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PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is growing fatter every day for want of exercise, but he swears that he will not take a walk until March.—Lincoln Journal.

The president and vice president-elect will at their inauguration wear suits made from American cloth presented to them by Mr. John F. Plummer, the well known protectionist dry goods merchant of New York city. The wool from which the cloth was made was grown on American sheep and all the work on the garments was done by Americans.

A NEW JERSEY judge has driven an entering wedge into one of the most absurd inconsistencies of legal practice by refusing to allow a juror to be challenged upon the ground that he had read newspaper comments upon the case at issue. Lawyears have long acted upon the theory that a few lines in a newspaper would so convince the reader, that all the subtleties of legal argument, all the evidence and the clearest provisions of the law would be insufficient to undo its work. Though a high endorsement of the influence of the press, the effect of this theory has been to bar from the jury box every intelligent man, for it is only men devoid of intelligence who fail to read the newspapers.—Kansas City News.

THE SCHOOL BOOK LOBBY.

It is well to remember that while there is an insurance lobby here, and a municipal suffrage lobby, and a submission lobby, and an anti-submission lobby, and a railroad lobby and a telephone lobby, and a Burlington special lobby, that there is a school book lobby that is quietly working upon members to kill the uniform text book bill.

This school book lobby is not slow in its work. It does not move about with a brass band, but if there is a more methodical working lobby, persistent, under-the-table manner than the school book lobby would be hard to describe it. And why is it so persistent and energetic? Is not the uniform text book bill good one and a just one? There is nothing that would save more money to the masses of the people in the way of small things than a uniform system of text books. As it is at present in this state, no two counties or towns or school district, for that matter, use the same books and the man who moves at has to purchase new books for school every turn he makes. Again, the present system is one of constant change. Text books are changed every few years and the entire state is filled with a motley of books that have been sold by dozens of publishing houses to the people at an enormous profit.

The uniform text book bill is one of the best introduced during the session, it is right in every way and should be passed in spite of the magnificent lobby that is to kill it off.—Lincoln Call.

LISTS THAT ARE MADE POWERLESS.

Foreign trusts increase in number and power, but they are impotent to fix prices for American consumers, thanks to a policy of protection. All the world knows that the French copper syndicate was not only unable to make a profit for all American consumers, but was compelled to take enormous quantities from this country, the action being greatly stimulated here to prevent a collapse of prices. In 1888 no less than 31,600 pounds of ingot and bar copper went out of the country, against only 600 in 1887, and there were exported 748 tons of copper ore, against 10 tons the previous year. With the accumulating at the rate of 4,000 a month, this particular syndicate forces manufacture goods into this country because of protection, and the sale of all manufactured copper were 78,000 worth last year against 18,000 in 1887.

The syndicate proposes to add 50 per cent to the English price of salt, and meet by severe competition from Durham Salt Company, which has opened a new field. But nine years ago our country produced one thousand

seven hundred million pounds of salt yearly, and the imports last year were six hundred and sixty-three million pounds, most of it so coarse and crude that the value was only \$1,000,000, whereas the value of domestic salt produced in 1880 was over \$4,000,000. Since 1880 the production in this country has greatly increased, so that it is safe to say that we produce from three to four times as much as we import. Nor can this country be dependent upon Great Britain even for the part imported, because less than 60 per cent of the imports last year came from Great Britain.

The British papers state that the International Steel Rail Makers' Association has been revived, the foreign makers having agreed to let Great Britain supply India exclusively. The combination expects to advance the price largely at once; from January, 1884, to April, 1886 it was steadily maintained at about \$23. Now American makers are selling at \$27, or even less according to recent reports and the imports last year were only 60,000 tons. At ports on the Pacific coast or the Gulf, far from American mills, the cost of inland transportation as against transportation by ocean overbalances the duty, but the price for most American consumers is entirely governed by home competition. Moreover, if the foreign trust put up the price abroad American mills can undersell it at most of the points where foreign rails have of late been purchased.—New York Tribune.

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SI JEUNESSE SAVAIT!

I stand upon my balcony, My tea goes softly fluttering; Perhaps it might be wise to stand Inside the oaken shutters, And yet, though I can see her face, I hear no word she utters. Her white hand rests upon the gate, Her smooth cheek flushes brightly; His breath her cloud of little bangs Is swaying very slightly; And he? Well, he's the favored one For whom her gas burns nightly. Amusing love of early youth, So fresh, so bright, so vernal! Such faith in all, such love and truth, To me it seems so normal. For I have lived to learn that naught On earth is quite eternal. My dears, some day you'll know with me That love flames just in flashes, That time has glowing sandaled feet, That burns all things to ashes, That faith and truth are lights that shine Only beneath youth's lashes. Yet standing here, just out of sight (I mean and advise), I watch you silly two to-night As gold the envious miser, And find myself (oh! breathe it light) In tears that I am wiser! Jean Hunt Brisbane in Nebraska State Journal

A Covetous Bantam.

