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President Arthur has moved into the White House, all the alterations having been completed.

MONTEAL is the latest city that is suffering from a machine. It is believed to be of Fenian manufacture.

AND now it is the Ohio editor who has been skinned by New York bunco men. Editors have no right to encroach on the privileges of rural clergymen.

THE pedestrian mania has broken out again in Chicago. The attendance is small. Congressional brains are attracting more attention than pedestrians' legs.

A RUSSIAN mob assaulted Bernhardt the other day, complaining that "Sarah, the Jewess, robbed the people." It is evident that Patti never sang at \$10 a seat in Moscow.

MRS. WILBUR F. STOREY, the wife of the editor of the Chicago Times, wears a \$93,000 set of diamond jewelry. The recent advance in advertising rates in the Times is now fully explained.

NEW YORK is investigating its crop of unsafe buildings and finds more than three thousand which are in a dangerous condition. Denver must look out or she will lose her costly reputation in the falling building line.

SENATOR LOGAN comes to the front on the first day of the session, with a bill for the retirement of General Grant on a life pension. General Grant has only recently received a pension of \$250,000, and sums to be otherwise well provided for retirement.

THE railroads declare that the canals do not compete. This is important if true, and furnishes another very strong argument why the people should see to it that the monopolies are restrained by some more stringent laws than the law of competition.

THE Canadian Pacific syndicate has gobbled all the railways in the Dominion of Canada except the Great Western, which will be annexed in due time. Unless Queen Victoria promptly curbs the aggression of the syndicate, the Dominion will soon become a mere province of the Canadian railway kings.

EDWARD McPHERSON, who once more takes the clerkship of the house of representatives, was Blaine's old clerk when the present secretary so ably filled the speaker's chair. He was superseded by George W. Adams six years ago, when the democrats obtained possession of the lower house of congress. Mr. McPherson is one of the ablest statisticians in the country, and is an experienced journalist.

ASTHETIC nonsense can go no further than the following too utter criticism on Henry Irving, made by a London aesthete of the female order: "Mr. Irving's legs are limp and utter. Both are delicately intellectual, but his left leg is a poem." If emotional insanity does not run in that critic's family, Guitau ought to be given a monument.

A NUMBER of eastern journals are commenting in a flattering manner upon the excellence of Secretary Kirkwood's report upon the operations and condition of the interior department during the past year. The Buffalo Express says that Mr. Kirkwood has been called an unpolished person—a sort of diamond in the rough—but that his annual report may fairly be called a polished piece of work. It adds: "It may well be doubted if any of the departmental reports of the year—or for many years—will show more clear and straightforward English or more good practical sense in the recommendations made. It is a pamphlet with very few lines of verbiage and very large amount of information and good advice to congress and the people."

THE PRELIDE'S MESSAGE

President Arthur's first message will be classed among the ablest and most comprehensive state papers that have ever emanated from the pen of any national chief executive. It embodies the views held by the president on nearly every measure and question with which congress will be called on to grapple during his administration. It presents to the American people a compact review of the operations of every department of government and contains many timely and wholesome recommendations that cannot fail to command popular approval. While we cannot give an unqualified endorsement to every recommendation made by the president, his message as a whole cannot be too highly commended for its candor and breadth.

Among the most striking features of the president's message are his recommendations for the abolition of all internal revenue taxes except those imposed on the sale and manufacture of tobacco and liquors, his endorsement of Postmaster General James' project for postal savings banks and reduced letter postage, his urgent appeal to congress to enact laws to define presidential inability, provide safeguards for the canvass of the electoral vote, devise measures for the suppression of polygamy in the territories, reconstruct our navy and reorganize the United States judiciary.

