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FANS will now be laid aside for snowy shovels. WINTER set here yesterday with a vengeance and both feet, as it were.

AMONG all the rising industries of the south, the industry of polling republican votes shows the most marvelous increase.

OMAHA still keeps up her gait in the clearing-house race. Last week her percentage of increase in clearances was 75 per cent.

NEW YORK proposes to have a new constitution. It needs one. The present condition of its municipal health is beyond the reach of even the faith cure.

THE total production of chestnuts in Italy is 301,323 tons annually. Almost the entire supply is consumed by the so-called funny papers and paragraphs of the United States.

"PROFESSOR" FOSTER of Iowa announces a "big storm." The professor is twenty-four hours behind the signal service. The storm reached this section before the prediction.

THE railroads between St. Paul and Chicago make the run in less than fourteen hours. The run between Omaha and Chicago ought to be made in less than fifteen hours. That would be at the rate of only thirty-five miles an hour.

THE action of the republicans of Wisconsin in nominating a candidate not a resident of the district, was a departure which has sent a good deal of attention to the district having hitherto been largely democratic—the plan is also warmly commended.

THE contest among architects, local and foreign, for the acceptance of plans for the new county hospital is developing a great deal of warmth. There are the usual excommunications and excommunications, in which the usual machinery of bribery and undue influence are being freely handled.

Coquetting With Democrats. The railroad republican organs urge as the principal objection to Senator Van Wyck's re-election that he is coquetting with democrats and expects support from democrats in the legislature.

333,507,347, while the number of cigars imported was 73,139,078. The country contained at the close of the last fiscal year 6,432 registered distilleries, over six thousand of which were in operation.

A Reported Filibustering Project. A report was current some two weeks ago that Editor Cutting was engaged in organizing an expedition to invade Mexican territory. The plan of this recent victim of Mexican "outrage" was said to be to organize a force of several thousand and take possession of two or three of the states of Mexico.

It is an historic fact that all the pressure which could be brought by Dr. Miller on the democrats in the legislature to support Hitecock for re-election was exerted to its utmost. This is not all. Mr. Tilden's nephew, Pelton, wrote a letter to democratic members urging on behalf of Mr. Tilden that their votes be cast for Hitecock.

There is quite a contrast between 1876 and 1886. In 1876 democrats were elected in republican districts because they were pronounced in opposition to the railroad candidate for the senate. In 1886, democrats were elected from republican districts because they were pronounced in favor of Van Wyck, while in most instances the defeated republican candidates were known to be training with the corporate monopolies.

Internal Revenue Figures. The annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue is interesting as showing that in whatever other direction business depression has affected enterprise and industrial affairs, it has not been disastrous to the chief sources from which the government derives internal revenue.

Amending the Charter. The first steps have been taken towards a rational amendment of the Omaha charter. At Monday's meeting arrangements were made for the organization of a committee to discuss suggested improvements and draft a plan for charter amendment.

will be suited to her present needs and elastic enough to adapt itself to future requirements. Under our constitution we can have no special legislation. Any law drafted must be of general application.

It seems to us that under the circumstances another class of cities could be added called "metropolitan inhabitants," including all cities over 60,000 inhabitants, as determined by a federal or state census with a charter of their own.

Uproot the System. The great furor over the death of Moffat, which is called murder, although the coroner's jury itself only claims that the fatal effects of typhoid fever may have been aggravated by the conveyance of Moffat to the police station, is giving way to sober second thought.

The removal of Cummings could in no way change the system or affect its efficiency. The only thing the council should do, as soon as possible, is to get better quarters for a police station and employ a police surgeon. That can be done without amending the charter.

The extraordinary feeling manifested throughout England, but more particularly in London, over the death of Archer, the successful horse jockey presents a phase of English character which cannot be regarded as admirable. Archer was an exceptional rider, but he seems to have been in all other respects a rather mean and unworthy fellow.

OMAHA is looming up as a hog market. The sales yesterday were 1,960 head, all of which were packed for export to Chicago. Not a hog was shipped to Chicago. The prices ranged from \$4.65 to \$4.85.

CURRENT TOPICS. A New York base ball player has been presented with a \$20 gold watch for knocking a ball over the fence. After all intellect has been used...

Liberty and Reform. In her present form and neglected conditions Miss Liberty of New York Harbor can sympathize to some extent with Col. Henri Waterson's Sore-Eyed Goddess of Reform.

It Never Rains But It Pours. Simultaneously with the announcement of George Alfred Townsend's novel came the opening new wells of natural gas to the number of a dozen or more in different sections of the country.

Is Life Worth Living? "Is life worth living in these pallid days, when all the earth is pulseless, this thing of gold?" Why are we shrunken from that height of bliss when would die for glory's twining bays?

