

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

The committee on naval affairs reported unfavorably on the bill to purchase a site for a coaling station, navy depot, and other government uses at Fort Point, Port Royal, S. C.; and authorizing the purchase of the harbor privileges and land for the establishment of a naval and coaling station in the Samoan Islands.

Mr. Hitchcock of Nebraska called up the House bill to perfect the United States government's guarantee of the District of Columbia 3.60 bonds, and to authorize them to be registered in the United States Treasury, and it was passed.

Mr. Conkling of New York presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of New York city, asking for an appropriation to enable Gen. Newton to continue the work in which he is engaged in regard to the improvement of New York harbor.

The Senate bill to grant a site for the Peabody school in St. Augustine, Fla., was taken up in which there was an amendment pending, submitted at the last adjournment, providing that if at any time any distinction shall be made in the admission of pupils on account of race or color.

The bill was passed without a division. The House bill authorizing the President to appoint a commission to investigate the conduct of the military operations, to be held in Rome next year, was passed.

On the consideration of the bill to provide a government for the District of Columbia, Mr. Morton's amendment, to have the commissioners elected by the qualified voters of the District, instead of appointed by the President, was defeated by a vote of 48 yeas, 28 nays.

Mr. Anthony of Rhode Island presented the credentials of Ambrose E. Barnside, United States Senator from the State of Rhode Island for a period of six years from March 4, 1875, read and placed on file.

The Senate bill providing for the construction of the Portland, Dallas and Salt Lake railroad and telegraph, and for the performance of all government service free of charge, was taken up.

Housekeeping Department.

Drop Cake.—Put six well-beaten eggs into a pint of thick cream, add a little salt, and make it into a thick batter with flour. Bake in small cups fifteen or twenty minutes.

Soda Cake.—Two cupfuls of sugar, one-half cupful of sweet milk, with one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in it; four cupfuls of flour, and two teaspoonfuls of cream tartar.

Kerosene Oil for Furniture.—Kerosene oil is the best furniture oil; it cleanses, adds a polish, and preserves from the ravages of insects.

Candy.—Two cupfuls of sugar, two large tablespoonfuls of vinegar, and half a cupful of water. Boil together, and add vanilla or lemon for flavor. It must be worked before it is very cold.

Roast Leg of Lamb.—Let the fire be moderate, and roast the joint slowly, basting it frequently till done, when it should be sprinkled with salt, and the gravy freed from all fat before serving.

To Remove Mildew.—Soak the parts of the cloth that are mildewed in two parts of chloride of lime to four parts of water, for about two hours, or till the mildew has disappeared; then thoroughly rinse it in clean water.

Lamb Stew.—Take half a shoulder of lamb and boil it in two quarts of water for two hours, then put in potatoes, onions, turnips cut in quarters, salt and pepper to taste. Ten minutes before serving put in the dumplings.

Cocunut Cake.—Two pounds of sugar, one pound of butter, one pound and three-quarters of flour, ten eggs, two grated cocoanuts; add one-half teaspoonful soda, last thing. This makes two loaves.

Pork Fruit Cake.—Three-fourths of a pound of pork, chopped fine; one pound raisins, one pound currants, one pound sugar, three-fourths of a pound of citron, one gill molasses, four cups flour, one teaspoonful soda, two eggs, one teaspoonful water.

To Bake Apples.—Take sour apples, dig out the cores, place the apples in a dry dish or tin, fill the cavities where the cores came out with sugar, pour a cup of hot water in the tin, bake in a quick oven, and you will have a healthy and palatable dish.

Mint Sauce.—Chop as finely as possible a quantity of mint leaves, previously washed. Add to them sufficient white vinegar and water in equal parts to float them, and a small quantity of powdered sugar. Let the sauce stand an hour before serving.

Potato Salad.—Cut a dozen cold boiled potatoes in thin slices and mix them thoroughly with a little onion chopped very fine, a teaspoonful of salad oil or melted butter, a chopped apple, a bit of parsley and half a gill of vinegar. This makes a nice relish for tea or lunch.

Fashion Notes.—The newest lace neckties are scarfs of Mecllin lace made with a band of insertion down the middle, with lace on each side, and wide-plaited lace on each end, price \$4.50.

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The Grange.—It is now hardly more than six years since the first grange was established in the United States. Its growth since then has been almost unprecedented.

Washing Calico.—It often happens that black calico, and other printed goods which have a white pattern on a black ground, will not bear washing unless some precautions are taken to prevent "running," or, in other words, the white spots acquire a reddish color, and the black ground becomes dull and sooty.

Oxford Linens.—Linen for summer suits will have stripes of blue or brown, with the merest traces of scarlet on the edge of the stripe. These were imported late in the season last summer.

A Scrap of Criminal History.

The death in a Southern State of Francis B. Edmoine is announced. The mention of this name recalls one of the most singular prison incidents that ever occurred in New York State.

In 1852 Edmoine was convicted of burglary at Owego, N. Y., and sentenced to five years in the Auburn prison. In August, 1853, Governor Seymour, then in his first gubernatorial term, received from Auburn two sets of papers, one signed by Dr. Briggs, the prison physician, and the other by the warden, agent, chaplain, and a number of keepers, asking a pardon for Edmoine, representing that he had been exemplary in his conduct, and was then in an advanced stage of consumption.

On these representations the Governor promptly issued the pardon, and the prisoner was released. A few days afterward, however, it was discovered that the papers had been forged by Edmoine, and that, by the commission of a crime which had sent hundreds to prison, he had actually secured his release. He was a skillful penman, and had practiced the art of forgery with such successful results that the signatures upon the papers were the several gentlemen, and could not possibly have been detected.

Edmoine was soon afterward arrested in Albany and returned to Auburn, but was soon released on a writ of habeas corpus. The trial resulted in the release of Edmoine from custody, the court holding that a complete pardon could not be revoked. The affair created a great deal of excitement, both in Auburn and Owego, and the Whigs took especial pains to deride Governor Seymour for the silly manner in which he had been fooled. No prosecution was brought against Edmoine for forgery, although one was talked of, and he quickly disappeared. He was at the time about twenty-six years of age, of superior intelligence, and his father was an Alabama planter who had given him a collegiate education. He returned South after his discharge, and it was said that he forged the railroad passes for his journey. When he departed he told Captain Hagadorn that he intended to give up his life of sin, and as nothing had been heard of him since until the announcement of his death, it is very likely that he kept his word.

The Culture of Fish.—Mr. Wilnot of Ontario, Canada, addressed some general observations to the American Fish Culturists Association. He was not prepared to make any formal statement, but he would collate some facts from reports which he had made to the Legislature on the subject of the Canadian fisheries, and would present them the following day. In reference to the remarks of Mr. Green that fish at Rochester had been so affected by the refuse matter of gas works as to taste of kerosene, he suggested whether on the other hand, the water might not be so impregnated as to improve the flavor of the fish. An illustration of this proposition he mentioned later in the discussion, an experience of his own in the raising of whitefish. He said the fish used to feed on little insects, which attached themselves to an aquatic plant which had a flavor something like that of celery. The insects fed on the juices of the plant, and the fish, through eating the insects, came to have its flavor. He did not think he had any fish hatching in spring as good as those hatched in autumn, and on this account he was inclined to set down the grayling as an inferior fish, and as belonging to the sucker and mullet order, rather than to the order of the trout and salmon, with which it was usually classed. Mr. Wilnot gave a very favorable account of the fisheries in Canada. They were improving, he said, wonderfully, and the yield of salmon, headed, would this year be double what it was last year. So much salmon had been caught, that both the canning and freezing establishments were unable to meet the demands on their resources. The fly-fishing in the lower provinces was also, he said, exceptionally good.

