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SECRETARY MOODY is authority for the assertion that we are building our fighting ships very rapidly, and need consequently a corresponding celerity in the manufacture of armor.

UNITED STATES SENATOR HALE, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, said the other day that it is the intention to make provision for another liberal addition to the navy during the present session of congress.

THE saying that "there is no evil without its compensation" promises to be realized in the case of the boll-woolly that has proved so destructive to the cotton crop in Texas.

It does not lead to respect for courts and legal processes when rich scoundrels are let off with almost nominal punishments and the little fellows receive the limit of the law.

SAYS THE Mexican Herald: Russia will not relax her hold on Manchuria nor England on Egypt, and the United States, which, when all is said and done, is swayed by an instinct of expansion, will remain in Panama, and most probably will be found within a few years governing the isthmus as an American territory even as Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines.

How patriotic republicans can uphold Roosevelt just because he happens to be the head of their party in his high-handed outrage against little Columbia is hard to understand.

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THE American meat practically barred. The American cattle and fresh meat trade with France is practically nil, due in great part to the rigid sanitary measures prescribed by the French government for the inspection of cattle and fresh meat imported into France.

Content is a good character, and can make the humblest man a banquet.

CARMACK CRITICIZES ROOSEVELT'S PLAN.

Says Methods in Panama Are Causes of Prolonged War.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Panama again was the principal subject of consideration Wednesday in the senate.

Mr. Carmack opened the proceedings with a set speech in pointed adverse criticism of the president's course, and was followed by Mr. Spooner, the only other speaker of the day.

Mr. Tillman frequently interrupted Mr. Spooner and there were a number of sharp encounters between them.

When the senate adjourned the Panama question was still before the senate and it was announced that the discussion would be resumed to-day after the disposition of postoffice department inquiry resolutions.

Mr. Carmack contended that President Roosevelt had not contented himself with recognition with Panama, but had intervened. "His acts were not simply offensive, not simply a cause for war, but they were war," he said.

Who could not get up a South American revolution with the aid of the United States military forces and \$10,000,000, he demanded.

Mr. Spooner replied to Mr. Carmack, saying that he had felt regret at hearing the criticism of the president, who had registered an oath in heaven to discharge his duties.

Mr. Spooner also gave attention to the charges of disobedience of law by the president. "The only enemies he had in the United States are the result of his obedience to and enforcement of the law."

Mr. Spooner said that while he could not accept the senator's language, he congratulated him on coming to the president's position.

Mr. Spooner declared that the president had acted within the constitution and the law in all that he had done in Panama.

Mr. Spooner declared that it was childish to say that the president had transcended his duty. The first consideration of the Spooner act was that the right to build a canal should be secured and that end had been accomplished by dealing, not with Colombia, but with Panama, Colombia's successor.

ANVIL MARKS HIS TOMB. Aged Maryland Blacksmith Fastens Implements to Marble and Awaits Death.

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Wouldn't Head Well. Of course, the governor of Alexandria will apologize, as ordered, says the Pittsburg Gazette, but what he will really think probably wouldn't be allowed to circulate in the mails.

DISEASE IS COMMON.

Tuberculosis is Widely Prevalent Among Fowls in California.

Discovery the Result of Experiments of a Professor—Further Investigations Along This Line to Be Made.

Now that his experiments with diseased fowls in California have demonstrated the fact that tuberculosis is one of the most widely prevalent diseases in the poultry ranches of the state, Dr. Archibald R. Ward, veterinarian of the University of California agricultural department, in pursuing investigations to discover whether there is any relationship between this and bovine or human tuberculosis.

Dr. Ward, although just commenced on these investigations, has this to say on the second point: "It appears to be true that hens badly infected do not lay in the 80 post-mortems of tuberculous hens that have come under the writer's observation, but one hen contained an egg. The thorough cooking to which poultry is subjected renders rather remote the possible danger of human infection by ingestion.

Owing to the fact that tuberculosis in owls seldom kills a sufficient number of birds at one time to excite fear, its existence in a flock has come to be regarded as a matter of course and has attracted little attention from the owners.

Under the conditions obtaining in the poultry industry in California, Dr. Ward says that all the individuals of an infected flock must be regarded as possible sources of danger to healthy birds.

LONDON HAS A RAT SHOW.

Latest Novelty in the Live Stock Line—One Woman Among the Exhibitors.

The most recent live stock novelty in London is the rat show. At one recently held in Cheltenham 60 rats were exhibited and judged.

These are not the fierce rodents that infest buildings and sewers. They are domesticated rats. Some of them are valued at £10, while others can be bought for half a sovereign.

