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OUR AGENTS.

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DEMOSN will be incorporated.

The report of cholera at Guatemala has been denied.

The silver bill is still the leading question in Washington.

OREGON appropriates \$50,000 for the World's fair exhibit.

The silver bill is the principal topic in congressional circles.

Two St. Louis ladies have been left \$4,000,000 by Lord Raitcliff.

No settlement of the political middle of Connecticut has been reached.

The New York Sun insists that there will be an extra session of congress.

GEN. WM. T. SHEPARD died in New York at 8.30 p. m. Thursday in the seventieth year of his age.

ALABAMA had a disastrous cyclone, and serious damage is reported from Talladega county.

SENATOR PAGES bill for a uniform system of text books is under consideration in the Texas senate.

The Mardi Gras festivities have closed at Galveston and were pronounced a decided success in every way.

The report that President Diaz would leave the Presidency and Gonzalez enter it, is now pronounced a canard.

BISHOP GRANT of the African Methodist church, at the conference in Louisiana, makes a severe attack on Bishop Newman.

The San Antonio Light made a serious charge against the city authorities there and all is not as serene with it as it might be.

The well-meant interposition in behalf of the Russian Jews by the English people has redoubled the severity of their treatment.

SENATOR LUBBOCK'S bill to subject water crafts of all descriptions to taxation in the counties in which they have a port, has been reported favorably.

The land grabbers are squatting around the Cherokee strip with an anxious expectancy resembling the pose of ducks preparing to pounce upon a June bug.

The committee on roads and bridges will report favorably Senator Garwood's bill, forcing railroads to furnish good crossings and defining what good crossing are.

The probabilities of a Central American war have passed. Explanations between Guatemala and Salvador took place recently which fortified existing peace.

It is to be hoped that the present legislature will enact a libel law that will enable newspapers to give the news without being harassed by ungrounded libel suits.

MILITARY committee report for West Point apportionment, one cadet from each congressional district, one from each territory, one from District of Columbia, and twenty at large.

The bill for separate coaches for whites and blacks has been favorably reported, and a compartment of a car set off to itself comes within the meaning of the term separate coach.

The new small-pox guards at Larado recently appointed, found twenty-four new cases not before reported to the authorities. Business is paralyzed and a disastrous epidemic is feared.

"SPEAKER REED has put his thumb down on free coinage says the New York Continent and that ought to settle it. Mr. Reed's thumb, once settled, can no more be raised without a long and protracted effort than the average church mortgage."

The negroes claim to have elected Mr. Harrison to the presidency says the Rockdale Messenger and they are again clamoring for recognition. A paper published in Boston by negroes wants Harrison to appoint a negro as secretary of the treasury in place of the late Mr. Windom. If the publishers of the Boston paper had as much sense as a plow mule they would know that the republican party does not want any negro in a high office—all it wants is negro votes.

IS CLEVELAND IN IT?

Cleveland's letter to the meeting at Cooper Institute in New York Wednesday night on the silver question has proved a bombshell, made the republicans jubilant and the democrats wrathful. It was known that he was not a silver man, but that he should thus openly oppose the free coinage bill has hurt him immensely with his party, holding that if those were his views, there was no occasion or necessity for them being promulgated at this time, and that he has ruined his claims for the presidency by so doing. Many of the State platforms, Texas among them, declared in favor of the free coinage of silver, and Congressman Sayers says that the Democracy could not consistently advocate Cleveland after his expression of these views.

Cleveland's views on the silver question have been known all the time, and because of his frankness to express them, he being a frank and honest man, should not alienate his friends or the Democratic party from him, and it won't except those who were looking for an excuse to look elsewhere for a leader. The BANNER regrets to see Mr. Cleveland do anything that hurts him with the Democratic party, and while we are not pleased with his views on the silver question, we think that upon the sober second thought, when this little breeze blows over Cleveland will again be the favorite.

During the ripple that his views have created, we shall read with interest the editorial comment of the Dallas Times-Herald, who will no doubt be tickled immensely, for it is iron in its soul for Cleveland to be in the ascendency.

WE CAN'T SHOW IT.

The Lexington Transcript says: "All the printing offices in North America are invited to show anything that will equal this: A certain printing office in Lexington is opened with prayer every morning. That is before the compositors go to work the proprietor leads in prayer. Now, if any office anywhere can match this, we would like to hear from it." The fact that every printing office has its "devil" and its "hell," would suggest the necessity of prayer before the commencement of each day's labor.

INSPECTION.

The Dallas Times-Herald, in a lengthy editorial, expresses the opinion that the same supervision should be exercised by the state over building and loan associations as is given insurance companies. The building and loan associations do the great volume of their business with working people, wage people, people of moderate means, who avail themselves of the excellent system of these mutual building and loan associations to save their monthly earnings, or borrowing through it the earnings of others to build them a home to be paid for by the maturing of their stock—a plan which is as safe as convenient when in the hands of our own people and conducted under our own state laws—and have no such means as the men who patronize the insurance companies, who can consult commercial agencies as to the standing of the companies they are dealing with; hence there is a greater necessity for protection by our state laws against wild-cat building and loan associations than in insurance.

