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POLITICAL PALAVER.

What the Blowhards in Congress are Doing.

Elsewhere—Ohio Democracy Making Platforms—Douglas on Negro Suffrage.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The developments of today have been such as to give promise of an early discussion of the silver question in the two houses of congress. The democratic senators, after a caucus lasting several hours, found themselves absolutely unable to agree upon any line of action and finally adjourned until a later day.

The free coinage men of the house had a caucus today and adopted a resolution which will be a revelation to the ultra free coinage men of the west, but it will also be a tower of strength to those who are fortifying themselves against the unconditional repeal of the Sherman purchasing act.

The hall of the house was closed shortly before 12 and the friends of free silver began to caucus. The attendance was small, and up to 12:30 not more than fifty members had made their appearance.

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Cincinnati, Aug. 9.—Will the democracy of Ohio stand by President Cleveland, or by the platform on which he was elected? That is the question to be solved within the next thirty-six hours and there is no man in or out of Ohio who can predict the result with confident accuracy.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—In the suffrage congress today Fred Douglas became greatly wrought up by Stephen B. Weeks, professor of Trinity college, North Carolina, who read a paper on negro suffrage. The professor said: "Negro suffrage is a failure; it must remain a failure so long as it is not an ally of the white vote."

can rule this country. He would be out-voted by 60,000,000 of whites. There is no opposition to the negro in the South until he agrees to rise. If he agrees to become a lawyer or doctor he at once becomes an upstart."

THE SOLDIERS' HOME CASE.

The members of the supreme court are now out on the sea coast bathing in the briny surf, but those cases of "great public importance" are still inhabiting the land of mystery. Important enough, as they were, to crowd the soldiers' home case off the docket, they should no longer be kept secret from the general public.

It cannot be possible that the annual sea bath of the members of the bench was the "important public matter" which so summarily sidetracked the soldiers' home case?—Roseburg Review.

One phase of the discussion of the proposition to scatter state institutions has not been sufficiently emphasized. That is the undoubted fact that the people of the state outside of Salem have a much greater interest in keeping state institutions at the seat of government than Salem people have.

But the great evil he was trying to prevent was undoubtedly log-rolling schemes in the legislature. If these could be avoided by the enforcement of this clause in the constitution, it would undoubtedly be the means of saving hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars to the people of Oregon in the next twenty years.

Some years ago, in a foreign city horses were continually slipping on the smooth and icy pavement of a steep hill, up which loaded wagons and carts were constantly moving.

No one thought of a better way, except a poor old woman, who lived at the foot of the hill. It hurt her to see the poor horses slip and fall on the slippery pavement, that every morning, old and feeble as she was, with trembling steps she climbed the hill and emptied her ash-pail, and such ashes as she could collect from her neighbors, on the smoothest spot.

The town officials heard of the old lady's work and they were ashamed too, and set to work leveling the hill and reopening the pavement. Prominent men came to know what the old woman had done, and it suggested to them an organization for doing such work as the old lady had inaugurated.

When the professor had finished Douglas made an impassioned reply. "You are not afraid of the negro domination," he said. "The negro never



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BOBBY SHAFTOE.

"Bobby Shaftoe's gone to sea, Silver buckles on his knee; He'll come back some day to me, Pretty Bobby Shaftoe!"

In the yard the half grown hound Beats his tail along the ground, Missing the accustomed sound Of his master calling.

Lonesomely the little chair Lingers in the corner there, With a half expectant air, Waiting for his coming.

On the yellow picture book Bopeep, with his shepherd crook, Seems to stand and wait and look Of the gaudy cover.

Here's a picture that he drew, Red and yellow, green and blue, Left before it was half through, Bayland's endeavor.

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Some starters maintain that loss of sleep sets the nerves on edge and makes the mind act more quickly. In rare cases loss of sleep may be of advantage to phlegmatic natures, but even for these it is at least a kill or cure remedy which no competent trainer would countenance.

Not So Poor as Church Mice. About 18 months ago John A. McCabe of Grafton, W. Va., missed two \$20 bills, and believing they were stolen watched the man he suspected very closely for some time, but could not get the slightest evidence as to his guilt.

The Undertaker's Lament. An undertaker from what back country people call "up our way" was encountered by a former resident of his home on a brief journey, and good-naturedly questioned by the lady as to his general prosperity.

Travers' Joke About Jay Gould. Jay Gould was standing in Wall street one day with his hands shoved deep down in his pockets and in a meditative mood, when Jerome Travers, who stuttered, espied him.

Nature is the greatest of allies to the physician in his constant battle with disease, and the conditions most favorable to her arduous labors are oftentimes simply those of rest and warmth.

Trinidad, there is a submarine spring of petroleum, and sailors are at times able to skim the floating-oil off the surface of the sea.

Occasion to "address a stranger, using the word "madam" for a single as well as for a married lady.

The little island of Iceland, with about 70,000 inhabitants, has the same number of newspapers as the great empire of China.

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HE REFUSES TO STAND IN. Governor Penoyer has given the press the following letter in reply to many charges against Supt. Downing's management of the state prison:

SALEM, Or., Aug. 9 1893. Will you be kind enough in behalf of truth and justice to allow me to state in your columns that I examined all of the charges made against George S. Downing, superintendent of the penitentiary, before they were made to the legislative investigating committee of the grand jury, and that I found them all to be entirely without foundation.

VERY respectfully, SYLVESTER PENOYER.

RAMPANT MILITARISM.

Senator Dolph introduced a bill today appropriating \$133,000,000 for fortifications and other sea coast defenses and \$1,000,000 for establishing a gun factory on the Pacific coast.

The above is from the proceedings in congress. When our country is spending \$100,000,000 a year on a standing army and navy in a time of perfect peace a bill like the above seems the height of folly.

We need improved rivers and harbors, we need a free rural mail delivery we need postal savings banks and postal telegraphs, we need the telephone brought into the reach of the people.

These questions may sound impertinent from an editor to a senator, but the proposition to create such expenditures when there are other reforms and improvements so much more necessary, is also an impertinence.

WHAT OF THE TARIFF.

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Those who have a Good Digestion have little sympathy for the dyspeptic. They can eat everything that comes along. While they can eat rich food without fear of the dyspeptic's bad experiences, they nevertheless greatly appreciate a delicate flavor in their pastry. Cottolene when used as a shortening, always produces the finest flavored pastry, which is entirely free from the many objections which the use of lard always produces. Test its value by one trial.