under the control of the secretary of war.

During the discussion the bill to place wool on the free list, and to reduce the duty on woolen goods, was received from the House, and, after the district bill was laid aside, the wool bill was laid before the Senate by the Vice-President, and was referred to the finance committee.

The Senate, after a short executive session, adjourned.

In a Reformatory.

PHILADELPHIA, April 7.—At today's session of the board of charities investigating the charges of inhuman treatment of inmates at the Huntingdon reformatory, Deputy Superintendent Smith was recalled and examined as to the temperature of the rooms in which the boys were compelled to work. He said he had never heard any complaints from the boys. The testimony which was given during the morning session showed that severe punishments were inflicted, but when Harry Anderson, a discharged inmate, was put on the stand, it was the general opinion that he had not received more than his deserts, as he appeared to be a pretty hard case. The record of this institution stated that the only time he had been placed in solitary confinement was on December 14, 1890, and that he had been there for 23 days. Anderson testified that he had gone into confinement September 15, 1891, and had been there two months. In that time, with the exception of Christmas day, he had received nothing but bread and water, and he was in chains for that period. He said that the last week he was so sick that he hardly knew where he was or how he came out, and that he was put to breaking stones. Witness has the use of only half of his right foot, which has running sores, and he testified that he had to stand from morning till night on his lame foot, his request for a stool to kneel on being refused. The offense for which he was committed to punishment was for changing books with another prisoner.

Canada and Newfoundland.

TORONTO, April 7.—The *Empire*, the chief government organ, in an editorial today on "Newfoundland's Stand," says: "A dispatch from St. John's, N. F., conveys the important information that the legislature of the island, at the dictation of the Whiteway ministry, and by a strict party vote, has refused to sanction a modus vivendi with Canada. If Newfoundland refuses to give British subjects the same right in British waters as those enjoyed and exercised by foreigners, then the time will soon come when British power must enforce an equality of rights."

The German Extradition Treaty.

BERLIN, April 7.—Minister Phelps is making good progress with the new extradition treaty. The treaties now existing were many years ago with the different governments of the then existing "German Bund," containing many imperfections, which have led in several cases to injustice.

A $50,000 Fire.

PULLMAN, Ill., April 7.—An overturned pan of hot grease sent $50,000 up in smoke this morning. The market hall building, situated on Market Square, corner of Stevenson and Twelfth streets, was the structure destroyed. The building was a two and a half story brick building, the property of the town of Pullman. The original cost was $35,000. A large number of stall men lost small amounts by the fire.

Lake Erie Open for Navigation.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 7.—Navigation is open on this end of Lake Erie, and there is no ice in sight except on the Canadian shore. The steamers "America" and "Brazil" left the port today for Toledo.

A Canal From the Great Lakes.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The House committee on railways and canals today ordered a favorable report on the bill authorizing the secretary of war to cause a survey to be made and an estimate furnished on the cost of construction of a ship canal from the Great Lakes to the navigable waters of the Hudson river, of sufficient capacity to transport the tonnage of the lakes to the sea. The bill appropriates $10,000 to defray the cost of survey and estimates.

Against Further Purchase of Bullion.

BOSTON, April 8.—Today at a meeting of the directors of the Boston Merchant's association, a resolution was unanimously adopted, heartily endorsing the action of Congressman Lodge in the introduction of his measure against the further purchase of silver bullion and the issue of treasury notes thereon until a treaty shall be ratified with foreign powers for the reopening of their mints concurrently with those of the United States for free coinage.

Brother and Sister.

MADISON, Wis., April 7.—Dr. George Keenan of this city has secured judgment by default in the circuit court here against Mrs. Katherine Tassler of Omaha for $35,000 on a suit brought for violation of contract. They owned a large ranch on the Nebraska-Wyoming State line together. Keenan alleged that his sister refused to allow him for services, according to contract. He also alleged that communication with his sister had been prevented by interested parties.

A Nickel Trust.

SUDBURY, Ont., April 7.—An effort is being made here to organize a nickel trust to control the entire output of nickel on a basis similar to the copper combine in the United States. The plan of the syndicate is to purchase all the valuable nickel properties in the district.

The Immigration Bureau.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The supervisor of immigration was transferred from Secretary Nettleton to Assistant Secretary Spaulding. The change was made at the request of Mr. Nettleton.