Some of these companies are good and sound, but the average patron cannot tell which, hence the necessity for state inspection, and that such as are not proven to be perfectly responsible be prohibited from doing business in Texas.

Such a measure, says the Times-Herald, would save to Texas thousands of dollars sent out of the state each month to bogus concerns, and it hopes the present legislature will pass an inspection law.

A WIDE difference exists between the mine operators and miners and cokers in the Connellsville coke regions in Pennsylvania. The operators want a reduction of 10 per cent in wages, while miners want an advance of 12½ cents a ton. The result will be a strike by 16,000 men who say they are prepared to stay out three months.

The judiciary committee will report favorably the bill by Sinkins defining—who shall not in law be deemed servants, also a bill authorizing the attorney-general to institute suit for the recovery of school lands where the purchasers have failed to comply with the law in regard to paying the principal and interest.

EDUCATION said H. Ward Beecher, is the knowledge of how to use the whole of one's self. Men are often like knives of many blades—they know how to open one and only one; all the rest are buried in the handle, and they are no better than they would have been if they had been made with but one blade. Many men use but one or two faculties out of the score with which they are endowed. A man is educated who knows how to make a tool of every faculty—how to open it, how to keep it sharp, and how to apply it to all practical purposes.

BREVITIES.

The cold snap is snow joke in New England.

The coquette likes a man after her own heart.

The distance is not far from good nature to grace.

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The tramp has a mission. His mission is dinner.

There are few dogs that a bone will satisfy these days.

Every cloud has a silver lining, unless you have torn it out.

Disagreeable truths are always intended for somebody else.

Railway circles are an endless series of curves and rocky cuts.

With enough pennies you may avoid both penury and the pen.

A man's idea of a perfect woman is one who thinks he is perfect.

When you sell a humbug the purchaser is in it to keep him company.

Two persons who have lied to each other can never become sincere friends.

The Czar of Russia is one of the greatest old book collectors in Europe.

If ignorance of law excuses no one, then some lawyers ought to be hanged.

Helena, Mon., with a population of only 25,000, contains thirty-two millionaires.

In well regulated families of small boys the slipper has been supplanted by the stiff hair brush.

Lady Roseberry left her entire fortune to Lord Rosebery for life, with reversion to her children.

When a man is cross it is an evidence that he is suffering: he is entitled to sympathy, not reproaches.

The right arm of a blacksmith is almost hypertrophied, while the left arm, from disuse, becomes atrophied.

No man likes to feel that he has been made a fool of, but did any man ever live who was not made a fool of?

It is estimated that from 90,000 to 100,000 deer feed in the forests of Scotland, and that 4,000 stags are killed annually.

Equal quantities of oil of turpentine and essence of lemon are said to be excellent for taking stains and grease out of silk.

But we fear that sparking in the immediate neighborhood of the girls in question will be a very dangerous pastime.—Munsey's Weekly.

William Schaeffer, of Liugeld, Montgomery county, Pa., has made a cane of 5,864 pieces, which he has presented to an intimate friend.

The light of a firefly has been found sufficient for the making of a photograph from an ordinary negative by L. Farni, Bridgeport, Conn.

An employe of the postal telegraph office of St. Petersburg has invented a watch which requires winding up only once in forty-five days.

The pumice stone was a writing material of the ancients. They used it to smooth the roughness of the parchment or to sharpen their reeds.

Thieves stole an organ from the Presbyterian church at River Forest, Ill., the other day. About a year ago the carpets were stolen from the church.

Paradoxical: "My dear doctor, if all your patients are getting along as well as you seem to be, then you cannot be getting along at all.—Fliegende Blatter.

A new waterproof glove has been brought out in London. In place of hardening when wet, owing to the peculiar dressing of the skin, the rain does not effect it in the least.

An ordinary transparent glass globe absorbs about 10 per cent. of the light passing through it. Ground glass absorbs 30 to 45 per cent., and opal glass from 50 to 60 per cent.

Senator Pierce, of North Dakota, was once a newspaper man, and was connected with the Chicago News. In those days he was accounted a good story teller and a connoisseur in dinners.

A young lady living near Moosehead lake took a Bangor (Me.) merchant recently thirty mink skins to have them made into a cape. She said she had trapped every one of them herself.

An eminent German has been counting the number of hairs on human heads of different colors. In a blonde one he found 140,400; in a brown, 109,440; on a black, 102,962; and on a red one, 88,740.

London has nine homes for shoe blacks—by which term is meant homeless boys—as well as a shoe-black society that aims to give the boys moral and intellectual training, to help them to save their money and to give them self respect.

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