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ATTEND THE HUMANE SOCIETY'S MEETING

at the opera house on Tuesday evening.

NEW YORK IS INFECTED WITH THE WAGNER

crane. The disease is virulent for a time, but the convalescence is generally a speedy one.

ACCORDING TO AN OHIO EXCHANGE, A MAN

from Michigan went down to Springfield, in that state, and offered to start a bank if the citizens would give him a brick building and \$100,000 in cash "to stimulate enterprise." Nebraska has had a number of just such experiences with "enterprising" citizens.

A MUCH NEEDED REFORM HAS BEEN INAU-

gurated by the Wisconsin Central, which prohibits all travelers on its line from tipping porters on parlor sleeping cars. If Mr. Pullman's monopoly, which forces travelers to pay the wages of his employees, will follow suit a long felt want will at once be filled.

MR. CLEVELAND HAS YET TO LEARN THAT

Nebraska could be the soul of state papers as well as of wit. Any average reporter could have condensed his message into three columns without impairing in the least its value. More than a half of the document is a useless repetition of the reports of the various government bureaus which have been in print for a week past.

ESOTIC COAL VEINS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN

Nebraska during the past two weeks to supply the entire west with black mineral, one condition and one only to be fulfilled. That is the presence of enough coals in the veins to make them worth working. Before we read the air with hoannas, brethren, let us make sure we have anything to shout over.

MR. WHITNEY'S NAVAL REPORT IS A SAD-

dening document. It exposes the incapacity of the naval bureau of construction and shows the urgent need of sweeping changes in the methods of naval administration. According to Mr. Whitney there is too much red tape and too few brains in the navy. It does not differ in this respect from several other executive departments of the government.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY MEETING.

The interest of the good people of Omaha is bespoken in advance for the newly organized Nebraska Humane society which will hold its first public meeting on Tuesday evening in Boyd's opera house. The new organization is a branch of the American Humane society. It will endeavor to fill a vacancy, in this rapidly growing metropolis, whose existence has long been a shame and a disgrace to our community. We have had one society for the prevention of cruelty to animals which died a lingering death many months ago. It has been replaced by a society for the prevention of cruelty to children. Both will be combined in the new humane society which has been organized on a strong and substantial basis and which will explain to the public on Tuesday evening its aims and its objects and the means by which it hopes to secure them.

With such able and eloquent speakers as

the Hon. A. J. Poppleton and Judge Savage to introduce the society to this community, it need not be said that the occasion will be both an interesting and instructive one. Our people are likely to learn for the first time what a field there is right among us for the work of such an organization and to hear with gratification and amazement how much suffering and crime and brutality have been prevented elsewhere by the work of kindred societies. Two of the most practical philanthropists of New York to-day are Ellbridge Gerry, president of the society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Henry Bergh, of the society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Mr. Gerry's work in rescuing waifs from misery and crime and violence will be his enduring monument in that great metropolis. His efforts reached even to Albany and compelled a revision of the state laws for the protection of girlhood and the purity of the home. With the life work record of Henry Bergh all the world is familiar.

The Bee urges our citizens to turn out

in large numbers and to fill the opera house on Tuesday evening. The meeting is not to be an adjunct to a collection box. No contributions will be solicited. It seeks to enlist sympathy with a movement which, like every other movement for the amelioration of humanity, enforces sympathy with its aims the moment these are clearly understood.

The President's Message.

The second annual message of President Cleveland will take rank as at least among the most elaborate state papers of its class. The whole field of topics of national interest is very thoroughly covered, and the matters referred to are presented with a clearness of statement that will make them easily understood by every citizen, accompanied with a positive expression of opinion where necessary that leaves no doubt as to the convictions of the president respecting them.

The assurance is given that nothing

has occurred during the year to disturb the friendly relations of the United States with other nations. There is a deprecating reference to the continued outrages in portions of the west upon the Chinese, and a recommendation for further legislation to prevent these violations of our treaty obligations. The Chinese government is well disposed and will meet the government half way in any measure it may deem expedient with respect to the just and proper treatment of the Chinese here. Regarding the fishery controversy the president has less to say than those interested in the subject will perhaps think was due to it.

He says sufficient, however, to

show that he regards the matter as of rather grave importance, for which some permanent arrangement should be sought. He offers nothing in defense of the action of the administration, which when taken was somewhat sharply criticized, in agreeing to a continuance of the privileges accorded by the clauses of the treaty which were suspended, simply saying that the whole correspondence relating to the issue would in due time be laid before congress, whereby the history of the issue would be fully disclosed and the attitude of the administration comprehended. The probability of complications in our relations with Colombia, growing out of the Panama canal enterprise is suggested, but the president evidently does not intend to include any serious apprehensions in this direction. The cultivation of a closer intimacy with the Hawaiian islands is urged in order that the paramount influence we have obtained there shall not be lost.

The expediency of enlarged treaty

arrangements with Japan is suggested, and the duty of the United States to exert its influence in all proper ways for maintaining the integrity of Liberia is held to be obvious. The president renews his recommendation for legislation to carry into effect the reciprocity treaty with Mexico, and announces his purpose to initiate negotiations for a new and enlarged treaty of commerce and navigation with that country. Referring to the Cutting case and the pretension of Mexico relative thereto, the president maintains the position taken in that matter by the government at the time, in denying the claim set up by the Mexican authorities as invasive of the jurisdiction of this government, and highly dangerous to our citizens in foreign lands. The president states at some length the position of the government on this matter, and it is such as will be approved by the country. The issue with Spain growing out of discriminations against American vessels trading with Cuba and Porto Rico, which was speedily brought to an end after the retaliatory action of this government, developed a friendly disposition on the part of the Spanish government which furnishes ground of hope that future controversies of a similar nature will be avoided.

With regard to all questions of domestic

policy the president's position is unchanged from that of a year ago. He renews the suggestion of his first message for legislation to relieve the people from the burden of taxation, rendered unnecessary by the fact that the revenues of the government exceed its actual needs, and will do so to a still greater extent, when the portion of the public debt now subject to extinguishment shall have been paid, if the present revenue is maintained. The argument with which the president urges his views of present duty in this most important matter is not essentially new, but it is not less sound and forcible because it travels somewhat in beaten paths. The president does not recommend an abandonment of the tariff policy. He understands, in common with all intelligent citizens, that that is out of the question. What he urges is such a revision of the revenue laws as shall give relief to the people without endangering the interests and welfare of established industries, or operating to the disadvantage of American labor, and he believes this to be necessary, just and practicable. To bring the revenues down to the actual needs of the government, and to enable the people of all classes to supply their necessities without having to pay an unnatural profit due to unnecessary taxation, are the objects sought by the policy of revenue revision which the president recommends, and he rightly maintains that they can be attained without injury to capital invested in industrial enterprises and without impairing the wages of labor.

The president repeats his hostility to

compulsory silver coinage and again urges its suspension on all the grounds stated in his first message, reinforced by the increased exportations of gold, with a few additional and not very impressive reasons. It might not be just to say that the president manifests timidity in connection with this subject, but he certainly does not address himself to its discussion with the interest he shows for other subjects of no greater importance. Civil service reform of course receives due attention, in terms which show that the president is as ardently devoted to this part of his administration as ever.

The president considers at length the

subject of pensions, making an argument which is largely by way of defense of his action in vetoing a number of pension bills. Regarding the public lands he has considerable to say, which is resolved in the recommendation that the pre-emption and timber culture laws and the desert land laws be repealed. An argument is made in favor of improving the harbor defenses, which the president thinks should be commenced at once. An effort to improve commercial relations with the countries to the south by increasing the postal service is recommended. The Indians are considered at length, and with some good suggestions. The recommendations of the various heads of departments are approved with supplemental suggestions. As a whole, the message is a creditable state paper, though too elaborate for popular reading.

