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The salt trust has more than doubled the price of salt, on Monday putting up the price from \$1.10 to \$2.50 per 100 pounds. The trusts thrive under McKinley rule.

The law in Indiana punishes the man who accepts an election bribe but does not punish the briber. That law was passed by a Republican legislature which did not purpose to punish its friends, says the Wilmington Star.

A prominent citizen of Vance county writes the Raleigh News-Observer in favor of taxing dogs \$1 a year in order to raise more school funds. The FREE Press is favorably disposed toward the proposition. Do any of our readers object to the proposition?

The entire receipts of the government the past year were \$1,387,299,626, and disbursements were \$1,195,943,472. The total money in circulation is given at \$2,113,294,983. The government taxes the people each year more than half the total money in circulation.

In an interview Monday Senator Mark Hanna, when asked what measures he would most interest himself in during the coming session of congress, said: "I have no pet measures this year and shall take no particular interest in any of the bills before congress. Perhaps I am as much interested in Senator Frye's ship subsidy bill as in any." There is no doubt of his interest in that big steal, in which he will finger largely.

Quay is apparently again on top in Pennsylvania, notwithstanding John Wanamaker's fund of \$50,000 put up for the purpose of prosecuting and punishing crooked election work. It really seems that the voters of Pennsylvania are fond of Quay and his methods. His opponents accuse him of about all of the crimes in the catalogue, but somehow or other the majority of the Republicans are usually found standing with him.—Savannah News.

Argentina is one of the few countries where the credit system is preferred by sellers to cash. The law there compels every man to make to designated officials periodical statements of his business and if his debts are more than he can pay his business is at once investigated and taken charge of. If he goes into debt with the view of beating anybody severe penalties are imposed. The result of this is very few bankruptcies and little or no fraud. The credit system is so safe that wholesale merchants prefer it to cash, for they thus save the usual discounts for cash.—
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The Observer publishes this morning returns from 38 county chairmen in reply to an inquiry sent to all county chairmen last week as to the effect of the recent senatorial primary in their respective counties upon the Democratic party. The replies are of the same general tenor: that the effect was injurious. From some counties they are that there is no perceptible influence. It is noticeable that in several instances in which this is said to be the case, the chairmen add that they want no more senatorial primary. The Mecklenburg chairman says that the constitutional method of choosing senators is good enough for him. The Vance chairman says that the Populists used to charge the Democrats with all the crimes of the decalogue, and that the primary gave Democrats the opportunity to make the charges good. Nearly all of the State papers spoke out on the primary question last week and the press is found to be practically unanimous in opposition to another. It is to be hoped that all of the fun to be gotten out of the fad has been extracted and that we have seen the end of this thing. We don't believe that the legislature is going to be guilty of the folly of adopting any "legal ized" primary plan. This would simply be the same thing under a bigger name and would afford the same opportunity for Democrats to blackguard each other. -Charlotte Observer.

Preparatory Studies.

Teacher-I'm glad to see you take such an interest in chemistry, Johnny. Are you going to be a chemist when you

Johnny-No, ma'am. I'm going to own a maple sugar and sirup factory.—Chicago News.

Practical Method,

The young lady of Sturgeon who wished to discover a way of keeping her hands soft sent the cash in answer to an advertisement and received this recipe: Sonk them in dish water three hours a day while mother rests.—Kansas City Star.

Her Knowledge of Chinese,

A young woman at a watering place one summer made a reputation as a profound linguist in a rather odd manner. She called one day at a Chinese laundry where she had left a shirt waist, but it could not be found, as there was no entry in the book of hieroglyphs corresponding to her pink slip. After a half hour's search the Chinaman found the entry. A mistake had been made, so the entry was crossed out and a new set of hieroglyphs in tiny characters placed below. She was told that the walst would be laundered immediately, and she could get it the next day.

The next day the young woman called for it, accompanied by three other young women. At the seashore the excitement of a visit to the Chinese laundry is not to be despised. The Chinaman to whom the pink slip was presented was not the laundryman of the day before, and he experienced the same difficulty in finding the identifying character, finally saying, "Not in book"

The girl answered calmly, "I can find it," and the Chinaman allowed her to take the book. Turning the leaves until she came to one that had an entry crossed out with another in tiny characters under it, she handed it to the Chinaman. "There it is," and, to his surprise, he found it.

"You only lady I know spik Chinese," he said, And the other girls looked upon her with admiration.— Kansas City World.

A Parson's Pun.

A writer in The Cornhill Magazine credits the late Canon Bingham with the following bit of wit:

He was driving one day with other clergy to a clerical meeting, when the conversation turned upon the meaning of the two places they were nearing, Wool and Wareham, in the county of Dorset.

"How do you account for the origin of these names, Canon Bingham?" ask-

ed one of the party.

"Don't you know this is a sheep county," replied the canon, "and at Wool you wool the sheep and at Wareham you wear 'em?"

Not Sensitive.

Sophy (who accepted Mr. Charles Fleetwood the night before)—Does Mr. Fleetwood strike you as being a sensitive man, Pauline?

Pauline (who doesn't know of the engagement)—Gracious, no! A man who has been rejected by 14 girls within six months and gets fat on it cannot be tensitive. Why, Sophy, what's the matter?

She had fainted.-London Fun.

Led In One Thing.

"Is there anything in which you excelled when you went to school?" asked Miss Cayenne.

"Yes," answered Willie Wishington.
"I made more blunders than any other boy in the class."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Usually the Case.

Askington-Who was your friend whom I saw you walking with this afternoon?

Teller—Hoh! He wasn't a friend. That's my brother-in-law. — Harper's Bazar.

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