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SENATOR VEST laid over his Cuban speech until after the holidays, when Grandma Spain may as well get off the earth, for when a Missouri senator gets after anything he don't rest until he accomplishes his task.

A STATE meeting of Nebraska sheriffs begins in Lincoln this morning. A very large attendance is expected and a systemized method of attending to the duties of these important officers will be discussed.

EVERY bill Hon. J. B. Strode has introduced in congress has been a sensible one and one for the benefit of the people. He introduced one yesterday to promote the safety of shippers and employes upon railroads by compelling common carriers to connect their freight cars with safety appliances.

THE Chicago Inter Ocean thus speaks of Nebraska: "Two years ago Nebraska was suffering from a long drouth and the legislature appropriated \$150,000 for the relief of farmers, and there were prophets who foretold of the ruin of Nebraska. This year she reports her crop of corn alone at 3,000,000 bushels. Nebraska is liable to drouths, but it is a great state."

THE Dallas News accounts for it. It says the hen tynt laid the egg that was thrown at Secretary Carlisle at Covington, carried Kentucky for sound money at the late election. This is going quite away back for the final cause, but as it is complimentary to a very faithful and unostentatious friend of man, it will pass. That Kentucky hen should be hunted up and the honors due her should be paid by a grateful people.—State Journal.

CHAIRMAN HANNA, who has earned the hearty ill will of the popocrats, seems to rather like it and has taken charge of the national republican committee with a vim that bodes no rest for his political opponents. The committee has taken permanent quarters in Washington as if entering upon another campaign, and we are promised the banner of republicanism with sound money and protection as its motto will not be allowed to trail in the dust. The educational campaign beg us so auspiciously last June will continue.

THE senators who take a humane view of the Cuban war for liberty, have had their day in court, and it looks as though even if congress passed the "sympathy resolution" unanimously, it would amount to nothing; as it is evident, the matter of declaring Cuba independent, is purely an executive prerogative with which congress has no more to do than an average town council. While our sympathies are with the insurgents, yet we can not commend the unstatesmanship like course of the national senate. It looks too much like boys' play.

ANTHRACITE coal has been on the free list for years, and since it is all owned in this country by a trust or combine, the tariff could be of no possible help to the public generally. Indeed, it would be nothing short of an outrage to have a tariff at this time placed upon anthracite coal. If we could get this article from Canada or Mexico, which we are now being robbed of \$10 per ton to pay for, at a less price, we ought to be allowed to do it. We want protection to American industries, but not to soulless trusts which have fattened on public necessities. Another trust could be crippled—that of sugar—if sugar were placed on the free list and a fair bounty paid to the producers in this country.

THERE was nothing inherently improbable in the report of the murder of Maceo by the Spaniards, even before the intelligence came which seems to confirm the story, says the Globe-Democrat. This barbarity is in line with other Spanish crimes in the present and preceding uprisings in Cuba. Twenty-three years ago the world was horrified at the news of the slaying of General Canby and one or two companions by the Modocs while on a peace commission to these savages, but the latest reports show that Maceo's assassination was attended with features of infamy which were absent in the case of the American general's murder. The entire war in Cuba has been characterized on the part of the Spanish by crimes which recall the acts of Ghenghis Khan. This latest outrage shocks civilization and will take away from Spain the small amount of sympathy which Europe had for her in her struggle and will hasten Cuban recognition in the United States. The Modoc murderers were hanged, and it is a pity that justice cannot be wreaked on Weyler and his companion barbarians who concocted or executed this crime.

COMES OUT AS A PROTECTIONIST. United States Senator McEnery of Louisiana has started his democratic brethren of the old school by coming out boldly as a protectionist. He will work with the republicans on that issue and his vote in the senate may be all that is needed to secure proper legislation. Here is what he says: "I realize, as many others now, that instead of running along with a deficit in the revenues, we should always have a surplus. There should always be a contingent fund, and the great government of the United States, with its wealth and progress, should not be confronted with a deficit in its public revenues, and should never offer an excuse of inability to pay promptly all obligations. If a high tariff will give the required or more than the required amount of revenue I will favor a bill of that kind. I believe a United States senator should be for or against a measure on the high ground of its expediency or its benefit to the country. We realize in Louisiana the necessity for legislation that will build up and not destroy the industries by which we live. There is no use disguising the fact. Louisiana favors legislative protection for its industries, and I will support a measure that will give Louisiana her share."

THE "ego" element of Grover Cleveland continues to assert itself, and he seems to take great pride in showing to the world that he has as much power even in a republic as any monarch in Europe. The wisdom of the senate and congress of the United States are as nothing in the opinion of the president, as compared with his own transcendent ability. While Olney is right as to the executive prerogative, yet it is a disgrace to the whole country that the government refuses to show a spirit of sympathy for those who are placed in bondage a thousand times worse than ours in 1776 when France came to our rescue.

SENATOR THURSTON visited Chairman Hanna at Cleveland yesterday, it is said, to get his recommendation for M. H. DeYoung of San Francisco for the position of postmaster-general. Mr. DeYoung is editor and proprietor of the San Francisco Chronicle and a better man for this position has not been named.

THE cause of the recent earthquake in England has been attributed to the fact that Mr. Bayard walked too close to the edge of the island and came near tipping them all in the sea. Grover had better get his obsequious minister home as soon as possible, lest we are beset with new international complications.

SECRETARY HERBERT says the battleship Texas is all right, and that settles it, remarks an exchange. If the pumps are not worked too hard it will settle itself.

