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White Caps have been giving in Ohio late. But the worst that can be said of competitive examinations in this country or England, where the subject is now being thoroughly threshed out, is not that they fatten the graveyards and fill the lunatic asylums, but that it tempts us to put a stock of assorted learning into the heads of young men and women only at a later day to extract it by means of a painful examining process. After the examination too many of the heads are found to be empty.

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GERMANY'S PROPOSAL. The latest publications on the Samoan question hardly leave any doubt, either as to the desirability of which our representatives have been treated by the German, and as to the actual insult offered to the flag. In the meantime Bismarck has pretended up to a very late date to be acting in accordance with the agreement between the three Powers, and coolly requested the co-operation of the United States in the prosecution of the Samoan question.

LET BAYARD PEN AN ELEGY. Gray, the poet, wrote his famous Elegy after long continued contemplation of the graveyard at Stoke Pogis. Ever since then the world has been marveling at the beauty and elevation of the poet's feelings. Secretary Bayard is free to adopt. For four years he has been observing the burial one by one of his own hopes and the hopes of a large number of his countrymen in the graveyard of his incompetency.

THE REVENUE BILL. The revenue bill, a summary of which is given in our telegraphic columns, appears, so far as can be judged by the abstract, to be the bill framed by the Revenue Commission. Full discussion of its provisions may be required when the text of the measure is furnished; but at present the one thing to be urged is that a bill of some sort be passed for the taxation of the classes of property that have escaped bearing their share of the expense of State Government for some years.

GOING TO THE DOGS. The dogs are having their day in Pittsburgh just now. They are a nice set of dogs, too. For once it would be by no means a bad thing to see all our best citizens going to the dogs in the Central Park. In fact, that is the only way the canine beauties can be seen by those who love them. The dogs cannot go to their admirers, therefore the admirers must go to the dogs.

THE LAST STREET RAILWAY BILL. In the multitude of bills which have been introduced in the Legislature on the subject of passenger railways, that introduced day before yesterday, by Laeaster member, is at present prominent. A large number of its provisions seem intended to provide against abuses on the part of corporations that furnish transit through the streets, some of them being calculated to guard against the vice of stock watering; but the unique and characteristic feature is that limiting the stock to be issued to \$30,000 per mile, and the bonds to an equal amount.

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What is Victoria Woodhull Up to Now? Ladies at the Dog Show—Judge Collier on the Jokers Again. VICTORIA WOODHULL'S extraordinary career is still fresh in most people's memories, and a few Pittsburghers have personal recollections of her remarkable moral, moral and political operations. She married Mr. Martin, the well-known banker and philanthropist, of London. At present she is housed in the center of fashionable London, at 11 Hyde Park Gate, and from this center she appears to be conducting some new experiments upon humanity. A clergyman named the Rev. James G. Pasca, A. A. is delivering, presumably in the interest of Mrs. Victoria Woodhull Martin, a lecture entitled "The Naked Truth; or Mrs. Woodhull-Martin's Life and Ideas," in the towns and cities of England.

THE Democratic Senators finally concluded that they did not know what to say about Prohibition and so refused to vote. It remains to be seen whether that is the way they will vote next June. THERE is an item going the rounds of the papers that when Disraeli first became Prime Minister some one asked him to propose moderate men, and he replied: "Moderate men? Oh, I see what you mean. You want me to appoint men without convictions." Yet it is not recorded that anyone made the obvious rejoinder that the latter qualification was fully supplied in an administration of which Mr. Disraeli was the leader.

THAT Texas messenger got back in time to save his distance; and now that it is all over, does not seem as if he had to make a very big trip on account of a very small technicality. CONCERNING the reports of White Cap warnings in the East, it is necessary to point out that the Eastern species is a different breed from the wild and woolly Western ruffian. The Eastern White Cap is nothing more than a new name for the common, cowardly, and blackguardly anonymous letter-writer.

WITH Fish's sentence commuted and Grant's monument threatened, there seems to be a good deal of force about the old proverb touching the relative values of the dead lion and living dog. It appears that the Inter-State Commerce Commission has again been finding the railroads guilty and telling them that they must not do it again. The Commissioners are becoming nearly as suspicious of the subject of the railway presidents as in swearing off, and then keeping right on.

MR. BLACK, ex-Consul at Buda-Pesth, is the latest public man to discover that the too active pen is a more dangerous weapon at the breech than even the indiscreet tongue. THE rebuke which the Emperor of Germany addressed to the student of Berlin University for drinking beer and cutting class, indicates that the good Colonel Shepard might get a capital job as publisher of the official organ of the present Imperial Government.