

invention one must have come, to account the color of a man's skin as a bar to anything, or any position on earth, prove be worthy and capable! God made man in His own image. Does that eternal verity rest with the English-speaking race, only? *Allons!*

It was indeed a red-letter day for this Territory when the Senators came.

"The Chinese are the best people in the world to deal with," so say the natives; and they should be competent judges in that matter. We shall now have the needful supply of Chinese labor—there is no doubt of it.

That "ball-and-chain" also, is to be "unrivetted." *Pau. Aloha!*

The clever Senatorial Commissioners will be more than able to spell and define:—"Revolution," "Delegate" (our), "Monarchy," "Queen" and "Governor Dole" by the time they shall have reached Washington again.

AN EVENING PRAYER.

By Lawrence N. Booth.

Again I close mine eyes to sleep,
Still knowing not
What other hours of day shall keep
My mortal thought.
Like one who launches from the shore
Out on a starless sea,
Uncertain of return once more,
So come I unto thee,
O dark and death-like sleep.

Father, receive my evening prayer.
Thou knowest best,
What time my pilgrim soul should fare
To its long rest.
A little longer to abide—
This may more needful be;
Yet quick departing to Thy side
Is better far for me.
Thy pleasure is my prayer.

So this I ask for Jesus' sake:
If called this night,
Then let my mist-cleared eyes
awake
To perfect light;
But if an earthly day shall dawn,
Give it a resurrection power.
Forgive the error past and gone,
Bless every new-born hour;

That when I come to launch once more

On sleep's dark, death-like sea,
Come life, come death, on either shore

I may be nearer Thee.
Grant this for Jesus' sake.

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THE CLERGYMAN IN OLD AGE.

Cardinal Wolsey is reported to have said, "If I had served by God as I have served my king, He would not in my old age have deserted me."

We well remember the college oration of a friend (since an eminent Boston lawyer) on "*The old age of the political partisan*," and wish it were in print for all political partisans to read.

But one of the saddest things we know of is the old age of some of our clergymen, who after a life spent in the service of the Master are shoved aside to make way for younger men.

At the age when the doctor and lawyer are receiving their largest fees, and all needy soldiers are honorably provided for in well-appointed soldiers' homes, the old clergymen, like the old horse, is too often left to hard work for little pay or to depend on charity.

In the Catholic and Methodist Episcopal churches, we believe, this is not true. But in some of our churches we have had brought to our notice sad instances of the neglect and suering of aged clergymen.

As this paper goes to all the clergy of our own State, we would urge upon them (in view of the fact that sooner or later they will all—if they live—grow old) to take action for the establishment in all churches of funds which shall honorably provide for the old age of those who have given their lives to the preaching of the gospel. *GEO. T. ANGELL.*

NORTH DAKOTA.

We are glad to find in a letter received this morning a description of the very kind treatment of horses by the Norwegians in North Dakota. Probably in no country in the world are horses more kindly treated than in Norway.

OUR QUEER LANGUAGE.

(From February St. Nicholas.)

When the English tongue we speak
Why is "break" not rhymed with
"freak"?

Will you tell me why it's true
We say "sew" but likewise "few";
And the maker of a verse
Cannot cap his "horse" with
"worse"?

"Beard" sounds not the same as
"heard";

"Cord" is different from "word";
"Cow" is cow, but "low" is low;
"Shoe" is never rhymed with "foe."
Think of "hose" and "dose" and
"lose";

And of "goose"—and yet of
"choose."

Think of the "comb" and "tomb"
and "bomb";

"Doll" and "roll"; and "home" and
"some."

And since "pay" is rhymed with
"say,"

Why not "paid" with "said," I
pray?

We have "blood" and "food" and
"good";

"Mould" is not pronounced like
"could."

Wherefore "done," but "gone" and
"lone"?

Is there any reason known?

And, in short, it seems to me
Sounds and letters disagree.

COMBINATIONS OF CAPITAL.

Don't you think, Mr. Angell, that great combinations of capital are endangering our republican government? Yes.

Will they destroy it? No.

What can prevent it? Great combinations of intelligent labor controlled by intelligent leaders who cannot be bought or sold, resulting in the settlement of questions between capital and labor at the ballot-box, without armies or navies on one side, or dynamite and great incendiary fires on the other.

How do you think this will be brought about? By a public demand that civics and humane education shall be considered in our colleges and schools the most important branches to be taught there.