

WASHINGTON!

Proceedings of the U. S. Congress

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, April 2.—A resolution to transfer to the State Department for the safe keeping of the records of the Electoral Commission, was adopted by the House...

The joint resolution was reported authorizing the commission having charge of the Washington monument to give to the sinking fund...

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, April 3.—Chaffee introduced a bill to amend the Pacific railroad act of 1862, and a supplementary bill...

Banks, from the committee on rules, reported back the resolution admitting one representative of each public journal, which employs a permanent correspondent...

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 4.—Morrill offered a resolution for a select committee of seven to consider the propriety of taking the sixth census...

Butler introduced a bill to supply a convenient currency with which the minor business transactions of the people may be done...

WASHINGTON, Monday, April 5.—The chair held over the Senate the re-appointment of Gen. H. Pendleton...

WASHINGTON, Friday, April 5.—Sergeant called up the navy appropriation bill, which passed the House...

A few nights ago Robert Miller and W. M. Nelson, of Council Bluffs, got into a dispute about a bottle of whiskey...

It is said that Nebraska has more newspapers in proportion to its population than any other State in the Union...

Learn a Trade.

The other day a merchant of this city advertised for a boy and received within 12 hours after his notice was published, no less than forty applications...

How his blood will boil, and how all the revengeful elements in his boyish heart will come to the front, and he will tell Tommy Jones that you are a nasty old thing!

As an elephant on the track. A railroad train was passing through the forest, about thirty-five miles from Rangoon, India...

Married by Death. A most horrible affair took place recently on a branch line of the radiating road running from the great iron artery of the P. W. and B. railroad...

Illinois State Convention of the National Party. The National Party met in State Convention at Springfield, Illinois, March 27, and temporarily organized by selecting W. B. Barr, of Chicago, Chairman...

THE TROUBLE WITH MOLLY. The trouble with Molly was that she had two lovers—one George Ricketts, a stalwart farm hand, and the other Hugh O'Donnell, a sullen red whicker...

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The First Pair of Pants.

Have you seen the boy with his first pair of pants? Then you have seen a king! An Emperor! a royal ancestor, who has reached the pinnacle of earthly felicity and beatitude...

How much anxious thought the little fellow has had upon the subject! How he has wakened an hour earlier mornings, and figured up the number of pockets the wonderful garments would contain...

How his eyes shine, and how his cheeks glow! and he struts like a peacock with all sail set, and thrusts his arms to the elbows into the capacious pockets, which will, in a short time, be filled with a miscellaneous collection of twine, fish hooks, old buttons, nails, jack knives, whistles, angle worms, spruce gun, bullets, hard shelled bugs, fragments of stolen cookies, and other articles usually found in a boys' pockets.

All the aunts in the house must admire him in his new toggery. All of them must kiss him, and shake him, and tell him he looks like a man.

How he will tuck the legs of his new pants into his stockings by the time he has had them on an hour, to make believe the stockings are boots and the streets are muddy. He will sit cross-legged, like papa, and tip over backward in the vain attempt to put his heels on the table, like Uncle Jack when he is reading and smoking.

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girl reached him by a short path thro' the woods, he had arranged the vehicle so cleverly, with a cushion for Mollie, that it did not seem unlike Cleopatra's barge.

There are no Sunday trains; there was no danger. Mollie crossed her tiny feet, felt the exhilaration of the movement, as George's swelling arms produced the terrible momentum, and saw her neat skirts blown about by the rushing wind beneath the platform.

On the bridge Hugh O'Donnell sat smoking his pipe. The draw was open, although no drifting schooner was in sight. Some evil bird had whispered to Hugh the Sunday trip of his rival with Mollie.

He did not have to wait long. First came the rumble—the far-away sound that dies away while its increase—and then, swinging suddenly around a curve, the hand-car, bearing the girl he loved and the man he hated.

