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The farcical character of the defense in the Dunmore election case is shown in its attempt to impeach the vote of the Republican citizens...

Let 'Em Fight.

Bryan counts on Grover in elegant style when he reminds the Princeton grumbler that "Mr. McKinley won political fame as the apostle of a high tariff, and during the late campaign reiterated his devotion to this policy."

The Nebraska in fact writes up the floor with the corpulent egotist of New Jersey at every point in their argument, and concludes a masterly dissection of the pompous nonsense of Mr. Cleveland's Reform Club speech with the sensible words: "We now have a harmonious Democratic party, and we have a bolting organization which claims to represent another kind of Democracy."

Republicans can view this conflict with equanimity.

The legislature of Iowa has refused to legalize debts for liquor. It will be recalled that Iowa is a prohibition state.

Foolish.

Congressman Jones, of Washington, has introduced a bill providing that hereafter no newspaper shall be carried in the mails unless the name of the proprietor or the names of all stockholders are placed conspicuously at the head of the first or editorial page, with the number of shares they own.

Mr. Jones explains to the Washington Post that he has a double purpose in presenting the bill. In the first place, he thinks that the editorial writer ought to get reputation for his work, which is now anonymous.

Our western friend is off the track. To begin with, it is not more the public's business to know who writes editorials than to know who puts them into type or casts them into a stereotyped plate or delivers the paper containing them.

In the second place, signed articles would add nothing to the merit of an editorial page and would tend either to stifle the writers' individuality or to destroy utterly the unity of the page.

And now the Reform club crowd is called the "Waldorf Democracy." Its greatest strength will always remain within gunshot of the famous New York hotel.

Baying the Moon.

It is to the credit of the New York legislature that after considerable bluffing it decided to adjourn without passing the bill to abolish department stores. That measure, however, is a curiosity worthy of examination.

ness used for the sale of merchandise in violation of this law were declared public nuisances, and were to be suppressed by the police on complaint of any citizen.

The agitation against apartment stores is hopeless from the very nature of things; for on no ground of equity or wise policy can the law stop the diversification of commodities offered for sale or uphold the high prices incident to small buying and limited sales.

It is not a consoling reflection that although this country was the first to move for an international postal union, and ever since has been one of the chief gainers by it, congress has as yet neglected to vote funds for the establishment of the seventh World's Postal congress, which is to assemble in Washington next month.

Advisable Ballot Changes.

Common sense approves the ballot law amendments embodied in the Keator bill which is to come before the legislature today for second reading. The principal changes proposed have to do with the size and form of the official ballot, and the better safeguarding of the secrecy of the booth.

FOR SHERIFF.

John Blue, Rep.

James Brown, Dem.

Henry Gray, Pro.

FOR PROTHONOTARY.

Jacob White, Rep.

William Pink, Dem.

Robert Redd, Pro.

It will be perceived that this arrangement would necessitate the scanning by the voter of each name on the ballot; and while it would bear heavily upon the ignorant voter, it would at the same time supply an incentive for advance preparation.

The second feature of the pending bill strikes at a notorious abuse, and one that should be corrected even though the legislature should not feel inclined to order a modification of the ballot's arrangement.

The evils attacked by the Keator bill are notorious. Let us hope that the present legislature will have the courage to protect them.

It has been discovered that a layman cannot hold the office of moderator of the General assembly of the Presbyterian church.

A Measure of Justice.

The postoffice department and the National Association of Railway Postal Clerks will make a vigorous effort to secure the passage at this session of congress of a bill for the relief of injured and disabled employees of the Railway Mail service.

What the government will be asked to do is that it shall accept the trust of custodian of this fund and shall disburse it in accordance with such rules and regulations as the postmaster general shall prescribe.

on railroad lines, 4,704; employed on steamboat lines, 45; employed on cable and electric lines, 75; detailed to transport duty, 219; detailed to office duty, 271.

The mere statement of the bill's provisions justifies its presentation and attracts popular indorsement. Let congress enact it without undue delay.

The bill providing for cleanliness and suitable ventilation in "sweat shops" is now a law, thank Providence; and what is more, it should be enforced.

Gossip at the Capital

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

The movement started by Jerry Simpson, the "Soleless Secretary of Medicine Lodge," to compel Speaker Reed to appoint the house committee and proceed with business, has not been abandoned, but what it will amount to can only be conjectured.

The action of the president in designating ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster as an ambassador on a special mission for the purpose of negotiating a new sealing treaty with Great Britain, is the first appointment of the kind on record.

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THE BEST TRAIN RUN.

We are convinced that the run made over the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy from Chicago to Denver deserves to be considered the most extraordinary run ever made.

CLEVELAND A BACK NUMBER.

From the Washington Post. We do not share Mr. Watterston's forebodings as to the peril involved in the present aspirations for 1898.

arcular outgivings by the sage himself, and of postiferous assiduity by his eager henchmen, is as certain as the rising of tomorrow's sun.

THE FUTURE OF THE HORSE.

From the Globe-Democrat. The department of agriculture has issued a statistical report showing the numbers and prices of farm animals in the United States on Jan. 1, 1897.

In the year 1896 the average price of horses in the United States was \$39.96. From 1883 to 1896 the average price ranged between \$70.59 and \$74.64.

As to its future the department of agriculture takes an encouraging view, and gives the reasons for it.

THE AUTOCRAT OF CONGRESS.

As a remedy for what he terms the "dangerous one-man power" of the speaker, Henry L. West, in his article in the May Post, says that the absolute power of naming the committees should be divorced from the speaker, and intrusted to a committee named at the caucus of the two leading parties in the house.

SPORT IN MEXICO.

From the Mexico Herald. In the third fight a powerful black bull afforded the best sport of any during the entertainment.

USALLA THE WAY.

Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette. The times were hard last year, as most people have occasion to remember, yet a statistical summary shows that the United States boom bill for the year foisted up \$40,000,000.

ITS REGULAR OCCUPATION.

From the St. Louis Star. Civilization will wonder in years to come why the present European war was allowed to go on.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolobe cast: 1:11 a. m., for Thursday, April 29, 1897.

A child born on this day will notice that the flannel undershirt and straw hat are neck and neck in the struggle for supremacy.

Flowers of spring are all right for poetical inspiration, but for substantial advantage the young man had no peer at this season.

Today will decide whether the base ball victors are really "Stars" or only incandescent lights.

New Strawberry shortcake is apt to have the flavor of cherry lemonade these days.

Rhymes of Spring.

Now drawn we to the field away, Haste us by magic spell, And watch the daisies play, As cranks upon the blossoms say: "Well! well! well!"

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