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The battleship Iowa seems to be in the same class that the state she was named after belongs—the first.

LINCOLNITES have reason to be thankful. The legislature has adjourned and the capitol is still there.

The Greek who cannot read English escapeth much misery, in the shape of newspaper poetry inspired by "heroic Greece."

If some of the special correspondents know what they are writing about, the King of Greece has either to fight the Turks or to fight the Greeks.

If that Greco Turkish war wants to attract any attention in this country, it must get down to business before our baseball season opens.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY must feel very grateful to the newspaper men who are so obligingly filling vacancies in the supreme court before they exist, and rearranging his cabinet for him.

SOMEBODY will be sure to remember that the same J. Pierpont Morgan who has contracted for the legal services of ex-Secretary Carlisle was once upon a time a contractor for government bonds.

WHEN the average democratic editor is at a loss for something to write, he attacks "Czar" Reed's method of running the house. That is one of the reasons republicans admire Mr. Reed so much.

The "old boys" are slowly but surely passing away. Maj. E. P. Doherty, who, when a lieutenant, was in command of the party that captured John Wilkes Booth, died in New York on the 3rd inst.

The offer of the New York importers to furnish "plate matter" or "ready prints," attacking the Dingley tariff bill, free of all expense to such papers as will use it, is likely to do that bill more good than harm.

The publication of a telegram from Mississippi, relating the killing of a girl by the accidental discharge of her sweetheart's revolver, makes it pertinent to ask if pistols are ordinarily used in courtships in that state?

If the state fair management desire the good will and assistance of the country press they will spend their advertising fund with them instead of with the so-called State Fair Bulletin, which is established every year and lives for a few months, while being fed by the state fair management. If they want to stand up for Nebraska let them practice what they preach and do their advertising in legitimate newspapers.

O'NEILL is a great place. Whenever anything of importance occurs it is bound to be connected with it some way. But it looked as if the air ship was going to pass us up and not allow the citizens of one of the best towns in the state to gaze on its beauty. But it didn't. It is true that it visited several other vicinities before shedding its luminous light on O'Neill, but as it is said that the first shall be last and the last shall be first, we are satisfied. Any citizen of O'Neill can now hold his head proudly erect and be happy, fully convinced of the fact that he resides in one of the favored sections.

The luminary (?) down the street says the election of Gillespie was a great silver victory. Charley should look at the vote cast for Bryan in O'Neill last fall and he may change his mind.

The civil service rules as manipulated by Mr. Cleveland have been getting some hard thumps in Congress, and they are likely to get more of the same sort, whether the joint resolution offered by Congressman Corliss, of Mich., to repeal all the Cleveland extensions, be adopted or not.

It is not strange that the foreign ministers at Washington should be agitated over the Dingley bill. We cannot take back the trade the Wilson bill presented to foreign countries without injuring those countries more or less, but we must have that trade in order that our idle men may be put to work.

It must have been noted by careful observers that republican senators have not been abusing the Dingley tariff bill, although it might be supposed from reading a certain class of newspapers that they were all opposed to it. The republican senators are all right; it's the opposition newspapers that are not.

A NEW West Virginia corporation, known as the Glen Lincoln Coal and Coke company, is owned and managed exclusively by colored men. It owns 200 acres of coal land and has 2,000 acres under lease. The stockholders are mostly practical miners, and the constitution of the company prohibits the sale of its stock to a white man.

MR. BAILEY, of Texas, leader of the democratic minority in the national house of representatives, refuses to don at any time a swallow tail coat or a stovepipe hat. The southern representative insists on wearing on all occasions a black frock coat, a white lawn necktie, diamond studs and a Mexican sombrero. This is rather a queer layout in the way of raiment, but it is certainly superior in some respects to the old-time Georgia major's noted costume, which consisted simply of a shirt collar and a pair of spurs.—Inter Ocean.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fall of Pingreeism in Detroit, Michigan gave a republican majority of 40,000 in her judicial election on Monday, which is about up to the McKinley mark. This majority came from the farmers. The cities and towns were about a stand off between republicanism and fusionism. The farmers of the country are intrinsically sound, and were not rattled by local disasters stand firm for honesty and common sense in the administration of economic and monetary affairs. In Nebraska, after the return of normal conditions, the farmers will rescue us from the misgovernment into which the fusion folly has plunged the state. They may leave the reservation in bad times, but they come back, good enough Indians, in the end.—Lincoln Journal.

No ACCURATE list of new laws passed by the late legislature has yet been published. The free and easy manner in which the records were kept has made it impossible to tell with perfect accuracy just what was done. Some of the bills have been reported to the governor with wrong numbers attached, and some bills that were not passed were sent to him for his signature. In due time the blunders will be straightened out, but in some cases not until the courts have been called upon to decide knotty points. It is safe to say that all of the bills passed by the clerks without the active cooperation of a constitutional majority of the regularly elected members will be thrown out as of no force and effect, but what will become of a lot of botched bills nobody can tell at present.—State Journal.

TO PROMOTE BIMETALLISM. The president tonight announced the appointment of Senator Edward O. Wolcott, of Colorado, Hon. Chas. J. Payne, of Boston, and ex-Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson as commissioners to an international monetary conference. These appointments were made under the act

approved March 3 last, "for the promotion of an international agreement for bimetalism," and by its provisions do not require confirmation by the senate.

It has been generally conceded that Senator Wolcott would be made a member of the commission. He has been an active leader in the movement for a monetary agreement and widely known as an advocate of the silver cause. His trip to Europe recently was generally conceded to be at least semi-official as the representative of the new administration. His tour extended over several months and embraced the leading European capitals. He had audiences with the more noted financiers and ministers and it is believed then laid the foundations for the international conference which the commission appointed tonight will endeavor to bring to a conclusion. Senator Wolcott is now serving his second term in the senate, having been elected to that body in 1885. While a pronounced bimetalist, he was a staunch supporter of the St. Louis ticket.

Ex-Vice President Stevenson, the democratic member of the commission, though generally known as an advocate of bimetalism, was a staunch supporter of Mr. Bryan and the Chicago platform. He and Senator Wolcott, however, are said to be in accord on the money question.

General Charles S. Payne, who may be termed the minority member, is a republican and was a McKinley man. He is one of the most prominent business men of Massachusetts and is said to be a deep student of the financial question. While he is classed as a supporter of bimetalism based on international agreement, he is regarded as allied with the sound money faction. He is a graduate of Harvard, being a member of the class of '53. General Payne is largely identified with railroads and other corporations, being a director of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad and other large concerns, and a director of the Boston Institute of Technology; was an intimate friend and associate of Prof. Walker, the financial author and authority. He is a man of large wealth and probably better known to the public at large as one of the syndicate of gentlemen who built the cup-defending yachts Puritan, Mayflower and Volunteer. It is a fact not generally known that General Payne accompanied Senator Wolcott on his European trip and assisted him in that work. It is believed that he went abroad with Senator Wolcott with the understanding that he was to be made a member of the commission.

It is not yet known when the commissioners will meet and organize. When an organization is effected, however, it is believed that Senator Wolcott will be president. It is authoritatively stated that the commissioners will not go abroad before May 1, by which time the new ambassadors will be at their posts and render the special envoys the assistance necessary in the consummation of their mission.—Bee, April 13.

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