

The Missouri legislature thinks old clothes, like old friends, are the best, and declines to pull down its Vest.

When bankers cease to use money entrusted to their care for speculative purposes there will be fewer bank failures.

It isn't certain yet whether it will be the republican party or Senator Wolcott that will be lincoced by the latter's European trip in search of the international bimetalism will o'the wisp.

The duties of governor have had a bad effect upon the temper and health of Gov. Bradley, of Ky., but the legislature doesn't seem inclined to give him the Senatorial cure he is hankering after.

It seems that even the old Mc Kinley rates, which were so emphatically condemned by the country in '92, are not high enough for some of the tariff barons.

The solitary republican member of the Idaho legislature has a chance to cast the solid vote of his party for himself as Senator, an opportunity that few men ever get

Mr. Wanamaker's idea of purifying politics by the purchase of a Senatorship with hard cash isn't much improvement on the Cameron plan which has so long been followed in Pennsylvania.

Time evens most things. When he was alive, the late Joseph McCulloch, editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, never allowed veneration or reverence for anybody or anything to prevent his making a caustic paragraph, and now his suicide is being ruthlessly made use of by the other paragraphers.

It is said that John Sherman had decided to become Secretary of State to make room for Hanna in the Senate, but we doubt it.

The gentlemen who are attending those tariff hearings at Washington are not living up to the conservative program issued by the republican editors.

Carnegie is going to make another cut in wages at the Homestead Steel Works. A queer way to help along that promised return of prosperity.

Before enthusing over the purchase of a thousand mile railroad ticket by Gov. Pingree, sometimes sometimes called "his potato jaglets," we'll wait and see what he does after that ticket has been used up. We don't say that he will then use a pass, but that is what many other professional reformers do after the first spasm is over.

Rev. Daniel C. Potter, of New York, evidently has his doubts about the Christian philanthropy of John D. Rockefeller, the Stand-

ard Oil Magnate, as he has made a public and most bitter attack upon Rockefeller, whom he accused of having destroyed his church by dispossessing its congregation on account of an unpaid mortgage.

The Prince of Wales is said to have spent \$50,000,000 in the last thirty-three years, and we venture the opinion that he is willing to spend as much more, if he can get hold of it.

Mr. Bryan recently defined a fanatic as "one who thinks so deeply upon certain subjects as to make himself a nuisance to everybody who doesn't think as deeply on that subject as himself."

The Cubans seem to suffer as much at the hands of traitors as the Irish did in their efforts for independence.

Strange Hieroglyphics.

Mr. W. B. Whittemore, while in Alturas recently told the Plaindealer of some remarkable hieroglyphics, or picture writing, discovered about 15 miles northeast from the north end of Warner valley, on the edge of what is locally known as the "desert," in Lake county. He says the hieroglyphics have been cut with some sharp instrument in the surface of the hard basaltic rock, and are perfectly plain to be seen. They cover the face of the bluff for a distance of about three miles, and consists of pictures of Indians with bows, arrows and spears, besides deer antelope, dogs and wolves, geese ducks, swan and reptiles of various kinds. Intermingled with these animals are characters, which, of course, he could not decipher. Mr. Whittemore says the execution of the pictures is very good, and he is satisfied it could not have been the work of ordinary Indians. Throughout the entire distance the characters and pictures are in rows.

The Indians of the vicinity have no knowledge of the meaning of the hieroglyphics or of the people who ages ago chisled them on the surface of the rocks. One old Indian said there was a tradition among his people that many ages ago a people came there who were very bad. They remained for a long time and went away—where, he knew not.

Now the question arises, who were these strange, bad people? They were not, as Mr. Whittemore says, ordinary Indians, for their knowledge of sculpture could never have enabled them to execute the pictures so remarkably true to nature. From the description given, the picture-writing bears a close resemblance to those found in Mexico and Central America. If this supposition is true, a careful study might reveal to the archaeologist some insight into the origin or wanderings of a dead and forgotten civilization.

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