

The remarkable publication of the Legislative Committee of the Knights of Labor, upon the State legislation of the last session, is a striking corroboration of recent statements in this Dispatch that those labor leaders have determined to do their best with the Republican managers.

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THE DISPATCH has no quarrel with the Nicaragua project. If its promoters can raise the money, as they have professed themselves able to do, let them do so and build the canal. But if the United States has \$100,000,000 of money or credit to put into ship canals it should use it for the completion of the interior waterways, which will carry a greater tonnage and benefit this nation five times as much as a ship canal more than a thousand miles away from the nearest territory of the United States.

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EX-SENATOR INGALLS' kind of prohibition party for a basis for a large and enthusiastic party. There are untold thousands of men who would rally to the prohibition party that will never permit them to take a drink except when they feel that they want it.

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How a banker taught an ignorant boy a lesson. Eight years ago Mr. James T. Hayden went from New York to New Orleans, and today ranks as one of the leading financiers of the Crescent City. He is President of the White National Bank and came to Washington to have a talk with Secretary Foster on monetary matters. In conversation with a reporter at the Arlington last night he said:

"I am a Republican, but am bound to admit that President Cleveland's letter on the silver question was one of the best acts of his life. He was correct in his position and I think nobody but those having some soundness of his views. Don't think that we of the South have gone mad after the free coinage of silver. At a meeting in New Orleans of largely of the same opinion, I was represented, a vote was taken and it expressed their hostility to silver coinage."

"I think the best thing that can be done is to bring me a bag with 500 silver dollars in it. The bag will produce here, but my friend refused point blank to do the thing. Then I said to him: 'Here is an old-fashioned device, but it will be appreciated by you, in which you claim people want silver very badly in this country. My friend has not been clear-headed, but I expect, yet you are going to travel and refuse to take a single dollar.'"

"I have seen a man who writes more such stuff. It is rubbish; you don't know what you are talking about. He saw the Senator at the White House, and he had notes instead of the coin he had so highly prized. 'Free coinage would be the most disastrous thing that could befall us. An international Congress of business and nations, as the President of the Bank of England said to me a year ago, would be the cause of the destruction of the world. It is hardly worth while saying that such an agreement is improbable, if not impossible.'"

THE FOURTH ESTATE. It is Sullen and in Deep Unrest in Belgium and Demanding Its Rights. (FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—A report of Consul Danforth of Liege, Belgium, to the State Department, contains some interesting comments, though it is somewhat late reaching us. He says that the significance of the strike here is that it is not a strike in tangible results—it is not to be sought upon its industrial side. It was not intended to be, nor was it, entered upon by the miners as a strike for any purpose. It was a significant and important social and political demonstration. Into this men and women entered earnestly and heartily, by the way, they were not the only ones who entered. The strike was a significant and important social and political demonstration.

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE. What is the Triple Alliance and what are its objects? (FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The Triple Alliance is a league, chiefly for defensive purposes, between Germany, France and Italy. It is a league to preserve the peace of Europe, but really "isolate" France and discourage her from attempting to retake Alsace and Lorraine.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN 1884. What was the vote on the first and last ballots in the Republican National Convention in 1884? (FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

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—The average height of the clouds from the earth is about one mile. —There are 720 women lecturers in this country who charge admission, to say nothing of the thousands of curtain lecturers.

—The king of horseshoe crab sheds its feet with the legs, the little animal grinding its morsels between its thighs before it passes them over to its mouth. —The story comes from Quitman, Ga., that recently, while a number of persons were sitting near there, the lightning struck the light, jumped into the boat and many were caught that way.

—Rumblers in Portland, Me., are said to be selling lager beer disguised as "Coca-Cola." It's an old dodge. An Auburn man sold lager in sarsaparilla bottles for years and escaped without a scratch. —A small colored boy in the Cherokee nation was very sick and the doctors treated him for consumption. The other day he had a severe fit of coughing and vomited up a snake about six inches long. He is now getting on his feet, and the snake is now selling blows on the head of the attacking animal.

—A Brooklyn citizen who was attacked and bitten on the arm as he was passing along a public street in that city has been cured by a local magistrate for orally to announce that he had been cured and that he was telling blows on the head of the attacking animal.

—Fraulein Lepper made a considerable sensation at a convention of lady abstinents at Melbourne from all the Australian colonies by making a vigorous attack on tea. In her opinion, tea is a most unwholesome master of the human will and destroyer of vitality it is tea.

