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ENTIRELY TOO TECHNICAL.

be "A rule of action prescribed by the Bland of Missouri went down to defeat, supreme power of a state commanding not because he was a friend of silver, what is right and prohibiting what is but because he was a democrat. In fact wrong." This is perhaps as good a it did not matter what the platform of definition as could be given, but who the democracy was, the result was the shall define the processes adopted in same. In our own good state it was these days for determining what is the hardly a question, and cut but a small law? It is a pleasant fiction of the law figure in the election. for a starter that ignorance of the law An unprejudiced view of the situaexcuses no one, that every man is sup- tion compels the belief that the demoposed to know just what the laws are- crats abandoned their party, or at least except the judicial officers, who have refused to aid it, not because Cleveland courts of appeals provided for correct- caused the repeal of the Sherman act. ing their errors. The law is an honora- but because he side-tracked the quesble profession, and we hope it may ever tion of reforming the tariff and forced remain so, but the practice of the law his party to carry out his financial views, is degenerating into a farce. Cases are and giving them a preference over the tried, not on their merits, but on their tariff. hair-splitting technicalities, raised by demurrers and motions.

We have a system of justice courts, with a supposed simple code of procedure. The justices of the peace are not supposed to be experts in the law, yet it is provided that actions may be commenced before them, which, on an aptice is done-to death.

eyes of Justice is kept in place.

Let a man go into the justice court with than the average king. a common case, a suit to recover money on a contract, and undertake to handle other side at once commences his work grand jury had decided to return on vivisection. A demurrer is filed, the not a true bill as against two of those complaint does not state facts sufficient charged with robbing the express office, to constitute a cause of action. It is either had some foundation in fact, or amended. A plea to the jurisdiction it hadn't. It is hardly probable that to an issue, and the technicalities about ing about subjects that he had no right meterial, irrelevant, incompetent, does jury room can only properly be told in not correspond with the allegations, etc., etc., until the client with himself for an attorney realizes the fact that as a client he is a fool, and as an attorney two of them. There should be a simple code of procedure prescribed for the justice courts, and the judges of the higher courts should discourage technicalities. and try cases on their merits.

HOW DO YOU KNOW.

In six weeks the legislature will be in session, and the question as to who will succeed Senator Dolph will be decided. We do not believe there is any doubt as to the senator's successor, for it is generally conceded it will be himself. There is a sentiment among the younger republicans, or some of them favorable to Hon. Charles Fulton of Astoria, a sentiment that will grow perhaps to formidable proportions in two or six years from now, but it will cut no figure

The only point made against Senator It is asserted that nine men out of ten in Oregon are in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver but that is a. mere assertion. The populist platform of the total vote, not nine-tenths of it. 156 papers for \$2.25 or less than a cent tion, the representative men of the party were not in favor of free silver or they would have said so in their platform. Whence then comes the idea that Oregon republicans are in favor of free

NOT A SILVER ISSUE.

politics, we note repeated assertions concerning silver its present status, and titled to the same offer. the position of the old parties towards Without expressing an opinion either way, but examining the matter dispassionately, we cannot find in the results of the recent election anything metal. Ohio raised the issue squarely, the democratic platform declaring frankly for the coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and in Ohio the democrats were beaten by 147,000 votes, as against a trifle over 1,000 in 1892, but the republicans only cast 9,000 more this year than in 1892, the immense majority arising from the fact that the

democrats were disgruntled and stayed at home. The free silverites, however, could under no circumstances draw any solace from the result. In California the democratic platform was somewhat ...\$ 150 of a straddle, but it was more inimical to silver than that of the republicans, yet the congressional ticket was almost a unit in favor of the republicans, notwithstanding the fact that California is classed as a silver state. In New York, where the two platforms were almost identical as regards silver, the same results were plainly visible-immense republican gains; yet surely no one can Blackstone defines municipal law to attribute them to the silver question.

The issue in 1896 may be largely the silver question, but up to date no political fight has been made upon it.

The czar of all the Russias, who recently died, is at last safely put away from the sight of men. With toll of bell and solemn boom of cannon; with peal to the district court, become sub- smoke of censer and flare of waxen ject to all the long array of senseless taper; with prayer and chant; with technicalities. The result is that jus- drooping flag and trailing banner, the putrescent clay was laid away in solemn Some disgruntled client defined a state until the judgment day. How lawyer to be "a man who protects one's great the opportunities for good or evil property from the rapaciousness of that came to him whose word was law others for the purpose of taking it him- to a hundred million people; but who self;" but while this is perhaps pretty now silent and powerless, claims but the badly exaggerated, it is undoubtedly narrow limits of the grave. How those true that the principle object of the law- opportunities were used, the long train yers is to see that the blindfold over the of exiles who traveled the weary steppes of Siberia, can answer in part. The The trial of a law suit ought to be a plundered and exiled Jews, driven from simple affair; one that in usual cases their homes, can give further answer. could be tried by any man of average He had a royal funeral, befitting a royal intelligence; but such is not the case. villain, and yet he was probably better

The rumor that started last night, and his own case. The attorney on the traveled energetically all day, that the follows. Again amended, and it catches the story was made from whole cloth. a half dozen diseases. Finally brought If not, someone has been guilty of talkthe evidence are brought in. It is im- to mention. What goes on in the grand

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