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ALL the great moral reforms start from Ohio. They have just organized a divorce reform league at Columbus. It is evident that reform in that direction is needed in Ohio,

HIS EXCELLENCY, Mr. Agee, is now governor of Nebraska, in the absence of Mr. Bawes. He ought to distinguish himself in some way. Let him emulate the example of Gov. Hascall, and issue a proclamation convening the legislature. If he can't de that, he can exercise executive clemency, and attach his immortal name and the great seal of state to a few ardons.

GRESHAM'S report is a great deal betthan his record .- [Republican

We sympathize with Postmaster-General Gresham. With President Arthur he fails to come up to the standard of republicanism that has been set up by the official organ of the Union Pacific. Will the Republican kindly enlighten the public as to what is the matter with Postmaster-Genera' Gresham's record ?

THE Pennsylvania legislature has finally adjourned. Absolutely nothing has been accomplished in a six months' session, excepting the passage of a salary grab, enabling members to draw ten dollars a day. The average Pennsylvania law-maker reminds us of Colonel Sellers. He is always in favor of the old flag and an appropriation.

Among the various proposed amendments to the national constitution, none commends itself better to popular approval, regardless of party or previous condition, than the clause that confers single item in an appropriation bill.

Stupendous jobs are log-rolled through congress, at nearly every session, through omnibus bills which the President cannot veto without keeping congress in and then let the United States keep continuous session. The proposed amend- a naval vessel or two there and establish ment would enable the president to approve what was just and economical in an appropriation bill and he could prevent reckless waste by simply refusing to sanction what he deemed objectionable.

THE national posey garden, of which Mr. Loring is chief supervisor, with the title of commissioner of agriculture, still continues its experiments in raising sugar, although the culture of tea has been abandoned since the famous Le Duc was licans were enrolled in New York city beheaded. So far Mr. Loring has not been able to produce sugar from sorghum or beets for less than one dollar a pound. But that does not matter, so long as the dential election. In other words, onegreat national posey garden can supply third of the republicans of New York our coagressmen and senators with bouquets is mid-winter, and furnish them cabbage seeds and garden sass at Uncle Sam's expense for home consumption in the spring time

THE democratic Plattamouth Journal calls the editorial of THE BEE on Carlisle 'powerful and sensible." Mr. Rose water's endorsement always comes from the democratic journal. - Republican.

Sometimes it does, and very often it does not. How about the New York Times, the leading republican paper of the United States, which also quotes THE BEE, and has editorially expressed its gratification over the election of Carlisle? The Times, in its issue of the 4th, makes the following declaration: "The republicans who are commencing an alarmist campaign for 1884, are making fools of themselves. They are crying 'wolf' too early, and they have cried it much too orten." When the editor of The Times said that the alarmists who are howling about Carlisle are making fools of themselves, he must have had in his mind's eye the intellectual colossus who came from Fremont to Omsha to found a new school of journalism and founder the republican party

THE Springfield Republican effectually disposes of the howl which some overzealous republicans are trying to raise over the election of Carlisle, Mr. Bowles is a Massachusette Yankee, without a particle of sentimental sympathy for the south. He makes the following analysis:

Carlisle, they say, is "sectional." In one sense it is true—he represents all the sections. Randall had in the caucus voice from only sixteen states out of thirty-eight, just a little more than a third. Carlisle's support came from twenty-four states out of thirty-right. Draw a line north and south along the wowers boun-daries of Ohio and Alabama, and it will divide three states and leaves in tern states on the west. In all those nineteen states, just half the Union. Randall gotfive rotes, of which two were from Ternessee, and one each from California, Indiana and Louisiana. Carlisle had thirty four votes from the north, not counting Missouri, to Randall's thirty-two; counting Missouri, Carlisle had forty-five northern votes To call a man thus chosen a sectional candidate is the most transparent humbug A man who carries the entire vote of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois. Iowa and Mis souri, thirty-two in all, cannot be charged with "southernism" in decency.

purchase of Alaska from Russia for bill to be laid under the table. \$7,000,000. That vast extent of territory has since its purchase been left almost entirely alone, as much so, in fact, as if it

told by adventurers, miners, hunters, and whalemen that Alaska has gold, silver, copper, iron, and coal; that it company; that it has immense forests of valuable timber, and that it has extensive fisheries. These resources of themselves should be sufficient grounds for a territorial government, under whose direction the territory could be surveyed and explored, and its resources definitely ascertained and developed. The main objection to a government has been that the population consists principally of Indians. But had there been a government, there would have been a white population in to suppose that civilized people will migrate in any great numbers to a country

entirely without government and law. San Francisco is greatly interested in Alaska and demands that it be given a governmental organization. The trade that can be derived from that territory will no doubt prove valuable to the City of the Golden Gate. The San Fransisco Chronicle, in treating upon this subject,