—It was long thought that the water from melted snow was of medicinal use. This idea has been proven incorrect, as the reverse is the case. Snow is really a purifier of the atmosphere, attracting to it, as it falls, all the dirt, grime and other things found in the snow-water.

—A ship sign in London reads "Plots for novels or short stories. Prices reasonable. The plots are of the most original nature. Have a rare talent for devising plots, but no great powers of narration, so he is supposed to be a professional plotter, and these are found in the snow-water."

—By a novel device heavy guns can now be aimed and fired with the greatest accuracy, without exposing the gunners and without their even seeing the object to be fired at. This is accomplished by the use of a telescope, the object being to aim the gun as to cause the object to be fired at to be reflected upon a screen at the rear of the gun.

—Shells for firing high explosives have been patented abroad, in which a receptacle is made containing compressed air. By means of this compressed air, the shell is fired, the compressed air being released suddenly, thus furnishing the propelling force. Great range, no fouling of the gun, scarcely any smoke, and the shells are obtained, combined with great rapidity of fire.

—The Rutland division of the Central Vermont Railroad crosses the mountains as Mount Holly, Summit station being 1,400 feet above sea level. The mountain, when the railroad was building, the tunnel elephants were dug up, and they are preserved to-day in the Vermont State Capitol building. The elephants were dug up in length, which was discovered in 1861 in the town of Rutland. This was 150 feet above sea level and 90 feet above the level of Lake Champlain.

—Eugene Foster, of Bath, Me., has a dog that he values highly. Foster was at work tearing down a building the other day, made a misstep, fell 90 feet and lay unconscious. His dog, Spot, was near at hand and at once rushed to his aid. He was lying on his back, the dog of Foster's grandfather, found his old gentleman and commenced tugging at his ears. The dog was lying on its side, short distance and barking. He repeated this several times before Mr. Foster thought he understood, he followed the dog to the house and found his grandson.

—A report has been made by the designation of the United States government providing suitable accommodations for young men, clerks and others living in London on moderate incomes. It proposes to erect a building in London, in which the young men, properly situated with an eye to business, should be able to find a place to live. It has a sitting room with bed alcove, for from 10 shillings to 15 shillings a week. It has a sitting room with bed alcove, for from 10 shillings to 15 shillings a week.

—In July, 1888, Captain Joseph Lowe, of York, Me., discovered the skeleton of a man had out for that purpose. Soon after Mrs. Lowe thought she felt something moving under her side of the bed, but the Captain had been lying on his back, and the skeleton was afterward sick and laid on that side of the bed, when he felt the same motion. In April, 1888, he died, but not till Tuesday of last week he was buried in the cemetery. When out came a live, healthy, but terribly hungry man. He was lying on his back, and anything offered him, it is said, he would eat. He was two feet across as "choked" with fat.

—Milo, the island of the Cyclopes in which the famous "Venus of Milo" was discovered, has again been the scene of the unearthing of a splendid example of ancient art. It is a statue of a woman, the Venus of Milo, which is almost as perfect after its burial under the dust of centuries as it was when it came to light. It is a statue of a woman, the Venus of Milo, which is almost as perfect after its burial under the dust of centuries as it was when it came to light.

—Frank S. Kinney was a business man to begin with, but he had nothing to do with tobacco in his early life. He was interested in real estate, and he was interested in the South American. He was interested in the South American. He was interested in the South American.

—THE JUDGE'S JOKES. Prisms—Has Wormley found a boarding house? Prisms—Yes. He won't have any but a fashionable one. Prisms—Yes. He says it must be on a street where there are no boarding houses.

—"Where was Johnny Tiverton?" inquired the Sunday school teacher, looking up from the Bible that he was holding. "He went out between the Acts," replied little Sammy Brown.

—Aly—Barkeep, you may give me a—Barkeep—What kind? I make 15 different sorts of cocktails. Aly—The best one to start the day with, yer know? I'll be in for the other fourteen later!

—Some of the fashions change. Each season sees a new fashion for hats or gowns or shoes. Why not? In autumn even maple trees refuse to use the hues they used to use. She—How time flies in the summer! He—Yes, it does. It's the best of it. "And are you an old sea-dog, as they say?" asked the fresh young woman. "I 'am," returned the soldier. "Do you mean you're a sea-dog?" "No, I mean I'm a sea-dog."