The solution of the Indian problem receives more than usual attention and in the main is viewed from the standpoint of preceding administrations. The president reiterates the sentiments expressed in his inaugural relative to the civil service which substantially proclaims that incompetent men should not be appointed to office and unfaithful officers should be dismissed, but he fails to point out how efficiency in appointments can be most effectively secured, nor does he touch upon the vital question upon which both of his predecessors differed so radically with the majority of congress—as to the prerogative of the president to make appointments to office and the demand of congressmen and senators to control patronage. On the questions in which we of the west are most deeply interested the president is somewhat gingerly. While his sympathies are said to be with the producers and against the monopolies his silence on the transportation problem would lead to opposite conclusions. While he devotes a quarter of a column to the improvement of the Potomac he only gives ten lines to improvements of the Mississippi river and all its tributaries. The president's desire for the vigorous and effective prosecution of the star route thieves and his suggestions for more stringent regulations to prevent frauds in the pension bureau will command the hearty approval of all good citizens.

A KANSAS EPIDEMIC Since the time when the dreaded disease of "cerebrospinal meningitis" first appeared on the scene to frighten patients into convulsions and to afford a safe refuge behind which medical ignorance could conceal itself, nothing quite so extraordinary has occurred as the "boil on the arm" epidemic which is now sweeping through every county in Kansas and attacking all classes of persons without respect to size, sex or color. The insidious nature of the disease, its singular origin and the rapidity with which it is disseminating itself has put every doctor in the state at loggerheads and broken up fourthiertho harmonious medical societies. The Leavenworth medical society at their October meeting appointed a committee of six to investigate the causes and nature of this extraordinary epidemic the history of its course as a disease and the remedies which have proved most efficacious in arresting its progress. Their report which was presented at the last meeting of the organization must be of absorbing interest to every Kansan no less to our Nebraska people on the Kansas border.

Four members of the committee presented a majority report giving the following singular facts. It appears that the first symptoms of "boil on the arm" put in their appearance shortly after the passage of the prohibition amendment to the Kansas constitution and its enforcement in the town of Emporia. Dr. Nobles who is a practicing physician in that sequestered little village reports that on August 10th a workman named Glead applied to him for medical treatment. Upon examination he discovered that he was suffering from a severe case of "boil on the arm" which he stated had first exhibited itself upon the day in which the local saloons had been closed. Doctor Nobles immediately prescribed "spiritus frumenti" and bottled beer in large medicinal doses with immediate effect. Between August 19th and August 25th ten pints of "spiritus frumenti" and thirty bottles of beer were administered at the end of which time the disease disappeared. The most singular circumstance connected with the case is the rapidity with which other localities in Lyon county became inoculated with the disease. It swept through Emporia like wild fire, taking as its second victim the worthy doctor and invading the homes and arms of near-

by every prominent citizen in the place. From Emporia it leaped to Horton, Atticus and Hartford and within the space of two weeks eight hundred residents of Lyon county were suffering from the "boil on the arm" epidemic and allaying their pain by medicinal doses of "spiritus frumenti" and bottled beer. The majority report of the Leavenworth Medical Society states that in their investigation into the disease they themselves became affected and found that the only remedy which at all met the requirements of the occasion was the original one used by Doctor Nobles. They report that "boil on the arm" is without doubt a unique disease which had its cause in prohibitory legislation, and close their report by censuring Governor St. John for his attitude on a question whose enforcement has caused severe bodily pain to a large number of prominent Kansans.

The minority report take a very different stand. Their opinion is emphatic and expressed in few words, as follows: "Boil on Arm,"—bosh. Catastrophist. Remedy, close drug stores. This report was evidently so biased by the peculiar opinions of the minority that it was voted down by an overwhelming vote and the majority report accepted.

Kansas can now rejoice over having discovered a new disease, investigated the cause and found out a remedy. Hereafter "boil on the arm" will take its place in the list of human ailments caused by prohibitory legislation and which can only be at all successfully met under the operations of the saving clause "spiritus frumenti" for "medicinal purposes."

JUDGE POITNER'S riddling cross-examination of Guitau exposed in its true light the feigned insanity of the cowardly assassin. Guitau may believe that he was predestined by the Almighty to shoot the president, but there are a large number of Americans who believe that at the same time he was predestined to end his life on the gallows.

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DAVID DAVIS (the chair being occupied by Mr. Harris) then addressed the senate at length, having reference to Mr. Pugh's resolution of yesterday delegating to him (Davis) the matter of changing the committees. The substance of his speech was a refusal to interfere in the matter at all.

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