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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The United States produce thirty per cent. of the grain of the world, and thirty-one per cent. of the meat.

Judge Thurman of Ohio believes a stringent license law to be the only proper method of regulating the liquor traffic.

The International Electrical Exhibition, which was to have been held at Vienna during the present year, has been postponed until August, 1883.

The German government can put 984,872 soldiers into the field at twenty-four hours' notice, but it won't do so until somebody knocks the chip off its shoulder.

The Germans are fast coming to realize the advantages of the modern world. Fully forty percent of the books printed in that country in 1880 were in Roman type.

It transpires that two important acts passed by the New York Legislature have been defeated by incorrect engrossing—the new city charter of Albany and the charter of a public library at Rochester.

A practical use has at last been found for the cactus (we may now hope for a like result with the cornet politician). It has been found that grapes, melons, cucumbers and tomatoes will thrive from cuttings inserted into cactus trunks. So that now "The desert may literally blossom as the rose."

A witty remark was that of an estimable Sacramento lady the other day, who on being called upon to name the fifth child of her married daughter, consented, and immediately dubbed the youngster "Enough." In the East it is the fashion to cry "Enough" at the naming of the first child.

A woman entered a railroad car at Bloomington, Ill., carrying a big basket. The conductor told her that it must go among the baggage. She replied that if he took it away, she would hold him strictly accountable for the contents. When he found that it held triplet babies only a month old, he ceased objecting.

"Never wish children just before they retire to rest. Let the father's caress, the mother's kiss be the last link between the day's pain or pleasure and the night's sleep." So we read in many papers religious and secular. Very good. But would you reserve the deserved spanking till the dawn, and start them out with pleasant recollections for the whole day?

An exchange says: "The Mormons are holding conventions right down here in Indiana, within a half day's ride of Louisville, and yet the Courier-Journal makes no demonstration toward exterminating them. Has the C.-J. lost its zeal?" Guess Watertown has lost his zeal on Moulton, and his anti-Mormonism goes down with his pro-Mormonism. See?

The British Medical Journal says that a castor-oil plant was placed accidentally in a room swarming with flies, but almost immediately the flies disappeared, and flies were found under the plant, or clinging to its leaves dead. The leaves are said to give out a proper deadly to insects. Who knows but that the mosquito, too, may succumb to castor oil, and that New Jersey and Staten Island may yet enjoy life, even in the dog days.

An eastern Republican Journal says: "Schuyler Colfax is a convert to the woman suffrage cause, and will vote for the proposed constitutional amendment extending the political privileges of women in Indiana. If he only espoused this movement ten years ago, he might not have spent the intervening time in a political grave." It's no use. The "Christian" Mobilier statesman took far more for even the women's movement than to get him into political life, or anything else but a common platform spatterer.

Chronic poisoning by arsenic has received the experimental attention of Drs. Caillot de Poncy and Liven, and the results of their observations may be of value to certain ladies and not a few medical practitioners. Small doses were given to cats at intervals. Under the influence of the arsenic they were able to take more than the normal quantity of food. For a time they increased in weight and presented every outward evidence of good health. By and by a change occurred. The cats had diarrhea; they lost appetite; they became languid; and they died in an anxious and lean condition.

Felix Adler tells the Free Religious, of whom he is one, that they have been talking for twenty years and doing nothing. The Congregationalists remark: "True enough, but wouldn't they have been an upstart from them if any evangelical tongue had uttered the statement?" Yes. They would feel something like the secessionists when the "Mormons" show them that they have all gone out of the Gospel way—indeed. And yet they tell the Lord every Sunday themselves, that they have all, "like lost sheep, gone astray," and "have left undone those things which they ought to have done."

AN ERROR IN THE NEW BOOK OF LAWS.

The Laws of Utah, passed at the Twenty-fifth session of the Legislative Assembly, are now being distributed by the Secretary. An Act to Amend Title XX of the Compiled Laws, contains an error which needs pointing out and explaining. The mistake is in Section Nine and will be found on page 75; it reads as follows:

"All that portion of section 1207, from and after the word 'thereof' in line four of said section, 'is hereby repealed.'

Reference to section 1207 of the Compiled Laws, will show that no such word as "thereof" occurs in line four or any other line of the section.

Comparison of the bill signed by the President of the Council and Speaker of the House and finally by the Governor, with the original bill that passed both Houses, reveals the fact that Section 1207 of the Compiled Laws is the section designed to be amended, and the error was the mistake of the enrolling clerk in copying.

The responsibility, however, rests with the committee of enrollment, whence it was to examine and compare all enrolled bills with the original.

The mistake is one that could be very easily made, especially in the heat of the closing days of the session. It is due, however, both to the Secretary and the Clerk. Printer, to place the responsibility in the proper place, as neither of those gentlemen are in any way to blame for it.

Now comes the effect of the error.

The amendment intended to be made by the Legislature was to strike out the following from the Civil Practice Act:

"The demurer shall also be accompanied by an affidavit by or on behalf of the defendant, by himself or his agent, or attorney, that the demurser is not interposed for delay merely."

The object in view was to relieve the defendant from making this affidavit when demurring to a complaint. Whether the intent of the Legislature is to be defeated by this clerical error, will have to be determined by the Courts if any one chooses to test it. However, it will not be a matter of very great moment if the law stands without this intended change for two years more. The failure of section 9 will not injure the rest of the amending act. It makes many important changes in the law which attorney will appreciate better than other folks, and the one erroneous section will not render invalid the other 33.

A slip explaining the mistake will be inserted in the book containing the laws of 1882, opposite the section containing the error, and as it is clear that section 1207 was not intended to be amended as described—that being impossible—and that section 1207 is the section meant, it is not at all improbable that the Courts would rule in favor of the right of a defendant to omit the affidavit to a demurser; but this involves a risk which every good lawyer will be sure to consider. Mistakes will happen, but if there is one place more than another where they ought to be avoided, it is in legislative enactments.

DISRESPECT TO THE HONOR ED DEAD.

Governor Sherman, of Iowa, has related his visit to the tomb of Garfield with particulars that have made quite a sensation. We give below his account given to an Elmira reporter, the chief particulars of which are confirmed by the Cleveland Herald.

I saw President Garfield a day or two ago in Cleveland. You need not look astonished—I really saw him—not his spirit, but his own form and features. I have visited his tomb to do homage to the spot where the Martyr-President was sleeping. The watchman in charge, on learning who I was and where I came, asked me if I would like to see the body. I said, "Yes, I am surprised as you can be." He simply showed me he was in earnest, invited me into the tomb, uncircled and removed the lid from that sacred casket, and there lay General Garfield before me, as he looked the day of his uncomfreigned sleep. Every hour he will be sure to consider. Mistakes will happen, but if there is one place more than another where they ought to be avoided, it is in legislative enactments.

THE "LITTLE RED HORSE."

One was born in a stable in New York City, and was sold to a man in Boston, Mass., who has been cured by St. Jacob's Oil, and I think that the remedy cannot be excelled for rheumatism. I certainly found it a most pleasant and effective remedy and one which did for me what many others failed to do—cure me. I therefore have a good word for it. Oho, whenever opportunity presents itself, I consider it a splendid remedy.

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