SOME of the newspapers are advocating the pensioning of the darkey who took a razor and broke up an Uncle Tom's Cabin show at St. Louis the other day.

REMARKABLY ingenious improvements have been made in the mode of manufacturing gas, by which, in many points of England and on the continent, the price of delivered gas has fallen to 70 and 60 and even as low as 40 or 50 cents per 1,000 feet. The possibilities of fuel gas under New methods of generation are hardly less than those which the new incandescent system (the Welsbach and other burners) have provided for its illuminating brother. Several companies are now seeking a franchise in New York city, one of them offering to furnish fuel gas at 50 cents per 1,000 feet to householders and at 35 cents to large manufacturers, while paying \$100,000 for the franchise, and after five years 3 per cent on the net business is to go to the city.—Washington Star.

A Michigan girl wagered 1,000 kisses on Mr. Bryan, that is, she bet on Bryan and her lover was to get the kisses. The payment of the debt progressed smoothly until a dispute arose as to whether the count had reached 997 or 998. There being no referee, a recount was acceded by both parties.

A man purporting to be a missionary started from Council Bluffs a few weeks ago to wheel a barrow across the country, holding evangelical meetings along the way. His destination was Cape Town, Africa, but in Ohio he was arrested for holding up a woman, and now he will be given a chance to convert the prisoners in the state pen.

AND "December's as pleasant as May," said the song writer who doubtless had reference to Nebraska.

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The larger part of our rubber goods comes from Brazil, which is the greatest rubber producing country in the world. Here, of course, rubber workers handle their elastic material with an ease and celerity which is a revelation to the man who has wasted the greater part of a forenoon trying to mend a hole in his punctured tire. Although the larger part of rubber manufacturing is done by machinery there is still considerable done by hand. In making up goods for druggists, stationers and surgical supplies the best grades of Para rubber, the best in the world, are generally used.

The ordinary commercial rubber is gray, but its coloring is an easy matter. This is done by mechanically mixing with the rubber, after it is washed and dried, different kinds of pigments—oxide of zinc for white, lampblack for black, golden sulphure of antimony for yellow and vermilion for red. The rubber mixed with the pigment is run through heavy steam heated rollers into thin sheets.

The making of rubber bands is a simple process. Thin sheets of pure gum are wrapped around a form until it is shaped into a flat tube of the required thickness. This tube is then vulcanized, when it is shipped off the form and run through a machine, which cuts it crosswise into strips.

Rubber erasers contain finely powdered pumice stone or emery dust. The abrasive materials are mixed with the rubber mechanically, which is then molded into shape and vulcanized under steam heat. One of the most interesting processes in the manufacture of rubber goods is that of bulbs. Long bulbs, such as syringes and atomizers, are made from two pieces of rubber, but round bulbs, such as pumps and balls, are made from three pieces. For cutting the rubber zinc or galvanized iron patterns are used. Considerable care is necessary in this, as the strength of the seam depends upon the smooth fitting of the edges. The three parts for hollow bulbs may, however, be cut with a die. If the bulb has a neck, small pegs of iron are first prepared by being cemented and wound with strips of rubber as a nucleus.

After the rubber is cut into the proper parts it is then brushed with cement the whole length of the skived edges and thoroughly heated. The bulbmaker then takes the softened rubber, and tacking a prepared peg places the neck on one piece on one side of the rubber core and another neck piece on the opposite side, then presses them firmly together, and, rolling the whole tube shaped piece between thumb and forefinger, has finished the neck of the bulb. The next process is that of knitting the edges which form the seam. This is done by holding the finished neck toward the operator in his left hand, while with the thumb and forefinger of the right he pinches the edges firmly together for nearly the whole distance around. Into the side aperture, which is left open, is poured a little water or liquid ammonia. The opening is then made still smaller, and as a final touch the maker puts his lips to the orifice and blows full and hard into the bulb. The softened rubber under this pressure expands, the flattened shape is lost in a fuller and more rounded outline, while the operator, with a quick nip of his teeth, closes the opening, the imprisoned air and water holding the sides apart in symmetrical conformity.

The partly made bulb is now passed on to the turners, who, armed with scissors with curved blades, carefully circle the seams, cutting away all unevenness, till the whole exterior is ready for the mold. The bulbs, as soon as they leave the trimmers' hands, are laid in shallow pans filled with chalk. When taken from here, they are carefully dusted with talc, so that the rubber will not adhere to the inside of the mold. A mold worker then takes one-half of the mold in his left hand and with his right gently forces a bulb into it, capping it with the second half. Each bulb, if the pattern worker is skillful, will fit its mold; otherwise the finished bulb is apt to be imperfect.

The molds are run upon small tracks into the vulcanizer. After they have been cured a sufficient time the vulcanizers are opened and the cans are run under an ordinary shower bath, which quickly cools them. They are then unkeyed, the molds twisted open and the bulbs taken out. If the work be well done, the swelling of the liquid within its rubber prison has exerted so intense a force that every line and letter within the mold is reproduced upon the outside of the bulb, while the sulphur, combining with the heat, accomplishes the vulcanization.

The final process takes place in the cylinder room, where in slowly revolving tumbling barrels the bulb undergoes a thorough scouring. When taken out of the cylinders, the dirty yellow color which the bulbs bore on leaving the mold has disappeared, and they are now smooth, white and finished. The neck being cut to the required length, the bulb is ready for market or for the various fittings which accompany it as adjuncts to the syringe or atomizer.—Rochester Union and Advertiser.

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