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The defeat of San Francisco in the convention matter goes to show that the Pacific coast is still looked upon in the light of a step-child by those who manipulate the political affairs in the east. All the great party leaders care for us is our votes, which they hope will be cast as per centralized arrangement, with the expressed proviso that not even a member of the cabinet will be vouchsafed us. It is only of late years that a president has felt it even his duty to even call on us while in office. President Hayes breaking the record in that respect and President Harrison following suit in '91. Mr. Cleveland did manage to get as far west as St. Louis, but, all west of the Mississippi river is terra incognita to him and he probably has as good an idea of how Omaha looks as he has of California and Oregon. The man who has failed to visit the Pacific coast has no idea of our country's greatness and is not fit to be president. It is pretty nearly time the coast asserted itself in this matter and demanded something more at the hands of the government than a simple change of postmasters and revenue collectors.

The Salem Statesman puts it up this way: The dispatches from Washington Saturday brought the news of a result that will enliven the next year in the first place. Had Mr. Her-... chairmanship of... committee... entitled by... of precedence, he... the republic... sixth time with... opposition. H... strongly in... usefulness... serious... from all trains.

the advantage thus gained by long years of service. But the prize slipped from Mr. Hermann's eager grasp. He was turned down. This means that there will be candidates in plenty for his place, able men with strong followings—men who have been promised and deserved something at the hands of their party. The war is now on. It will furnish some fun for those who take interest in political affairs—which includes nearly everybody.

The Spokesman-Review very cruelly throws cold water down the backs of the populists who are eager for British gore, by giving international law to the effect that a war with Great Britain does not mean repudiation of debts owed to the citizens of either country by treaty between the two nations. It slays a plaster over the sore, however, by winding up as follows: "It needs to be added, however, that with a populist congress at the helm, all debts owing from the United States to England might be repudiated in defiance of treaty, and the act of repudiation would stick—provided we whipped England."

On another page of this week's Press will be found an amusing letter written to the Walla Walla Statesman from the "East End." After a careful perusal of the article, one cannot but admire the stumbling compliment which he pays the best representative the people of Umatilla county and Eastern Oregon ever had,—Col. James A. Raley.

The Press is nine years old today and, thanks to the generous patronage of its friends, its "hide" is not yet "hung on the fence to bleach," as one of its esteemed contemporaries some time ago predicted would be the case. The old reliable will continue as of yore to give its readers as good a paper as the finances and ability of the management will permit.

It is rumored that, in case of war, and a levy of Washington's state troops is made, must be recommended by responsible citizens. The delinquent subscribers out we will take care they will be remembered. Better while the lamp is out to burn.

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TOLD BY THEIR DRESS.

The Women of Different Nationalities Easily Distinguished.
You can tell at a glance the French woman from the American, the latter from the English woman, and yet, says the Paris-New York Herald, each woman is a perfect type.

The well-dressed Frenchwoman wears a very large hat or exquisite toque; her chignon blouse has short sleeves, and is made with turndown collar; her gloves are very long, reaching far above the elbow, and, although white, are perfectly clean and fresh.

She has a waist at whatever sacrifice, also hips. She wears a white veil, which she never puts on, under her hat, and when she walks, which is seldom, it is on the tips of her toes.

The well-dressed English woman wears in the morning a man's colored shirt, with white collar, a man's necktie, a tailor-made white drill or holland jacket and skirt, a pretty hat with flow-ers, with veil plastered over the face to keep the fringe in curl.

She has a good figure and is very tall, does not wear high heels and uses her whole foot when walking.

The American woman is a combination of these two. With great acuteness she selects the best points of each, but you would never take her for anybody but herself. She is rather inclined to the enormous hats of the French, but she does not wear short sleeves and low necks with them.

She is always appropriately dressed and has a costume for every occasion which always seems the very best thing that she could have chosen. She seems to have calculated all weathers and all occurrences with an eye to her dress—hence her success.

ANTS AGAINST SNAKE.

Numbers Won in a Long and Exciting Battle.

"While camping in Alabama during the late war," said Col. H. C. Crossman of Dayton, O., according to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "I witnessed an attack of a band of black ants upon a striped snake."

"One evening, while I was trying to go to sleep, after a long day's march, I felt something move under my head. I lifted one corner of the blanket and found a snake between three and four feet in length. I quickly hit it with a small stick, but the reptile seemed hardly stunned by the blow, so I picked it up on the end of the stick and threw it about fifteen feet away. The snake landed on a large ant hill. Almost instantly the ants poured forth from their nest, which was underneath, and began a vigorous attack upon the intruder, who was soon covered by scores of his assailants, biting him fearfully. The battle raged with fury, the snake writhing about in torture."

"The contest at first seemed an unequal one, for the snake was rapidly slipping out his persecutors, but on the other hand the ants were numerous and quick in their aggressive movements. The snake with one blow of his tail would kill or wound a long line of ants; but the active little creatures were soon reinforced by fresh troops, fought with a desperation wonderful to behold. I was astonished beyond measure to see the tactics of the ants. When their numbers were being lessened they dispatched couriers for fresh relays of soldiers, who appeared on the scene in due time to replace the killed or wounded."

"The moon after a time lit up the scene, but as there appeared no near termination of the struggle I gave up watching it and, stretching myself again on my blanket, went to sleep. Before striking tents the next morning I went to look at the battle ground. The slain insects were scattered in every direction, but there were six or seven watchful ants upon the back of the snake, which lay stretched out dead near the ant hill."

Lord Bowen, an English judge, was once tempted to sum up ironically. It was the case of a burglar who had been caught, having entered from the roof and taken the precaution to leave his boots on top. His defense was that he was in the habit of taking midnight strolls on the roofs of houses, and that he was tempted by curiosity to have a look at one of the interiors. Lord Bowen said, sarcastically: "If gentlemen of the jury, you think it probable that the prisoner considered the roofs of the houses a suitable place for an evening walk; if you suppose that the temptation to inspect the interior of the houses beneath him was the outcome of a natural and pardonable curiosity, in that case, of course, you will acquit him, and regard him as a thoughtful and considerate man, who would naturally remove his boots before entering the house, and take every precaution not to disturb his neighbors." To the judge's amazement, the jury took him at his word and acquitted the prisoner. Lord Bowen never attempted to joke with a jury again.

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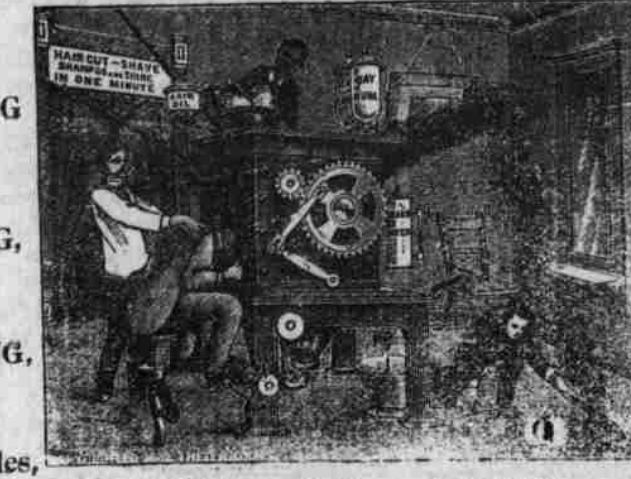
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