

GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT.

Ex-Mayor Medill, of Chicago, now traveling in Europe, is making a special study of the railway and telegraph systems of Germany. His conclusions are decidedly favorable to placing these important works under governmental control.

Facts like these explode the traditional notion that the government cannot successfully manage such public works as a railroad and a telegraph line. For what Germany and Belgium have done, and what England is doing, can be done just as well here.

Hon. Joseph Medill, in one of his very interesting letters from Berlin, institutes a comparison between our system of voluntary schools and the compulsory educational system in vogue in that country.

How many months do American children average? Does it exceed half that time? The youth of Germany are being educated; the youth of America are well, the less boasting about it the better.

Do not stop to tell stories in business hours. If you have a place of business, be found there when wanted. No man can get rich by sitting round stores and saloons.

miles can be made in a day by going steadily on than by stopping. Pay as you go. A man of honor respects his word as his bond. Aid, but never beg.

THE CLIMATE OF ALASKA. The Service Monthly, in an interesting chapter upon Alaska, gives a few items regarding the weather that will be of interest to those who do not appreciate the peculiarities of that climate.

Several years ago Messrs. Theisman & Paulding were burnt out in the big fire in Pittsburgh. The sorrow, the ruin, the misery this caused can only be appreciated by a one-eyed man.

William IV. expired about midnight at Windsor Palace. The Archbishop of Canterbury, with other peers and high functionaries of the kingdom, was in attendance.

Whenever an Arctic expedition returns and the survivors tell the story of their hardships, a certain class of humanitarians protests against any further attempt at exploration in the frozen seas.

A new law in reference to truant children is about to go into effect in New York city. It is designed to clear the streets of the young vagrants, who, growing up without care, furnish many recruits to the criminal classes.

AN EYE FOR BUSINESS. It is not generally known that the entire glass-eye business of the United States is in the hands of one firm, Messrs. Theisman & Paulding, of Pittsburgh, and but few people have any idea of the immensity of their business.

THE SEEKERS FOR THE POLE. Another Arctic expedition has suffered the usual fate of shipwreck and suffering without achieving any other substantial results. It is true that the gallant Austrian explorers, Payer and Weyprecht, who have just been rescued from the ice-fields of Spitzbergen, succeeded in reaching north latitude 83 degrees, having thus penetrated some fifteen miles nearer the Pole than did Capt. Parry.

POWERFUL BRANDY. A gentleman who has for years lived on the banks of the Carson river came to town on Thursday evening to attend the Jones reception.

THE DOG QUESTION IN GEORGIA. There are, according to the official returns, 122,318 dogs in the State of Georgia, and this is about one-half of the real number.

CHANCES OF LIVING. A medical writer of eminence has been collecting evidence as to the chances of life which children have, upon being born, in different countries.

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AN OLD PORTRAIT OF G. W. Winthrop, now in Europe, the Massachusetts Historical Society will come into possession of an exact copy of a painting of George Washington which has unusual historic interest.

OLD AGE AND OUR COUNTRY. The Cincinnati Enquirer calls attention to the fact, in an elaborate article, that the literary and political men of Europe seem to live much longer than they do in this country.

YAKUB BEG. The Eastern question, which is never asked above a whisper, is daily attracting more attention. The Independent gives a sketch of a singular character who has already figured conspicuously in the remote politics of the East.

BASE-BALL CLUBS ARE STARTING UP IN various parts of England. The recent base-ball contests in London between the Boston and Philadelphia clubs have excited very general interest there.

IMPORTANT OLD GENT FROM THE COUNTRY (who thinks the lofty bearing of those London barmaids ought to be "taken down a bit")—"Glass of ale, young woman; and look sharp, please!"

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