Here is a story of a bantam hen told by Couch the naturalist: There was a nest of the common hen in a secluded part of the garden, and the parent had been sitting on its eggs until compelled by hunger she left them for a short time. This absence was fatal for a little bantam hen, yearning for progeny, found the recess in the hedge, and creeping in took possession of the nest with all the triumph of the discoverer of a treasure. The real mother now returned, and great was her agony at finding an intruder in her nest. After many attempts to recover possession, she was compelled to resign her rights, for the bantam was too resolute to be contented with; and though its body was not big enough to cover all the eggs, and thus some of them were not hatched, yet in due season the price of this audacious stepmother was gratified by strutting at the head of a company of robust chickens, which she passed off on the feathered public as a brood of her own.—Philadelphia Times.

He Was the Manager.

I heard another story about John Stetson the other day that illustrates his strong personality as well as his unfamiliarity—at one time—with the English language. One of his traveling theatrical companies, under the charge of a business manager named Sharpe, halted as rangers a few years ago to give two or three performances. Stetson went out to take a look at the house, and when he arrived at the theatre at about noon he discovered a sign in front of the house, the inscription upon which read: "Matinee at 2 o'clock, sharp." Stetson did not like this at all. He summoned his manager and asked him why he had put out such a sign. "Take it in," he continued, "and have it painted over so it will read, 'Matinee at 2 o'clock—Stetson.' I want you to understand that I am manager of this company, and I am not going to allow you to star your own name on a sign."—New York Star.

The size Nothing to do with it. Magistrate (to complainant)—Do you mean to say, sir, that this woman's baby can annoy you so excessively as you claim? Why, they live next door! Complainant—Yes, your honor. Magistrate—And the baby doesn't weigh more than fourteen pounds; it's about the smallest specimen of humanity I ever saw! A baby that size can't make any noise. Complainant—Judge, you ought to get married and have a few babies yourself; it would broaden your intellect and give you information that might be even of legal importance to you.—The Epoch.

A Tom Ochiltree Story. A man in Texas was accused of stealing a horse. It is scarcely necessary to say that immediately there was a lynching bee. At the conclusion of the entertainment the participants found that they had hanged the wrong man, and the high minded citizens who had managed the affair were filled with remorse. They determined that the dead man's memory was entitled to vindication, and therefore a committee was appointed to wait upon the widow. They found her weeping. The chairman, with an awkward wave of his slouch hat, said in a somewhat embarrassed manner: "Marm, we hanged your husband, but he was the wrong man. Marm, the joke is on us."—Philadelphia Times.

Ages of Birds.

The wren lives about 3 years; the sparrow hawk, 40 years; the nightingale, 18 years; the goose and pelican, 50; the heron and parrot, 60; thrush and common domestic fowl, 10 years, at which age the latter are often sent to market; the robin, lark and blackbird, 12 years; the crow, the raven, the eagle, the swan, 100 years; the canary, the crane and the peacock, 24 years, and the pigeon and linnet, from 20 to 23 years.—New Orleans Picayune.

A Brave Little Sailor.

On a weather worn bark that is moored to a dock in South Washington to-night there is a little chap with a remarkable history. He is 7 years old, his name is Garfield Slocum, and he is the son of Capt. Slocum, who has just arrived here in a small boat from a 7,000 mile sail from South America. Garfield was born in 1881 in Hong Kong, China, and was named in honor of President Garfield by Col. Mosby, consul at that point. The boy has traveled not less than 275,000 miles, including two voyages around the world, and has touched his foot upon the soil of the three Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and any quantity of islands, and been clear around Australia. His last trip on the Libertad, a boat thirty-five feet long, carrying only four tons, was 7,000 miles long, a sea voyage unparalleled for a vessel of the size. His father, mother and elder brother were his companions. At times they were 2,000 miles from land, and the frail little craft met dangerous storms, but came through safely. Garfield is a good sailor and has never shown any fear of thesea.

What is conscience? If there be such a power, what is its office? I would seem to be simply this: to approve of our own conduct when we do what we believe to be right, and to censure us when we commit whatever we judge to be wrong.—Dr. A. Crombie.

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