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The supporters of Mr. Low in the Greater New York campaign are criticizing the administration severely for interfering in the campaign in behalf of General Tracy.

The business and professional men of Richmond have decided to create a popular fund to endow the Virginia Mechanics' Institute of that city as a memorial of Lewis Ginter.

General Fitz Lee is quoted by the Alexandria Gazette as saying that "he, as a good Democrat, was willing, at all times, to abide by the arbitrament of this party's conventions."

Braving the authority of Weyler, cutting a prison bar, getting a young girl out of a country infested and surrounded by secret police spies is no inconsiderable achievement.

The Denver Post is glad to hear that dressed hogs and dressed beavers are being sent into the Klondike country. It would be extremely cruel to send them to such a frigid land in an undressed condition.

It is estimated that the United States furnishes 52 per cent. of Mexico's imports, against 45 per cent. in 1895. England furnishes 17 per cent., and Germany 10 per cent., while Spain and other countries contribute 8 per cent.

Dr. Nansen expresses the opinion that Andre, the daring Swedish aeronaut, is still alive. Andre, Nansen thinks, probably landed in the North American archipelago or on the northern shores of the American or Siberian coast.

Colonel Zayas, "minister plenipotentiary to Great Britain from the Cuban republic," declares that Cuba will not accept home rule upon the plan of the Sagasta government, as outlined in the press dispatches. "Independence or death" is our motto," says Col. Zayas.

BRAINS AT A DISCOUNT.

The Savannah News publishes the following, but for what purpose does not appear, unless it is to show that brains are at a discount, and that it pays better to be a baseball player than a college professor:

"Aw, what'd d' good of it," said Chuck Connors, when asked if he did not wish he were educated. Chuck couldn't spell six consecutive words of one syllable each correctly to save his life, yet the report is that he is receiving \$100 a week on the stake—a sum larger than any professor in Georgia receives. Ed. Hanlon, the baseball player and manager, has just declined an offer of \$12,000 a year for about six months' work—a sum greater than is paid to the majority of college presidents, and more than twice the salary of a United States Senator."

According to the foregoing the baseball business appears to have the advantage in the way of dollars.

OTHER EYES FIXED ON ALASKA.

According to the New York Times there are other eyes than those of gold hunters, which are already fixed upon Alaska.

Though that land has not yet reached the dignity of an organized territory, the Western statesmen are impressed by the potential value in a political way of the population it will have next summer, and they have formulated a scheme, says the Times, for the division of the huge region into two regular Territories, with regular officers and the regular ambition to become States as soon as circumstances warrant, or rather, as soon as circumstances excuse such action. Our contemporary, of course, deprecates such action, and very properly remarks that at present Alaska cries for explorers rather than for politicians, and until clearer proof than any now at hand is given that it is ever to be more than a collection of mining camps there would appear to be no urgent demand for an increase in the number of its capitals.

Just so! But are we not a great people after all? But a few days ago the names of a number of gentlemen were announced as prospective office holders for Hawaii when that island should be annexed, and that President McKinley had already picked out an Ohio man for appointment as Hawaii's Governor, and now they are talking of this Alaska business. We are a great people and no mistake.

THE MONITOR'S COMMANDER DEAD

The death of Rear Admiral Worden, who commanded the ironclad Monitor, in that vessel's action with the Confederate ironclad Virginia, in Hampton Roads on March 9th, 1862, gives the Baltimore American opportunity to say something which no doubt is long wished to say concerning the engagement between the two vessels; something which everybody who knows anything about the fight between the Monitor and Virginia knows to be incorrect.

If the American were engaged in making history there is no telling what harm it might do, but as it only writes to please certain Northern readers, there is no special harm done, only, it is incorrect when it claims victory for the Monitor in her engagement with the Virginia, and it is as well that it should be reminded of the fact. In referring to the Hampton Roads engagement the American says: "The Moni-

tor, with Worden in command, steamed into Hampton Roads and dropped anchor. Not much time was lost in maneuvering. Each commander knew instinctively that he had met a dangerous adversary. The two vessels were rapidly cleared for action, and dashed at each other. The shock was terrible, but it did not appear to hurt either. Again and again they rushed to battle, using their tremendous guns with fearful effect, and at length the Virginia drew off and steamed up the river, to Norfolk, never again to become a participant in the war.