Kansas for Cleveland.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 7.—With the approach of the date for holding the Democratic State convention, at which delegates to the Chicago convention will be nominated, it becomes apparent that there will be but an insignificant attempt to oppose the selection of a Cleveland delegation.

Praying for Naturalization of Chinamen.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—In the Senate today a memorial, signed by many citizens, was presented by Senator Dawes, praying for the naturalization of such Chinamen as came to the United States prior to the first exclusion act.

QUALITY IN DRAFT HORSES.

It Is Possible to Get Both Quality and Quantity.

Our correspondent wrote as one who knew whereof he spoke when he described the disastrous results from using draft sires [illegible] for their quality. [illegible] "squared up the form and gave size." The second cross increased bulk, but at the expense of wearing qualities in some instances. But the third cross brought with it all the ills of "beggy" hocks, round spongy bone, upright ankles and chelly feet. Night no more surely follows day than this result attends the use of rough legged, close, "beefy" draft sires. The Gazette has not ceased to cry aloud against these hulks of [illegible] set on poor legs. To that persistent thundering of "Weight! weight!" it has answered, "Quality! quality!"

Granting the possible value of the first cross of bulk only on the small boned, spindle shanked, light waisted mares, it has warned against the intensification of this coarse legged, short patterned blood by a second cross, and has risen almost without number declared that quality should be the prime requisite. If associated with sufficient substance, well and good, but with all these [illegible] it has uniformly advised American draft horse breeders to get understanding. [illegible] tends to [illegible], but especially does it make its evil effects manifest in the condition of the legs. The farmer who has secured bulk in two or three crosses, at the expense of the [illegible] hocks and flinty and clean though light bone of his foundation mares, may well claim indulgence while he meditates upon an outcross to the light but sound legged sire.

Quality and size are not incompatible, this much has been well enough proved [illegible]. The draft horse must have bulk, strength, weight in the collar, but with it he needs leverage, elasticity and wearing joints. Porous bone, meaty legs, "beggy" hocks handicap horse and master. It is the breeder's province to substitute flinty, flat bone, clean limbs and bony hocks.

A hereditary tendency toward flabby muscles, meaty legs, thick hocks and [illegible] set joints is not value received for the service fee. Careful selection of sound sires with good metal legs and clean, limber joints, and judicious work to harden the muscles, toughen the sinews and oil the joints is what every owner of brood mares has a right to demand of every stallion. Quality first, bulk afterward.—Breeder's Gazette.

Russian Sheep Dog.

The vast steppes of Russia are in many respects similar to the great plains of our own Northwest. The Scotch collie in the northwest has suffered occasionally from the cold in our extreme winters. To some extent the ovtcharka,

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or Russian sheep dog, has been substituted for the faithful collie. Wherever he has been thus tried, the ovtcharka had proved to be the sheep owner's most faithful friend and servant. We hope he will be further experimented with, as he promises to be a most valuable dependence for stock raisers.

The American Cultivator gives this information about the ovtcharka:

The old province of Ukraine, which is now incorporated in the Russian government district of Kiev, is an extremely fertile country, but only sparsely populated. The greater portion of this territory consists of vast, slightly undulated steppes which are watered by the Dnieper and its numerous tributaries. The wealth of the inhabitants consists of live stock, and particularly sheep, of which enormous flocks are kept. One of the largest landowners is Mr. Falz Fein, and the number of sheep on his runs is so large that he can only form an estimate by the number of dogs which are required to guard them, and there are generally 3,000 kept for that purpose. On an average forty sheep are apportioned to each dog; the total must, therefore, reach the prodigious figure of 2,000,000.

These sheep dogs have a long coat, which very often gets matted. The color generally is a kind of gray, formed by a mixture of black and dingy white hair. The medium height is twenty-eight inches, and their tail is always short, frequently curled very gaily, and only sparsely coated. Sometimes there exists only quite a rudimentary trace of a tail. The breed is highly esteemed in Russia, where it is known by the name of the Ovtcharka.

Humane Dehorning.

