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SECRETARY FRANCIS' COMPROMISE.

In his annual report as secretary of the interior, just made public, Secretary Francis comes forward with a new compromise recommendation for the settlement of the Pacific railroad debt.

substantial foundation and there is no room for doubt about the artificial character of much European wine, and the wholesomeness of some of it is certainly open to grave suspicion.

Whether it be regarded as retaliation or not, it is manifestly the duty of our government to take notice of these foreign adulterations.

nearly disposed of, for it is hardly worth while to consider Alaska, our growth will not have when the government has sold its land here. One effect of that will doubtless be to increase the value of good agricultural lands generally.

Under German influence Samoa is so far advanced in civilization that the need of a founding hospital and an infirmary is felt.

was witnessed on behalf of the republican candidate in the recent campaign will not occur twice.

Figures Tell the Story. According to the census of 1890 Mississippi had then 120,811 white voters and 13,023 black voters.

Witnesses Must Answer. It has again been affirmed by the judicial branch of the government that the refusal of a witness to answer questions put to him by an authorized investigating committee acting on behalf of the legislative branch of the government can be punished as a contempt under the law.

Nebraska's Gentle Prosecutor. Brown county, Nebraska, is blessed this year with a prosecuting attorney of the—shall we say—gentler sex.

Good Arms for Militia Men. Secretary Linn's recommendation that the secretary of war be authorized to issue Springfield rifles of calibre .30 to each state and territory in exchange for the old rifles held about by the militia.

Smuggling Chinese. Chinamen continue to be smuggled into the United States with great regularity. The temptations for making money in this country are too great to be resisted by the Chinese when they know that if caught the only penalty is to be deported home free.

Brave Deeds of Brave Men. The work of the life-savers along the coast and the great lakes is not appreciated by the public as a rule, until the aggregate figures are published in the report of the general superintendent for the year.

A Candidate with a Conscience. "The fair and honest politics" has long been a maxim well followed, but H. Flood, who was declared by the Virginia state board of canvassers to have been elected to congress from the Fourth district, has refused to accept his certificate.

A Perpetually Active P. M. Postmaster Smith of Haverhill, Ia., is a free-silver man and warmly advocated the election of Mr. Bryan.

The Invincible Press. Truly Recognized as a Necessary Part of Modern Civilization. Senator Edmunds was once asked how a president-elect is to be elected.

A Pecuniary Trust. The formal organization of the titled foreigners in New York is a move in the right direction.

BLASTS FROM RAMS' HORN.

Young lions are often very vain. Getting the big head shrinks the heart. The fears we borrow are the hardest to drive away.

When you pray for a revival don't go to church with a long face. The man who thinks he knows others is a great stranger to himself.

There was weeping at the grave of Lazarus, but everybody threw a stone at the place where Lazarus was buried.

Outlawing the Bloomer. The Chicago Times-Herald: The bill in the Alabama legislature to prohibit the wearing of bloomers in that state was referred to the committee on temperance.

New York Mail and Express: The Alabama legislature is discussing a bill to regulate the wearing of hats at the theater or for any other public place.

Raising Delusive Hopes. Chicago Record: Referring to the latest claim for the new wonder—X rays—namely, that by its medium the blind are to receive sight and the deaf to hear—Tessa thinks it cruel to raise such hopes when there is so little ground for it.

St. Louis Republic: Mr. Teela explains scientifically the grounds of doubt upon which we based our protest against predictions of benefits to be conferred upon the unfortunate by the use of the Roentgen rays.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. That California man who says he took a two days' trip to Honolulu and back in an air ship last week is a very bad advertisement for the California wires.

A VITAL PAULT. I know a girl whose mental powers are quite a revelation. We've squandered many pleasant hours in earnest conversation.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Philadelphia Times: Evangelist Moody is New York, is making war on the white line of society. He has not yet got to the use of complexion powder.

Chicago Times-Herald: A Cincinnati clergyman has dropped 410 members from the rolls of his church for too much worldliness. All the other members perhaps are dead.

Somerville Journal: It isn't a mistake to make the seats in a church too comfortable. The mistake is in having a preacher who will let a comfortable congregation go to sleep.

Minneapolis Times: Rev. Lyman Abbott says that the just powers of the government are not derived from the consent of the governed. What have the trustees of Plymouth church been doing now?

Minneapolis Tribune: A Chicago clergyman defines success as "a result standing near the end of the long pathway measured by three score years." He says that the Emersons, Websters and Burkes have to toil for thirty years on their books and briefs before they find fame.

Pioneer Press: Evangelist Moody who is preaching to New York audiences just now, has taken up that time-worn society bid, "not at home" and pilloried it as a pernicious falsehood. Mr. Moody seems to us to be wasting his energies. There are deceptions and hypercriticisms enough to furnish fuel for his attacks without taking up in pulpits phrases which deceive nobody, nor is intended to do so.

New York World: Rev. Dr. Haldeman in his Sunday sermon, said: "If you go down to Henry street or Baxter street I will show you hell turned inside out on the sidewalk." Evangelist Moody in his Monday sermon said: "There are as many sinners in Fifth avenue as there are in Water street in proportion to the population." This makes it right hard for the respectable New Yorker to pick out his New York Tribune: It is both grievous and previous in the Presbytery of Toronto to impugn the orthodoxy of Dr. MacLaren's doctrine without taking up in pulpits the proposition that orthodoxy is my dog and heterodoxy another man's dog, the other man in this case being the accomplished his- torian who has never been impugned in that parish and ought not to be any where.

