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THE mugwumps don't see anything the coming Thanksgiving to be thankful for.

AT a recent meeting of Knights of Labor, at Toronto, in speaking of monopolies, one of the speakers used the following illustration.

If a man owns a cow and takes care of her, he is entitled to the milk of the cow, but no man owns one cow and milks three, unless he takes the milk of some other man's two cows. When a corporation waters its stock to three times the amount of the original cost, then the dividends shared by the incorporators are the milk of three cows, two of which do not belong to them.

THERE are not far short of 160,000 vessels engaged in Europe and North America in fishing. Between 600,000 and 700,000 men are employed in this industry, and the total annual product of fish is 1,500,000 tons. A ton of fish is equal in weight to about twenty-eight sheep; and hence, if this estimate is approximately correct, a year's fish supply for ten European countries, included in this estimate, and the United States and Canada, might be represented by 42,000,000 sheep.

IN Iceland the women have votes as well as voices in church affairs. The custom has existed there for ages, and is kept up by the Icelanders who have emigrated. There are in Dakota, Montana and Manitoba nearly a dozen Icelandic congregations. These recently met in convention at Mountain, Dakota, and adopted a synodical constitution. There was considerable discussion, but finally it was carried by a two-thirds vote that the women continue to enjoy their ancient privilege.

IF the measures proposed at the coming English election prove successful it is difficult to see how the British monarchy can stand secure. With a house of lords shorn of its ancient functions, with the present state religion disestablished, with an almost universal franchise, with home rule granted to Ireland, with the present land system overturned in Scotland, it would appear to a simple commoner that the flag that for a thousand years has battled in the breeze may shortly float above a discordant and divided country.

THE "alarming possibility of war" that has been daily telegraphed from Europe for a year or so is getting a little stale. Not a day passes but we are told in flaming head lines that the dreadful fiat has gone forth and the European kings and kinglings are going to fight sure. As Shakespeare hath it, "Leave off your damnable faces and begin." On this side the Atlantic folks fight with far less preparatory fuss. This country would like to see a good European row if for no other reason than to vindicate the reputation of English newspaper correspondents.

IT is understood that the recent declaration of forfeiture of alleged O. & C. grant lands in Washington territory releases from monopoly grasp and restores to the public domain some fine land in Cowlitz, Washington and Pacific counties. These lands lie along the Columbia river, begining about five miles from the bank of the river. They were claimed on the same ground that the Astoria land grant was claimed, and when that was declared forfeited, the forfeiture involved similar disposition of that part of the shadowy title that rested on the north side of our noble river.

IT was a current saying in San Francisco, in connection with the New York steamboats sent out there, round Cape Horn in 1849, that the first two years after her arrival, one boat, the *Senator*, earned her weight in gold. She made daily trips, and was crowded with passengers at $25 a head. Her receipts at times amounted to $20,000 on a single run up to Sacramento. When the *Senator* was withdrawn from the Sacramento river trade she was strengthened and placed on the coast route between San Francisco and San Diego. She ran safely and successfully until 1880, when she was dismantled. Her engine was taken out and the old *Senator* was rigged as a bark. She sailed for Australia, and arrived safely.

NEW TO-DAY.

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE MEMORIAL.

The Astoria chamber of commerce yesterday forwarded the following memorial for adoption by the legislative assembly to state senator F. C. Reed.

WHEREAS the congress of the United States has undertaken to improve the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river; and

WHEREAS, The appropriations made to carry on the work have been expended, causing a cessation of operations until further appropriations are made; and

WHEREAS, Should the work stop, even for a short time, owing to the nature of the current and action of the prevailing winds and heavy seas in the winter season, there is danger that favorable results already secured may be lost; and

WHEREAS, The work as far as advanced, under the supervision of the U. S. board of engineers, fully demonstrates the feasibility of carrying it to a successful completion; and

WHEREAS, The growing commercial importance of the Columbia river trade is proven by Custom-house statistics which show that in 1884, 403 vessels crossed the bar for foreign and domestic ports with cargoes valued at $15,600,000, as against 63 vessels with cargoes valued at $4,181,352 in the year 1880; and

WHEREAS, Owing to the present unimproved condition of the Columbia river bar, the tax per ton is nearly $1.25 by reason of the imperfection of the channel; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the senate, the house concurring:

That our senators and representatives in congress are requested to use all honorable means to secure at an early day sufficient appropriations from the general government for the speedy completion of the well begun work.

Resolved, That the government be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress.