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Of five thousand bills introduced in the house this session, fourteen hundred are for pensions.

The proposed appointment of government pork inspectors will make fat jobs for a large number of men.

SECRETARY FREINHUYSEN does not seem to "go the whole hog" on the American pork question in Europe.

A NEW ENGLAND inventor has devised what he calls "quiet telephony." What is to become of all the female operators, we wonder?

SECRETARY SHAFER, of the Iowa Agricultural society, estimates the corn crop of that state at 171,000,000 bushels.

CLEVELAND is going to send a commission to measure the pyramids. It is suggested that before it starts it would be well to get at the dimensions of the pile it cost Payne to secure the Ohio legislature.

We are told that China is, perhaps, the only civilized country in the world which has not resorted to gas as a means of lighting. We don't blame China.

OLEOMARGARINE has driven butter out of Kansas City, and the Journal says: "If Kansas City hotel keepers do not wish to lose their reputation with the traveling public, they will cease to set before their guests the vile stuff called oleomargarine."

A CITIZEN of Milwaukee has ordered a Florence sculptor to execute a bronze statue of Washington, eleven feet high, which is to stand on a Scotch granite pedestal.

SENATOR LAPHAM, chairman of the committee on woman suffrage, has been placed at the head of the fisheries committee.

THE engineer of a train on the Kan-kawee line having suddenly become very ill at Lafayette, M. E. Ingalls, president of the road, who was a passenger on the train, climbed into the cab and rode to Indianapolis on time.

A DEMOCRATIC senator of protectionist proclivities, who has been consulting with members of the house, states that when it comes to a vote, a bill making moderate reductions in the tariff will be supported by the democrats, including those who are generally reckoned as tariff men.

THE New York Herald is publishing a series of interviews with prominent manufacturers on the tariff question. They are the views of practical men, expressed in business-like manner, and they all tend to the conclusion that tariff duties must be lowered.

THE bill for the relief of Fitz-John Porter, which has been occupying the attention of congress more or less for several years, has at last passed the house, and it will very likely pass the senate.

MURDERERS do not hang in Nebraska. Zimmerman, the horse-thief, and twice-convicted murderer of Sheriff Woods, at Minden, whose execution was fixed for Monday, February 4th, is to have his lease of life extended again, and in all probability he will never be hung.

COMMISSIONER DUDLEY, of the pension department, has arrested the progress of a bill to make the mustering in of a soldier's conclusive proof of his physical soundness. He proposes to make six months' service after onlistment proof of physical soundness at the time of muster.

THE high bounty man unfit for service would enlist and then bribe the sergeant of a squad going before a medical examiner to replace him during examination with a sound man.

WENDELL PHILLIPS.

The death of Wendell Phillips, at the age of 73, removes from among us one of the last of the laborers in the cause of freedom. His genius was individual and apart from the common lot of genius.

Phillips' father was the first mayor of Boston. Wendell graduated at Harvard in 1831, and was admitted to the bar in 1834, after completing the course in the Cambridge law school.

The lynchings of murderers have been a very frequent occurrence in Colorado of late, and this method of dealing out sure and swift justice will continue as long as the technicalities of the law afford to assassins so many loopholes through which to escape.

It was not till two years later, in 1837, that Phillips made his first distinguished mark as an orator, and set his hand to the plow, from which he never looked back.

THE tariff discussion begins to-day, the speeches to be limited to half an hour each. Mr. Morrison will introduce his tariff bill, which will reduce everything included in it twenty per cent, but a great many exceptions will be made.

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THE bill for the forfeiture of the Texas Pacific land grant having passed the house by a vote of 259 to 1, the senate cannot do otherwise than concur.

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A VETERAN JOURNALIST.

Dr. Talmage delivered the discourse at the funeral of Dr. Wood, the veteran journalist of forty years' service, who lost his life at a New York dock the other night.

On one week day recently Henry Ward Beecher declared that if the democratic party took a bold stand for revenue reform he would vote for its candidates next fall.

During the great political campaign of 1876 Mr. Dorshimer, of New York, was talked of as a mighty statesman and one of the exceeding bright lights in the democratic camp.

THE chief officers of the law in Nebraska might take a lesson from Colorado. Here in Nebraska a legal execution for murder has gone out of fashion.

THE senatorial contest in Kentucky is still in progress, but it is predicted that it will virtually be ended to-night. It is now generally believed that Carlisle will be nominated.

A BILL has been introduced in the Wyoming legislature to tax bachelors, lawyers and "other animals." It was probably inspired by women who are in need of good husbands.

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