An Indiana farmer gives this method of humanely dehorning calves: As soon as the buds of the horns appear on the calf or can be found I take an ordinary stick of white potash, such as is sold by any druggist for a very slight sum of money, and after moistening the horn bud with a drop of water or some saliva, rub the exposed horn with the end of the stick of potash. I use the stick of potash because it is about the size of a lead pencil and it is very convenient to take hold of, and after being used it can be slipped into a bottle, where it must be kept closely corked until one wishes to use it again. It takes but a slight application to kill the young horn, and the calf does not mind it at all.

English Oaks.

Thould "Parliamentary Oak," in Clipstone park, England, is believed to be 1,500 years old. The tallest oak in that country, called the "Duke's Walking Stick," is higher than the spire of Westminster abbey, and the largest is the "Cowthorpe," which now measures seventy-eight feet in circumference, and at one time its branches covered more than an acre of space.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Chinese Build Bridges to Sit.

From an early date the Chinese seem to have constructed suspension bridges of considerable magnitude, one in the province of Junnan, constructed in the year 65 A. D., being the most celebrated.—New York Journal.

Looks on the Bright Side of Things.

Devices for bringing this boy to a sense of the manifold disadvantages of wrongdoing have been tried, but his uniformly happy disposition is proof against the punitive influence of any of them. If he is sent to bed early he agrees he has no [illegible] and [illegible] his clothes so as to be unpresentable in the drawing room, he turns up the next evening with a beaming smile and some remark about the delicious [illegible] he has had. If his diet is reduced to plain bread and water for the violation of a rule of the table, he discovers—without the slightest hypocrisy, mind you—what uncommonly fine bread the cook bakes, and how much better water quenches the thirst than milk or cambric tea.

If he is kept indoors because he has abused a privilege of the yard or street, he sets cheerfully about amusing himself in the house, just as content, apparently, to lie on his back for hours after hours and indulge in day dreams as to do anything else, and the chances are that when it is all over his little voice will be raised in praise of the comfort of houses in general and of his own in particular. The only punishment he seems to dread is a whipping. That has been resorted to sparingly and always for some overt and aggressive act which was wholly without excuse, being for a more [illegible] of habit, however reprehensible.—Babyhood.

Laws Against Low Necked Dresses.

A correspondent who has been considerably impressed by the recent pulpit edicts suggests a new field for official activity in the protection of public morality, as follows:

I find in my scrapbook a newspaper clipping where, under the heading of "Old Pennsylvania Laws," appears the following:

"If any white female of ten years or upward shall appear in any public street, lane, highway, church, court house, tavern, ballroom, theater or any other place of public resort, with naked shoulders (i. e., low necked dresses), being able to purchase necessary clothing, she shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than $50 nor more than $250."

If this be really Pennsylvania law, still in force, it seems to me that the police officials at a recent ball were derelict in their duty as conservators of the public morals in not immediately sending the ladies and their partners to [illegible] many flagrant violations of the law must have been visible to them.—Philadelphia Record.

A Spider Competes the Circuit.

A correspondent relates that his family were disturbed one evening by a mysterious ringing of the electric bells all over the house. Investigating the cause, he found that a large spider had established itself at a point where the bell and the electric light wires ran close to one another, with one leg on either wire, thus establishing a connection.—Geneva (Switzerland) Tribune.

Doctors Writing Very Ancient.

Many of the chemical signs are derived from the alchemists, and are also to be found in works on magic. Some of them are very ancient, and may be traced to Roman iconography and to more ancient sources. The Comte de Gobineau has something in the history of the magic alphabets still used by orientals in his "Écriture Cunéiforme."—Notes and Queries.

The Life of a Thunderstorm.

Mr. William Marriott asserts that thunderstorms, instead of traveling at a rapid rate over the country as one continuous storm, consists really of a series of storms following one another, and it is his opinion that the average life of each is but more than about twenty minutes.—London Public Opinion.

Uses of Chinese Wax.

The white wax is a substance of great utility in China. It melts only at a high temperature, and is used chiefly to cover candles made of animal and vegetable tallow, to prevent too rapid combustion. It is used also as sizing for paper and cotton goods, a glaze for silk and a polish for furniture.—New York Sun.

Swedish women vote in the cities for municipal councilors and in the country for members of the county council, and as the latter body appoints the members of the upper chamber of the diet the women may be said to exercise a direct power in Swedish affairs.

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