THURSDAY

... MARCH 5, 188

AN ELEGANT SUPERFLUITY.

Duning almost a century, thoughtful men have been wondering and trying in vain to imagine some rational purpose of this world for which our grandfathers, of imputed supernatnral wisdom, invented the constitutional superfluity called a vice president. Whether they have examined the letter of the law, the reason of the law, the history of the law, or the history of the government, every road has brought them to the same concluis the bolder of a useless sinceure, without a function, an office, or an official faculty of any description.

Upon a superficial glance, some person may too hastily seize upon the the producers are thriving and comidea that Mr. Edmunds has made the fortable. long-sought discovery of a constitutional faculty or duty of the vice president. Upon the recent computation of the presidential votes, one of the tellers named by the representatives was that tremendous Ohio politician, Mr. J. Warren Keifer. Mr. Edmunds, obeying the mandate of the law, "opened all the certificates," by ripping one edge of the envelope with a pen-knife, before passing them to the tellers. One of the packages that came to the hands of the illustrious Keifer lacked about an inch of being tice in passing the Grant retiring bill, ripped from end to end. Turning with a pempous air to the chair, "The president of the senate has not wholly fulfilled his office!" said the awe-inspir ing Keifer. Without looking at the package to which the Ohio man was calling his attention, "I think I have made the constitutional rip, sir!" said

Some unreflective person may jump from that observation of Mr. Edmunds to the conclusion that an office of the vice president is at last discovered-the office, namely, of making a "constitutional rip!" It is therefore, important to say that such a leap would be wholly unwarranted. The law does not say that the vice president shall open all the certificates, or any of them, and nowhere so much as hints that that is an office of the vice president. The declaration of the law is that the "president of the senate" shall open them. The person styled the vice president is president Baltimore last Tuesday. of the senate when he is discharging that office, undoubtedly, but when he is not in the senate, the office of presiding over the senate and making the "constitutional rip" falls, by effect and authority of the same law, upon somebody else. So that even making the "constitutional rip" an office of the president of the senate is not an office of the vice president. The latter is an elected individual, without a function, an office, or a use in this

THE legislators in several of the states are this winter devoting to the liquor-drinkers thoughtful attention usually reserved for the liquor-sellers alene. Legislative crankery seems, in fact, to be running riot in, this direction, One proposition is to tax liquor-drinkers so much a head, on the principle of the dog tax. In another state this idea has been carried to a minute perfection, and it is proposed to charge different sums for varying degrees of indulgence—as \$2 for the beer-drinker, \$5 for the wine bibber, and \$10 for the consolation of Jersey lightning. Elsewhere it is suggested to make every drinker wear a sort of steam guage arrangement to register his condition after each libation, and Pennsylvania reaches the climax of impotency by considering a scheme to make inebriates either "split" upon the vender or go to jail. Such legislation is as wise as ordering thieves to wear uniforms.

ONE of the grandest projects is the illumination of the Atlantic by means of electric lights - to actually make a "path of silver light" across the water from the banks of Newfoundland to Two doors of cor, Water and West-9th Sts. the shores of Ireland. Ten vessels are to be anchored at a distance of 200 miles from each other in a straight line, each riding at a "mushroom anchor, which permits tife vessel swinging round with the tide
without fouling her anchor." These
light-ships are also to be connected
together and to the shore by an electogether and to the shore by an electric cable, and be able to send messages to any part of the world.

THE new revolt of the Arabs in the province of Yemen has in all likelihood been inspired by the exaggerated reports of the Mahdi's victory that have crossed the Red sea. It would take little to incite the Arabs Flifty of this part of Arabia to rebellion; indeed rebellion is almost chronic among them. They have never submitted patiently to the yoke of the Turks, and though nominally subject to Turkey for seventy years or so, their expital Sane was not seventy ment list of 1884. If the taxes are not paid immediately. their capital, Sans, was not secured until thirteen years ago.

Some fishermen who visited the Charity islands in Lake Michigan, week before last, say that when the keeper of the station on the island saw them he ran down to greet them, and his first question was: "Who's elected president?" He had had no mail or communication with the rest of the world for three months, and yet there will be a scramble for his position after March 4. Some of the white settlements on the Alaskan coast will not receive the news of the presidential election until the beginning of April.

for agricultural teaching. There are dairy schools and school in agriculture. Improved methods are taken up by every Dane, from the king sion: The person called vice president down to the humblest farmer. The consequence is that this little cold barren country is able to export large numbers of excellent cattle, quantities of farm and dairy produce, while

One needs to keep a pretty close watch of the map to note the rapidity with which Germany is acquiring foreign territory. She is, indeed, fast becoming a great colonial power, which means that she must become a great naval power as well. Whether, in view of her enormous military establishment, this new departure is wise may perhaps be questioned.

In the closing hours of the 48th congress was done a tardy act of justhus placing him in virtually the same position he would be in had he not been elected president in 1868.

THE Nautical Gazette hears of plans for the construction of six iron sailing vessels with auxillary steam power, all of which will be built in American yards and fly the American flag.

THE Mississippi, it is noticed, has a habit of rising and threatening the levee at about the time when the river and harbor bill is brought before congress.

THE greatest sale of canned corn ever recorded was made in Baltimore the other day: 100,000 cases at from 72% to 74 cents per dozen cans.

Mr. ARTHUR will be remembered in history as the president who taught his countrymen how to dine,

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A. S. KIMBALL, Major and Quartermaster U. S. A. Chief Quartermaster,

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