

HERBERT SPENCER'S PHILOSOPHY AT FAULT.

We have never taken a large amount of stock in Mr. Herbert Spencer, the English philosopher.

In his argument on marriage and longevity he says that greater longevity is not the consequence of marriage, but that a tendency to longevity leads to marriage.

But this fine theory is completely upset by a plain newspaper writer who tells the truth and shames the philosophy of Spencer and his school.

MORTON AND PINCHBACK. Senator Morton, of Indiana, is a professional agitator. He meddles in things for the same reason that a lawyer undertakes a case—because he thinks it is going to pay.

We have all doubtless heard of Moody and Sankey, the American revivalists who have been stirring up the Scotch in religious matters.

The great Force was a farce—the great Farce had no force.

THE WIND-UP.

Closing Scenes of 43rd Congress—Conclusion of the Session—Blaine's Valedictory, Etc., Etc.

WASHINGTON, March 4. Both Houses of Congress remained in continuous session all night and up to the hour of noon to-day.

The Senate was occupied the entire night with the appropriation bills, not finishing the last of them till long past daylight.

By the hour of noon the calendar of the Senate was pretty well cleared. The President was at his room in the Senate wing early in the morning.

Speaker Blaine, in declaring the House adjourned sine die, took the occasion to signalize his retirement from the chair, which he has filled for six years, by a neat and well-timed speech.

Not So Much Dress in Paris. A Paris letter to the Hartford Times says: Even in opera I have seen less dress than I expected.

STAR-DUST.

—Another volume of Paul Hayne's graceful verse will soon appear.

—Turkey is without an American Minister, but the charge d'affaires is said to be "Goodenough."

—John Thomas, of Frankfort, N. Y., is cutting a third set of teeth. He is more than fifty years of age.

—The Pennsylvania State Senate has unanimously passed a bill for the punishment of persons writing threatening letters.

—When we read that "Maria, wife of John Knabe or of William Munro," is dead, we wonder if embarrassments will not arise in arranging the mourners at the funeral.

—A Vermont firm, who have the contract for supplying 240,000 headstones for the national soldiers' cemeteries, use the said blast to cut the names, instead of the slower operation of chiseling.

—A breach of promise case for \$50,000 was begun in the Marine Court, in New York, on Wednesday.

—If the Beecher-Tilton scandal does not improve the people, it adds several remarkable phrases to literature, such as "stepping down and out," "hanging on the ragged edge," and "nest hiding."

—General Fitz John Porter, the new commissioner of public works in New York City, has entered upon the duties of his position, and on Wednesday was presented to the chiefs of the different bureaus of the department.

—It is true he is a carpet-bagger, but that fact is fully atoned for by the marvellous self-control which he shows as a Senator.

—For spring costumes soft materials still obtain.

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