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PITTSBURG, TUESDAY, JAN. 8, 1890.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE ENLARGED.

The secret session was resorted to yesterday, in order to permit the Senate to debate a resolution, which was finally passed, declaring the objection of the United States to the assumption by any foreign Government of the control of the Panama Canal. This will doubtless meet the approval of most citizens of the United States, who care anything about the matter; but its discretionary character is not to be overlooked.

It goes further than the Monroe doctrine, which was a protest against the restoration to the Bourbons of the revolted Spanish-American republic; and which was repeated in the opposition of the United States to the mushroom empire of Maximilian. To extend this doctrine so as to antagonize works of peaceful character under control of foreign Governments may be a proper assertion of the "America for Americans" doctrine; but, before declaring that the second naval power of the world shall not build the Panama Canal, the United States should be in a position not only to provide an acceptable alternative, but to back up its words with the naval power that it into its hand to build the canal whether we permit it or not.

In other words, while we parade before the powers of Europe with a chip on our shoulder we should be sure that we will not have to adopt the tactics of the crawfish if the chip should be knocked off. Something of that sort took place with Germany against the Samoa squabble. Perhaps there may be an idea that we will keep things equal by going through the same operation with France, but the policy of persistent back-down is doubtful.

BOTH SIDES WRONG.

The close approach to a collision between the Knights of Labor and the possession from the order, over the secession of Knights of Labor Hall, was one which rarely witnessed the bitterness of the factional quarrel and which might have been avoided by courtesy and liberality on either side. In fact, the course of both parties appears to have been inspired by the desire to quarrel than anything else. It can hardly be regarded as exactly within the limits of propriety for a secessionist from the order to claim the use of the order's own property for the furtherance of his cause against it; and, on the other hand, the willingness to give free speech by a fair hearing might have prompted the Knights to let Mr. Barry say what he had to say in their hall. The quarrel cannot fail to detract from the public respect for both the new or old order, or for the immediate participants in it.

ALLEGHENY'S CHARTER PUZZLE.

The agitation over Allegheny City's new charter has taken on a new phase from the announcement made yesterday that the legal adviser of the Northern Freethyrician has drafted an act which will permit Allegheny to go on until 1900 without going into the second-class or back with the third class. This has naturally provoked some expressions of surprise at such a change from the view previously announced, that Allegheny would go into a second class or into either the second-class with Pittsburgh, or the third with a number of smaller cities. That is not the only adverse criticism that could be made.

The difficulty with the last classification being that it was special legislation, how the city may be able to resist it, is a question which is not yet settled. It is to be hoped that the city will be able to resist it, as it is not the only adverse criticism that could be made.

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distinction between her career and that of the ambitious ladies who seek wealth and fame on the notoriety of their private lives and the attractions of their millinery.

THE NATURAL GAS DECISION.

The decision of the State Supreme Court reversing the ruling of Judge White in the natural gas case and dissolving the temporary injunction against raising the rates charged in Allegheny, seems to put the boot decidedly on the other leg in the contest between the companies and the consumer.

The peculiarity of the position lies in the fact that the public is yet in the dark as to whether they are entirely without a remedy against excessive charges or whether the remedy pursued in these cases was erroneous. The Supreme Court may have held that the proper remedy would be a suit to recover exorbitant charges; or its ruling may be for an injunction against the combination of competing companies; or its members may have divided between these views and the opinion that consumers should be left to their own devices.

The appearance of the State Supreme Court in new silk gowns is noted, and it also appears that the decisions given by the millinery were in favor of the corporations. The public can puzzle out the relations between the two phenomena for itself.

RUBENSTEIN is reported to be in great trouble because the Car has ordered him to write an opera on the railway accident in which the autocar was not hurt. He ought to get through the job easily enough by working over almost any of Wagner's later compositions; and after hearing it once or twice the Car could face railroad accidents with equanimity.

PERSONAL POINTS.

YE HA YUNG, of the Oregon League at Washington, is a good deal of a dandy in his way. He pays a great many calls at the capital and seems to enjoy himself, although he does not know a word of English.

COLONEL DAMON has written a letter advising that President Cleveland will not visit in Orange, N. J. There is a growing suspicion that the President will not visit in Orange, N. J. There is a growing suspicion that the President will not visit in Orange, N. J.