"To go no further than making it a judical district would be a bid for signal failure. There should at least be a governor to execute the laws, a Legislature to make them and officers to enforce them. If Alaska has not enough civilized whites to fill these offices, then let that the landholding interests. country betacked to Washington territory, upon the president the power to veto any its nearest American organized neighbor, with an allowance of representation, and let the laws of Washington territory govern it and the officers of Washington much done, population is sure to follow, ral or other resources there may be. This city ought to have a valuable trade

> THE primary election reform is a matter of slow growth. Only 23,000 repubunder the new system of registration. This is less than one-third of the republi can vote in New York at the last presiand make the nominations, which the party as a whole is expected to support, As usual, the ward bummers, who make politics a business, have opposed the cording to the New York Evening Post, republican register has been carried on their direction have been held.

The country press, which two years ago was so wrought up over the so-called prehe...d to what extremes corporations can go in furthering their own interests, thoroughfares by the Union Pacific rail road forces, masquerading under the cover of the Belt line; inspires the York Times to make the following pertinent inquiries:

"A mob of laborers armed with clubs n Quaha! Where was the state militia? Where were General Alexander and Major Adamson? Where, Oh! where was Governor Nanc ? But this case was different Now the railroad companies want the mob. They want to defy the law, and therefore the civil and military authorities are silent. No military camp No rushing of extra trains; no dead Gorman; no run on the brewery. Working men are not as dangerous now as they

A MATIONAL farmers congress made up largely of horny handed barnacles who it on in Ireland. The general impression ing sub-commissions in order to comcultivate politics as the staple crop has was that the jury would either disagree been in session at Louisville. The main object of this bogus farmers congress se cans to be to promote the commissioner of agriculture who manages uncle sams to sign a petition for a reprieve to the stituting measures that will prevent citiposey garden to a cabinet office.

government for Alaska. There can be that the commission will investigate ex-

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

At the eleventh hour, when the French had been in Central Africa. Had it been and Chinese dogs of war have been una colony of England or France it would chained, John Bull steps into the arena have had some sort of government long as mediator. British commercial interests are seriously menaced, not only in No civilized nation would have treated China but in Victoria's whole Asiatic any portion of its territory with such empire. In fact England has more at gross neglect. Its boundaries have stake in a war between France and China made except in the extreme southern explains the undue activity of the Britbetween the French and Chinesc,

As a preliminary step toward protectare proyed upon to a large extent by a fur authorities that a blocade of the Chinese ports by French war vessels will not be lished to the world, and she is seriously crippled in her contest with the middle kingdom.

So long as China has reason to apprehend an assault upon her great commercial centers by an overwhelming naval Alaska years ago. It is not reasonable of opposing the advance of the French in Tonquin. But if, through the intervenstrictly localized in the Song-koi delta, China has nothing to fear from France, whose forces are likely to be wasted away, as they were in Mexico, in an inglorious and interminable struggle.

> There have been of late many indications that British manufacturers and merchants would not consent to be shut the thorough manner in which he had out from the Chinese market merely to further the aggressive schemes of France in Farther India, and it was not to be expected that their protests would be unheeded by a liberal ministry, which the other day at a meeting called by Mr. represents the industrial as opposed to

Marquis of Hartington acknowledges that the British ministry has received an intimation that the German government is execute and enforce those laws. This willing to join with England in protect- there ought not to be any poor. Finally, ing their subjects and interests in China, in the event of a war between France and soldiers, on the coast and on the Yukon of joint action was already known in colonization of England itself, by which mier Ferry that it is his intention to confine the war to Tonquin. This means, with Alaska, aside from that of the fur of course, that the instructions previous-company, years ago, and would but for ly sent to Admiral Courbet, and author-the gross neglect of congress." ninh should be resisted by regular Chinese troops, have been countermanded. Under such circumstances France may be the easiest honorable way out of a

