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INCAPABLE, INDEED.

A leading county democrat said, a few days ago: "This is the most unfortunate time in the world for the democratic party to get control of the administration. It was at a time when the finances of the government were tottering and would have fallen under three months more of republican rule. The republican secretary of the treasury was at his wits' end trying to maintain the gold reserve to the \$100,000,000 mark until his democratic successor assumed the office."

Financial embarrassment, indeed! After thirty years of unexampled prosperity in the history of any nation, when the United States manufactured one-third of the finished products of the world, work plentiful and wages good, a revenue covering all expenses, besides dissipating the national debt like dew before the sunlight, caring for the Union veterans, and prosecuting great internal improvements. The republican party took the reins of government in 1861, not only at the close of a financial panic a good deal like the present, but when the shades of a tremendous civil war were fast settling down upon the nation. This party successfully conducted the country through the throes of this memorable struggle, and when it was ended, the nation bruised and bleeding at every pore, her credit exhausted and a debt of \$4,000,000,000 to liquidate, bound up the wounds received in conflict, paid this debt, cared for wounded survivors, and established a widespread prosperity by reason of a protective policy which built manufactures and employed the idle, that has never been approached in any democratic era. It would not seem to the calm student of this thirty years of history, that the republican party are so financially incapable as this county democrat would have us believe.

COST OF A BILLIARD BALL.

About Ten Dollars in Cash and Usually a Large Amount of Human Blood. The globe of ivory which is knocked about a table in a game of billiards costs, if of good quality, at least ten dollars, says the Million. This represents its cost in money. There is, however, a far more important and formidable element in the price which has been paid for it. The billiard ball of pure ivory represents, as it lies white and glistening upon the cloth, an expenditure of human life blood as well as of money. Elephants' tusks are brought down to the African coast by caravans, generally in charge of Arabs, which have been trading in the interior. Very often they have picked up slaves as well as ivory. But this phase of the matter may be left out of the account. It is estimated that every large caravan bringing ivory to the coast has cost more than one hundred and sixty human lives through fights and murders in the course of the expeditions. Thirty more men are likely to have succumbed to fevers or other diseases and the fatigues of the march. The hunting of the elephants and the capture of the ivory are very likely to have caused the death of ten men altogether. Such casualties are the rule in elephant hunting rather than the exception. An average tusk does not furnish more than enough material for two good billiard balls. Of course the remainder of the ivory in each tusk is made use of in other ways; a perfect cut billiard ball requires special quality, or so-called "nerve," which is found only in one part of the tusk. The chances are that a billiard ball of the first quality has cost at least one human life; and there is not one such ball which may not be truly said to be stained with men's blood. They can hardly be considered, therefore, a cheerful accompaniment to a sensitive person's diversion.

"Democrats," said one of their cleverest leaders, "are at their best in opposition. When in power they act like the devil."

There were 488,775 emigrants came to the United States this year. This is a tremendous importation, more than enough to furnish Oregon with its present population.

Sen. Peffer says he can see coming "a wave of fire and blood." This is startling, picturesque and terrible, but not scientific. The fire would dry up the blood, and the blood would extinguish the fire. The senator is graphic but inaccurate.

If the democratic party is so great at financing, how is it they are getting deeper in the mire all the time? They have been in control eleven months now, have had their say at a special session of congress called especially to relieve us of our financial ills, with a big working majority, and are now hammering away in regular session upon a bill through which the one word "assessine" shines jective canvas of a camera obscure, to as in letters of light on the ob-tune of the groans of hundreds of thousands of American workmen now living on soup.

Behring Sea Matters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The most sweeping denials are made of the statement that a serious disagreement exists between the British and American governments in the negotiations for the protection of the seal fisheries in Behring Sea during the coming year. It is said that Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, is "exercising extreme diplomatic methods to secure a modification of the regulations already agreed upon, or to delay their promulgation until too late to prevent the Canadian sealers from making their usual catch." It is stated upon the highest authority that the British government could not change the regulations, if it desired, and it does not so desire. If, when the regulations are finally considered by Sir Julian Pauncefote and Secretary Gresham, both gentlemen are satisfied to make certain modifications, which may give better effect to the regulations, a change may be made. The delay in reaching a settlement of the matter arises from the fact that the machinery of the British foreign office, like that of the American department of state, moves slowly.

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HORRORS OF SHAVING.

Whether You Do It Yourself or Go to a Barber, There Are Dangers.

There is a story told of a French nobleman who, when he had been shaved in the morning, always heard the man mutter: "Thank heaven!" on leaving the room. He inquired the cause. "It is the money, my lord, you always leave on your table over night (for he was a gambler). Every morning I say to myself: 'I must cut his throat,' and am truly thankful to have escaped the temptation." After which confession the nobleman shaved himself. It is quite extraordinary how many people—even poor people—employ barbers to shave them, partly from consciousness of their own clumsiness ("What do you give the man who shaves you?" inquired some one of Macaulay "Several cuts on the face," was his reply), but chiefly from their inability to strop the razors. If there is an industry that makes use of old strops (with cuts) I shall be happy to supply them at wholesale prices, says a writer in the London Illustrated News. That there is no machine for stropping razors speaks volumes for the power and intelligence of the Barbers' company.