Small Things About Great Men. Pall Mall Gazette: Part of the price which every eminent man pays for his exalted or prominent position is the loss of all privacy. His habits and customs, his preferences and aversions are all matters of public news.

FROM THE FRENCH CAPITAL. Renan's New Drama—A Philosophical Work Which is Much Discussed. INTERESTING STAGE GOSSIP. Literary Notes—A New Work on Victor Hugo—Sophie-Adelaide, a Mysterious Book.

Paris, Nov. 8.—[Correspondence of the Bee.]—The assertion of the delicate and cultivated classes of Paris that they were shocked by the perusal of M. Ernest Renan's latest philosophical drama, the "Abess of Jouxarre," has in it something delightfully amusing...

Every reader of M. Renan's books knows the naive yet singularly artistic manner in which he works out a noble and original idea in the course of a hundred odd pages of what he is pleased to call a drama. All have smiled over the quaint conceits of Caliban and have lamented the unwillingness of the great scholar to see anything good in democracy.

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his loved and lost Abess. The recognition is mutual, but the Abess calls it a double-speak to the world in double-speak that on the morrow her head is to fall. D'Arcy, bribing the jailer, gains admission to her cell, and there, in a passion of love, he strikes the Abess, the conservation of the union which has so long been compelled to forswear. And so it happens that, after long warring with her will, Julie, Abess of Jouxarre, morn, and goes hand in hand with her lover at dawn, to mount the chariot for the guillotine.

It is studded with the luminous expressions for which M. Renan is so famous. Here are a few which give some faint idea of what the author's style is like. "It is easy to affirm that there is a God; but a proof of temerity to deny that there is one. The survival of personality has every appearance against it. It is not love, however, that in infinity it will be found."

Human virtue, to stand forth in its brightest glory, needs special circumstances which give it will and grandeur. It is not content with the ordinary moments, even if from the battlements through which we passed, we bring away cruel heart-wounds. It is often in such somber moments that we see the skies opening. Such visions are never forgotten. The heart remains forever touched at thought of them.

with the universe? Well-being is the aim of this world, and love is the intense expression of well-being. We are almost tempted to think that M. Renan's notions of love are too spiritual and too refined for the Parisians, and that, therefore, they make mock of him. But he has indicated, as we have seen, that the great can take ridicule with equanimity.

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the noble poet since his death. It is divided into four parts, the first of which is called the four ages, the second, the four worships, sketching his transition from rovalism and enthusiasm to political and religious liberalism, thence to philosophical religion and the political doctrine of the Abess, the third part, the four inspirations, namely, the lyric inspiration as shown in the Odes and Idylls, the Orientales, the Antium Leaves, the Interior Voices, the dramatic inspiration as shown in the dramas; the satirical inspiration as shown in his political poems, the Contemplations, the Songs of the Streets and Woods, and the Terrible Year; and finally the epic inspiration as shown in the Legend of the Ages, and the last poems from the hands of the master. In the three or four hundred pages of this book there is much sound criticism, which will be interesting to scholars and especially to poets.

Almost a century ago you can see President Grovy, generally accompanied by his wife and married daughter, drive up to the fine large town house that he is building near the Trocadero, in order to inspect the progress of the work. The exterior has long been done, and the interior will be finished long before the owner's term expires. The monarchists say that M. Grovy will not be alive when the house is ready for occupancy. The president is indeed aging rapidly, but he is a strong fine-looking old man still.

Proprietor of Deaths by Lightning. The yearly average number of deaths from lightning in England is twenty-three, or four and four-tenths per 100,000. It is a general rule that persons who are struck by lightning are killed on the spot by lightning is more or less stunned, and deprived of consciousness for a time, but do not die, by mere fright, in which case the effect is transient; but sometimes in consequence of a shock given to the brain, in which case the patient is left in a paralysis of motion and sensation. The appearance after death of bodies which have been struck by lightning vary extremely. Sometimes they retain the position in which they were when struck, while in other cases they are dashed to a considerable distance. Their clothes are often burned or torn, and have a peculiar smoky smell. Fatal accidents about the lightning rods, signs of fusion, while such are composed of steel become magnetic.

Business-Like Son-in-Law. Indianapolis Journal. On dit that Lawrence Barrett had to settle a dot of \$10,000 per annum on his daughter before she married the German baron, whom the father had betrothed to her without attention, altho she was the "baron's son-in-law." Those noble sons-in-law are very particular about the paternal dot to their wives, and are very exacting in the matter. It is reported that when Jerome was ax in sailing over his \$2,000 to Lucy Churchill, Lord Chesham promptly offered for it, but since the party was a married man, and there has been no occasion for this strictly business proceeding as there was when the mansion was impounded as a hot house, the baron's son-in-law, even annoys Mr. Barrett this way.