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It is becoming more doubtful every day that any free coinage bill will be passed by the present congress.

Democratic opinion is said to be changing very rapidly not simply as to the wisdom of the measure but as to its merits. It is perfectly evident that this change is being effected less from principle than policy.

A classification of the poor of New York City by the secretary of the Society for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor shows that nearly one-half of the large number of cases of poverty are the direct result of excessive dram drinking.

One of the most powerful implements of war ever invented is the Hotchkiss rifle gun recently tested at Hartford, Conn. It is capable of throwing a destructive conical shell a distance of ten miles and of piercing the armor of the strongest ironclads afloat.

It is now positively asserted that notwithstanding all report to the contrary there never was any question of the postponement of the wedding of Miss Mattie Mitchell, daughter of Senator John H. Mitchell and that that event will take place as announced on the 11th instant.

The East Oregonian is crying for taffy from its Portland namesake.

Heretofore you have accused us being in need of soothing syrup. Probably you are envious and in need of a bath.

A touching story comes over the wires from San Diego county, California. A Mrs. Mary Gregory, postmistress of Vilja, falsified her returns to procure means to buy food for her children.

The tax levy of Baker county is 32 mills. A man over there who has to pay 3-10 per cent. tax on the face value of a mortgage (and the borrower always pays the tax directly or indirectly) will appreciate a law that was intended for the capitalist but which alas! invariably cinches the wrong man.

The New York Press tells how a woman reformed her husband from the smoking habit. A contract was entered into, the prime condition of which was that she was to buy the cigars. He smoked one and quit.

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tion which the News applies to the state are all that the most ardent protectionist could ask.

It is for the general interest to patronize articles of home manufacture in every line of trade in which a supply can be had, because we thus increase the labor-employing capacity of the state and keep money at home in circulation.

Portland will strongly resent the action of the Astoria chamber of commerce in sending a set of resolutions to congress urging that instead of appropriating money for deepening the channel of the Columbia from Portland to the sea the money be given to the Cascade locks and the Dalles portage.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Recorder until 4 o'clock of February 6th, 1892, for grading the square at the intersection of Ninth and Pentland streets.

By order of the Common Council. FRANK MENEFEE, Recorder of Dalles City. Dated February 1st, 1892. 2-1-5

Could Comfort and Cheer Him.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 3.—John Swim, a miser, aged 97, whose relatives are suing for a guardian to care for his \$300,000 estate, today received a proposal of marriage from a widow of this city, who says she is only 67; that her heart has been moved to pity by reading of his troubles, and that she thinks she could comfort, cheer and lighten the lonely hours of his remaining years.

To Succeed Bradley.

New York, Feb. 3.—A Washington special says President Harrison will appoint Judge Green, of the United States district court of New Jersey, to succeed the late Associate Justice Bradley of the United States supreme court.

A Light Shock at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 3.—A light shock of earthquake was experienced here about 8:30 o'clock this evening.

Death in a Big City.

The shadows of metropolitan life could scarcely have a more ghastly illustration than in the case of the corpse of the old man at a Greenwich street window staring into the windows of the elevated cars for two days, the last of the train's Christmas time humor.

We are wont to look upon the extraordinary situations created by the novelist and playwright with satirical severity, but the pen of Sue, Dumas, Dickens and of a host of imitators never conjured up from imaginations vivid with research and practical observation a more pathetically impressive picture than is presented in the dead man at the Greenwich street window.

The January payments of interest and dividends in this city are the heaviest of the year.

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A Turtle's Long Fast. In June last a tree on the farm of Mortimer Hamilton, in Jackson county, Ind., was blown down and pressed into the earth a large snapping turtle.

Against Wide Cravats. The attempt to widen a dress cravat nearly two inches is a fallacious fancy.

A New Baseball Glove. A new form of baseball glove has in the palm an air cushion or pad which can be removed and inflated.

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LACKS TRUTH ONLY.

COLD FACTS DESTROY AN ENTERTAINING GHOST STORY.

Reminiscences of Lord Lytton Which Are More Valuable in Selection Than in Truthfulness—An Alleged Haunted Room Which Did Not Exist.

Romantic Lord Lytton was, but not superstitious. His death, however, has revived the story of the yellow boy's room, the ghost chamber said to exist at Knebworth house, the beautiful ancestral home of the Lyttons for more than 600 years.

Mr. Frith then adds that Mr. Bulwer did not tell Lord Castlereagh—Byron's "carotid cutting Castlereagh"—that the yellow boy always appeared to any one who was destined to die a violent death and always indicated the manner of it to his victim.

A more amusing and less unpleasant incident is told of the same chamber at Knebworth by our artist author, the subject being a timid, nervous brother painter who spent a night at the poet's lovely and stately retreat in Hertfordshire.

NO TRUTH IN THE STORY. The circumstantiality with which Mr. Frith tells these short tales must convince his readers that he is thoroughly satisfied in his own mind that the incidents which he carefully describes all happened at Knebworth.

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