Mlle. Schultze, the young lady who has set Paris discussing the question of the equality of rights of women, by her mastery with resignation; and the public will be left at liberty to seek other remedies.

The immediate effect, however, of the decision is to relegate the control of the charges for gas to the companies; and unless they have experienced a change of heart in the past few months, we are likely to see the advanced scale put into operation. The people will remember, however—and will be likely to take care that the gas companies do not forget—that if charges are pushed too high, the supply of coal in the immediate vicinity is cheap and abundant.

Lord Wolsey's illness is of old standing. He contracted it in the Burma War of 1881. Lord Wolsey has done a deal of his hardest work at times of great physical suffering. In the Crimea War he lost one eye through the burning of a shell. He suffered severely from inflammation of the other in the Nile campaign.

Mrs. Cleveland is engaged in translating a French novel into English. This work she has undertaken merely as a means of amusement and with no thought of having her translation published. She reads French with perfect ease and her English style is flexible and graphic. She has received offers from various publishers to publish her translation.

A WALL FROM DENVER.

It appears that the tyrannical minions of the law are making the sensation-lovers of Denver feel the weight of their power. A woman in jail there for killing her husband, and who is telegraphed from the Colorado capital that she is kept in a cell, and no one but her attorneys and the jail attendants are allowed to see her. "Many ladies of the city have called bringing fruit and flowers," but they are ruthlessly turned away and the unfortunate young woman is obliged "to sit alone in solitary confinement," to quote one correspondent's tragic recollection.

This is terrible; and is calculated to make the Denver people of the class of the "Knights of Labor" feel that "this is a land of liberty or a despotism that we live under." It may have been known before, but that even in countries that pretend to be free, young women who indulge in the dissipation of killing their husbands are locked up and compelled to wear the "iron cage" of solitary confinement.

THE AMERICAN CLUB had pretty nearly as hard a time as West Virginia finding out who was elected—in proportion to the vote cast. But it finally discovered that someone was elected by the Hon. Rowland T. Slocum's favorite margin.

THE ENTHUSIASM WITH WHICH THE Southern papers are charging the Northern people with race prejudice in omitting to put a colored man in President Harrison's Cabinet, causes them to overlook the fact that the Southern Presbyterian Church has refused to unite with the Northern Freethyrician Church rather than permit the colored brother in the same religious organization. There is a great deal of pulling the mote out of your neighbor's eye in regard to the color line.

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declared: "I would rather have the d—l in my Cabinet than Mr. Blaine," requires the general who believes it to also believe that General Harrison has not only thrown away the padlock on his mouth, but has also thrown away his senses with it.

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Booth and Barrett in Julius Caesar at the Grand Opera House.

It is probably not too much to say that dramatic production of a Shakespeare drama that that presented last night at the Grand Opera House was never seen in Pittsburgh. For once a company's managers have done what they promised—brought here "a grand and magnificent spectacle."

Mr. Booth, of course, took the role of Brutus. His severity at his best, perhaps, yet he should attempt to point out defects in his work would be bold indeed.

He maintained the same mastery over his audience that he always does. When they applauded for appearance's sake, when they felt more like weeping, Booth was there to lead the body of Congress to a noble close to the play.

Mr. Barrett was a very, impetuous Cassius and Octavius. There was no part more admirably fitted than his. After the tense scene both he and Mr. Booth were called before the curtain.

But why was it that both stars were called when the opera contains three? That this evening's performance was not the Grand Opera House last evening could not admit, after witnessing the wild enthusiasm manifested by the audience.

THEATRE. The theater was well lit last night, and the performance was successful in every way that of last year.

Held by the Enemy. "Held by the Enemy" was a play presented at the Grand last season, and at that time received almost the unanimous approval of the press and the public.

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Paris and Fall of the Bastille From the Rising Point of View—The People Who Set the Styles.

The announcement that the "dress improver" is being abandoned in New York will revive in minds which are prone to pessimism a fastidious belief in the wisdom of Mr. Cleveland, whose good taste in matters of dress has made itself felt during the period of the American ladies who have been in Paris.

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Presented to the Author of "The Quick or the Dead" by Her Husband.

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