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**DODGING.**

The present Legislature is weak in the back, at least on one question. If it is afraid to tackle the ignorant and the vicious element that swarms at our polls, it would of course be far from passing a dog law. The Wilmington Star calls it the Farmers' Legislature, and says "it is not much on braving a popular majority. The House has tabled a proposition to amend the Constitution so as to compel electors to pay tax. By this act they reaffirm the declaration that it is proper and right that ignorant negroes that do not pay one cent of tax shall still have the right to tax others. In the forum of common sense, fairness and justice it will be hard to sustain that action. Again the Star repeats its own conviction that no man should be entitled to exercise the elective franchise who does not pay a tax. Why should any man be burdened and afflicted with taxes levied by impetuous and blind ignorance? Why should a roguish rascal who pays no tax, robs a henroost the over night, is as ignorant of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship as a baboon, be allowed to go to the polls to select public officials and to levy taxes upon the intelligence, virtue and enterprise of the State? It is a stark-naked outrage."

A Washington correspondent, evidently an admirer of Mrs. Cleveland—and who is not?—says some pleasant things about her influence and example in the matter of dress "she has been an example to the women of America." Though many women high in social rank have worn low-necked gowns, Mrs. Cleveland, "with her innate modesty, wears the pointed or square-cut neck, and never low, but simply revealing the well-rounded throat. From the long glove to the short sleeve a finger's length of the arm is exposed when her gowns have short sleeves. There can be no affectation and but one reason for Mrs. Cleveland not wearing the low-cut waist, and this is her own feeling about baring her pretty shoulders after the manner of so many women."

The report of the commissioner of agriculture for the State of Georgia shows that the average cash price of bacon in that State for 1888 was 9 7/8 cents a pound—the credit price 12 1/2 cents. The average credit was for four months. Corn, cash price 77 cents, credit price 98 cents. The advance is about 20 per cent for four months' credit, or 6 1/2 per month, or 78 per cent per annum. The commissioner actually congratulates the farmer on having reduced the rate from 108 per cent last year to 78 per cent this year. He attributes this "encouraging reduction" to the efforts of the Farmers' Alliance.

The New York Sun says: "The heavy contributions that are now being made in this city to the Parnell fund give satisfactory proof of the reawakened interest of our Irish-American fellow-citizens in the defence of Ireland's able leader. We get reports of activity like that here from Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, New Orleans, and many other large cities, as well as from numerous smaller places. It will encourage Mr. Parnell. It will encourage the struggling people of Ireland. It will aid in promoting Irish liberation."

Walking sticks are now being made that are used as well as ornamental. From one a silk umbrella can be drawn and secured to the cane; another has a receptacle for nickels and cents, and is convenient for those who ride on street and other city cars and cross ferries; another contains a mousetrap for the height of horses, and has a spring-level attachment; and still another has a good little watch set in the crystal handle.

Two Philadelphians, Mr. Henry B. Faulke and Mr. C. Ingersoll Maurey, sailed in Saturday's steamer to investigate the doctrine of theosophy in its native home. Arriving at London, the two pilgrims will visit the high priestess of the Eastern doctrine, Madame Blavatsky. Here they will be furnished with letters to the theosophists of India. Leaving London, the American theosophists will take the India and Peninsula Steamship Company to A. n. At the wharf they will be met by the representatives of the society in India, and will be formally introduced to the Oriental rites and mysteries of this strange sect. The programme from this point will depend upon the decision of the native brethren. The town of Kurachee, in Sind, one of the seats of the older worship, will be visited, and the trip will continue until the American Buddhists reach Adair, the principal home of Buddhism in the East. Under the guidance of their new conductors, the two Philadelphians hope to make a journey to the Himalayan hills and visit ancient sites hitherto unexplored. The trip will take about two years, and its accomplishment will be watched with intense interest by the members of the various theosophical societies in this country.

The advertising car which has been perambulating the West and Northwest, sent out by the commissioner of immigration of Alabama to "set forth the matchless resources" of that State, is already yielding an abundant harvest. Investments recently made in Alabama by Northwest-ern people, and directly traceable to the advertising car, treble repay for the expenditure made. The commissioner is now urging the Legislature to appropriate \$50,000 for encouraging immigration, and the appropriation will probably be made.

It has been decided by the Legislature of Pennsylvania that the question of prohibition shall be submitted to a popular vote at a special election next June. The prohibitionists have already begun to prepare for a prodigious campaign during the next five months in every part of the State. But the returns of last November's elections, when they had candidates in the field, do not promote the belief that they will be able to carry the State or any precinct of any of its counties in June.

If the Missionary Review is correct, the 3,000,000 converts in the foreign mission fields are setting a good example to the many millions of Christians at home, for these converts have sent out 30,000 missionaries, or one out of every 100, while their more fortunately born brethren send but one in 5,000. The converts serve as native preachers, teachers, catechists and lay helpers, and prove helpful to the regular missionary force sent from England and this country.

Three years ago John Wright, of Pike county, Ga., lost his sight, and the oculists that he consulted agreed that there was no possibility of his ever seeing again. The other day as Mr. Wright sat on the porch in the sunlight his eyes began to itch violently. He rubbed them, and when he took away his fingers he was conscious that he could distinguish objects dimly. During the day his power of vision increased, and at last accounts the old gentleman was in a fair way to see as well as ever.

A Dakota man in Florida comforted the Jacksonville people with the assurance that there "were more deaths last winter in his immediate section from cold weather than there were in the whole State of Florida last summer from yellow fever."

A Scrap of Paper Saves Her Life. It was just an ordinary scrap of wrapping paper, but it saved her life. She was in the last stages of consumption, told by physicians that she was incurable and could live only a short time; she weighed less than seventy pounds. On a piece of wrapping paper she read of Dr. King's New Discovery, and got a sample bottle; it helped her, she bought a large bottle, it helped her more, bought another and grew better fast, continued to use it and is now strong, healthy, rosy, plump, weighing 120 pounds. For further particulars send stamp to W. H. Cole, druggist, East Sixth, Third Floor, at Newell & Dana's drug store.

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