Any faint hopes that the extent of El Mahdi's victory had been exaggerated must disappear under the confirmatory accounts which have arrived at Cairo. El will choose delegates to the conventions Mahdi's revolt has gone far enough to convince the military and diplomatic mind of Europe that it cannot be put down by the Khedive. The brand of 'False Prophet" which has been placed upon him at Cairo, Constinople and Mecproposed reform, which, if successfu', Mecca goes for nothing among the 300,000 would take away their livelihood. Ac- savages who composed the army, and that army stands in as little danger from the khedive as the army of Timour did from complaints are heard from many dis- that of Bajazette. El Mahdi is, in fact, tricts that voters who wished to enroll the Timour of Africa. His troops are in were prevented by various kinds of of. their congenial climate. Neither English, structions, and that in many instances | French nor regyptians can that may happen | The fall of Khartoum, which may happen the names of democrats have been put at any time, will herald the advance of upon the lists in considerable numbers, the 300,000 Etheopian savages upon the If the enrollment of democrats on the towns of the Lower Nile, and the probable establishment of a new Mohammedan to any great extent the whole scheme of long continuance of the war by El Mahdi of reform will prove a failure and a farce. is not a question of men, but of food, Nothing definite will be known, however, and he can best supply his comisuntil the district associations have been of his forces from places scoured and the first primaries under and desolated to new fields. The conquest of Abysinia was easy by comparison with what will be required to get an army of Englishmen or Turks to the Soudan through a single campaign. The was so wrought up over the so-called loss of a campaign or even a single battle maha riotry, is now beginning to comthat should undertake it, but the False Prophet may lose a dozen battles and still remain in a condition to wage war, The reckless defiance of private property for he has a territory to maneuver in as rights and piratical seizure of public large as the Mussissippi valley, more than ha f of it as fruitful as any in the world and a population intensely bitter against the Euglish, whom they believe to be the inspirers of the Khedive in the destruc tion of the slave trade and the wholesale confiscation of their crops, cattle and other personal properties for taxes. Nevertheless, England will be literally forced to interfere with an army. Public opinion, which refuses to permit Gladstone to evacuate Lower Egypt, to be consistent with itself must urge him to action to description. Eight years ago the prevent the invasion of that country by Russian government appointed a comof the Sultan against Arabi Bey's revolt,

> or bring in a verdict of acquittal. O'Donnell's counsel havenot given up all hope-

inter-state commerce bill, reported back presiding judge. One juror told Mr. A bill has been introduced in the sen- at the last session of the house committee Guy that his sympathies throughout the referred to this subject in his message, ingenious scheme to block legislation on and recommended that congress create a inter-state commerce under the protext of the case was entirely ignored in the jury-room, and that all the members way. no valid objection made to it. It is now isting abuses and in due time intends to treated the killing as an ordinary case of fifteen years since Seward negotiated the recommend some remedy. It is a good murder. They could take no cognizance of the causes which prompted O'Donnell, and they were not allowed to go away from they evidence. General Pryor and others of O'Donnells counsel are much

Among those who have watched the carreer of Mr. Goshen his recent appointment to the speakership of the louse of commons will seem significant. because they point to the elevation o this expert tactician to the premiership. Mr Goshen is a liberal, but his financial ideas have often cau-ed him to differ never been officially defined, and all we than the French, or for that matter, the with Gladstone, and he occupies a someknow of its population is of a very vague Chinese. England is in no condition at what independent position. Many character. In fact all that is known present to dispatch the greater part of were disappointed that he was not concerning Alaska is mostly guess work. her navy to Chinese waters to protect Like Disraeli, Mr. Gsochen is of Jewish The information concerning its resources the interests of her citizens, at a mo- descent, but his judgement is safer than has been obtained frem adventurers, and ment when her navy is needed near the that of the brilliant tory leader. He was no explora ions of any kind have been Red Sea and on the coast of Africa. This a high rank man at Oxford and rose to prominence first as a thorough-going business man. He entered politics and portions. The supposition is that it con- ish cabinet in offering to negotiate an the house of commons in 1863, and was tains about 350,000,000 acres. We are amicable settlement of the differences even more successful in the new field than in business. In two years he entered the cabinet as vice president of the board of trade, and subsequently became ing British interests in China, the Ferry president of the poor-law board and the abounds in fur-bearing animals, which cabinet have been notified by the British first lord of the admiralty. He is best known in connection with eastern matters. In 1876 he represented the British ports by French war vessels will not be holders of Egyptian bonds, and gained a tolerated. France is thus placed in good deal of local fame, and provoked a rather humiliating position at the out- some disfavor by his shrewdness in reorset, for her helplessness has been pub- ganizing the public debt of Egypt. This cunning and diplomacy were later made use of in Constantinople, and it was upon his return to London, after seeing the eastern crisis safely over, that many Englishmen began to look upon him as the coming premier. His integrity of purpose was always noticeable, even back in his university days when he refused to force, there was always a chance that she graduate because he would not take cermight reconsider her declared intention tain prescribed oaths. He cannot fail to nake a clever speaker, although the techuical knowledge required for his position is usually mastered by men having no tion of European states, the war is to be higher political ambition,—something which cannot be said of our speakership.

