

OFF THE TRACK.

Our cotemporary, the Herald, has a way of getting off the track when speaking of Cleveland's administration that seems peculiar to itself. It says:

"The democrats talk very loudly about the dissipation of the surplus in the national treasury, but they forget to mention the highly important fact that it is melting away because Secretary Windom is redeeming bonds and reducing the interest account of the government. Cleveland's secretaries preferred to loan the surplus to favored national banks to speculate with, and made no efforts to reduce the interest charge."

Now, the truth is the policy of purchasing bonds in the general market by the government and retiring them, as Windom is now doing, was begun under Cleveland's administration, and from time to time purchases were made up to the very close of his term. So, if there is any credit in the adoption of this policy, it is due to Cleveland's, and not Harrison's administration. Our cotemporary dwells upon the idea of reducing the interest charge but there is but little saving to the people as the premium which Windom pays on the bonds nearly equals the interest that would accrue if the bonds were permitted to run to maturity. These bonds were purchased under the Cleveland administration to prevent the accumulation of a large surplus of money in the treasury. Cleveland's idea was to reduce the surplus in the treasury by reducing taxation, (duties) on the necessities of life, such as wool, woollen goods, salt, lumber, coal, sugar and so forth, and, to that end the democratic house passed a bill for that purpose but the republican senate would not pass such a bill, hence no other way to reduce the surplus remained but to buy bonds. So the Herald will see that whatever of credit there is for the introduction of the policy of buying bonds before maturity belongs to Cleveland and not Harrison. Cleveland's secretaries never loaned money to national banks.

DISGRACEFUL SCENE.

The most disgraceful scene that ever occurred in congress was enacted in the house on Wednesday. It occurred during the pendency of the compound land bill. Filibustering had been carried on for some time by a number of leading republicans among whom were Wilson of Washington, Beckwith and Lehigh of New Jersey, Cannon and Mason of Illinois and Williams of Ohio. Several of these called each other liars and d--d liars and other choice epithets. Wilson and Beckwith came to blows with bare knuckles. Great confusion prevailed during the scrapping, there being danger that more than these might be drawn into it. Altogether it was a humiliating disgrace to the very name American. We might say, (following the example of republican newspapers,) that this conduct is to be charged against the republican party. These were exhibitions a la John L. Sullivan, and coming from two distinguished leaders of the party of great moral ideas, a party that claims about all the decency and good citizenship of the country, is significant. Had this brutal scramble occurred between two democrats, there would have been no end to the long-winded articles that would have filled the columns of republican papers everywhere, moralizing on the wickedness of democrats and the brutal slave-driver's whip of the anti-slavery days. Speaker Reed's ruling is bringing untold troubles to his own party friends. Reed's name will go thundering down the ages as a synonym of failure, shame and disgrace.

The new election law in Indiana requires the parties having tickets in the field to designate each ballot with a symbol of some kind. The democrats have decided to head their ballots with the rooster of Democratic legend. The Republicans might adopt Grandfather's Hat were it not for the fact that the grandson who wears it is not particularly popular in Indiana just now.

Rev Dr Burchard, of Rum, Romanism and Rebellion fame, is summing in Saratoga. He is a well preserved, handsome and affable old gentleman. A correspondent says that the venerable doctor fits well into Saratoga life, and there is nothing he likes better than to sit down in the evening to a game of cards with some bright young ladies.

The total number of stars, of which some knowledge may be obtained by the optical appliances now available, according to Prof Lockyer, is from 40,000,000 to 50,000,000. Of these only about 6000 are visible to the naked eye, equally divided between the two hemisphere.

According to a French savant, a journey around the world could be made: By a man walking day and night, in 428 days; a railway train, forty days; sound, at a medium temperature, 32 1/2 hours; a cannon ball, 21 1/2 hours; light, a trifle over one tenth of a second; electricity, a little under one-tenth of a second.

The democrats of Wisconsin have nominated Geo W Peck of Milwaukee for governor. He is the present Mayor of that republican city, having been elected last spring by 5,000 majority. The principal issue seems to be on what is known as the Bennett school law.

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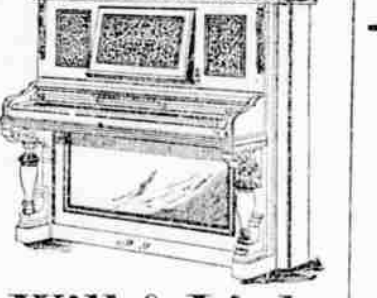
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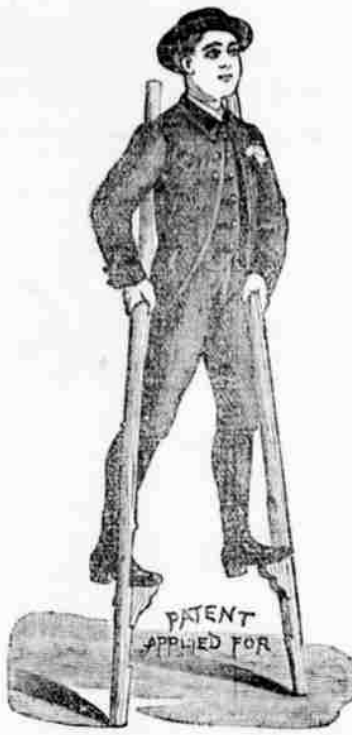
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