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Wednesday, February 22, 1888.

DR. PATTON has accepted the presidency of Princeton.

The anti-saloon Republican convention will be held at New York on April 18th.

W. W. CORCORAN, the aged millionaire and Philanthropist of Washington, is very ill.

It is said that Delegate Gifford has given up all hope of dividing Dakota during the present session of Congress.

The Crown Prince is officially reported as better. His cough is less troublesome though doing fairly he does not show average power of recuperation.

JOHN ROWE was convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Constable Reagan at Des Moines. The murder grew out of the enforcement of the prohibition law.

THAT terrible visitation in Mount Vernon, Illinois, calls to mind that calamity knows no season. All previous cyclones have occurred in the summer or fall.

A TERRITORIAL paper suggests that every community in Montana wave the stars and stripes to-day—Washington's Birthday—and send up a rousing appeal for statehood.

It is semi-officially announced that Russia will shortly request the signers of the Berlin treaty to notify the Porte that the election of Prince Ferdinand as Prince of Bulgaria was illegal.

The Sheridan presidential boom is now a thing of the past. Little Phil has been interviewed and declares he would refuse to have his name before the nominating convention and wouldn't care to be president anyhow.

CHICAGO detectives have captured a man who has confessed himself an accomplice of young Tascott in the murder of Mr. Snell. The accomplice claims that he waited outside while Tascott entered for the purpose of robbery, and that he did not know a murder was committed till he read it in the papers.

The bill to amend the law prohibiting alien persons and corporations from acquiring lands in the United States has received the approval of the house committee on mines and mining. The amendment provides that the restrictions of the law shall not apply to mines of gold and silver, tin, lead, cinnabar or copper, or any interest therein.

GUARD AGAINST PICKPOCKETS.

The Various Ways in Which These Thieves Plunder Their Victims.

Have you ever had your watch stolen? If you have then you have experienced the peculiar sensation which creeps over you when the hand is carelessly dropped to take the watch out and only a dangling chain is found. No one ever had a watch stolen who did not begin to meditate on the way it was done, and usually no satisfactory conclusion is reached.

An old man came into the city a few days ago from Paterson. He has an interest in one of the big silk mills there and is wealthy. His visit was for the purpose of buying Christmas presents and he had several hundred dollars in bills, besides a gold watch and diamond scarf pin. He is naturally a timid man and had his watch eye open for thieves. His pocketbook was in his left trousers pocket and his watch was in his waistcoat on the same side. His coat was buttoned up close to his chin, so that none of the light fingered fellows could get a chance at his property. He walked through Fourteenth street from the Sixth Avenue Elevated road to Broadway, made a purchase and when he looked for his money found nothing. His watch and pin were also gone and only the dangling chain remained. There was never a more surprised man in this world, and all that he could tell Inspector Byrnes about the robbery was that he had been jostled by several men in Fourteenth street, soon after leaving the train, but he had not seen them do anything.

In the pickpockets' vocabulary he had been put through the "push and pull" game. To do this requires a "mob" of four or five men, besides the "wire," which is the term applied to the man who does the "trick." One of the "mob" is selected to do the "touching." This consists in passing the fingers gently over a person's pockets to determine if he is worth robbing. It is done always in a crowd. If everything is all right, the "toucher" gives a signal and indicates by signs where the property is. The "mob" passes in front of the victim and the "wire" and "fence" come up from behind. At a signal one of the "mob" stumbles and falls on the victim, who is nearly thrown off his feet. The "mob" grab the victim, ostensibly to keep him from falling, and then the

"wire's" hands do the work. Whatever property is secured is given to the "fence," who goes off like a flash. The most famous thief in this line of work is "Poodle" Murphy. He has great nerve, and a hand that moves more quickly than the eye can well follow it. "Poodle" stole ex-Secretary Robeson's watch in this way in Philadelphia, and is said to have committed more robberies than any two other pickpockets in the country.

There are several other ways in which this class of thieves do their work. The horse car "trick" is a favorite one, and "Deafy" Price is a master of this. It is done with a newspaper, an overcoat slung over the arm, or one with holes in the pockets. It requires great boldness and confidence. The thief sits by the side of the victim, always in a crowded car. Sometimes the thief works quietly, other times with a rush. The quiet method is carried out by dropping the paper carelessly on the lap and turning in the seat as if to look out of the window. If the pocket is tight the thief will either give up the effort or cut the cloth. The thief works in the same way with the pocketless coat. If he secures anything he leaves the car at once. When force is used it is done when the car gives a sudden lurch, and the hand is driven in and out of the pocket so quickly that the victim thinks that the pressure was on the outside of his clothes. Women are often robbed in this way, and while it might seem to be dangerous, it is said to be comparatively safe for the thief.—New York Tribune.

Curious System of Contract Labor.

There is in England a curious system of contract labor which has lately interested not only writers on economic subjects, but the English government as well. In the Fortnightly Review the system is described at length. It is also mentioned in the report to parliament by J. Burnet, whose duty it was to inquire into the labor problems of the east end of London. This plan of work is known as the "sweating" system. It is prevalent in many trades, particularly in manufacturing districts. By it the owner of a factory obtains the cheapest possible labor. He employs a contractor, to whom he pays a gross sum for a certain amount of work. This sum is less than it costs the manufacturer himself to arrive at the same results. The contractor then, by increasing the number of hours of work, and perhaps by reducing the pay of the "hands" he hires, is enabled not only to do the required work, but to obtain for himself a comfortable profit. This system of slavery is said to be so extensive in England as to call for legislation. Trunk making, cheap clothing manufacture and many other trades flourish entirely on this principle.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

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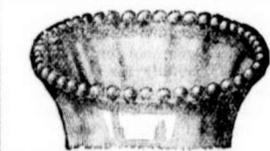
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