DOMESTIC IDYLS. Chicago Tribune: Attorney—On what ground, madam, do you wish to apply for a divorce from your husband? "On the ground, madam, that he has not been kind to me." "He made me believe he had a friend."

Buffalo Express: "Julia, you know how your father would like to visit you in New York?" "Well, I think it would be all the better for me." "Why is Miss Trimby so nervous about you?" "Because there's so little left of her year."

Cleveland Leader: "Cholly—I wonder if I were to ask him for you?" "Adelaide—Not if you tell him first that he looks better than you, younger since he shaved off his whiskers."

Chicago Record: "What do you intend to get your husband for a Christmas gift?" "I don't care for anything, but I want to give him a new pair of trousers and a drawing-room clock."

Detroit Tribune: She wrote her hands. "Alas!" she moaned. "There are the bitter fruits of my foolish marriage. I have lived to see my son follow in the footsteps of his unhappy father, for goodness' sake, absolutely wrong make of bicycle." In all nature there's nothing like a mother's grief.

Brooklyn Life: "She—Do you believe in long engagements?" "Yes, I think an engagement should be long enough to test a man's constancy and to give the girl time to learn to cook."

Town Topics Ho—I have trouble in killing time. "She—Why don't you just talk to it?"

SHATTERED IDEALS. Philadelphia North American. I never could see the same in a man from the start. I don't think of the woman he will marry—The way she must cook his meals—Per, with very few exceptions, He enters married life, And out comes dirty dishes and meals With a very different wife.

A VITAL PAULT. I know a girl whose mental powers are quite a revelation. We've squandered many pleasant hours in earnest conversation. She knew the Latin grammar when she was a child of three. She speaks of French patois like a native of Paris. She has mastered every idiom of the Russian language. She knows the Greek of Homer and big Praxinos. She talks Chinese like Li Hong Chang, the T'owery dialect. In his last lofty stammer her speech is quite correct. A wonderful vocabulary, but I must confess I cannot say "Yes" for months, induce her to say "Yes."

COURAGE. Written for the Bee. Tondils of love I gave for thee. And out of your plighted face a living light shined out for me. Your steadfast smiles grace. Personal sorrow fades away. And from eternity Your strength upholds my earthly stay. With love's secret mystery. Dear, in the depths my soul must go; With you I'll share the bliss. With you so near, my heart, I know, Will falter not, nor shrink. BELLA WILLEY GUE, Windsor, Neb.

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A battleship which sinks and is towed away may live to sink another day.

Who wants to listen to a Bryan lecture at \$2000 a listen? Don't all speak at once.

What has become of that promised exodus from gold standard United States to silver standard Mexico?

The Transmississippi Exposition is a state institution just as much as any of the state educational or reformatory institutions.

When William of Germany crossed against Grover of America on questions of commerce it is likely to be a case of Greek meeting Greek.

The people voted to let the existing gold standard alone. If they had wanted currency tinkering they would have voted the other way.

Members of the Douglas delegation deserve credit for their modesty. Not one of them has as yet run up a live wire to connect with the speakership trolley.

A movement to raise a popular subscription in this country for a complimentary testimonial to Ambassador Bayard is not likely to meet with favor.

The lone gold democrat and the lone silver republican in the coming Nebraska legislature ought to relieve one another's solitude by holding joint caucuses with themselves.

Secretary Morton has the satisfaction of knowing that the competition to fill his shoes is more active than that for any other place in the president-elect's cabinet family.

Now they are experimenting with X rays as a cure for baldness. If the new electrical light can not grow hair on a pate as bald as an egg, the last ray of hope of the hairless man must gradually disappear.

Evidence is abundant and conclusive of the absolute independence of the Nebraska beet sugar factories from the Sugar trust. This should dispose of an often urged objection against state aid to the home industry.

It was hardly to be expected that "Gentleman Jim" Corbett could keep out of the exceedingly gentlemanly controversy now going on between the adherents of Mr. Sharkey and the worshippers of Mr. Fitzsimmons.

Sarah Bernhardt's reported intention to essay the role of Hamlet shortly ought to give renewed impetus to the scholarly discussion of the question whether the Shakespearean prince of Denmark was lean or fat.

German physicians say they have discovered a new serum cure for lockjaw. Full relief can be secured immediately, however, only when we are given a cure for the effects of the unlimited oratory of the law that is in perfect health.

It has been repeatedly urged that our government would be fully justified, as a retaliatory measure, in demanding of the German and French governments certificates of inspection attesting the purity of certain of the products of those countries exported to the United States.

Referring to this matter the New York Journal of Commerce says there is no doubt that the commencing of wines from Germany and France and that much of this artificial wine comes to this country.

General Dan Sickles says he would not accept any public office under the coming republican administration except that of governor of Cuba.

Another candidate for initiation into a secret society has died under the ordeal. The mortality incident upon such ceremonial bids fair to surpass that caused by prize fighting and Cuban wars and may even equal the death rate of foot ball.

England will help Egypt out of its latest financial dilemma. England will always be found ready to do anything that will tend to put Egypt more in its power and it will also be found ready to foreclose its mortgage at the first opportunity presenting for doing so without too great cost to itself.

While successive congresses and successive secretaries of the interior have been making recommendations from year to year as to the Pacific railroad debt, no two of which have been alike.

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At the last session of congress a bill was introduced to establish a department of commerce and manufactures, with a secretary who should have a seat in the cabinet.

The secretary of commerce and manufactures shall have and perform all the duties now incumbent upon the secretary of the treasury in relation to the trade and commerce of the United States, whether the same be upon land or water.

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