

THE Fifty-first annual meeting of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges is in session here. There are about seventy delegates present, representing nearly all the agricultural colleges and experiment stations in the country.

TESTIMONY is being taken in the wagon road land case. The complaint on the part of the government, is, that the defendants never acquired a right to the land grants, because the roads were not constructed according to contract, and the present owners are not bona fide purchasers.

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THERE are some queer things in the world. For instance, the Standard Oil monopoly will reap more benefit than any other one concern in this country from the reciprocity agreement respecting Cuba and Porto Rico, which is to go into effect September 1. Perhaps the negotiator of this agreement didn't think of that when he was negotiating with the Spanish government; but then again, perhaps he did, and if he did, he probably also thought about the Presidential election and the big check that the Standard Oil folks might be induced to contribute to the campaign fund of the republican party.

THE editor of a newspaper cannot always determine whether or not items received from different neighborhoods in the county are intended to convey the meaning literally according to their construction. For instance, an item constructed in the following manner, is received "Mr. C. has taken the position of foreman on such a cattle ranch," naming it "relieving J. D who has held that position heretofore." It may be the item is false and intended to injure one of the parties spoken of, the publisher not doubting the veracity of the reporter publishes the item, and afterwards is informed of the real intention of the writer. We will just refer to another case that we know of in which the name dogs was used to personate men and women, the editor taking the item to mean just what it said had it published, and found out afterward it was intended as an insult to some persons attending a gathering, and they were the writer's own neighbors and should have been friends. In cases of this nature when the editor finds his paper has been made a cat's-paw to enable some one to vent a little spleen calculated to injure or insult, it would be nothing more than justice to the paper and all parties concerned to publish the name of the writer and his intention. We desire news from every neighborhood and hope our friends sending us items will never stoop to such littleness as referred to in this editorial.

WASHINGTON, Aug 15.—In the absence of anything more important the resignation of the negro demagogue, Frederick Douglas, as minister to Hayti, was much discussed here this week. When Douglas was first informed by a newspaper man that his resignation had been accepted, he was disposed to black-guard the administration and the State department particularly for having forced him out of the diplomatic service, but later, probably on a promise of some other office, he changed around completely and insisted that he had been misunderstood by the first newspaper man, and that his resignation had been entirely voluntary. This is simply rot as it has been an open secret here for many months that the State department wanted to get rid of Douglas, but that Mr. Harrison hesitated to dismiss him for fear of the effect it might have on the negro delegates to the republican nominating convention next year. According to his own statements Douglass has spent the greater portion of his time in Hayti in pushing through private claims against the Haytian government. Notwithstanding the general belief that Mr. Blaine wishes to send a white man of ability to Hayti, in order to secure the Mole St Nicholas for a coal-ging station, half a dozen negroes have already filed application for the place, and some are reported to have made threats that Harrison dare not appoint a whiteman to a position that Cleveland filled with a negro. A prominent republican said to-day that no appointment would be made until after Congress meets.

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It is reported that Mr. Harrison has made a bid for the Pacific Coast delegation to the nominating convention, by tendering the appointment as minister to China to Senator Squire, of Washington.

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