Is there is any just reason why Washington territory should not be admitted into the Union, it is in order to advance it.

THE only newspaper man in Baker City wants to sell his cooking stove. He's playing in big luck to have a cooking stove to

Just before his death Emory Storrs, the great Chicago lawyer, accepted a retainer to defend Mormonism.— Walla Walla Union. God moves in a mysterious way

his wonders to perform.

THE cabinet has been discussing the silver question, "but took no definite action,"the dispatches say. As the law commands the coinage of two millions of silver every month, ly that anything seen by Alvensleand the cabinet can't change the the law, it isn't easy to see what "definite action" could be taken, except to go on with the coinage

THE venerable statesman, Horatio Seymour, has an article on Grant in the October number of the North American Review. It is probably the shortest article ever written for any review in the world. Here it is:

"While I was not intimate with Gen. Grant, we were always upon pleasant terms. I held him in death-bed, like his deeds upon battle-fields, served his country. They strengthened our Union by promoting good will between all sections. HORATIO SEYMOUR."

REFINED silver is quoted at twenty-one per cent discount. This is the lowest point the metal has touched so far. But the silver dollar buys as much as ever. So long as the credit of the government is behind the coin its purchasing power will not be affected by its bullion value. The greenback dollar is worth intrinsically only the paper it is printed upon, yet with the government stamp upon it it is as good as a gold dollar to the man who has it to spend.

FLORIDA furnishes the remarkable instance of a man declining an office with a fat salary attached. The Hon. J. G. Sinclair has declined the tender of the position of the receiver of the public lands for Florida, for the reason that he "cannot afford to give up his own personal business for a salary of \$4,500 per annum." There is no fear, however, that the office will go begging, as Florida is not altogether barren of patriotic Democrats willing to serve their country for over \$12 a day, Sundays included.

It is not at all probable that Bismarck dreams of so crazy a project as obtaining possession of Cuba, but if there is the least foundation for the report that he has such a scheme, then the chancellor is growing reckless in his old age. The queen of the Antilles will pass into the hands of new European masters only when may be allowed to keep the beautiful island for a time, but when Spanish rule ends, independence must follow.

SAN FRANCISCO shippers have begun to figure on the quantity of Pacific coast wheat there will be for export. A statement was sent to England two weeks ago that the quantity would not exceed 403,000 tons, or say 14,500,-300 bushels. Conservative dealers unhesitatingly state that this estimate is entirely erroneous. They figure as follows: This year's crop is 23,000,000 bushels. Carry over from last year 10,000,000, and the total quantity of wheat in California and Oregon at this time is 33. 000,000 bushels. Deduct what is required for local uses and seeding and there will remain 800,000 tons, or say 26,000,000 bushels available for export. This includes Oregon wheat. estimated at 3,000-000 bushels for export. As much of the California grain is still in the

field, no one has any positive knowledge of the actual quantity on hand.

GENERAL ALVENSLEBEN, the representative of Germany at the French military maneuvers, "con gratulated the officers and men several times on the celerity of their movements." but he was probable thinking all the while of the rapidity with which the Frenchmen crossed the Prussian frontier once, not many years ago, and of the much greater celerity of their return. France has certainly amuch better and more effective military equipment than that with which she so rashly opened the campaign that led to the humiliation at Sedan and the siege of Paris; yet there has been no relaxation of the efforts which made the German army the most perfect and effective in the world, and it is not likeben in his visit to the French camps excited apprehension that the "revenge" for which every true Gaul is sighing can be achieved in the lifetime of this

arts that he will not be a candidate for the governorship of New York, will excite some surprise unless it shall appear that the reason of the resolve is to be found which will give a clear and exact impress in any ordinary copying press. in consciousness of his inability to high regard. His words on his get the nomination. Possibly Mr. Evarts may have doubts about his election if nominated, but that is a wholly improbable theory. The statesmen who are not confident in the sufficiency of their popularity to carry them through, even where the chances seem most dis-Mr. Evarts is not suspected of lack of self appreciation. The office of governor of New York is a tempting one for any man who has presidential aspirations, for in the existing state of parties that state has something like a casting vote in national contests, and the recent transfer of Mr. Cleveland from the state capitol to the White house is an incident highly inspiring and suggestive-so much so that the state election with Mr. GENERAL Evarts in the field as a candidate would certainly be an affair of national interest.

few months undermined the banks on the American side at a great rate, so much so that flourishing farms, orchards and vineyards are disappearing, to the great alarm of their American owners. What the United States loses by this abrasure of territory, Mexico of course, gains. The county authorities are afraid the loss will become so heavy that it will after a while affect the sum total of taxes collected from riparian proprietors, and they are deliberating as to what is best to be done in this emergency. An effort will probably be made at the next session of congress to get federal aid in the power of the United States the premises, so that levees and shall have been broken. Spain the bank revetment can be erected. The Rio Grande is becoming more uncertain and eccentric than ever. For some sixty or seventy miles below El Paso there are a good many islands in the river, and large ranches contiguous to it have changed their nationality under the treaty of Gaudaloupe Hidalgo a number of times, transferring themselves after passing a few years in Mexico to the Texas side of the boundary, and then, becoming disgusted with cowboy civilization, returning to the Mexican side. There is now an international dispute respecting the dominion over a large island, which cannot be settled until a more definite establishment of the boundary.

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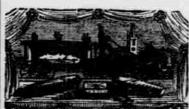
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