Equinox Wife-Catching.—The marriage ceremony of the Equinox is performed curiously. When a boy kills a bear it is considered sufficient proof of his ability to maintain a family; he is therefore told to go and catch a wife. Watching his opportunity at night he pounces on a victim and attempts to carry her off. She, however, struggles and shrieks until she has collected around her a group of sympathizers. She then turns upon her captor and bites and scratches until he is compelled to release her, when she darts into the crowd and attempts to escape. The expectant bridegroom follows her, but is unaccompanied. All the old women take scourgings of dried seal skins and flagellate him unmercifully as he passes, marking at the same time every effort to arrest him in his course. If, despite these little impediments to the matrimonial bliss, he should catch his victim, the biting and scratching scene is renewed, and in all probability he is compelled to release her, and the chase, with its attendant discomforts, is renewed. Should he overcome all obstacles the third capture proves effectual, and the victim, rescued from the hands of her pursuer, is led away amid the acclamations and rejoicings of the assembled multitude.

To the Suffering.—An old retired physician, who is candid enough to tell the truth about progress, has declared that the recent discovery by Dr. Walker, of California, of his herb remedy, Vinegar Bitters, is one of the most important in medicine. He has tested them thoroughly, in his own family, among his friends, and upon himself; and he is driven to the conclusion that they possess rare and unexcelled curative properties. He says of them: "They contain no dangerous drug. They never reduce the patient—never render one liable to take cold—never interfere with the every-day business of life—never make their continuous use a condition of cure, and are adapted to even the most delicate organization. They act as kindly on the tender infant, the delicate female, or infirm old age, as on the vigorous and athletic system; exercising healthful effects upon every blood vessel—on the brain, nerves and lymphatics—on the blood, bile, gastric juice, etc., enriching impoverished fluids, and imparting vigor to mind and body."

The Wickedest Man.

Under this heading the Chicago Times relates the following: Nelson Coleman, a farmer who resides about two and one-half miles north of Canton, Fulton county, is probably the wickedest man in the Northwest. One day, ten years ago, he was trying to lead a colt into an old, rickety shed, when the animal became frightened and refused to enter. It was with a good deal of difficulty that he at last got the colt into the shed, and when he had succeeded he was so enraged that he swore the colt should never come out again alive. He kept his oath, and the poor beast has been imprisoned all these long ten years in the place about ten feet square. Winter and summer it has been the same. The poor horse has stood at his crib and never breathed a breath of pure air, nor eaten a blade of grass. The long confinement stunted his growth, so that at the time of his death, which occurred recently, he was scarcely larger than a yearling. But he was sadly deformed. His hoofs had never received the attention of a blacksmith, and had grown so long that they curled over and back so as to touch the shins. Any one of them must have been eighteen inches longer than the hoofs of horses usually are. The knowledge of the existence of such an object of man's depravity coming to the Illinois Humane Society in Chicago, one of its agents was sent out to investigate the matter and procure the owner of the poor beast for cruelty to animals. Coleman was arrested and tried. That this monstrous cruelty should have been allowed to go on from year to year by the Christian people of Canton, a place renowned for its churches and morality, is strange, and is only to be accounted for on the ground that everybody was afraid of Coleman, and no one dared to take the first step towards prosecuting him.

French Cures in Typhoid Fever.—Dr. Hampton, of Paris, has published a pamphlet in which he describes several remarkable cures, chiefly attributable to the free admission of air to the patient's bedroom, in cases of typhoid fever. He considers a typhus fever to be a kind of paralysis or asphyxia of all the vital functions, occasioned by the respiration of a deadly atmosphere, emanating either from a typhoid patient, or from any other morbid source, and he practically demonstrates not only the great advantage to be derived from the effects of open air in the treatment of typhus fever, but he declares the absolute impunity from contagion or infection in the open air. According to Dr. Hampton, the patient cannot be exposed to any danger, under any circumstances of complication, from other diseases or from the temperature of the atmosphere; for, if the patient is kept warm in bed by artificial means, the free breathing of pure fresh air will at all times keep up the natural animal heat. In typhus fever, complications of all kinds, of the lungs or any other organ, only render the free access of pure fresh air more urgent and more necessary; it also enables the patient to take stimulants more easily when they are necessary.

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