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Why don't the senate pull down the Missouri Vest? The country don't want to hear from him on the Cuban or any other question. He can have no real sympathy with the Cubans, because they are mostly negroes—and Vest is a nigger-hater from away back. He takes that side only because he wants to vent his spleen against Cleveland and his Yankee attorney general, Olney.

The beautifully illustrated Christmas souvenir issued by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, is a masterpiece of newspaper work, printed on a fine, heavy paper, in the highest style of the typographic art, and is fully in keeping with the general tone and excellence of this splendid paper. The description of the methods of making a great daily are interesting in the extreme, and are full of revelations to those who have never visited the home of a modern metropolitan newspaper like the Globe-Democrat.

It is a misfortune that the numerous shipwrecks on the Washington coast should be confused or confounded with the entrance to the Columbia river. It may be true that these vessels were endeavoring to make the Columbia river, but they were all far out of their course, or otherwise they could not have gone ashore on the Washington coast. That the Columbia river is one of the easiest of the world's great harbors to enter, when the mariner knows or takes the pains to ascertain his whereabouts, is illustrated by the entrance in an unusually rough sea of the O. R. and N. Co.'s large steamer State of California, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. There have been no wrecks on the Oregon Coast in the vicinity of the Columbia river for years, and the safety and ease with which the largest ships sail into the river and clear to their anchorage grounds in front of Astoria, without the aid of a tug, and sometimes even without a pilot, is a constant subject of wonder and remark by the sea captains who frequent this port.

If the Chamber of Commerce was up to its business it would send a vigorous protest to the postmaster general on the subject of the irregular mail service now afforded Astoria. There is reason to believe that if the department were advised of the way we are being treated, steps would be taken to set the matter right immediately. Astoria is too large and important a port of Uncle Sam's domain to be cut off of the way we now are from all communication with the balance of the country from early Saturday afternoon until an uncertain hour in the late afternoon or evening of Monday. We are quite sure that when the contract for the mail was let to the present carrier it was not contemplated that it should be subordinated to the interests of other business agreements which the contractor might see fit to enter into later. This thing of occupying an entire day and sometimes fully twenty-four hours to transport the mails a distance of one hundred miles is not to be tolerated in an era of rapid transit. If the contract under which we are now receiving our mail is for a six days service only, then our business men should insist upon the letting of a separate contract with some of the steamboat companies whose boats do not tie up on Sundays; and when the old contract expires, if it is one that has admitted of the gross irregularities complained of, it should be seen to that the renewal contains a provision requiring as prompt and quick service as could now be furnished by other transportation companies operating on the river.

LUMBERMEN DEMAND PROTECTION. There will be more or less diversity of opinion with respect to the adjustment of the wool and cotton schedules in the new tariff law, but there can be little disagreement among legislators who take the trouble to inform themselves on the question as to the desirability of restoring rough lumber to the dutiable list.

It is not generally known that the lumber business constitutes the greatest manufacturing industry in this country, but such is the fact. No other industry can be compared to it in point of magnitude or amount of capital invested. The Chicago Times-Herald says the Wilson-Gorman bill of 1894, which put rough lumber on the free list, struck a blow at the lumber industry from

which it will not soon recover. The act had no possible justification in theory or in actual trade conditions. A good portion of the lumber trade was of the opinion that the reduction of the duty on ordinary building lumber in the tariff act of 1890 was a mistake, and when this was followed in 1894 by the total abolition of the import duty the lumber interests were warranted in concluding that the government was determined to do all in its power to destroy this great industry.

The lumber men will make a strong plea before the ways and means committee of the Fifty-fifth Congress for a restoration of protective duties. They will present statistics showing the marked decline in the lumber trade, which forms the industrial and financial backbone of the great Northwest, caused by the heavy importations of free Canadian lumber. The lumbermen rightly claim that their is practically the only American industry of any importance that has been entirely deprived of protection.

The lumber manufacturers would not have such a serious grievance if the higher grades of good lumber were left on the free list, for no quantity that is likely to be brought in could affect our markets. But the Canadians have an enormous amount of timber that produces the low grades of lumber, and the United States is practically the only market for this class of lumber, nearly all the good Canadian lumber being used in Canada and England. The lumbermen of Canada get their cheap timber from lands owned by the government, and pay about \$1 a thousand royalty as they cut it. On the other hand, American lumbermen have to make a heavy investment in timber lands, which they own, white pine averaging \$3 a thousand feet.

Our lumber industry, which employs thousands of men and has millions of dollars of capital invested, cannot stand this sort of competition. There has been a steady decline in profits since 1894 until it is claimed the profits have practically disappeared. Putting lumber on the free list has simply served to build up the lumber business of Canada without any compensating benefits to American consumers and has deprived our government of an important source of revenue.

