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PITTSBURGH, TUESDAY, SEPT. 15, 1891.

ENGLAND'S COUNTER-STROKE.

The seizure of the island of Mitylene by the English Mediterranean fleet, if it has any other result than the strengthening of the end had come for the Turkish Empire in Europe than ever before. The significance of the act is so clear that any explanation from the English Cabinet is supererogatory.

The occupation of the island, not only amounts to an avowal of England that she is not to be trifled with in the East from Russian aggression, but implies the most extreme measures of defense, but implies in addition the conviction that the time has come when it is futile to try to preserve the Turkish Empire, and that each power must protect itself by grabbing what it can get.

Of course the English action is stimulated by the hope of the Salisbury Cabinet that European conflict will result in the final settlement of John Bull, and give the Tories a victory at the next general election.

It remains to be seen what Russia and Australia say to this act. If the tone is not very much changed it portends a general rush to seize what can be got of Turkey and the beginning of the European war dance.

GETTING DOWN THE ESTIMATE.

The poor farm still hangs fire. Chief Elliott has arrived at the conclusion which the DISPATCH all along urged, that there is no money for the city in growing hay, corn and vegetables—with such labor as the inmates might furnish—upon which to support the poor.

SAVING AN APPROPRIATION.

In commenting on the reported policy of Secretary Foster to save some money for the Treasury by not spending the full amount of money appropriated by Congress for the New York World fund, the Secretary says: "It asserts that he cannot 'make money or save it by refusing to pay debts.'"

NOT THE STRAIGHT ROAD.

In connection with the Democratic campaign in this State and the attempt of a certain element in the Democracy to make an issue of the Constitutional Convention, the New York World says: "The World has frequently advised the people of Pennsylvania that 'the straight road' to permanent relief from the corruptions of Pennsylvania lies through a Constitutional Convention for ballot reform."

PATRONAGE AS A LEVER.

It is a fact that is worthy of the attention of the political student that if the theory that the disposition of important patronage gives a political leader strength, President Harrison ought to be the strongest man in the politics of the United States to-day.

It is doubtful if any President since Lincoln, and perhaps not even excepting him, to the degree that the use of patronage for distribution of important patronage at the present incumbent. His power to control good things on those who are persona grata is remarkably illustrated in this third year of his term.

It seems to be pretty clearly demonstrated that the sub-treasury, land-loan politicians and the various offices on the side of the Farmers' Alliance. The President of the Kansas State Alliance has publicly repudiated the ideas of Peffer and Simpson, the sub-treasury scheme and referred to the land organizations, and thirty-six out of fifty of the Alliance members of the Tennessee Convention have opposed the scheme.

SPECIAL, NOT GENERAL.

It is with regret the public will learn of the embarrassment of that extensive iron concern, the Moorhead & McCleane Company, which has been in the hands of the receiver since the failure of the company last November.

REPORTS FROM EUROPE.

A house filled to the roof greeted Lester and William Gilman when they returned to the city last night. The company is composed of a number of very funny comedians who kept the house in a roar of merriment.

THE WORLD'S MUSEUM.

At the World's Museum Arizona Joe opened his second act last night. The comedy, "The World's Museum," is a comedy in the best sense of the word.

PLOWED UP A POT OF GOLD.

CLARESBURG, Va., Sept. 14. (Special.)—A curious incident has occurred in this town. A man named Lake, while plowing, found a pot of gold in a hole in the ground.

AMONG THE THEATERS.

The Attractions of a Light and Popular Order—Good Audiences at the Various Houses—Notes From the Places of Amusement.

BACK TO WASHINGTON.

President Harrison and Party Will Bid Farewell to Cape May To-Day.

CAPE MAY, Sept. 14. (Special.)—The President family will end their summer life here to-morrow afternoon. This morning the President family will bid farewell to Cape May.

THE SHORTAGE CANNOT BE SUPPLIED.

They, of course, admit now, when the question has been thoroughly ventilated, that an increase in the acreage of wheat which is being raised in this country is not only necessary to supply the home demand, but also to supply the foreign market.

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FARMERS HOLD UP WHEAT.

The St. Paul Alliance Editor Issues a Second Circular Containing This Advice: "Beating It Up With Figures to Prove That Wheat Will Surely Rise."

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IN SOCIETY'S WORLD.

Local Events Which Caused Gossip Among the Ladies Yesterday.

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CURIOUS OCCURRENCES.

The school population of Kansas is 200,000. A meteor weighing five pounds was found last week on a Belleville, Mass. farm.

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