They found him there, but mad—not raving mad, but in that lymphatic state of mania which is beyond reach. On the shore below, held by the gnarled roots of a willow, were discovered the bodies of George and Mollie.

Humorous. Kansas teacher: "Where does all our grain produce go to?" Boy: "It goes into the hopper." Teacher: "Hopper what hopper?" Boy (triumphantly): "Grasshopper."

A lady returning from church, declared that when she saw the shawls of those Smiths, and then thought of the things her own girls had to wear, if it wasn't for the consolation of religion, she did not know what she should do.

A three-year-old youngster saw a drunken man "backing" along through the street. "Mother," said he, "did God make that man?" "Yes, my child." The little boy reflected a moment, and then exclaimed: "I wouldn't have done it!"

"Will you always trust me, dearest?" he asked, looking down into her dark blue eyes with inexpressible affection. She was a saleswoman, and of a practical turn of mind, and she answered: "Dear Charles, business is business, and you'll have to pay cash down at our store, every time."

An Anecdote of Pope Leo. An excellent story was related to me today. I have the best reasons for believing it to be true. When Leo XIII. was first made Bishop, he learned that a priest in one of the parishes of his diocese was in the habit of going off hunting every Sunday.

The trouble with Molly was that she had two lovers—one George Ricketts, a stalwart farm hand, and the other Hugh O'Donnell, a sullen red whicker man, employed on the small draw-bridge over the Fox Run that we have spoken of.

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FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

TOBACCO DUST AS A FERTILIZER.—A correspondent writing from Lord's Valley, Pennsylvania, to the New York World, makes an inquiry regarding tobacco, whether good for manure, and what its value is, compared with lime and plaster.

A member replied that tobacco, when growing, is exhausting to the soil, and if returned to it in the form of a fertilizer, will restore the elements taken away.

Robert J. Dodge said that any animal or vegetable matter is good for the soil, but some growths are too powerful to supply in concentrated form.

A gentleman present considered tobacco dust worth the cost of transportation provided the distance is not too great, and believed it compared favorably with lime as a manure.

MILK COWS.—Too many cows, as proved by good witnesses from the ranks of dairymen, are kept that do not pay the cost of keeping. This is poor economy.

YIELD OF WOOD PER ACRE.—Ordinarily, fifty or sixty cords of wood per acre is a large yield. In many of the States the best wood lands yield a much less quantity, and rarely is found an acre of virgin forest yielding one hundred cords of marketable wood.

Faber worked at the source of articulate sounds, and built up an artificial organ of speech, whose parts, as nearly as possible, perform the same functions as corresponding organs in our vocal apparatus.

Capital Punishment in Great Britain. The capital punishment question is being earnestly discussed in the British House of Commons. There is no immediate probability of the abolition of the death penalty, for it is now nearly, if not quite, restricted to murderers; but its moral as well as political bearings are brought into prominence and may lead to a more thorough discrimination between the different degrees of homicide.

LAMENESS IN SHEEP.—The principal part of the body is supported by the heel or back part of the foot. The front part is, from its pointed nature, well adapted to preserve the foothold and prevent slipping, particularly in ascending rocky declivities, and in such situations, and particularly if the animal has to travel, the wear of the horn at the toe is equal to its growth.

Sometimes the bifid canal (an inflection of the skin between the digits above the clefts of the hoof) becomes the seat of disease and the cause of lameness; sand may penetrate, or the parts may be chafed by much walking in the dirt, and inflammation and ulceration are the consequences.

SENDING TO BLUE GRASS.—A correspondent writes to the Prairie Farmer, from Castoria, Iowa, as follows: "I wish to ask some questions, which many settlers, in the new portions of the West, are interested in. I have broken up some rough bluffs and raised a crop of oats upon it."

"Mother, I have heard such a smart minister. He stamped, and pointed, and made such a noise, and by-and-by he got so mad he came out of the pulpit and shook his fist at the folks, and there wasn't any one dared to go up and fight him."