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CONGRESSIONAL INDISTINCTIONS.

The fight in the House yesterday over the consideration of the Bland free coinage bill illustrates the inveterate tendency of that body to waste time in unimportant disputes and to decide questions of public importance not on their merits, but as they affect the issue advocated by one side or the other.

It really made very little difference as to the decision of the issue whether the order fixing the consideration of the silver bill was taken up before or after the reading of the Journal.

It is also noticeable that the stated issue was not voted for on its merits. The issue on its face was whether a report from the Committee on Rules is in order before the reading of the Journal.

If the mathematical law that twice two are four should be found to affect the silver question—and some people may claim that it does—a very respectable contingent of Congressmen would be ready to vote for a formal declaration that twice two are either three or five.

WHO EMPLOY THE ARCHITECTS?

The statement that the Builders' Exchange intends to "discipline" two architects of this city, and the course of action assigned in connection with that discipline, contains remarkably instructive reasons for that portion of the public which may have a mind to build.

The assertion is that these architects have not conformed to the rules laid down by the Exchange, and it is proposed to "notify all architects who do not conform to the uniform system that they must do so to secure the patronage of members of the Exchange."

If this reported policy of asserting the supremacy of building contractors over architects really prevails, it will be most effective in designating the boycotted architects as persons whom the owners can rely upon to represent their real interests instead of being dominated by the contractors.

THE JINGO CULT IN ENGLAND.

Alleged expressions of jingoism in the London Times to the effect that the United States will take the earliest opportunity of expunging Great Britain from the map of the world, furnish a striking illustration of the fondness of that journal for bogus documents.

Of course, the University Club will get its supplies. There is not yet any such monopoly in wholesale groceries that an outside buyer cannot buy groceries for his money. Meantime the spite of the Princeton grocers may afford the Princeton students a practical lesson in the use of combination for attempted oppression to the consumer and the value of free competition as the protector of the people.

There is a good deal of hopeful optimism in Secretary Tracy's opinion that because we are worse off now than ever before for men to man our navy therefore we shall be better off in the future.

GRANTS OF MONOPOLIES.

The resolution introduced in the House for investigation into the management of Yellowstone Park is one that may open an interesting inquiry into the idea that it is proper for an Executive department to grant monopolies.

The investigation is inspired by one favorite of this policy in revenge for an act which trenches on its monopoly. The inspiration is worthy of little respect; but the results of an inquiry may be none the less instructive.

Mr. Russell Young thinks that the next United States Senator from Pennsylvania ought to be a Philadelphian. The difficulty of finding an available Philadelphian is recognized, but it is intimated quite strongly that Mr. Russell Young might serve.

Mr. Casatt is sorry he spoke now, but the law-abiding public is not for the wheels have been started and will run on.

The Hon. JOHN L. SULLIVAN'S discrimination against coal may be construed as an involuntary testimonial to the prowess of Prof. Peter Jackson, who has copied the views of the white race to the degree of becoming a very efficient fire fighter.

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Now that special trains are run for the benefit of people wishing to attend Western divorce cases, an institution of gate money might be a lucrative source of income to be divided among the court officials and the parties to the case.

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PETINENT PERSONALITIES.

MRS. COCKRELL, the Senator's wife, has been charged with a libelous attack on the Daughters of the Revolution.

Secretary Blaine continues to improve. He expects to resume his duties at the Department of State in a day or two.

Secretary Noble, accompanied by Mrs. Noble, has come to St. Augustine, Fla. The Secretary expects to return next Monday.

Singer Fahring, who sang with Parepa, Nilsson and Luce, is training a troupe of singers of African descent for the grand opera stage.

Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, has just caught his first tarpon in Florida waters and the local papers contain jocular references to his previous success as a fisherman.

A FREE FIGHT.

Disaffected Democrats in Blair Deo Their Fists, but Support Green.

ALTOONA, Pa., March 7.—Disaffected with the action of the County Committee in electing delegates to the State Convention, W. Frank Conrad, the Democratic District Chairman, some time ago called the convention which was held in Altoona, Pa., to-day.

