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CONGRESS MUST ACT. The letter of Dr. J. H. McClelland upon national quarantine regulation, given in a local article, sets forth the necessity of such a system authoritatively and conclusively.

A national quarantine is necessary to secure the fullest uniformity, economy and efficiency. When these points are established, as they are by Dr. McClelland, the question is decided.

A FRUITFUL CONFERENCE. The week closed with our delegates to the monetary conference on their way home.

THE INTEREST OF WHEAT GROWERS. The Secretary of Agriculture, in his recently published report, asserts that "the time has come when the American farmer must cease his efforts to neutralize the low price of his wheat by producing a larger quantity."

MR. HARTER'S SUGAR DUTY. A bill introduced by Mr. Harter, of Ohio, the Democratic member who is assuming a decided leadership, to make the sugar duties uniform and to abolish the payment of "bounties," has the merit of brevity and inclusiveness.

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to admit to this country various products of the other parties to the treaty duty free. Sugar is one of the leading products of that list. If Mr. Harter desires to shut off the reciprocal arrangements for American trade to Cuba and South America, there are such things as international obligations to be considered.

THE CONSTITUTION makes a treaty obligation "the supreme law of the land," and international conventions might suggest a doubt as to the wisdom of smashing commercial treaties on such brief notice as will elapse between the date of the enactment of Harter's bill and February 1, 1893.

WE think the measure is very likely to slumber the sleep that knows no waking in the pigeon holes of the Committee on Ways and Means.

OUR New York special elsewhere gives additional reasons for expecting a conflict between the New York Democratic machine and the administration.

ALL of which means, if the utmost stretch of faction prevails, that the Democratic machine of New York will pit its strength against the national Democracy.

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I SAW a house the other day, in this town, that is rented, it was told, for more than \$2,000 a year. And it is not in a very good neighborhood, either. Good neighborhood I should think that it fronts upon a narrow alley, deep with mud.

TWO House committees are in the throes of a wrestle with the silver question, and at last accounts the silver question remains. Perhaps the delegates to the legislature cannot increase very much. In the contest of 1892 the division was between the Tammany Hall Democracy with all this patronage and the Cleveland Democracy with no patronage at all.

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FOSTER ON GOLD SHIPMENTS.

He Tried His Best to Anticipate the Present Pressure. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary of the Treasury Charles Foster today expressed himself freely respecting the alarm felt in financial circles over anticipated large gold exports.

As the Secretary's report was prepared before the present abnormal drain of gold from the treasury, it is not surprising that the public was surprised at it, as it is not in my time were not soon to end. Every resource at my command will be available to preserve the gold and silver as I am commanded by law.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

Handluffs are used only in the United States. A baby carriage with pneumatic tires is one of the latest.

A steam engine is now connect American seaports with the Berneusee. The year 1900 will not be a leap year, though it is divisible by four.

Chicago is aiming for a \$1,500,000 menagerie for the World's Fair. In the last 50 years the number of zoological gardens has more than doubled.

Half of the French Foreign Legion are aliens, and nearly all are social outlaws. Aunt Sarah Battle, of Midway, Ga., witnessed the marriage of her great-granddaughter the other day.

The last of the Malheur and Liveria Schenckeads, He is James Hartley, a giant in stature. He peddles roller he has afflicted Southern Europe with frequent droughts, but has made the winters, on the whole, daughter the other day.

A Gibbon ape has a voice comprising a scale of three octaves, and musical enough to mystify passers-by, who hear a savage yell issue in flute like cadences.

Narrow houses and small rooms in flats are necessitating many modifications of the furniture. The result of present conditions is the narrowing of the beds.

Mince pie with a "flip" on it is one of the dishes now offered in a New York restaurant. The unmovable adornments of the rabbit poured over the crust of the pie. The is served hot from the range.

As a merchant on Louisiana avenue, Washington, was unloading a wagon load of bananas a small box constrictor dropped from one of the bunches. There was a general commotion.

