

Remove His Disabilities.

We print in this issue an appeal from Olin Alliance, asking the removal of the disabilities of ex-Gov. W. W. Holden.

We most earnestly ask the General Assembly to grant this request for mercy. What ever may have been the wrong committed by this gifted son of North Carolina, they have been amply atoned for by the loss of citizenship for a number of years; and the legislature can afford to recognize the expiation as sufficient, and extend mercy to this aged man.

There are others besides the ex-Governor who have suffered acutely all these years. Certainly it is not many, it is not North Carolina, to require those innocent ones to suffer on, when no public or private good can be done by it. Let the Legislature think of this, and be merciful.

This brilliant and able man is now old and infirm. He stands almost upon the very brink of the dark river that bounds the unseen from mortal view. Let not his aged feet touch the dark waters with the darkness of his native State's frown resting upon him! Let him go into the great beyond with his aged eyes resting upon the forgiving smile of his native State. Let it be known that North Carolina can punish, and that she can also forgive.—Progressive Farmer.

HENS CANTAKE A REST.

A Kansas Genius Invents a Machine to Lay Eggs

PARSONS, KAN., Feb., 15th.—"The American hen needs no protection" was a stock phrase of the recent campaign, referring then to the provisions of the McKinley bill putting a tariff on eggs, but the campaign speakers did not figure on the inventive genius of a Kansas farmer.

James Storey, of this city, has just received letters patent from Washington for his invention of an artificial egg. The artificial is said to resemble the natural production in all particulars.

The inventor says that he can manufacture at least one earload per day at a cost of three cents per dozen, with machinery that will cost only five hundred dollars.

A WHOLE FAMILY IN HEAVEN.

A whole family in heaven! Who can picture or describe the everlasting joy? No one absent. Nor father, nor mother, nor son, nor daughter away. In the world they were united in faith and love and peace and joy. In the morning of the resurrection they ascend together. Before the throne they bow together in united adoration. On the banks of the river of life they walk, hand in hand, and as a family they have commenced a career of glory that shall be everlasting. There hereafter, is no separation in that family. No one is to lie down on a bed of pain; no one is to sink into the arms of death. Never, in heaven, is that family to move along in the slow procession, clad in the habiliments of woe, to consign one of its members to the tomb. God grant that in His infinite mercy, every family may be thus united.—Selected.

There is scarcely ever a session of Congress in which bills are not found to contain mistakes in orthography or punctuation. The only wonder is that many more do not occur when it is remembered that all such work, near adjournment, is performed under extraordinary circumstances. All is haste, noise and confusion. Rest or sleep is unknown oftentimes for two or three days and nights in succession. The clerks become nervous, wearied and sometimes wholly exhausted by intense strain and prolonged physical labor.

Probably the smallest, and apparently most insignificant of all such blunders was the most expensive of the kind ever made. It occurred in a tariff bill not more than twenty years ago. There was a section enumerating what articles should be free of duty. Among the many articles specified were "all foreign fruit-plants," etc., meaning plants imported for transplanting, propagation or experimenting. The enrolling clerk, in copying the bill, accidentally changed the hyphen in the compound word "fruit-plants" to a comma, making it read, "all foreign fruit, plants," etc. The consequence was that for a year—until Congress could remedy the blunder—all the oranges, lemons, bananas, grapes and foreign fruits were admitted free of duty. This little mistake, which the most careful man might have made, might easily have made, cost the government about \$2,000,000.

My Smoke House.

A man who lives in Albany, and whose business is that of a clerk, said that he had lately built a house that had cost him three thousand dollars. His friends expressed their wonder that he could afford to build so fine a dwelling.

"Why", said he, "that is my smoke-house."

"Your smoke-house! What do you mean?"

"Why, I mean that twenty years ago I left off smoking, and I have put the money saved from smoking, with the interest, into my house, and hence I call it my smoke-house."

Now, boys, we want you to think of this when you are tempted to take your first cigar. Think how much good might be done with the money you are beginning to spend in smoke. What would you think of a man who, to a muse himself, should live a paper twenty-five cents and watch it burn? Is it any more sensible for you to take for your quarter a roll of old dry brown leaves, light and see it smoke.—Sel.

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The new South Dakota Senator, Kyle, will co-operate with the democrats; and if Palmer is elected in Illinois, the republicans will have lost Senators from New York, Kansas, Michigan, South Dakota and Illinois, a change of ten votes on the tariff; while Plumb and Manderson will probably vote with us next year. All things come to those who wait.

The Supreme Court of Iowa has finally settled the Jones county calf case which has been in litigation for fifteen years. The calves were worth about \$15, and their owners have spent about \$20,000 and a good many cuss words in trying to get a legal decision as to who owned them. But the lawyers had a good time.

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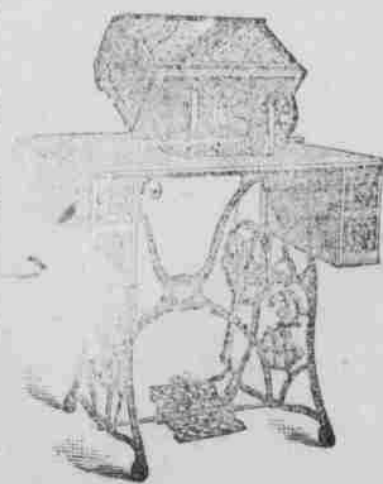
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