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THE FOOL SENATE.

The United States senate has been amusing itself by monkeying with a new immigration law. It is provided in the new bill that no foreigner over sixteen years of age will be allowed to come to this country to remain unless he can read five lines of the constitution of the United States in some language. It is further provided that after the aforesaid person comes, proves his ability to read the five lines of the constitution translated into a foreign language, and so becomes one of us, he may then send for his parents, children, brothers or sisters; dependent on him, and these may land without any educational test.

A man with intellect enough to keep out of the Banyan hospital for sick insects would know better than to draft such a bill, or to waste the time of the senate in considering it. Any family with one member smart enough to read and write could come, and so that law to prohibit or control immigration would do neither.

The question of immigration is attracting considerable attention, and like all other questions, has two sides. If it should be stopped, then a law should be framed stopping it; but such bills as the one alluded to are simply the vaporings of a befuddled intellect of very small bore. Its author was trying to please the partisans on either side of the question, and, like an ostrich with its head in the sand, thought he had very smoothly fooled both.

The United States senate is rapidly convincing the people that the selection of railroad attorneys, presidents of corporations and political Jekyll-Hyde monstrosities, must result in a change of base, either by doing away with the two-headed political calves, bearded women and living skeletons, or by the election of another class of men directly by the people. The mental vacuums now in the senate are not brainy enough to "fool" part of the people part of the time.

PENSION LAWS.

There is no higher evidence of the gratefulness of republics than the pension list of the United States with nearly a million pensioners, drawing an average of \$150 each. That there are many persons drawing pensions who should not be, is undoubtedly true, but this will happen in spite of the closest vigilance. The list is great enough, however, as it is, and congress will do well to call a halt in pension legislation, instead of branching out.

We believe in pensions worthily bestowed, but not otherwise; but we do not believe in pensioning all the relatives of an ex-soldier's mother-in-law. Neither do we believe in pensioning women not born until after the war simply because they married a veteran after it was over. We do not believe it required, or requires, a chromo to go with an old soldier who marries, the chromo being in the shape of a possible future pension to the widow. The woman who got a soldier for a husband after the late war, in most cases got a good man, and one of whom she might well be proud. It is quite possible that children yet unborn, if girls, may yet become pensioners as widows of some veteran of the late war.

And yet congress proposes to extend the list and add to the vast sum annually expended. It should think not twice, but once only, before doing it, and then not do it.

The Associated Press is getting utterly and thoroughly unreliable. There is no longer anything in the dispatches that can be relied upon

as being true, and it is time that a reform take place, or some other news-gathering corporation be organized. We realize how difficult it is, how impossible it is, to get at the exact truth in many things. We understand that in the rush of news-gathering some mistakes are necessarily made, and that to be accurate in all cases is impossible. Inaccuracy in a certain class of news, is to be expected, but while the public expects this and willingly overlooks it, it does not expect that the truth should be ignored intentionally and the faked up stories that would not deceive a three-weeks old Papuan furnished it instead. The association should instruct its news-gleaners to stop telegraphing every rotten rumor that is told them and dressing it up as truth.

A description of Christmas at Bethlehem, going the rounds of the country papers, contains a very suggestive suggestion. It states that a regiment of Turks are on guard during the Christmas festivities to keep the different sects from fighting over and trying to appropriate the sacred relics kept there. It seems rather paradoxical to think of Turks guarding the birthplace of the Savior to prevent Christians ravaging it, but such is the fanaticism of sect that the guard is probably necessary.



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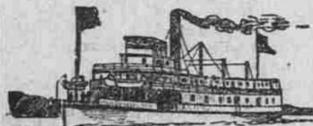
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