The jewels worn by Mrs. Langtry in the different acts of the Queen of Monaco were altogether worth between \$50,000 and \$70,000. She is said to be watched by a detachment from leaving the stage.

Our boldest bridge jumpers were outdone by Sam Patch of the Middle Ages, the Austrian Knight Hattas, who survived a leap from the top of a cliff to the valley of the Danube, a vertical distance of 400 feet.

The highest point of the world ever reached by human feet is probably the top of Mt. Annapurna, in the Chinese Alps, 28,189 feet above the sea level. The summit nearly 2,000 feet above the summit of Mt. Chimborazo.

Horses for cavalry service are purchased mostly in St. Louis, and occasionally in Lexington, Va., and occasionally in San Francisco and other points. The price paid for them under the contract system ranges from \$140 to \$175.

Graphic plates of a cave in the Mediterranean one of the coldest days in the year, an Italian scientist has demonstrated that the almost vertical rays of the midday sun in this cavern do not penetrate beyond a depth of 150 fathoms.

A prominent German manufacturer owns a setter dog which has a singular penchant for hunting snakes. After killing one he carries it in his mouth to the stable, and, seizing the neck with his teeth, he proceeds to skin it, much after the manner of skinner.

The hottest place described outside of Dante's Inferno seems to be the valley of Amargosa, in Southern California—a plain descending below sea level and hemmed in on the east and west by high, treeless mountains. The air is about 60 degrees Fahrenheit at 3,000 feet, with a minimum of 51° and a maximum of 127°.

The Tucson Indians, of Southern Arizona, have once inhabited a valley surrounded by high mountains, and, according to tradition, were in the habit of walking on the ground with the only good springs of that neighborhood, but they are now dying out, and the city of Tucson is built on the site of a railway station in the foot of these mountains.

The population of the Indian Empire has risen within the memory of the present generation from 200,000,000 to 200,000,000 annually, and is now rising at the rate of 3,000,000. If no large immunities occur it will constitute about 300,000,000 at the end of the century.

A curious clock has been made by a clockmaker at Warsaw, who has worked at it 15 years. The clock represents a railway station with waiting-rooms for the traveler and ticket offices, a very pretty well-lighted platform and a flower garden in the foreground, which is a sparkling fountain of clear water.

A great change may come over the Mexican Central Railroad should ever get completed to the mountain paradise of Mexico. The effect of the new line will be to bring the Sierras exhibit every variety of vegetation from the pines of the summit forests to the orange groves of the foot hills.

A man registered at a Madison, Ga., hotel a short time ago. After retiring he dreamed he was on a railroad train, when the locomotive stopped and he was coming toward him on the same track and a collision was inevitable. The conductor called out, "Jumped out of the second story window. He escaped injury."

What is believed to be the latest time on record was made by a compound locomotive of the Valley type on the Bound Brook route between Philadelphia and New York, November 18. The record was broken between Plainfield and Elizabeth, where one mile in 27 seconds, or at the rate of 97 miles per hour.

As a protection to oysters against starfish, Long Island oystermen use a "mop dredge" in their harbor, in which are placed all kinds of fish, from 15 to 20 ropes, affixed to the har, trail behind it as it is drawn along over the sea bottom. The dredge is attached to the har, and the starfish and other critters are killed in water tanks on the dredging boat.

The superstition about the number 13 being unlucky is put into multiplied test in the new 23 cent piece. On one side of the coin there is no less than ten repetitions of the number 13. There are 13 stars, 13 letters in the motto, "IN GOD WE TRUST," 13 marginal feathers in each wing, 13 tall feathers, 13 parallel lines in the shield, 13 horizontal lines in the scroll, 13 stars, 13 leaves on the branch in the olive branch, and 13 letters in the words "quarter dollar."

The plan of curing pulmonary complaints by the use of a low temperature has been tried with success in the case of many far-gone consumptives, and has made the fortunes of several Colorado and New Hampshire sanitariums. It is a strong probability that winter frosts would serve the purpose as well as the cold air of the Sierras, and that the same of the most striking and rapid relief at home by opening their bedroom windows.

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