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BAR HARBOR, Me., objects to the introduction of a railroad. The noise would disturb the residents who wish to keep the place a burred harbor.

PROBABLY the worst disgusted crowd in Texas was a mob which went to lynch a man last week, and found that another party had already performed the job.

THE *Call* has determined to reorganize San Francisco society, and starts out with the terribly significant declaration that "there are too many men in the penitentiary, and too many out that ought to be in!"

THE *Sun* thinks it looks very much as though Arthur had determined to make a serious effort to become the candidate of the Republican party in 1884. If he accomplishes his design, he will be the first president, promoted from the vice-presidency, in whose hands such and undertaking has proved successful.

ABOUT one hundred thousand Canadians are engaged in the lumber business, and it is estimated that they and those most dependent on them constitute about one-ninth of the population of the Dominion. The total product of lumber in Canada in 1881 was $38,541,752, or $9 for each inhabitant, of which enough was sold abroad to bring into the country $23,991,052.

AN enterprising Ohio man has invented a new swindle. The Cincinnati auditor increased the valuation of heavy taxpayers' property, and then offered "for a commission" to get the taxes refunded. The scheme worked well and the auditor's office made money. His only mistake was in being found out. It was one of those infernal newspaper reporters that gave it away.

SECRETARY TELLER has decided what his course will be as to the claim of the Southern Pacific road to the land grant of the Texas Pacific. It will be just the same as in the case of the Astoria land grant. He will not make any adverse or affirmative decision, or place on record in the department to show why the request should not be granted, but he will refuse to grant the application, and will refer the subject to congress. The president concurs in this course.

As the papers often refer to the Chinese telegrams sent to and from Europe in connection with the Franco-Chinese negotiations, it may not be useless to state that a special code of telegraphy has been devised for the use of the Chinese. All the characters of the Chinese language have been numbered, and these numbers are sent by telegraph as secret messages. On arriving in China they are translated into Chinese numbers for the use of the Chinese officials.

ONE of the significant incidents of the late canvass, says the New York *Tribune*, was the great amount of work accomplished by the Republicans, compared with the small amount of money it cost to do it. The campaign fund was about $25,000. Contrasted with this are the large sums expended by the Democrats. Their candidate for register of that city was assessed $25,000, and all the employes under Democratic control in the city and state had to pay over 2½ per cent. of their salaries.

THE British brig *Louisa Corpel*, of Yarmouth, arrived at Newport, R. I., last week after most tempestuous weather, the waves washing over the vessel from stem to stern. The captain and his two officers decided to tap some barrels of fish oil which were on deck, and a number of holes were bored into them so that a stream of oil flowed into the sea. The effect was almost instantaneous, the vessel drifting about six points to leeward, leaving the oil to windward. The captain says: "In three-quarters of an hour the waves had almost ceased breaking over the vessel, and but for the oil on board we must have been lost."

A POSSIBLE topic at the coming session of congress will be the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians' lease of 3,117,800 acres of grazing land at two cents an acre. The syndicate which get the lease, which runs for ten years, have just made the second half-yearly payment, aggregating over $31,000. Every man, woman, and child of both tribes was paid $5, the money being in $1 and $2 greenbacks. The next payment will be in cattle, as the lease calls for half money and half cattle. In the Indian Territory it is believed that a number of United States senators and members of the house of representatives are indirectly interested in the lease.

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