

Bismarck.—B or not B yard.

Marrying for love and missing it is very nearly as bad as marrying for money and getting it.

"How much better an imported article is than a home production," as Gaboi remarked when he kissed the serving-maid.

Chief Justice Fuller's four daughters are so much alike that visitors are scarcely able to distinguish one from another.

Senator Morrill, of Vermont, has been in public life longer than any American now living. He entered the House of Representatives thirty-four years ago.

People do not appear to take as much stock in lightning rods as they formerly did. There are now only three lightning rod factories in the country against ninety-three a few years ago.

Large deposits of natural soap are being discovered in Wyoming, Dakota and other Territories now knocking at the door of the Union. A fresh argument is thus added to their claims upon the republican party, seeing that they've got the soap, and plenty of it.

The over-confident gentlemen who are predicting that Senate Tariff bill, with its 50 per cent. cut in the sugar duties, may slip through the House, apparently overlook the difficulty of whipping in Judge Kelley. The Father of the House has far too much of the obstinacy of old age to have changed his purpose in less than a twelvemonth; and he is not a Stanford to be bought off for a penny a pound.

That bill of Condon's (House Bill No. 104) to increase the State University tax from one-tenth to one-seventh of one mill and to make tuition free for those who enter any of the literary departments of the University should be knocked out on the first round. Young gentlemen who take advanced literary courses should not ask that the tax payers of the state should be taxed to meet the expense of such course. Let the bill be defeated.

The Rev. Dr. Burchard, whose three "R's" at a crisis made him famous, is staying at the same hotel in Washington which shelters James G. Blaine. This is not the first time since 1884 that Blaine and Burchard have lodged beneath the same roof. During Mr. Blaine's sojourn in Europe he was, more than once, a fellow-guest with Burchard at hotels in England and on the Continent. There is something weird and grotesque about the fate which throws these men together.

The number of millionaire Senators, estimated now at from thirty to thirty-two, or nearly one-half the entire Senate, has been increased by the choice of Gen. W.D. Washburn to succeed Sabin from Minnesota. Washburn is a railroad President, is worth \$5,000,000 and lives in a million-dollar house at Minneapolis. He was born at Livermore, Me., in 1831, and is a graduate of Bowdoin College. He made his money in lumber.

A first-class American watch, well kept, will last thirty or forty years, or sometimes even longer, before the works wear out, but the average life of an ordinary low priced American watch is ten years, and that of a Swiss watch of the same grade seven years. The length of life for a watch depends largely on the number of its jewels. The range of prices for American watches runs from \$5 to \$500, the costliest being a split second minute register timing watch. In the United States about 3,500 watches are manufactured every day. The Waltham factory turns out 1,500 per day and the Elgin factory between 1,200 and 19,000.

NOT MODEST.

Some communities like individuals are not overburdened with modesty. Such is the character of some of the counties now asking for appropriations from the state to build wagon roads. Fell of Morrow wants \$10,000 to build a road from Heppner up to Monument, and yet Morrow pays only \$4,122 taxes to the state. That county would take back all she pays into the state treasury and \$6000 paid in by other counties. Crook of Coos wants \$14,000 to build a road out in Curry, which county pays \$1,812 taxes to the state. Maxwell of Tillamook wants \$10,000 to build a road in his county and yet that county pays but \$1,212 state taxes. Hunter of Willowa wants \$8,000 to build a road up in his country, and the county he represents pays \$2,299 into the state treasury. Such is the character of the road bills which are now before the Legislature.

Mr. Spurgeon, the celebrated Baptist preacher, is unable to take exercise at Mentone because of the swelling of his feet. It was frequently his custom, or rather his necessity, to preach to his London congregation with one leg resting for support on a pulpit chair.

The Prince of Wales, upon being asked lately to be present at some public entertainment to be given in London, sent a polite note of regret, saying that he could not accept invitations of any sort for 1889, as every one of his engagements for that year was already booked.

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