

RUSSIAN DESIGNS.

The Anglo-Russian question is to the European press what the mammoth squab and the five-legged calf are to the editors of country newspapers, says an exchange. It "comes in" considerably of late.

We are treated to dispatches concerning the weakness of the British war navy, as we have been treated to them on a thousand prior occasions, the fact still remaining, as it has done for two hundred years, that the British war navy is by all odds the finest in the world.

MONARCHY VS. ANARCHY.

Anarchy appears to have suddenly risen to the surface with considerable force in continental Europe, and this may be accounted for by reasonable hypothesis. In monarchies government is not for the people, but for the privileged classes.

The defeat of the notorious Judge Maynard and Tammany at the last election in New York has encouraged ex Mayor Grace, ex Secretary Fairchild, and other independent Democrats to reorganize the anti-snap movement of a year ago as a permanent power against the dictation of Tammany in the future.

The fourth volume of the papers accompanying Blount's Hawaiian report was given out by the state department Saturday, and is of the same import as those previously published.

The public mind in the United States is agitated on two questions at present—currency and the tariff. There are some who honestly believe

DEMOCRATIC SOPHISTRY.

The following which we clip from a leading Democratic exchange in this state, is clear evidence of the sophistry to which that party resorts to support its faltering free trade.

"The woolgrowers and the lumbermen of Oregon will naturally be opposed to that feature of the Wilson bill which proposes to transfer wool and lumber to the free list. They will oppose it on the supposition that a duty on these articles is necessary to uphold the prices. The fallacy of this proposition has already been demonstrated in the case of wool, which today is not selling for as much as the schedule rate. The McKinley law imposed a high duty on wool, and yet the market price for wool hardly pays for clipping the sheep. The same is relatively true of the lumber product."

Wool-buyers and manufacturers have expressed themselves on different occasions during the last few months that the reason they have not purchased the raw material was because they expected it to be placed on the free list, and would be at a much lower price. This is simply exercising ordinary precaution in business, and is the rule that is followed by every merchant in this or any other country who desires to be successful. It makes no difference in trade circles about the McKinley tariff being in force when there is a well-grounded apprehension that it will be repealed at an early date, for men exercising the least sense will buy as little as possible if there are indications that articles will be cheaper. Even our esteemed contemporary, in buying his stock of paper, would not lay in a large supply, if he thought in the near future the market would be much lower.

The discussion of such subjects distinguishes a free people from those under the sway of an absolute monarchy. In Russia the peasantry take the case of the czar as sacred as holy writ, and only the students in the universities possess that patriotism which induces them to call in question the right or wrong of implicitly obeying the powers that rule.

But a few days will elapse before the first Democratic congress for over thirty years will convene in Washington City, and the country is anxiously waiting to see what legislation it will pass. On August 7th President Cleveland called a special session to repeal the silver-purchase clause of the Sherman act, and this has met, done its duty and adjourned. Still the pressure of hard times is felt in every department of trade, and relief has not come as promised. The ways and means committee has drafted its new tariff bill, placed several articles on the free list, and manufacturers and capitalists are tremulous that Democracy will wreck the industries of the country by passing this bill.

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A Glimpse of New England Life. Apropos of character sketching are the following little bits of New England life seen on a train the other day. A couple of middle aged country women entered the car at a way station. One, dressed in seagreen black and carrying a bright yellow pumpkin took the inside seat, and her companion, settling herself on the extreme edge of the remaining bench, arranged various bundles comfortably around her. Presently they entered into conversation. "How you seem Mrs. Brown lately" inquired she of the bundles. "Why, haven't you heard" returned the owner of the pumpkin. "Her voice sounded aggrieved. 'Mis' Brown an I don't speak jest now," she went on. "It happened like this. 'Twas at the last election, 'twas '92. We were sittin side by side out to supper, an when the biscuits come along I broke mine up an says 'I to her, 'Well, I must say I've eat better biscuits 'n these. Ain't they spotted?' Well, there were Mrs. Brown's biscuit—an since then she and me ain't spoke." "You don't say," commented her companion. "Hadin' Christians oughter to be careful!"—Boston Advertiser.

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