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SILVER ALTERNATIVES. The warm discussion of the silver question in the House is apt to create the impression that intelligent opinion on that subject is divided between those who support the free coinage measure before the House and those who favor gold monometallism.

It would be more strictly in accordance with the facts to say that the intelligent opinion on the silver question is neither on the free coinage side as proposed in the Bland bill, or the monometallist side as maintained by the monometallists.

A FREE TRADE OUTBREAK. In the vigorous pursuit of its free trade theories, the Buffalo Enquirer refers to Mr. Carnegie's gift of a million dollar library to Pittsburgh, and then speaks of "distancing its esteemed cotemporaries by publishing an exclusive account of the revolution in steel-making by the direct process at the Homestead works."

TOO LARGE IN ALL THINGS. Chicago is proverbially a city of size. Its inhabitants pride themselves on the attachment of superlative adjectives to all the characteristics of their undertakings.

PICKINGS FROM PUCK. HELEN HYLER—Have you ever read James Whitcomb Riley's beautiful poem, "Knee Deep in June"?

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action was called to the President's attention. But enough evidence was obtained to show that removals were made from all ways to inefficiency or misbehavior of incumbents.

THE LOCATION OF THE JINGOS. The assertion of the English papers that Mr. Harrison's "threat of military coercion," as the London Telegraph puts it, is to be attributed to the impendency of the election, depends for its pertinence on the question whether any such threat has been made.

FREE-SILVER men who expected to have a walk-over were unable to clear the table without dropping the Bland bill.

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THE Rev. Dr. Van Dyke, who has been preaching to the Harvard men in Cambridge, says that during the ten days he was there, 60 undergraduates called to consult with him on questions of religion and morals, which is a larger percentage than he knows of in any church in this country.

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Raum's Pension Department Bill Undergoing an Investigation—Twenty-five Millions Asked—Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill—Secretary Blaine's Health Improving.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The special Pension Office investigation committee consumed all this morning in the examination and placing in evidence of papers from the official files of the Interior Department relating to the application, discharge, reinstatement, transfer or promotion of various persons in the Pension Office who have been or are expected to be connected with matters under investigation.

GAZZA is still alive and uncaught, as the death of one of our scouts reminds us. The more he is ridiculed the longer it appears to take to obliterate him.

It is not surprising that a man insane enough to dance with a revolver in his hip pocket should be fool enough to continue his dancing after a bullet has been lodged in the calf of his leg by the accidental discharge of his weapon.

SULLIVAN and Mitchell have found their parallel in Drayton and Borrowe. Much bluster and no business.

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In Allegheny Dr. Guilford evidently thinks the Controller should himself be put under control.

HILL will no longer be a candidate for the Presidency when the Chicago Convention has refused to endorse him. Until that suspicious moment arrives he will continue to inflate his boom with the full capacity of his lungs.

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THE Inhabitants of That Planet May Be Signaling to the Earth. Chicago Tribune. One of the boldest of the many bold suggestions that have been thrown out by imaginative writers in the last few years is that of some of the French astronomer.

THE reasons for the deduction may be briefly stated. Even without supposing, according to the Laplace theory, that Mars was thrown off from the earth, he must have cooled down more rapidly because of his smaller bulk, his diameter being less than that of the earth.

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THEY are Graduated From the Western Pennsylvania Medical College—Institute of the Allegheny County Sunday School Association—Other Affairs of a Busy Day.

THE commencement exercises of the Western Pennsylvania Medical College were held yesterday afternoon in the Alvin Theater, which was crowded to the doors with the relatives and friends of the graduates.

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THEY are between 1,600 and 1,700 lawyers in Boston, with scarcely business for 300.

Berlin University is the third largest in the world. Paris, with 9,215 students, and Vienna, with 6,230, are larger.

A writer in the Boston Transcript has figured up that heaven contains 1,800,000,000 souls against a population in hell of 175,000,000.

The Aboriginal population of Japan, who call themselves Aino, numbered in 1888, 17,062, including 8,475 men and 8,587 women.

Of the 193,318 recruits of the German army and navy in 1891, the percentage of efficiency was 34, against 1.37 in 1875, 1.23 in 1882 and 1.25 in 1883.

Our National Library now contains nearly 700,000 bound volumes and 200,000 pamphlets, and the yearly increase of books is from 15,000 to 30,000.

Jurgical operations are very successful in Berlin, owing to the use of ether, which is owing probably to the abundance and cheapness of alcohol and their not being fresh.

It is said that Canada is the only country in the world in which the military force is actually in excess of the civil force.

A Denver man wanted to get rid of his wife and accomplished his end. He induced in her to such a degree in the proceedings he instituted that the Judge gave him 14 years in the penitentiary.

A project for the settlement of 500 Russo-Hebrew families in Winnipeg has been brought forward by the International Hebrew Committee. It provides for a combination of railroad work with farming.

Dr. Theodor Wolf, lately the State Geologist of Ecuador, has made a special study of the Andes of that country, which he says are between 10 and 20 miles further away from the Pacific coast than most of the recent maps show.

OIL OF THE WORLD'S FAIR. It Will Be Used to the Extent of a Quarter Million Barrels. Chicago, March 24.—Oil is to be used as fuel, instead of coal, in all the big furnaces at the World's Fair grounds. A contract was practically made yesterday with the Standard Oil Company for furnishing the entire supply.

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