

WASHINGTON.

Discordant Views and Vain Ambition Still Troubling our Senators. House Caucus Deterrred. The President indorses the Financial Plan of Secretary Carlisle...

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, December 7, 1894.

The democratic Senators have made earnest efforts this week to agree upon a programme for the session. Two conferences have been held for the exchange of views...

The democrats of the House have deferred holding their caucus until next week so as to give the Senators time in which to decide what is to be done...

That the democrats in Congress are doing some hard thinking on the financial plan proposed by Secretary Carlisle and endorsed by President Cleveland is shown by their reluctance to commit themselves at this time either for or against the proposed plan...

A subcommittee of the House committee on Banking and Currency was appointed at the last session to consider the numerous bills before that committee and to formulate either from them, or as an original measure, something to take the place of the national banking law...

Chairman Bland, of the House Coinage Committee, says he will endeavor to get that committee to report his free coinage bill to the House, and that if the committee does so the bill will certainly pass the House...

The "Press Claims Co.", of Washington, well known to the publishers of the country through its schemes to obtain advertising, is once more before the courts, as defendant, in a suit which has been brought by a Kansas City publisher...

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

the Nicaragua canal bill by the failure of President Cleveland to endorse it in his message, the friends of that measure are preparing to make a determined effort to push it through the House...

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In a bulletin now in press, the Experiment Station gives the details of some experiments carried out to test the value of this feed. The feed has been examined as to its chemical composition, its digestibility, and its actual feeding value for dairy cows.

The chemical composition was found, on the whole, to correspond very well to the composition claimed for the feed. Its digestibility was comparatively low, the total amount of digestible food present in the feed being somewhat less than in clover or timothy hay...

Two experiments were made with dairy cows to test its value as a feed for milk and butter. In the first experiment a ration of cotton seed feed and bran produced 18 per cent. less milk and 10 per cent. less butter than one of corn-fodder, mixed hay, corn-meal, and cotton-seed meal containing the same amount of dry matter...

The general conclusion drawn from these investigations is that cotton-seed feed is too expensive in proportion to the amount of food which it contains to successfully compete, on equal terms, with ordinary dairy feeds at average prices.

An incidental result of the experiments is to illustrate the possibilities of profit in dairying. The net profit above the estimated cost of feed and care in these experiments ranged from 77 to 95 per cent. of the cost of the feed...

The Experiment Station has recently reprinted from its annual report for 1893 a little pamphlet entitled "Rational Stock Feeding." The pamphlet contains tables of feeding standards and of the composition and digestibility of feeds...

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METHODS OF PRIMARY READING. III.—THE PHONIC METHOD.

By William Neeltling.

This method did not take its rise among us, but was brought here from some of the countries of the old world whose languages are nearly free from the anomalies and inconsistencies which burden English orthography. In Germany and some others of the countries across the Atlantic, this method was in some form or other, and to some extent, employed nearly a century ago...

The phonic method, or what is called by that name, instead of having had a fixed form, or mode of use has had nearly as many as it has had different advocates. Some commenced by teaching the short vowel sounds, then combined these with consonants to form words. Thus with the short sound of a they combined t, making at; then prefixed in succession m, f, r, c, s, &c., making mat, fat, rat, cat, sat, &c. This was followed by a comparison of hard and soft a, in eat, out, cope, cold, can, with cedar, cell, cinder, cider, &c. Fixed initial and terminal combinations, such as bl, sc, br, cl, sh, sm, and ld, ll, it, ip, ill, in, were taught as a unit.

Others, to supply the deficiency in characters to represent all the sounds, changed the forms of some of the letters, a, for example, to represent certain sounds, or introduced new characters to complete the necessary number. This phonetic system, as it was termed, seemed to be quite a success, and by those who saw only with their eyes and heard only with their ears, not with their minds, was declared to be the long-sought-for; but, alas! like all artificial systems, it was doomed to a comparatively short life. It was true that pupils learned to pronounce by it quite rapidly as long as they used the phonic characters, but when given exercises in the common alphabet, and failing to meet the accustomed aid of letters, were helpless. Besides, the method did not teach reading; but only pronunciation. This method was advocated by Dr. Alfred Holbrook of Lebanon, Ohio, in the Normal Methods of Teaching, published in 1860.

To relieve the dryness and monotony of the so called pure phonic method, a few teachers here and there, struck by what they considered a happy thought, introduced as aids to the memory of some of the sounds, the noises of animals. That of the sheep was made to help the sound of a in area; that of geese, sh; that of the cow, w; that of the dog, r; &c. But these auxiliaries met with little favor among the body of teachers; the more intelligent declared the help nonsense, and a system that needed such assistance, unphilosophical and unpedagogical. This happy thought, like numerous others before it, was soon doomed to the same fate.

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