

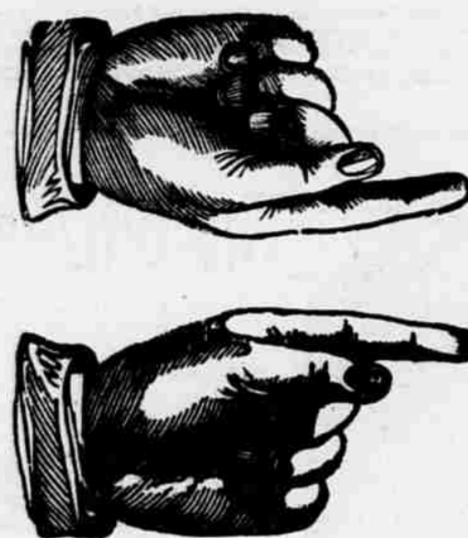
THE country will be relieved to learn that the illness of Mr. Blaine is not so serious as reported by the dispatches. The chronic disposition to exaggerate the ailments of this illustrious American is certainly not uncomplimentary. It reveals at least the measure of popular concern of which he is the center. With his retirement from politics Mr. Blaine has not suffered any diminution of his historic stature. His seclusion has rather increased the popular affection with which he is regarded. The hope that his life may be spared for many years to come is sincere and general. A useful and inviting field opens up before him in the line of literary work which the public has a selfish desire to see him cultivate.

POLITICAL excitement in Wyoming is not yet over, but the indications are that the republicans will defeat the deliberately planned attempt to steal the legislature from them and with it a United States senator. The latest information is that the republicans will have six majority in the senate, and as the opposition can count only one majority in the lower house, Wyoming will continue to be represented in the United States senate, after March 4 next, by two republicans. It has rarely happened that a more desperate effort to steal a legislature was made than that planned by the democrats and populists of Wyoming, and its defeat is to be welcomed as in the interest of fair politics. The republicans of the state are to be congratulated upon having made a courageous and honorable fight for their rights.—Bee.

It is by no means impossible that in his struggle with the spoils politicians of his party Mr. Cleveland will be compelled distinctly to choose between the favor of the party machines, bosses, and patronage mongers and the retention with the democracy of those patriotic and enlightened elements which recently joined it and gave it its present strength. We trust that in such an emergency Mr. Cleveland's decision will be prompt and uncompromising. His first administration has given him some valuable experiences. He will not forget that his second and last administration will submit his public career to the judgment of history without appeal, and that it will depend upon his firmness in the right whether or not that judgment will place him among the greatest in line of American presidents.

WELL, the earth is still on deck. The sun and the moon and this fair planet of ours will continue to do business at the old stand. The discussion of the Baconian theory will go on; there will be a senator to elect in Kansas; Congressman-elect Blair will introduce a new educational bill in the next congress; Colonel Elliott F. Shepard will keep up the irrepressible conflict about Sunday opening; "Rudy" Kipling will renew his warfare upon the social barbarities of America; John Sullivan will lag superfluous on the stage; Ward McAllister and J. Suffren Taylor will shortly burst upon the public view rehabilitated for the winter campaign in Gotham and Rider Haggard and Amelie Rives will continue to write books. There is something appalling in the thought of the wreck of the planets and the crash of the worlds, but there are awful and solemn responsibilities attaching to life and the eternity of matter.

AN important meeting of Nebraska financiers is to be held in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 20 and 21, when the Nebraska state bankers' association will hold its annual convention. The call which has just been issued specifies that all banks and bankers and trust companies doing business in Nebraska are entitled to send delegates to this meeting.—Journal.



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A SPLENDID triumph for humanity and Christianity has been scored at Atlanta, although, as will be seen in the incident, Christianity broke unmercifully before it reached the homestretch. A woman from New Orleans, backed by local philanthropists, endeavored to establish a home for unfortunate women. A house opposite the Baptist church was secured and the home opened, whereupon the entire Baptist congregation, headed by Mr. John Wesley—save the mark—protested and tried to have the place closed by courts. Other resources failing a woman of the streets was hired to go to the matron of the

home and apply for admission. The woman broke down in the presence of the kindly Matron and divulged her errand. The entire town of Atlanta has been aroused at the injustice and a five acre tract has been purchased by philanthropic citizens where a handsome home is being erected.

ALABAMA objects to Pinkertons and her legislature has a bill before it prohibiting their use. A bill to insure honest elections in that state is also badly needed just now.

THE telegraph this morning announces the death of Jay Gould at 9:15.

Stop this talk about pensions and consider the immense amount of the people's land given to the great corporations since the war. Until the justly forfeited land grants are restored to the people, eastern plutocrats should remain silent concerning large pension appropriations.

PROFESSORS of wisdom in American colleges are fain to confess that their education, so far as it refers to comets, has been sadly neglected.

THE democrats will have a clear majority in both houses of the next congress.

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