GETTING READY.

When the snow is on the mountain And the ice is on the pool, And the children with a merry shout, Come trooping out of school;

When the snowbirds fill the gardens And the trees are brown and bare, And the frozen windows glisten In the icy winter air;

While the children stand in wonder As they gaze upon the pane, And whisper to each other "Santa Claus has come again."

"Oh, I wish I had that dolly!" "Wouldn't baby like a ball?" "What shall I get for papa?" He's the hardest of them all."

"I have made my gift for mamma. Don't you think she will be glad? I spent all my change for grandma's. Every penny that I had."

"We have made our cake already. Bridget has it on the fire. Sister's helping trim the chapel. Brother Ben is in the choir."

Thus the merry sound of voices Sends the echo far and near, And the joyful greetings tell us, Christmas time is almost here.

And the cold old earth grows kinder And the snow-flakes gently fall, And the very breezes whisper "Peace on earth—good will to all."

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And now the lord mayor of London is going to banquet Mr. Bayard. Senator Chandler, it is time you arose in your right and addressed the house. These dinners cannot be had on the digestion and will eventually weaken the constitution.—Chicago News.

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If Senator Quay allies himself with the tolling masses with as much enthusiasm as Senator Cameron displays in taking the part of the insurgents, the old-time professional labor leaders may as well look for other employment.—Washington Star.

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It looks now as if a good many Pennsylvania legislators will have that hired feeling when they come to vote for a United States senator.—Chicago Tribune.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. Chas. Rogers.

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I am not a philanthropist, nor do I pose as an enthusiast, but there are thousands of men suffering the mental tortures of weakened manhood who would be cured at once could they but get such a remedy as the one that cured me. Do not try to study out how I can afford to pay the few postage stamps necessary to mail the information, but send for it, and learn that there are a few things on earth that although they cost nothing to get they are worth a fortune to some men and mean a lifetime of happiness to most of us. Write to Thomas Slater, Box 288, Kalamazoo, Mich., and the information will be mailed in a plain, sealed envelope.

In the midst of the flood of alleged Cuban news with which we are being deluged, it is well to remember Josh Billings' famous aphorism that "it is better not to know so much than to know so many things that ain't so."—Atlanta Journal.

ATTRACTIVE WOMEN.

Why is one woman attractive and another not? The most admirable and attractive thing about an attractive woman is her womanliness. Everybody admires a womanly woman. She must have health, of course, because without it she would lose the brightness of her eyes, the fullness of her cheeks, and her vivacity. Real health must mean that a woman is really a woman. That she is strong and perfect in a sexual way, as well as in every other. That she is capable of performing perfectly the duties of maternity. Some are born with what is called "constitutional weakness." Some who do not enjoy perfect health, need only take the proper precautions and the proper remedy to become perfectly well and strong. Dr. Pierce's favorite Prescription will cure any derangement of the distinctly feminine organism.

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A New York society paper says that Governor-elect Black wears a high stand-up collar. It is pretty safe to wager that Tom Platte has to pay the laundry bills for it.—Cincinnati Post.

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

Having heard from all the other presidents, the public is now anxiously awaiting the annual message of President Hill of the Silent Sitting Sulkers' Society.—Chicago Journal.

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Mr. Bryan has called his book "The Battle." The chapter devoted to the "missing" probably will read like a republican recruiting list.—Chicago Times Herald.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

It looks now as if a good many Pennsylvania legislators will have that hired feeling when they come to vote for a United States senator.—Chicago Tribune.

Delegate Flynn's definition of a populist as an Ishmaelite, with his hand against every man who has been able to secure a competency for himself may be a little blunt, but it approximates the fact.—Boston Herald.

It is the same old story and yet constantly recurring that Simmons Liver Regulator is the best family medicine. "We have used it in our family for eight years and find it the best medicine we ever used. We think there is no such medicine as Simmons Liver Regulator."—Mrs. M. E. S. Adington, Franklin, N. C. "Each member of our family uses it as an occasion requires."—W. B. Smith, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

If Venezuela rejects the good offices of the United States after Great Britain has accepted them, and insists on fighting the latter power single-handed and alone, why not let her do it?—Indianapolis Journal.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where his liver is." "Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gaiters."—Chas. Rogers.

It would be well to let Venezuela have her way and pay no attention to the matter. Evidently Venezuela is not the kind of country that is worth while to make sacrifices for.—Chicago Journal.

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As to buying Cuba, it appears to be a delicate question whether the United States should make an offer to the Spaniards or to the Cubans.—Providence News.

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(Revised and Corrected every Friday)

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