Another country has been heard from

thus time it is the Hon. Jim Laird who

has given the public the benefit of his opinion on the senatorial issue. He confidently whispered in the ear of a Chicago reporter that he does "not believe that Van Wyck can make it." Dr. Miller and J. Sterling Morton, according to Mr. Laird, will hold the democratic firm for a candidate of their own, while enough of Van Wyck's supporters will go into a republican caucus to give the republicans a majority, and will then stand by the caucus nominee.

This is an interesting plan of

what will be an interesting campaign. It is well mapped out and the positions to be occupied by the enemies of Van Wyck are well chosen. But will it be fought as suggested? That is the question of crowning importance. Good generals do not always give battle on the field chosen by their opponents. They very often decline the tactics which it is expected they will pursue. Strategy and tactics combined are what make good generalship. Still, for all that, it is yet a little premature to plan a battle which is weeks off. The Burlington managers, whose second choice goes by the name of Jim Laird, can employ their time to better advantage. The outcome, whatever it may be, will have little personal interest for the congressmen from the Second district.

New York's prohibition vote reached

30,000. New Jersey increased her anti-liquor vote by several thousand. In both states the republican party was the chief sufferer. Prohibition agitation is a bonanza for the democracy. In dallying with this breed of fanaticism, republicans simply place a club in the hands of their opponents. It is political hardi-kari.

SECRETARY ENDORSEMENT'S REPORT GIVES

a bad black eye to General Miles. Perhaps it was the secretary's report instead of "Crook's friends" that Miles was thinking of retreating from.

KINGS AND QUEENS.

The sultan of Muscat has sent a chestnut horse to Queen Victoria.

Queen Victoria has now, thanks to Princess Beatrice, the round number of thirty long granddaughters.

Queen Victoria has ordered the Vienna artist, Grotto, to paint her a life-size portrait of Prince Alexander of Battenberg.

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HOW ZOLLICOFFER FELL.

Facts Regarding the Killing of the Confederate General by Colonel Fry.

Battle of Mill Springs, Ky.—The Fatal Meeting on Logan's Cross Roads.—Statement of Eye Witnesses.

Among the first battles of the late war, writes a correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, was that fought at Mill Springs, Ky., January 19, 1862, and at the beginning of which the confederate general, Felix K. Zollicoffer, was killed by Colonel (afterward General) Speed S. Fry, commander of the Fourth Kentucky infantry regiment. A complete history of that battle, as also the true facts regarding the death of General Zollicoffer, have never before appeared in print, since General Fry has heretofore, with a modesty characteristic of the man, declined to be interviewed with reference to the part he played in the drama. A newspaper representative, however, who has had a personal acquaintance with him for a long number of years, has succeeded in obtaining the general's own statement with direct reference to the battle. In writing of it, he says:

"All the letters and articles heretofore written upon the subject, so far as I have seen, were either the production of parties who never heard the crack of a gun or were the work of persons who, by perverting the facts, were in reality doing the work of the enemy. I, therefore, with the one given in your letter to me, viz: that you had heard that General Zollicoffer and myself were schoolmates before the war, I never met just before we met upon the battlefield of Mill Springs, when we sat side by side and held a conversation without knowing who was the one taking me for a confederate officer and who was the one taking me for a federal officer, standing, as we were, within a few yards of the right of my regiment."

THE FATAL SHOT.

"The first shot that was fired struck my horse, this coming from a confederate officer named Ewing, as I afterwards learned an act of General Zollicoffer's which was not considered worthy of him when he fired, his half being intended for myself. I then wheeled, fired and killed the general himself. Young Ewing was fatally wounded just after he fired his pistol and died before reaching his home in Nashville."

Correcting a number of erroneous re-

ports with reference to both himself and Zollicoffer, the general further says:

"I have been schoolmates just before the war with a number of boys, boys, struggling to some college or school house with books under our arms. I was forty-one years of age at the outbreak of the war, but I judge I was as old, if not older, than myself. In 1846-47 he was in congress from the Nashville (Tenn.) district, and I was a captain in the war with Mexico. It was