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IF prize fighting perishes from the face of that part of the world called the United States, a monument ought to be erected to the memory of the anti-slugging vigor of Culberson of Texas.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Wilmington Messenger. cites as an evidence of the weakness of the sound money sentiment the fact that ex-Congressman Hoar [Horr?] went to Cincinnati last Wednesday to speak for gold buggery and had an audience of only 30. This is scarcely logical. By parity of reasoning we might argue that the silver senti-ment has no strength in North Carolina since after a persistent and long-continued beating of tom-toms the late State silver convention at Raleigh could muster an attendance of less than 300 .-Charlotte Observer.

Horr (we suppose the Observer means Horr) has a very considerable reputation and Cincinnati is a large city. The North Carolina tom-tom was keyed to a false note and meant much beside free silver.

THE GOVERNMENT AND WIRES.

The American Law Review for October has a short article by Judge Walter Clark on the "Legal Aspect of Postal Telegraph and [Telephone." It endeavors to establish the legal proposition that it is unconstitutional for the Postoffice Department to fail to use these facilities or to permit private corporations has never borne witness to the existence to operate them.

Judge Clark's statement that the postoffice operated the telegraph in 1844-7 will be news to many. When, says Judge Clark, on mistaken grounds of economy, in 1847, the telegraph was allowed to pass into private hands, Henry Clay, the great Whig leader, and Cave Johnson, the Democratic postmaster general, both carnestly protested. In 1866 Congress took steps looking to the postoffice resuming the operation of the telegraph, but the Western Union has so far succeeded in postponing further action. No party has ever declared against the postoffice ownership of the telegraph and telephone. It has been advocated by leading men in all parties, and the chief objection raised against such ownership is that the system might be brought into disrepute by partisan abuse of the inviolability of telegrams. There is no reason, however, why that abuse should be to their patriotism, they did what nearly greater under government control than all of the greatest of their fathers had under private management as now. Whether it would be or not would depend largely on the spirit in which the opinion, creating an antagonism which system was organized and maintained. As to the cost of the existing lines

that conflict to which success came, Judge Clark says: "With wire costing less than \$10 per in that justice which is above charity, to mile, there is no reason why the governabsolutely forbear reproach, and to postoffice in the Union. There should be

An Insurance From the Chicago Self-Culture. A man with a red nose which looked There can be very little doubt in the chronic and had the air of being legitimind of the candid scholar that a sincere mately acquired, called at the office of a belief in the rights of the several States big life insurance company, and, addresswas the foundation and strength of the ing the first official he happened to meet, attempt of the South to withdraw from said: "Sir, I am insured for \$5,000 in your the Union. The existence of slavery in-

company. troduced a very grave complication and "Well?" "The policy, strange to say, is made out supplied a large part of the violent pasin the name of my wife. She has possession with which the conflict was entered sion of it."

upon, but it is not fair to say that the Southern States entered upon the struger," said the official. gle for the sake of slavery. There had been a time when the South

posal of secession was that of certain

New England schemers who had called a

looked to Alexander Hamilton to play

The truth is that American history

south did this on the scale of a conti-

nental conflict, there was nothing what-

it was only the exceptional characters,

It almost seems as if there would have

been no Union, had not the single figure

drew aside from the Union through devo-

done. The question, therefore, over

South undertook secession.

ern hands.

states.

would hock it," continued the man with the red nose, "but she keeps it hid. I am was hardly less disposed than the North here, however, for the purpose of making to get rid of slavery. The dominant a proposition to you, and the whereabouts of the policy is neither here nor there feeling in Virginia in Washington's time, for example, was one of desire for the abolition of slavery. The great ordi

Are you open to a deal?" "We are," answered the official coldly. "Well, here is my plan. Since I canno nance of 1787, which declared the whole raise anything on that policy, I spring of the immense northwest free soil forupon you the following situation: Before ever, would never have been passed but nightfall I shall be a dead man and you'l for the earnest support of representatives of the South, and notably Grayson and have to pony up that \$5,000." "How do you make that out?" demand

STORIES OF THE DAY.

Through.

"Not strange at all, but eminently prop

"And if I could get hold of the policy I

Deal That Did Not Quite Go

others of Virginia. It was the weight ed the official, in tones of surprise.

of the northwest on the side of the North which determined the issues of the con-"Simply because I cannot get a drink," replied the policy holder. "If whisky is not forthcoming, I perish. I simply lie flict, and that weight was originally thrown into the free soil scale by Southdown and stiffen out and you lose your The earliest attempt in the way of money. A quarter of a dollar, however, will save my life and save you 5,000 bones uprising against the Union was that in Twenty-five cents fixes me and I live Western Pennsylvania, which was put down by the sending of an army of 15,-Without it I breathe my last and prove a 000, the commander of which was Washington's favorite "Light-Horse dead loss to you. If I survive, however, my wife will go on paying premiums, and who knows but what I may become a cen-Harry," the father of Robert E. Lee, tenarian?" Virginia's great general and the Southern Confederacy's most eminent soldier in the civil contest. The earliest pro-

He looked anxiously at the official, but the latter seemed to be frozen solid. "Do I get the quarter?" he demanded, after a pause.

