

the czar and the kaiser to each take his tallest and fiercest looking grenadier and stand him up against a wall, and the man whose head reaches the highest mark and who scowls the hardest at the other, be considered the winner. Much blood and treasure might thus be saved and the honor of the Romanoffs and Hapsburgs be preserved.

And now comes the grand jury of San Joaquin county, California, with a somewhat acrid report concerning the killing of Judge Terry by Deputy Marshal Neagle. The report sets forth that the killing was intentional and deliberate, and its tone deprecates the fact that Mr. Neagle was taken from the power of the state by a process emanating from the United States circuit court. As the higher court has decided that the state court had no jurisdiction in the matter, this grand jury assumes that Neagle will not be tried by any court, and that a great wrong will thereby have been committed against law and order and public policy. If the press reports of the wailing of the San Joaquin county grand jury are correct, the public would be much obliged to it if it would retire into a deep hole.

Senator Evarts sees in the Blair education bill the emancipation of the negro from his present bondage of ignorance, without which he can never hope for political freedom, and thinks that the bill will be passed at the coming session of congress, now that the republicans have a majority in both branches. It is just this education of the negro that the extreme southern sentimentalist objects to, since the educated negro can not be made as "useful" to the whites as the ignorant one. Well, perhaps not, but is a man born into this world for the sole convenience of others, or has he a personal interest in his own existence?

If our American base ball enthusiasts succeed in inducing our English cousins to adopt our great national game, we need not say longer that we are without power and influence among the nations of the world. The next suggestion will probably be a system of arbitration of international disputes by a series of ball matches. It would be somewhat less bloody than war, though, to judge by the conduct of the average audience, a trifle more exciting, and probably, if salaries and "releases" continue to go up, not much less expensive and uncertain.

Dr. Talmage suggests a grand convention of religions in 1892 as a part of the quadra-centennial celebration. This is certainly a bright idea, and fully sustains the Doctor's reputation for promulgating sensational and impracticable suggestions. What a conclave it would be, an assemblage of representatives of

all the religions of the world! America would certainly take the first prize for exhibiting the greatest variety of theology, crankology and go-as-you-please-ology on the face of the globe.

At last the Northern Pacific has extended to Seattle the same terminal facilities enjoyed by Tacoma. Regular through Pullman and immigrant sleepers will run between that city and Chicago without change of cars. This is important, but the question of freight rates is more so, and in this matter Seattle has now been placed on an equality with Tacoma for the first time. Seattle and Tacoma have now a clear field in their battle for commercial supremacy on Puget sound, so far as the lines of the Northern Pacific and its connections are concerned.

The return of the *Dolphin* from a cruise around the world, during which she traveled 57,000 miles, with her hull and machinery in good condition, brings out in strong colors the despicable partisanship which sought to condemn the vessel in order to discredit John Roach. It also shows, as do the splendid qualities of the *Charleston* and *Baltimore*, that we can make war vessels equal to the best in the world. Having demonstrated this, now let us go ahead and make plenty of them. We need them and ought to have them.

New developments in the Cronin case only point the stronger to the existence of a widespread conspiracy to clear the murderers at any cost of money and by the employment of any means no matter how vile and criminal. Attention can not be called too often to the fact that the Irish cause in America is being killed "deader than a door nail" by such proceedings as these on the part of its friends.

Corporal Tanner seems not only to have had the faculty of putting his own foot in it, but of inserting the unwilling feet of his friends as well. Demagogy does not always pay, and it is to be hoped that President Harrison is sufficiently impressed with this fact not to try it again.

The new states have held their elections, the base ball championship has been decided, and the theological conventions have about finished tinkering the creeds, so that there is now really nothing for the country to worry about until congress meets.

There are depths to which a man may sink that are lower than the office of mayor. One of these is the lecture platform, and the friends of Mayor Wheelwright, of Tacoma, should attempt to arrest his downward career before it is too late.