graphic, concerning the statement that Mary Anderson did not write the article in the North American Review published over her signature, that "there was no serious moral obliquity in Miss Anderson's part of this performance," indicates remarkable views on literary morals in the editorial management of our esteemed contemporary. It is no more than fair to remember that a cross-denial of this statement has been filed on the part of Miss Anderson. But if such a performance has taken place, there is evidently need of instruction as to the dishonesty of appropriating the literary reputation of some one else's work, and of aiding the imposture of selling another person's writing by means of her name.

Only Smart Dogs Can Do It.

Two or three counties out in Kansas have done so well in the election that they can track a county seat. It is a great convenience for people who wish to find the treasurer or clerk.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Charles A. Washburn. — Washburn, Charles A., ex-Minister to Paraguay, died yesterday in St. Louis, Mo., of pneumonia. He was taken there by a friend on Thursday evening, suffering from a severe case of apoplexy. He became unconscious soon after arrival at the hospital, and died at 10 o'clock last evening. The deceased resided at Morrisville, Pa., and was a native of Maine, and an ex-prominent in politics. He was appointed Commissioner of Paraguay in 1861, under President Lincoln's administration, and subsequently became resident minister. He was 69 years of age and leaves a widow and one son. His body will be removed to the family residence in St. Louis.

CAPITAL GOSSIP.

The Senator-Elect From Minnesota—Charles E. Locke Will Revive American Open-Sea Fisheries as President Hayes' State Dinner.

WASHINGTON, January 27.—The selection of Hon. W. D. Washburn, of Minnesota, to be Senator in place of Senator Sabin, whose term expired in March, next, recalls many recollections of the renowned Washburn family. Elisha B. Washburn, of Illinois, was the best known of the brothers in public life, having served for many years, through the war and the reconstruction period, in the House of Representatives. He was known in that body as the "Watch-dog of the Treasury," at a time when extravagance and the ostentatious grasping out of the war and an inflated currency engendered the reputation of many prominent men.

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE.

The inventor of porcelain, Johann Friedrich Bottger, is to have a monument at Meissen, in Saxony. The model has just been completed by Herr Demuthschke. The cost is estimated at \$400.

The ravages of time upon Mr. Jay Gould have recently become visible in his face and hair. He is now a man of advanced years, and was always a man of gravity, but that trait has become more marked within the past year than ever before.

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HE NEW RANDALL WELLS.

He's Always Ready.

WASHINGTON, January 27.—The Post to-day has the following: "Yesterday afternoon, while the sundry civil bill was under consideration, an elderly gentleman, quick in his movements and with the manners of our fathers, went to the east entrance of the House and requested one of the doorkeepers to take his card to Mr. Randall. The doorkeeper took the card, but said: 'I will take the card for you if you insist upon it; but I can tell you in advance that Mr. Randall will not come out. He is in charge of the sundry civil bill, and I know he will not leave his post.' 'That's all right,' said the visitor. 'He will come out when he sees that card, no matter what the circumstances may be.' 'You may think so,' replied the doorkeeper, 'but when Mr. Randall has an appropriation bill under consideration he would never leave the House should the President of the United States send in his card.' 'I'll give you a card to him,' said the old gentleman. 'The stranger pulled out a \$5 bill from an impressive looking man and the doorkeeper immediately made up his mind to give the card to the stranger. The stranger handed the card to the doorkeeper and the card was sent in. The doorkeeper immediately called attention of the bystanders, and a good many side bets might have been made on the result. The doorkeeper, however, did not leave his post, and he was not to be seen again. 'How are you, John?' 'Treaty well, Sam. Are you in a hurry?' 'Treaty well, Sam. Are you in a hurry?' 'Treaty well, Sam. Are you in a hurry?' 'Treaty well, Sam. Are you in a hurry?'

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THE ELDER BOOTH.

Will you please tell me what were the circumstances of Junius Brutus Booth going on the stage? He was educated for the stage, or did he go accidentally, and at what age? Who was the best of him? Did he ever receive the greatest actor of all time, or is he not?

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OUR MAIL POUCH.

Protection for Fish and Game.

The Editor of the Dispatch: The many sportsmen who read your valuable paper every day, I am sure, be pleased to see a communication on a subject in which they are deeply interested. The preservation of game in Pennsylvania. Much has been said and written on the subject, but it seems no practicable plan has yet been devised to protect the game from the rapacity of "sport hunters," who in utter defiance of the law shoot and fish out of season and resort to every illegal method for the wholesale destruction of game birds and fish of all kinds. Fully equipped with the most modern traps, snares, nets, dynamite, ferrets, etc., are constantly being used, and the result is a wholesale slaughter of the harmless sportsman's prey. It is a pity that the Pennsylvania Game Law, which appears in the local daily papers, to which the thoughtful sportsman pays but little, any attention. A few more years of this and the fish and game in Western Pennsylvania will be completely exterminated. No class of men are more thoroughly convinced of this than the sportsmen of the game and fishing clubs and they are the ones who are most interested in the enforcement of the law. It is a pity that the Pennsylvania Game Law, which appears in the local daily papers, to which the thoughtful sportsman pays but little, any attention. A few more years of this and the fish and game in Western Pennsylvania will be completely exterminated. No class of men are more thoroughly convinced of this than the sportsmen of the game and fishing clubs and they are the ones who are most interested in the enforcement of the law.

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