"You do not," was the reply, in icy convention to meet in Boston, and who tones. "Very well," and he sighed heavily, the part which Lee played when the 'that settles it. Make out your death laims and things. Fill up the check payable to the order of my weeping wid in the north, no less than in the south, Charge me to profit and loss." He walked of a principle making it a crime for a state or states to set themselves up against the Union. When, therefore, the heavily out,-Louisville Times.

How Mark Twain Learned to Smoke. The subject of Mark Twain's pluck in

tarting out at his time of life to pay his ever in the situation to justify a charge debts and start anew by lecturing around the world came up for discussion at one of of wanton disregard of the fundamental he clubs the other night. Some one said principles of patriotism. A hundred that his fun was no longer fresh. It had years carlier every man's patriotism had been concentrated on his own state, and been discounted by his public, which now foresees what he is going to write when-ever he begins. "Not at all," said a friend chief among whom, and in fact collossal in solitary grandeur, was Washington, who stood for the Union as meaning of Clemens. "He is spontaneously humor ous, and his fun is too genuine to eve play out. The last time I saw him, only even more than any state, or than the the other day, I noticed that as he finished one cigar and threw it away he pulled an other from his pocket and lighted it. 'Do you smoke all the time?' I asked. 'No. of Washington served as the tentpole said he, 'not all the whole time. I never over which the idea of one nation was could form the habit of smoking in my thrown, and around which the States, sleep. I only smoke when I am awake. Well, I do get up in the night—along about 3 in the morning—and work in a most of them reluctantly, gathered. It was his presidency which made possible a beginning of the nation, considered as a cigar. I do that, but nothing more.' All Union superior in some respects to the this was said with that incomparable draw! States. If the men of the South in 1860 which is natural with him and gives such added humor to all his funny sayings. 'I tion to their respective States, as all in all suppose-I-am -what-the-reporters -would-call-a-veteran-smoker, ' he ontinued. 'You-know-I-begansmoking-at-8-years-old. 1-used-te which a continental contest raged, was -be-a-printer's-devil-in-a-littleone of a perfectly honest difference of village-where-there-was-a-tobac onist-manuel-Beegle. Beegle-saidcould only be settled by a great conflict. he-would-give-us-devils-a-etgar-Those, therefore, who took the side of for-every-exchange-paper-we-would -give-him. We kept-him-well-supought, not only in common charity, but | plied-with-reading-matter; used-togive-him-about-50-papers-a-week ment should not own a line to every frown upon every pretension on the part That's - how-I - bearned - to - smoke. of representatives of the Union to stand They-were - not - the - best-eigars-I

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only asked for five years to close up, but when the five years were out they had

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be used by the private corporations." Judge Clark's argument is clear and forcible, and will awaken new interest in the question of government ownership of the telegraph and telephone lines.

Four Gospels in the Original. From the Philadelphia Record.

Biblical scholars, and, indeed, the whole religious world will be profoundly interested in the announcement, made apparently on good authority, that a manuscript of the four gospels in the native tongue of Jesus has at last been found in the convent on Mount Sinai, which was built by Justinian nearly 1400 years ago, when christianity was young, and its treasured records would naturally seek such sanctuary. The value of such finds depends of course on the intrinsic evidences of their antiquity, but the judgment of experts that the present parchment was written within fifty years of the death of the last apostles must give it exceptional importance.

A Traitor to Principle.

From the Columbia State. It was not because Mahone had bolted a Democratic convention and organized an independent movement that the feeling against Mahone endured. Aleck Stevens did that and died honored. It was because, claiming to be a Democrat, Mahone sold his vote and that of his followers to the Republicans for the spoils of patronage. Independence is readily forgiven, even by those who may in passion denounce it as a crime; but treason to principle does not find pardon-in Virginia.

From the Gifted One.

