

The friends of the irrigation law, now before congress are now jubilant. The bill has passed the house by a large majority; its provisions, as is well known, meet the warm approbation of the president, who has long been outspoken in advocacy of systematic, intelligent reclamation of the country's arid areas.

It is recalled in this connection that it was under a republican administration after ten years of bitter controversy, that the homestead act became a law. The bill introduced by the veteran Representative from Pennsylvania, Galusha Grow, was passed after stormy debate, and received the signature of Abraham Lincoln.

Friends of the "new homestead law," so-called, and these comprise the population of the states of the great plateau, and their name is legion, declared that the speeches made in congress in opposition to the irrigation bill bear a striking similarity to those made in opposition to the homestead law, prior to the enactment in 1862.

The voters of the First Congressional district, who by a substantial majority have extended his term of membership in the house of representatives, feel a just and loyal pride in the position of Hon. T. H. Tongue upon this important measure.

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Some pessimist has suggested that England may send William Waldorf Astor as Ambassador to this country.—Atlanta Journal.

If Congressman Grosvenor really wants to see where the tariff is hunting he might take a look into one of those formerly full dinner pails.—Atlanta Constitution.

An Illinois Justice has decided that a man's wife is entitled to the money paid for the eggs laid by their hens. Oh, w-e judge! Let the old man and the old rooster divide their profits; but the lady is surely entitled to the hen and the emoluments derived therefrom.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Kilauea, Hawaii's volcano, not to be outdone by volcanoes in other sections of the Western world, is casting forth "redounding smoke and ruddy flame," not to mention ashes, gas and sulphurous fumes. An outbreak is generally predicted, and strange to say, people are preparing to go thither to witness it, instead of remaining at a safe distance, duly thankful.—Oregonian.

It is a source of congratulation the world over that the devastating guerrilla warfare in the Transvaal is ended. There ought to be enough humanity and Christianity saved out of the situation to further an amity hereafter between the parties and carry promptly forward the reconstruction of a most valuable domain of the earth. The British can afford to be both just and generous to the Boers and the latter may find in British amity and co-operation the way into a larger prosperity and equally effective independence as those they sacrificed in defense of their republic.—Atlanta Constitution.

Fane's Pathway.

President Roosevelt shaves himself every day. President Palma may soon discover that he has a congress on his hands.

Mrs Hay is busily engaged in fixing up a code of etiquette for official Washington.

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Men of large mental powers, thinkers and philosophers affect hats a trifle too large for them. They are men of large ideal, and their big hats will often be found in conjunction with loose, easy fitting clothes, for in this as in other matters, the body reflects the mind.

It is pretty safe to distrust the man who wears his hat at the back of his head and he who habitually goes about with it tilted to one side.

The first is of a candid, easy-going type, but apt to be flighty; the latter, with a disposition for sport or frolic, is at the same time often frivolous and conceited. Neither of them however will be a coxcomb, like the man whose hat is too small for him, nor "deep" and crafty like the wearer of a hat which is always pulled down over his eyes.

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