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The Superfluous Ministers.

The government is at a heavy expense to support its foreign ministers, the services of whom do not appear in any manner to be commensurate with the outlay. It so happens, however, with very little to do, that these ministers complain of being poorly paid. This gives rise to the question in some minds, "Of what use are the ministers, anyhow?" To be sure, the government must have representative agents abroad, to look after the interests of its absent citizens, but the consuls are entirely competent to attend to this business, and, indeed, in most cases, it is the consuls who are appealed to when any occasion for American official interference arises. Ministers are simply diplomatic mediums, to handle the correspondence of the secretary of state, and deliver or transmit the same to its proper destination, to receive visits of courtesy, to give and attend state dinners; in fact, to support a title, draw a salary, and enjoy a term of elegant leisure. This, in proof: Our Turkish minister, Maynard, is now on a visit to his relatives in Massachusetts; our Russian minister, Stoughton, is traveling for his health; our Spanish minister, Lowell, has received a leave of absence to come home; and Mr. Marsh, our Italian minister, is in feeble health, and unable to discharge his official duties—that is, supposing he had any duties to discharge. Thus, it will be seen, that if the consular system were revised, and some amendments made to it, the ministerial office could be greatly modified. Perhaps it would be sufficient to send ministers abroad when great questions were pending. Treaties to be entered into or modified, for instance.

Very Well Said.

Henry Bergh, the great friend of the brute creation, has the proud satisfaction of knowing that thirty-four states of the union have adopted laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals after the model of the statute he had passed in New York fifteen years ago. He delivered a lecture in the city of New York, in which he answered the following question, "Why do you take so much interest in the brute creation?" by saying, "It was in the interest of mankind as well, because, in every department of life, we were indebted to the brute for the pleasures and necessities of life. Look," he said, "at a beautiful woman. Her shoes are furnished by the calf, her gloves by the kid, her furs by the seal, her dress by the silk-worm, her shawl by the camel, her comb by the tortoise, her whalebones by the whale, and even the color of her cheek is supplied by the insect cochineal." Mr. Bergh talks like a logician.

An Unexpected Defeat.

Pittsburgh is terribly disappointed at the refusal of the Pennsylvania legislature to assume her debt, on account of the riots a couple of years ago. She had a strong lobby present, while the bill was under consideration, to create an influence in its favor, and it looked at one time as if the measure would certainly become a law. The press, however, everywhere outside of Allegheny county, kept up an unremitting warfare upon the bill, and the assembly killed it. Now, there are whispers that this result was brought about by suspicious practices, and there is to be an investigation.

The San Francisco Call says that Senator Grover's bill to extend the time for the completion of the Northern Pacific railroad company, "comprises portions of both the senate and house bills of last session, and is understood to be satisfactory alike to officers of the company and to the distinctive local interests of the Pacific coast." As the bill does away with the branch road over the Cascade mountains, we earnestly protest against it on behalf of Washington territory, says the Walla Walla Union. Let the branch road go with the main line.

Official Stupidity.

Walla Walla Union.

A recent order to the register and receiver at the Walla Walla land office directs them to obtain from each claimant under the act of June 3d, 1878, the law for the sale of timber lands, a non-mineral affidavit in addition to the proof already forwarded. The reason for this order is obscure in the mists of red tape. The act of June 3d, 1878, requires each applicant when he applies for the land to swear that it does not contain any "valuable deposit of gold, silver, cinnabar, copper or coal," and when he makes his proof and payment he is required to produce the affidavits of two disinterested persons that the land "apparently contains no valuable deposits of gold, silver, cinnabar, copper or coal." The clerk who wrote the order, and the official who signed it must be "loosing their grip," or they would not have issued an order for merely cumulative proof. If the order is enforced it will entail additional and useless expense on all applicants under the law. The order is an outrage on common sense and should be revoked at once.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BOATS AND NETS.

LOST AND FOUND should be promptly advertised in THE ASTORIAN, to secure speedy restoration of property to the rightful owners.

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