Nevertheless, for a man who has always shaved himself the employment of another person to do it for him seems for the first time, apart from the humiliation of being taken by the nose, rather a serious business. One wishes to make great friends with him to start with, but the usual methods are closed to us; genial conversation is out of the question—all the soap is on his side—and we aren't offer him liquor. It is the greatest confidence trick known to man. The performer may be an expert or he may not; but it is certain that at one time or another these gentlemen must have been new to their trade. With whom did they begin? With whom, indeed! Dead men tell no tales. I ventured to ask the question the other day of a professional. He replied, with some confusion: "We begin with one another;" and it was only the day before that he had observed, with an air of pretended indifference: "We are rather short-handed at the shop just now."

Dr. West Acquitted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—In the case of Dr. West, who is being tried for the murder of Addie Gilmour, upon whom it is charged he committed criminal practice, Judge Wallace delivered lengthy instructions to the jury, finally closing the charge by calling attention to the law which makes the crime of which Dr. West is charged murder in the second degree, and instructed the jurors that if they believed the defendant performed the operation which caused Addie Gilmour's death, even though he had no intention to kill, the verdict should be murder in the second degree. The jury were then sent to the jury-room.

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Lost a Cat.

Murcury.

There is about a 100 cats around the Santa Fe freight depot at Lawrence. A few days ago Santa Fe Tom, an old cat that has been a fixture at the depot for several years, jumped into a car of corn and was hauled away. Agent Bailey sent a "tracer" after the cat and the next day cats came from every direction. Nearly every agent between Kansas City and Topeka sent a cat or two. When Conductor Hayes of the local freight train pulled into town Sunday he announced that he had some "goods" for the agent. He unloaded two boxes and three barrels of cats. Baily has sent out an "O. K." report in hope of stopping the influx.

SCHOOL SYSTEM OF FRANCE.

The Symmetry and Working Are Said to Be Next Thing to Perfection.

"Every child in France at this hour," says the complacent minister in the well-known story, "is studying the same lesson," and, according to the Fortnightly Review, it is practically the same for every undergraduate still. Uniform knowledge and uniform precision, with uniform justice for every young citizen, are thus secured, and what are commonly reckoned the "essential qualities of the French mind" are unquestionably developed. Not only the symmetry, but the working of the system is perfect; the grand armee is gone, even the code has its uncertainties, new government and principles come and go; but the University of France has sat as it was set, above the reach of time or politics, as befits the mighty spiritual organization it is. The body of the nation is in its outer court, its government classes are in the second and third. We recognize in England how largely the public schoolboy is father of the man, but we must deepen this impression tenfold to realize the national importance of the lycéen and his baculaurate. One might write a good account of modern France in terms of him alone—the lycéen, fullblown as litterateur and critic, as artist and engineer, as journalist and politician, as soldier and colonizer, and so on. In all such occupations, however, he has too much to do with the outer court; it is in the inner one, that of the doctorate, the aggregation, the diploma of the Ecole Normale Supérieure, that he fully blossoms, unspotted from the world. He becomes a professor or other functionary, for above all things the ambition of the conventionally well-educated Frenchman is to belong to some bureau or other. The profane call this inner court (with some approach to descriptive accuracy, it must be confessed) that of the "mandarins," its more erudite and authoritative personages becoming "mandarins," and its humbler Levites "ronds de cuir," i. e. civil servants, viewed teleologically as coverings for stools. So upon every mind in France there is laid the dead hand of the great lawyer.

AN ICELANDIC INCIDENT.

Primitive Modes of Dealing with Criminals in the Northern Islands.

The laws of Iceland, according to a writer in Pearson's Weekly, are so fully recognized that the services of a police officer are hardly necessary; criminals arrest themselves, and the authorities have little trouble in securing the punishment of an offender. A young Icelandic friend of mine, says the writer, going across the desert from Reykjavik met a man riding a pony. Such meetings are rare in these parts, and, like ships on the sea, the two hailed and spoke. And this was the manner and substance of their conversation: "What's your name?" "Stefan." "Whose son?" "Thorstein's son." "Where are you going?" "To prison." "What for?" "Stealing a sheep." "No one taking you?" "No, the sheriff was busy, so he gave me my papers—the warrant for the arrest—and sent me on to prison by myself." The men exchanged snuff and a kiss, and parted. A week later the young Iclander was returning to Reykjavik, and near the same spot he met the same man. "What!" he cried. "Stefan Thorstein! Why, you said you were going to prison?" "So I was, and I went, but they would not let me in."

Why not?

"Because I had lost my papers, and the sheriff said he could not take me without my warrant."

"So they won't have you in prison?"

"No."

"And you are going home again?"

"Yes."

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ITS WEALTH.

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