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PICKING THE VICE PRESIDENT. There is room for interesting speculation in the report from Washington that a coolness has sprung up between President Harrison and Vice President Morton. Whether it is a consequence of this, or a cause, the report does not make very plain; but it is also stated that Mr. Harrison has selected Mr. Whiteley Reid as his companion on the ticket. Clearly Vice President Morton would have cause for an icy demeanor if, after his former check-drawing services, he is to be thrown overboard for a new love. On the other hand, if the preceding coolness has inspired doubts whether the Morton barrel would flow as freely as formerly, the President would naturally look for a fresh one which would gush with new vigor as that related to Dr. Reid by marriage might be expected to do.

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AN UNJUSTIFIABLE GRANT. It does not make much difference that the amendment to the Market street railway ordinance putting on a tax of \$50 per car was rejected yesterday. It is true that the policy of taxing cars, if it is to be adopted, should be placed beyond all dispute by being put in the grants of new franchises. But the question of taxation is so trivial in comparison with the disregard for public interests in the grant of the franchise that it is just as well to have the matter remain without any mitigation of its bold overriding of public considerations. Everyone who knows anything of the city knows that Market street at its northern extremity is totally inadequate for its present traffic. To add traction cars to its burden will simply make the block impassable for vehicles, and greatly increase the difficulty of pedestrians who pass from Sixth street to Fifth avenue. It is no less apparent that there is neither public demand nor practical utility in a railroad on that street. The connection of the various lines, if there is any need for it, can be made on other streets with little if any increase in expense, while beside the public inconvenience of a track on Market street, it is so trivial as to be worth mentioning.

THE OUTCRY OF THE ENGLISH JOURNALISTS. The outcry of the English journalists against Mr. Goschen's acceptance of the United States Government's invitation to the monetary conference is simply an expression of the British financial interest in monometallism. The English banking investing classes being the creditors of the whole world naturally favor the use of a standard which appreciates. The injustice of a lengthened yardstick does not strike them as does the wrong of a shortened one. It makes a great difference whether people profit by an error or abuse in their judgment of it.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

—In Japan the women load the vessels. —Great Britain has 202,300 acres of orchards. —There are 300,000 blind people in Europe. —Canary birds have been known to live 100 years. —From 50,000 to 120,000 hairs grow in a human scalp. —A snake farm is located in the south-western section of Missouri. —In Southern Europe 38,000 oranges have been picked from one tree. —There is only one sudden death among women to every eight among men. —Two Italian savants believe they have discovered the germs of lockjaw. —Twenty words per minute is the average rate at which long hand is written. —Some of the South American tribes actually eat tobacco, cut into small pieces. —A monkey at the Paris circus has been trained to play agonizing music on the violin. —There 80,000 barmaids in England whose average 14 daily for a wage of 10s. per week. —Electricity, in its various forms of application, is said to give employment to 4,000 persons, and is supported by the women. —To complete their growth, the nails of the left hand require eight to ten days more than those of the right. —Two hundred women are employed by Edison in working at the more delicate details of his electrical inventions. —In the Japanese Empire, with its population of 27,500,000, it is estimated that there are fewer than 10,000 paupers. —There are about 700,000 houses in London which on cold days consume 40,000 tons of coal, emitting 480 tons of sulphur. —Most of the men in the islands of South-western Japan lead lives of filices, and are chiefly supported by the women. —In one of the great Paris hospitals, out of 81 patients who suffered from epilepsy, 67 were found to be the children of drunken parents. —In a cave in the Pantheon the guide, by striking the flaps of his coat, makes a noise equal to that produced by firing a 12-pound cannon. —In the Samaritan Hospital at Belfast, Ireland, chloroform has been given in over 3,000 cases of operations, without a single fatality. —During the present year many of the patriotic women of Poland wear mourning to commemorate the centenary of the loss of Poland's independence as a nation. —A century and a half ago wig-wearing was at its height, and little boys four or five years of age admitted to having their heads shaved preparatory to donning their hair-dresses. —About 150,000 barrels of cider and perry are annually made in the western counties of England, and the sweet in Hereford and Worcester in the lines of Doncaster and Leeds about 1,000,000 gallons of cider are drank yearly. —The Japanese are fond of bathing. In the city of Tokyo there are over 500 public bathhouses, in which a person can take a bath, hot or cold, for a sum equal to 1 cent. Most of the Japanese prefer warm baths, and very rarely this is the reason why they are so fond of hot water. —A lady is applying to the authorities in Vienna for permission to disinter the body of her sister, who was buried ten years ago, and to have her body reburied in the same grave with her sister, and being buried in circumstances, she had no other means of recovering her body than by appealing to the dead. —A specimen of bread from the famine districts in Russia, as supplied by the Government, was recently analyzed, and found to contain 10 per cent, and probably more, of arsenic. The bread was made of sand. It was of a dirty brown color like coarse peat, and many people failed to recognize it as bread. —A Kansas City paper says that there is a bowlder in the Ozarks which will attract a jackknife dropped nine feet away and that along the line of the fifth principal meridian in the counties of Carter, Reynolds, and Washington, the lines of declination are so veered as to deflect from the true course several degrees, the needle being affected by the magnetic force of the bowlder. —The buttresses of "Trajan's Bridge," which are still to be seen on the Danube, are the remains of what was, in some respects, the most remarkable structure ever erected by man. It was not a mere floating bridge, but a permanent structure carried on 130 feet high and 90 feet wide, comprising 1,000 arches, extending altogether 4,500 Roman feet. —An expert who claims to "speak back" knows, asserts that wine is a good investment, taking the chances of thirty mules and carriages, and a revolution in the market over the world. A good part of 1