"Admiral Worden's part in the fight was overshadowing. Though badly injured in the revolving turret of the Monitor, and almost blinded, he personally superintended and conducted at all points, and is entitled to the lion's share of the credit for the victory."

Nobody has any wish to deprive the Admiral of any credit that may have been due him for the part he took in the fight, but when the American declares him to be "entitled to the lion's share of the credit for the victory," we call a halt that it may say to what victory it refers? It may be customary in the North to credit victory to the Monitor, but facts do not bear it out.

It is a matter of history that the Virginia destroyed the men-of-war Congress and Cumberland, and that other craft were damaged and others captured before the arrival of the Monitor, and that in the engagement with the Monitor that vessel took refuge from the Virginia in shallow water and out of the range of her guns. Yet the American speaks of credit to Admiral Worden for the Monitor's victory. What victory?

According to the Baltimore Sun, Captain Van Brunt, a Federal officer in command of the Minnesota, which was aground, said it was the Monitor that retired first. The alleged victory of the Monitor, in fact, is very much like that of Gettysburg—it did not become a victory until some time after the fight. The dispatch of Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy, on March 10th, directing that the Monitor be "not too much exposed," and "in no event" go to Norfolk "unattended," seems to show defeat. The same thing is indicated by his order, "If vessels can be procured and loaded with stone and sunk in the channel it is important that it should be done." Such a stone blockade against the Virginia seems to show what was thought of the result in Washington the day after the fight. Lieutenant Jones, who commanded the Virginia, says: "The Virginia did not return to Norfolk until after the Monitor had put an end to the fight by running off into shoal water beyond the reach of our guns." Yet the American claims the fight a victory for the Monitor.

NOTES AND OPINIONS.

The friends of Archbishop Keane will give a banquet in his honor at Washington on October 13.

Potatoes and apples have both rotted so in parts of Maine that not half a crop will be harvested.

There are more than 10,000 Europeans and American residents in China. Of these 4,000 are English.

Hongkong is the capital of foreign industry in the far East. More than 3,000 vessels touch there annually.

A great crop of oranges in Florida is expected this year. It is estimated that it will amount to fully 250,000 boxes.

The British Colonial Secretary has approved a loan of \$5,000,000 for the building of railways in the Malay peninsula.

At Wilmington, Del., where offenders are publicly whipped, crowds of pretty girls look on and seem to enjoy the spectacle.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Langtry's winnings from horse racing for one day this week are estimated at \$250,000.

Bushrod D. Washington, a house painter, of Chicago, who says he is a descendant of the Washington family, owns the seal with which George Washington signed the death warrant of Major Andre.

President McKinley was recently presented with a twelve pound trout from the people of Hague, a small town on Lake George, the Haguettes having found out that the President was a member of a fishing club where a number of years ago.

A widow named Christine Codini, who remembers the Impression Napier in I. made on her as a child, celebrated her 101st birthday a few weeks ago at Mainz, Germany. She is in good health, and not long ago expressed to her 60-year-old son a wish to go to America to visit her grandchildren.

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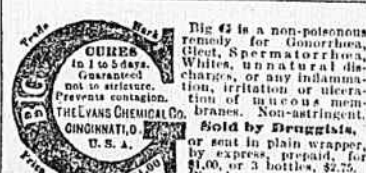
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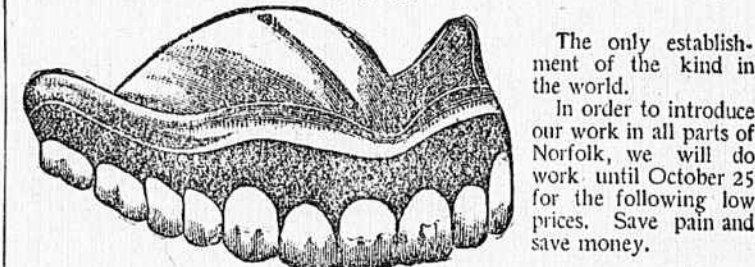
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