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The senate and house are about as harmonious on the question of opening the Sioux reservation as Kilkenny cats.

The cooking school has presented Mr. McConnell of the board of education a nicely baked pie. This is the first quarterly dividend on an investment of \$2,500 a year.

If the agitation of a new first class hotel results in nothing more than stimulating the improvement of existing hotels and enlarging their facilities, it will not have been made in vain.

BLAINE said "no." Editor Childs said "no." Phil Sheridan says "no." But Chaney M. Dewey will say "yes," and a presidential boomlet will try its wiggles on the raw March air.

MISS ROSE CLEVELAND is soon to publish a volume of poems. There must be some foundation for the stories of disagreement between Rose and her big brother or else she would not thus wantonly endanger his chances for reelection.

A six hundred and fifty dollar pie has been baked by the professor of cookery at the high school for one of the members of the board of education and the board has shown its appreciation of the art of pie-baking by promptly placing an assistant professor of cookery on the school board pay-roll.

The indications are that the committee on education will never report the Blair bill to the house. Congressman Crain of Texas will be chairman of the sub-committee which will have charge of the bill, and he as well as others are openly hostile to Senator Blair's bill to promote mendicancy in the United States of America.

The result of the West Southwark election in England on the 17th inst. was a stunning surprise to the Tories. At the election last Friday the liberals piled up the extraordinary majority of 1,194, an increase highly significant when the total number of voters was only 6,082. It takes a very little straw to show the way the political wind blows.

JUDGE COOLEY of the inter-state railway commission is reported to say that the share holders of the C. B. & Q., the C. M. & St. P., and the C. R. I. & P., had better speedily combine to restrain their executive officers who in Iowa and Nebraska are cutting one another's throats, and the throats of their companies. The law requires, says the judge, that the commission fix reasonable rates, and how can the commission deny that rates fixed by the railroads themselves are reasonable for those railroads?

The house committee sent into the coal regions to investigate the strike there have not covered themselves with glory. They made a political filibustering expedition for the democratic party. Instead of carefully studying the important economic questions involved in the controversy between the strikers and their employers, the committee was intent only on gathering political capital for the coming campaign. All the mossbacks engaged in this kind of business instead of properly attending to their duties should be branded and retired.

PLEURO-PNEUMONIA among cattle has not been stamped out as many seem to suppose. On the contrary the disease is spreading. The senate committee on agriculture, recognizing the importance of exterminating the scourge, has agreed upon a bill with that object in view. This bill authorizes the president to create a board of three persons, immediately after its passage, to be known as the bureau of Animal Industry. These commissioners are to have a salary of four thousand dollars per annum. The first of their duties is to report on the condition of domestic animals of the United States, their protection and use, and to inquire into and report the causes of communicable diseases among them, and means of prevention and cure of the same. This is all very well if the intentions of the framers of the bill are carried out, should it become law. But the history of the past teaches that such measures usually end in a scramble for the salary and very little good in the direction intended.

Settling Wool Gatherers. The president of the Colorado Wool Growers' association has issued a call inviting the sheep men to meet at Denver on the 23d inst. in order to protest against reducing the tariff on wool. Sympathy and substantial support is to be given to the National Wool Growers association of the United States in their efforts to restore the wool tariff of 1876. The call of the Colorado wool growers professes openly to be in the "interest" of the grower. Whatever "interest" the manufacturer or the consumer has in the matter is ignored. Taking a Colorado wool grower's view of the case, would it not be more to his "interest" to lay an embargo upon the wool of California, Texas and Mexican wool as well as Australian wools, in the manufacture and wear of woollens in Colorado? Surely, a monopoly of supplying all the wool for the clothing of every man, woman and child in Colorado would be of much greater "interest" to the Colorado wool-grower than restoring the tariff of 1876. The restoration of the tariff of 1876 would be an impetus to wool-growing, but before the Colorado wool-grower could reap the benefit of that tariff he would find Texas, California, Wyoming and New Mexico wool competing in his own market. The result would be that his "interest" would be put into jeopardy. If then only the "interest" of the Colorado wool-growers is to be considered in the convention, let their memorial to congress pray for an embargo against all wool except their own.

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