Mr. Dingley continues to assert that the Democrats in Congress are guilty of casting down expenses until after the President's inauguration.

AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

Rhea in a New Play—Willard in The Middleman—Natural Gas Better Than Ever—All the Plays in Town Criticized.

The historical drama "La Czarina," from the pen of Eugene Scribe, was presented last night at the Alvin Theater by the Rhea Company.

"How is this?" asked the Car at this point. "You said a moment ago that you were not interested in the Rhea's presence here."

Ab, but Your Majesty forgets my father was not at all interested in the Rhea's presence here. But this afternoon and self sacrifice is wasted for the Car determines to make a clean breast of it.

The company which Rhea has at hand for the performance of this play is the most successful troupe of the city.

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NATURAL GAS BURNING BRIGHTLY.

Theaters are not yet seated at the Bijou Theater last night, "Natural Gas," the popular farce comedy was revived, Messrs. Donnelly and Girard remain the bright stars, and immensely enjoyed the evening.

THE NIGHT OWLS had a grand audience at Harry Wyman's Academy last night and gave a good performance.

THE GRAND DUKE OF HESSE, the Queen's son-in-law, who is reported to be dying, made a sensation in 1884 by marrying Mme. Clary Schadow, a French actress.

WILLIAM WIRT HENRY, of Richmond, is said to be a grandson, though it would seem as if he must be a great-grandson, of Henry Clay.

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THE SHADE OF A TELEGRAPH. Tattoos on a Table at a Seance and His Sweetheart Promptly Faints.

MILLERSBURG, O., March 7.—(Special.)—Reported manifestations were made at a spiritual seance in a residence in the northern part of the city last night.

THE TEMPERANCE FIGHT at Lorain, the people of Lorain, under the guidance of Father Kittell, are getting up strong resistances against all applicants for liquor licenses at that place and are having them numerously refused.

Bill a Bay of Rags for Gray.

LOOSE NUPITAL KNOW.

How the Divorce Laws are Responsible for Queer Matrimonial Episodes.

SCANTON, March 7.—(Special.)—In the room of Mrs. M. E. Landis, a young member of the Scotch-Dutch girl who kept house for Mr. Leaton D. Sperry.

MEANWHILE Babcock, her first husband, stayed in Colley township, worked hard and accumulated considerable property.

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SIDE VIEWS OF PATTI.

How the Diva Came to Have an Audience in the Wings for the First Time on Broadway—A Colonel Reception and Other Incidental Happenings.

PROFESSIONAL, to Miss Louise Beaudet's professional engagement in town last week is an experience which she says will cause recollections of Pittsburgh and Patti to mingle very agreeably hereafter.

When the crush was at its greatest, the substance of the comic operetta was to be seen in the wings.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

A tropical moth, called the "Ailar" moth, has a wingspread of 1 foot. It is gray in color and flies by night.

There are tropical cockroaches 4 inches long, with antennae to correspond, which readily become domesticated in houses.

In South America there are giant grasshoppers with bodies 4 inches long and a wingspread of 10 inches.

There are many cases in which an extraordinary intellect has accompanied heavy brain weight, but the records show that men whose mental abilities have never been measured are of average brain under the average in both size and weight.

By some statistics recently published it appears that, in the five years of life between the ages of 20 and 25, the mortality of men is 1,100,000, and of women 1,000,000.

Professor Maso, the Italian scientist, in experimenting with the blood of seals has discovered that by injecting it under the skin of rabbits, frogs, man, guinea pigs, etc., that it is a rank poison, being similar in action to venom of snakes of the viper kind.

Thomas Park, who was born in Shropshire, England, in 1463, lived until he killed himself from overeating in the year 1526, when he had attained the great age of 103 years.

The invention now known as "bleeding," the mode of varnishing pottery with a thin film of glass, is believed to date back to a thin film of glass.

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GENERAL BEATERS.

He Indorsed a Note for \$12,000 and Now Must Pay It.

BOSTON, March 7.—(Special.)—General Ben F. Butler has been beaten in a suit as he will be made to pay over \$100 out of his pocket.

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