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The Long Parliament Put the Peers Out of Business Altogether For a Number of Years - Bolingbroke's Way With the Noble Lords.

There is an idea in the minds of very many persons that the British house of lords is supreme and can do pretty well what it pleases. This, however, is a mistake. On several notable occasions their noble lordships have been paralyzed and have got very much the worst of it in stormy arguments with the gentlemen of the house of com-

The first occasion on which this happened was when the peers ventured to differ with the long parliament, which was at the time engaged in a life and death struggle with Charles I. The commons on this occasion wasted no valuable time in talking, but promptly

abolished the lords altogether and turned them, archbishops, dukes, belted earls and all the rest of the gorgeous coroneted crowd, into the street. The gilded chamber was vacant.

For half a dozen years or so the country got on without any house of lords

All the checks the house of lords have received have not been of such a drastic nature as this, of course.

Various ministries, finding that the peers were unwilling to pass their proposed bills, have resorted to the threat to create enough new peers to swamp the house of lords. These new peers would, of course, have been pledged beforehand to vote for the ministry creating them.

In 1711 the prime minister of the day, the daring and unscrupulous Viscount Bolingbroke, was anxious to terminate the desolating and ruinous war with France, which had been raging on and off for twenty years.

To effect this purpose he had drawn up the treaty of Utrecht. It was necessary at that time that lords and commons should agree to a treaty before it would become valid. The commons assented to the treaty, but the lords declared that they would have none of it and that the war must go on, whereupon Bolingbroke coolly but expressed their deliberate intention of wrecking the bill. Earl Grey retorted by extorting from King William IV.-who didn't like re-

form bills, but dared not oppose the wish of the nation for fear of a revolution-permission to call up to the house of lords as many new peers as should be necessary to carry his bill. The mere threat was enough for the lords. They had no wish to see their order made cheap and ridiculous, as would have been the case had peers become as plentiful as blackberries.

It used to be the custom in the British army for all officers' commissions to be purchased. That is, an officer, instead of getting into the army by means of a competitive examination and rising by merit, came straight from school, without knowing anything of the new duties he was about to assume, and had a commission bought for him. After that, instead of being promoted as a reward for his services, he used to buy each promotion.

If he had no money his chances of being promoted were about a thousand to one. The result was that officers who had grown gray in the service and fought in many battles remained sub-

ordinates all their lives, while the sons of wealthy families who had not seen a quarter of their service jumped over their heads by having their way purchased up for them to be colonels and generals.

Mr. Gladstone decided to do away with this purchase system. The lords did not wish it to be abolished. Consequently, when Mr. Gladstone introduced a bill to abolish purchase in the army the house of lords was not disposed to give it a kind reception.

They threw out the bill and imagined that they had won a glorious victory. But Mr. Gladstone found that Queen Victoria had the power to abolish purchase in the army by her own act if she pleased. He induced the queen to do this by means of a royal warrant. And the house of lords could no more interfere with a royal warrant than they could knock the dome off St. Paul's by throwing their coronets at it. -Pearson's London Weekly.



We Received To-Day

From New York

Tuff-Nuf Suits-All Wool, Double Seat and Knee, Double breasted All Sizes, \$5.50

STOCKMAN ARRESTED. CHEYENNE, Wyoming, April 16 .-Through the arrest at Buffalo, Wyo.,

Judd Bros. Props,

yesterday of Henry W. Davis, a pro-

minent stockman, it became known

TOURIST ACCOMPANY PEARY. Dash For Pole With Peary.

684 Commercial Street

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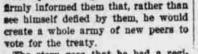
\$3 to \$7.

ministration policy is a losing venture. These lines have been opera-About Fifty Tourists Will Make A ted at the low rate following the expiration of the company's franchise, according to the ruling of the district NEW YORK. April 16 .- Commonder and supreme courts of the United in this city recently had returned an Robert E. Peary's next expedition to States. The report declares the cost

of carrying passengers on the line in

Dry.

would have to go out



The story goes that he had a regiment of the Life guards paraded under the windows of the house of lords and threatened to make every trooper into a noble lord if driven to it. He did make twelve new peers, and then the lords gave in.

