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Formation of a Syndicate to Control the Price of Cotton Seed Oil.

A special from St. Louis says: Some two or more years ago J. V. Lewis, an extensive manufacturer of cotton seed oil, of Cincinnati, conceived the idea of forming a pool intended to control the price of the commodity, and has since that time been quietly but zealously at work, with several other large manufacturers, to put into execution his plan. It is now stated that his efforts have succeeded, and that there has been formed a corporation known as the Cotton Oil Trust company, which controls every desirable mill west of the Mississippi river and 60 per cent of the mills of the entire country. The capital of the country is placed at \$20,000,000 of which about \$17,000,000 has been issued to the mills bought by the pools. The plan of the procedure is as follows: If the officers of the company decide that a certain factory should be subject to pool control, the owner is approached and invited to sell his property. If it is unincumbered and in good working order he is given certificates to the amount of three times the value of his mill. For less valuable property, less is paid. If the mill thus bought can be operated with a profit, the trust company places it in the hands of a superintendent of its own, and takes possession of its property. From that time the mill is run as the best interests of the company dictate, the output being regulated by the current price of the cotton-seed products. Instead of encountering opposition from the mill owners the pool has been besieged by applications for admission to the syndicate and it now finds itself an almost complete master of the situation.

"A poor woman coming in on Saturday from Toluca to this city," says the Two Republics, Mexico, "had her baby strapped on her back. She reached behind to bring the child to her breast to nurse it and found it had frozen to death in its sleep."

Dromios at the Capital.

A Washington correspondent writes: There are six pairs of dromios in Washington this winter, and the curious mistakes which are daily occurring are the gossip of society and the hotels. Tom Reed, the leader of the republican side of the house, has a counterpart in the leading photographer of Washington, and the joke is that the general air and voice of the two are precisely alike. The other night Stanley Matthews and a fellow-congressman of Reed's saw this photographer at the theater and took him for Reed. They went over to him and addressed him, but he knew nothing of the subjects on which they asked to be posted and it was some time before they discovered that they were interviewing the wrong man. Two other dromios are Welborn of Texas, and the frowsy headed fellow who writes cards in the lobby of the house. Welborn has been taken for the card writer time and again, and he grows angry, so is said, every time such a mistake occurs. The likeliness of Gay the sugar millionaire of Louisiana to Senator Sherman is very striking, and Cleveland and Manning are sometimes taken for one another. I have told you stories of how O'Donnel, of Michigan, has been mixed up time and again with Assistant Postmaster General Stephenson, and there is an ex-member of the Pennsylvania legislature here, who is noted for having sold his railroad pass for an overcoat, who looks exactly like the angular objector, Holman of Indiana. —[Erie Herald.]

Modern Surgery.

John Driscoll of Corry, sometime since lost an eye by a cow's horn penetrating it accidentally. His other eye had also been blind for many years. A few weeks ago Mr. Driscoll consulted Dr. Garey, who performed an operation on the organ by which an artificial pupil was substituted thereby restoring the sight. The operation was performed by opening the eyeball and taking out a portion of the iris, thereby making an artificial pupil.

Mr. Driscoll, who was in the city to-day stated that his sight was fully restored to the injured eye.

Logan Doesn't Second the Motion.

Information from all over the country is to the effect that the Blaine Republicans are talking about the old ticket for next time. The Logan Republicans have not shown anything like a similar hilarity in the same direction, and there are quite a number of other Republicans pulling in entirely different ways. This is what makes politics such fun to most people.

A Butler Pa., man sent 25 cents to learn how to make \$50 a week at home working on a capital of \$1, and received the following printed slip: "Fish for fools, as I do."

J. T. Sunderlow, who lives near Keuka Putnam county, Fla., while ploughing unearthed a chest containing Spanish money to the amount of \$3,960. Some of the this money was very old, dating as far back as 1678.

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