From Fuller's Gleaner. In conclusion Gleaner we could give

big advertisement to a larger City had we the chance but here we are so put down by jealousy of other local papers clude beautiful gowns and wraps, apwhich are good in their way but for the propriate for the out-door exercise and the far east .- New York Son. lack of brains, on the part of some Editor? who are not gifted like me, nor recreation which autumnal weather makes possible. Among literary features of note there will be a bright story en-titled The Instinct of Stepfatherhood, by even can be; why dont they let us alone and go on the best they know, but instead they take clippings from us and Lilian Bell, author of "The Love-Letters Publish to their credit and make out of an Old Maid''; a play to be acted by they are original. women only, from the pen of Margaret Sutton Briscoe, its title Masques; and

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no dicker with private companies about in the temple of liberty as holier than leasing or purchasing. In 1866 they their fellows on the other side of the line Beegle's-danadest But--Beegle's-damadest. But-they-were which divided North from South. -good - enough-to-learn-on. other man told another story of his which is

Surpluses.

not generally known. It was of the time From the Chicago Chronicle. when he was learning to be a pilot on the A Republican newspaper says: "We Mississippi. His chief was a gruff old fellow cannot help wondering whether Grover and a great stickler for his rights. One day Clemens came up in the pilothouse smok-Cleveland bas the same horror of a sur ing a huge jet black Havana cigar. "Where did you get that?" the pilot asked. plus that he had in 1887." Well, you can hardly tell. The surplus in 1889, Mark said that a rich planter had given it when Cleveland's first term ended, was to him down below. "Don't you think \$187,000,000 gold. After Harrison's our years there was no surplus. Whether you ought to have given it to me?" allot asked. "Now, see here," said Mark, President Cleveland's opinion at the I am willing to do most anything for beginning of his second term was the you. I am under you, and I'm willing o same which he had in the middle of his play dog and let you throw sticks in the irst term is not stated in any of his water for me to dive after; but, I say, I nessages. think I ought to have some of the per-

Republican Stumps. From the Philadelphia Record.

Gen. Alger of Michigan thinks the silver question should be taken out of politics, and his fellow partisans in New York feel the same way about the excise question. Whenever the Grand Old Party comes up against a particularly stump it is instantly impressed hard with the idea that the stump has no business there, and that high morality demands that it shall be got rid of by

whipping the devil round it. Two Things They Should Do.

From the W. N. C. Baptist. If we were making a guess we would say that there were church members

who hadn't been to church in two ago that reviews and magazines like thos months and hadn't paid their pastor anything in six, at the circus in Asheville Monday. It is strange how good people to justify their publication .- Exchange. lose their senses and run wild over such things.,

A Gold Bug Party. Senator Stewart of Nevada How long is it possible for the Repub

lican party to make the people believe that it is for free coinage of silver, when nearly all of the Republicans in both Houses of Congress invariably vote for the gold standard ?

That Prudent McKinley.

From the Boston Herald. Gov. McKinley has nothing whatever to say on the subject of Cuba. To misquote Hamlet, what's Cuba to him, or he to Cuba, that he should weep for her The Office Seeking the Woman.

From the Topeka Daily Capital. One-third of the appointive offices in Kansas are held by women.

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f England and America would not find in France a sufficient number of readers The Valet and the Valise. When Harry Miner went to the Demoratic convention at Syracuse, he stepped p to the desk in the office of one of the stels, with his faithful latest importation from England bringing up the rear guard. He registered, "H. C. Miner and valet." The next man to register was a brawny on of Krin, with his traveling bag in

quisites."-New York Sun.

Newspapers In Paris,

The Paris press comprises nearly 50 daily newspapers, the aggregate not hav-

ing varied greatly during the last ten

years. Most of these are sold for 1 sou. An

extremely limited number are sold for 2

little less than 3 halfpence. It is hardly

ever-sary to say by way of preliminary

omment that a dozen really able journal

would be better supported and better serve

the interests of the public. The French

people, taken as a mass, have little money

to pay for the gratilication of the small

amount of literary taste they possess, an

opinion entertained by the novelist Zola,

whodeclared in an interview a few months

ous and two or three only for 3 sous, or a

hand. He took up the pen and registered with a flourish, "Michael Murphy and va-fise." It's a cold day when you can get ahead of an Irishman .- Exchange.

Stung to Her Death.

A Miss Kerr of Cunninghamhead, Kilnarnock, Scotland, met death under pecullar circumstances recently. While arranging flowers a wasp stung her on the neck. She pulled out the sting and applied amnonia. Notwithstanding these precau tions her neck and face swelled and breathing became difficult. Fatimess supervened, and the young lady passed away within 15 minutes.

Japan Means Business,

Our friends the Japanese have formed three new army corps, with an effective of 80,000 men's time of peace and 320,000 During October the fashions described in time of war. The navy is to be doubled and depicted in Harper's Bazar will in- in strength within the next three years. It ooks ominous for European supremacy in



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