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An extraordinary result has been obtained by some experiments made in England in gignalling with electric lights turned vertically to the sky. The light of the Eddystone lighthouse can be seen only 471 miles, and then on a clear night; but a vertical beam of light of far less power is visible just twice as far, with a strong chance of its surmounting an ordinary fog.

Lancaster County, Pa., has a peculiar custom, "Settling Day" in that country falls upon April 1, and on that day thous ands of country folks gather at Lancaster, the county seat. Bargains are made, contracts are entered into, debts are paid and new ones contracted. If a man contracts a debt at any time during the year, the understanding is, in the absence of a specific agreement, that payment shall be made on settling day. A similar custom prevails in parts of China, but the Lancasprevails in parts of China, but the Lancas-as represented by Elkins, Quay, Dudley ter countinns probably took their settling and Clarkson. "Blocks of Five" and the day from German ancestors.

Aqueer old man and his granddaughter subsist by a queer business in New York. They supply the missing buttons from coats, cloaks, gowns, etc. and it is said he is seldom unable to match any button shown him. He of the voters of the country at the ballot has them of all shapes, sizes, styles and colors and knows where to find them in his collection Any one who ever tried to supply a missing, butter knows how hard it is to match those remaining, but he will find it and she will sew it on, all forten cents, unless it chances to be of a very rare sort, when he will charge roundly for it. He is always ready to buy odd buttons, and has regular sources of supply among tailors, dressmakers and dealers in c^{1,4}

clothes, but does not pay high prices for them until they are entirely out of the market,

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The appointment of Woods of Indiana for one of the circuit judgeships should be rejected Democrats in the senate should make the fur fly when his name comes up for confirmation. It was his decision that saved Dudley, the Blocks of five man, from the penitentiary. He is a mere groveling politician, no more fit for the bench than Quay would be. Republicans threaten that in case the democrats oppose Woods they will oppose Putnam and Dailas, the two democrats named for judges. Very well, let them defeat these two men and let Harrison appoint two republicans for the places, but by all means keep the pot house politicians off the bench. The president is not entitled to the credit of being fair and non partisan in naming two democrats. any way. More than one half the people of the union are democrats and to be fair he should have appointed five democrats and four republicans.

The proposition for an amendment to the constitution of the United States proving for the election of United States Senators by the direct vote of the people will attract considerable attention this session, Turple, senator of Indiana, has already made the question a prominent one by making a speech in its favor. We trust the proposition will pass through congress and and that three fourths of the state may adopt it. The people can safely be trusted to elect senators. The people are more secure in their rights by keeping such power in their own hands. It has come to pass that scarcely no one but a millionaire like Brice, or a spokesman of monopoly like Sherman, can be elected to the United States senate. Let us have the amendment by all means. Let every friend of constitutional liberty, who loves his country and hopes for its perpetuity, raise his voice long and loud for the amendment.

No man in Washington has so fertile a brain as the correspondent of the Oregonian He says:

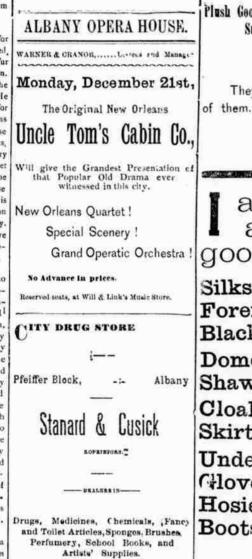
It is probable that two more stars will be added to the American flag within a short time. It has been agreed that Arizona and Oklahoma are to depart from territorial and

The appointment of Stephen B Elkins by President Harrison to the war portfolio is significiant in more than one way. For years Elkins has been Blaine's right hand man. At the last three or four national republican conventions he has been on

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hand urging the nomination of Blaine. So strong and influential was he with Blaine's forces in 1888 at Chicago, that he led them, in the final move, to Harrison. Many will regard the appointment as indicating that Blaine has definitely retired from all hopes of ever being president, and, that he has turned his forces over to Harrison. Others will, with equal reason, regard this move on the part of Harrison as a shrewd one to capture Blaine's principal licutenant. Another conclusion, the most important of all, is that Harrison has decided to run the next presidential campaign on the most ap proved plan of republican practical politics pious Wanamaker's \$400,000 corru, ilon

fund schemes will be the principal means used to secure the election of the next republican candidate. There can scarcely be a doubt that the administration will boldly challenge the virtue and manliness box. Will the voters of the country be able to stand the test? It is as if the perpetuity of the government itself was being put to the test. There can be no question as to what the result would be were the people left free to express an unbiased choice. The party in power would be quickly voted out. But the means of the party in power are potential and the result uncertain.



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