The Liberal government of 1832, with Barl Grey as prime minister, used the same threat. They wished to pass the first reform bill. The lords hated this bill bitterly.

Until then they had been practically

## Man and Woman

"Man, composed of clay, is silent and ponderous," preached Jean Raulin in the fifteenth century, "but woman gives evidence of her osseous origin by the rattle she keeps up. Move a sack of earth and it makes no noise; touch a Chronicle.

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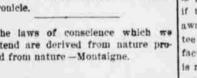
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bag of bones and you are deafened with the clitter clatter." - London

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it, there is definite information that the street car men of San Francisco

have for some time, been formulating a renewed demand for an eight hour day with \$3 pay, to be submitted fore a United States commissioner for sometime before the first of next month and that the United Railroads

STREET CAR MEN PREPARING.

Francisco Traction Employes To

Make New Demand May 1st.

through their official heads, to discuss

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 16 .- Though

both sides to the controversy refuse, that the federal grand jury which sat

is preparing to resist a serious strike if that should be the outcome. The award made by the arbitration commit

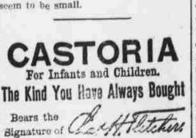
tee expires May 1. It was unsatis-The statement factory to the men. is made that it was as much to anticipate the industrial trouble as to meet the immediate results of the graft investigation that brought President Calhoun of the United Railroads from

New York last week

## CUBAN POLITICS.

HAVANA, April 16 .- It now appears that the proposal to permit foreigners o vote in the municipal elections will not be adopted. Some of the Spanish Middle West," in Outing Magazine. lement declare that they do not want

to take part in politics. The proposition is before the advisory commission but the chances for its adoption seem to be small.



Morning Astorian, 60 cents a month clivered by carrier.

indictment against Davis on the charge of perjury in connection with the acquisition of title to public lands in his appearance at the May term of the

Federal Court, How Clark Received the Gift. Broken by ill health and bowed down

by disappointment, Clark retired to private life in bitterness of soul and passed his remaining twenty-three years of crapulous existence in obscur ity and poverty. Friends called atten tion to Clark's sad condition a few years before he died, and the legislature of Virginia grandiloquently ac knowledged his great services and sent him a jeweled sword. 'The old hero's

anger was aroused. "When Virginia needed a sword I gave her one," he exclaimed to the messenger. "She now sends me this toy. I want bread." And he thrust the blade of the costly gift

into the ground and broke it at the hilt. his next dash. -Lyman Tew Sprague, in "George Roberts Clark and His Conquest of the

## The Joke Maker.

"The way I learned my trade," said the man who makes jokes for a living, "was to take advantage of every little thing that happened to come along. Whatever it might be, sad or gay, serious or merry, I squeezed a joke out of it. At first they were very poor, but after a great deal of labor I found my brand of humor improving. True, I often måde my best friends my deadly enemies and turned every man's hand against me on more than one occasion, but at last I triumphed. I won't tell you what my salary is-you may not believe me. But you can take my word for it, young man, that there's money in making jokes."-New York fare in accordance with the citys ad-

the polar regions. auxillary ship, carrying tourists in ad- dicated was in excess of three cents, dition to the steamer Roosevelt under and that the expense would not war-Joanson County. Davis gave bond be the explorers' command, says the rant a continuance of the test, World today. It is proposed to charter a vessel and load her with provisions

to be cached at Etah It is known that several members of

of the best known scientists and geo. graphers of the country desire to take passage on the relief ship. Others also have indicated a desire to go, so that there is a possibility of making If people would keep their up a party of fifty tourists. Peary is confident of reaching the goal this time. must have extended to the Arctic zone. he told, a friend the other day, and as usually cold winters runs in groups

BAPTISM OF SPANISH HEIR.

MADRID, April 16 .- The Herald

says the baptism of the expected heir

to the Spanish throne will take place

on the third day after birth and that

THREE CENT FARE.

land Electric Rallway Company report-

ed to the city council last night that

the operation of cars at three cent

it will be a public ceremony.

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of business. Our Dr. Reed's Cushion Shoes little chance of "leads" or open water to retard his progress when he makes

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