The agitation over the wretched condition of the working classes of London continues. A deputation from the conservative workingmen of London waited on Lord Salisbury Wednesday to congratulate him on his efforts to ameliorate exposed the wrongs to which they were subjected by the grasping owners of rookeries in which they are compelled to dwell. One other striking and significant incident of the agitation occurred Torrence, who is one of its principal promoters. He recommended emigration as the best remedy for the sores of East In a speech made a few days ago the London life, but he was cried or hissed down by his audience, who said it was who ought to emigrate. When he talked of the poor, they shouted to him that the opposition took possession of the meeting and passed resolutions condemning emigration and demanding the open-

Russia is quietly pushing her conquests through Central Asia in the direction of India. Great Britain holds India now as nakedly as it did a century ago by the tenure of conquest. And what Canton i case the occupation of Bac- has happened in India is what has happened wherever British conquests have been made. There has been no pacification, no coalescence, no real spread of forced to accept England's mediation as English civilization, only an extension of English markets and of the area of English taxation. If after six hundred years the Irish hatred of England has not abated, in spite of a community of language and an approach to a community of law, what can be expected of a coun try so much more remote and so much less intelligible to Englishmen as British India, which, moreover, few English officials seem ever to have taken any pains to understand. That India is not like Ireland, in a chronic state of "smoth ered war" is because the natives of India

are of a less turbulent and explosive na ture than the natives of Ireland. Indeed, if India were populated by rishmen, it would not remain under British rule for a week. But, being populated by a meek and enterprising race, there is no chance that the English will be dislodged by insurrection. Since they drove the French out of the penin sula their rule has been unchallenged. But, unless all signs fail, it will within a few years be challenged by Russia When the conflict comes Russia will have the great advantage that in her advance overland her conquests have been followed by real pacifications. The people of Central Asia have been Russianized, whereas the people of India have not been in the least Anglicized. And this difference will count for a great deal in favor of Russia.

German politics are decidedly complicated. The imperial parliament is divided into ten parties: Government conservatives, free conservatives, national liberals under Volk, progressists, ultramontanes, Poles, social democrats, radicals, and independents. An eleventh party-a split from the national liberals is now forming itself under the leadership of Ricket, of Dantzig. They oppose Bismarck's present policy.

The extreme slowness with which commissions of inquiry in Russia do their work is a very serious obstacle to any improvement in that country. Such commissions are not notorious for their these terrible Etheopians. And if it was mission to inquire imo the condition of the Russian village communities, with the view of increasing, if possible, their it would be the height of folly to permit powers of self-government and of basing the Sultan, with a thoroughly equipped thereon something resembling a national thereon something resembling a national Moslem army, to secure a footing at representation. According to a recent Khartoum.

According to a recent number of The Journal de St. Petersburg, this commission, after falling asleep The summary conviction and sentence at St. Petersburg for eight years, has

mence the work assigned to it, An emigration law is being prepared in Germany. It is chiefly intended to although their effort to induce the jury put a stop to reckless emigration by in refused, taking the ground that they they have complied with certain public had arrived at the verdict after the most and private obligations, more particularly careful examination of the evidence, and such as result from communal and family Congressman Henogason, of Illinois, that they had the technicalities of ties and the relations of service and work is said to be ready to reintroduce the the law fully explained to them by the contracted.

SUBJECTS FOR STUDY.

ate to create a territorial government for all and season of the mass commerce. That was the railroad but that when it came to rendering a commissioner bill originally drafted by verdict on the absolute merits of the case of United States money is what S. S. Graves, Akron. it will become a law. President Arthur Charles Francis Adams, Jr. It is an as shown by the evidence there was no N. Y., would pay for a bortle of Dr. Thomas' Ecler tric Oil, the medicine which cured him of branchitis, and which has cured thousands afflicted the sam

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Too Many Text-Books, New York Tribune.

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more and more competent and more earnest instructors, our school system would

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This all the winter sweetly keeps, If safe within stone jars it sleeps, And tied with double covers where There circulates a chilling air. But let it stand one day at least Before you use it for the feast, And if, in time, it gets too dry, A little liquor you'll supply. Now we'll suppose the pies are done

And steaming hot and brown'd each or And while the fragrant odors rise, Before you taste, you will, if wise, Take them, regardless of expense, And toss the pie-sin o'er the fence.

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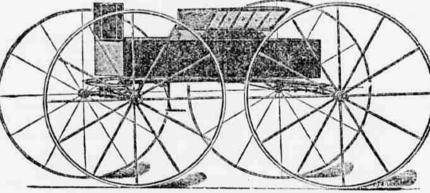
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