The correct way to hold a rat is by its tail. W. Maxey, the secretary of the National House Club, who judges rats at Cheltenham, got blood poisoning from a rat bite on the middle finger of the right hand.

CUPID HIDES IN CIGARS.

Box Containing Factory Girl's Name Leads to the Young Lady's Engagement.

A romantic courtship came to light at Lancaster, Pa., the other day despite the determined efforts of those interested to keep it secret.

NEW BERTILLON SYSTEM. Mistakes Have Been Reduced from 70 Per Cent. to 1 Per Cent. by Its Use.

M. Bertillon has organized a new system for the detection of criminals. Heretofore photographs have been employed solely. Detectives will now be taught to search the physiognomy for three or four striking features, each of which has a mathematical value.

Saving Grace. The duke of Roxburgh's tenants are much disappointed because the new duchess is "sic a wee sma' body."

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Mrs. Orion Cleaves, widow of Mark Twain's brother, is dying at her home in Keokuk, Ia. Her illness is heart disease.

Robbers blew open the safe of the bank at God, Kas., Tuesday night, with dynamite and secured \$3,000 and escaped on a handcar.

Diene G. W. Danforth, U. S. N., retired, has been ordered to St. Louis for special temporary duty at the World's Fair, beginning January 20.

Edwin Warfield was inaugurated as governor of Maryland Wednesday, and despite the inclement weather, there was a vast multitude present from all parts of the state to participate in the ceremonies.

Col. George R. McClellan, one of the most noted war heroes of the country, and the last surviving field officer of the war with Mexico, died at his home in Bristol, Tenn., Tuesday night, in his eightieth year.

Friends and relatives of George H. Stookley, of Belleville, Ill., are firmly convinced that he ended his life some time Tuesday afternoon or evening by jumping from the middle pier of the Eads bridge, at St. Louis.

Fire at the stock yards in South Omaha, Neb., Wednesday destroyed the horse sale pavilion and nine stables of John H. Cooper. Eighty-six horses were burned to death, entailing a loss of \$50,000, covered by insurance.

The South Congregational church, a handsome edifice on Drexel boulevard, Chicago, has been ordered closed by City Building Commissioner Williams. Insufficient exits and exits opening inward were the causes assigned.

Mrs. Ruth Brown Thompson, eldest daughter of John Brown, of Harper's Ferry fame, is lying at the point of death at her home in Pasadena, Cal. She is suffering from an attack of influenza, with complications. She is 75 years of age.

Singer's Remains Cremated.

London, Jan. 14.—The remains of Madame Antoinette Sterling (Mrs. J. Mackinay) the American singer, who died Sunday, were cremated Wednesday.

Gen. Frederick D. Grant Tuesday relinquished command of the department of Texas and left with Mrs. Grant for Chicago. Col. Martin B. Hughes, first cavalry, took temporary command until the arrival of Gen. Jesse Lee from the Philippines.

For Construction of Torpedo Boats.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, Wednesday introduced a bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for the purpose of constructing submarine torpedo boats, the type to be selected by the secretary of the navy from the best designs submitted to him on or before September 5, 1904.

Shooting Proved Fatal.

Sigourney, Neb., Jan. 14.—G. F. Utterback, cashier of the Sigourney Savings bank, who attempted suicide on Monday by shooting, died Wednesday. The state bank examiner closed the doors of the bank Wednesday and a receiver will be appointed.

Pleaded Guilty to Embezzlement.

Iron Mountain, Mich., Jan. 14.—J. H. Carr, ex-treasurer of the Breiting township, who pleaded guilty of embezzling \$3,400 of township funds, was sentenced Wednesday to a term of imprisonment of one to three years in Marquette prison.

Serious Fire in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 14.—Fire Wednesday night destroyed the plant of the Baltimore Badge and Novelty Company and ruined the stock of William Lehman & Co., wholesale jeweler. The total loss was about \$150,000.

THE MARKETS.

Grain and Provisions.

St. Louis—Flour—Patents, \$1.34 1/2; other grades, \$1.20. Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.02 1/2; No. 2 mixed, \$1.00. Corn—No. 2, 38c. Hays—Timothy, \$3.00; clover, \$2.00. Pork—New mess, \$12.50. Bacon—Clear rib, 17c. Butter—Creamery, 20c. Eggs—Fresh, 21c. Wool—Tup, 40c. Lard—Choice, 11c. Mutton—Washed, 20c. Missouri and Illinois combing, 21c. Other grades, 18c. Indiana—Wheat—No. 2, red, 91c; No. 3 red, 88c. Corn—No. 2, white, 43c; No. 2 yellow, 41c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 35c. Hay—Timothy, \$10.25. Chicago—Wheat—January, 83c; May, 81c. Corn—January, 41c; May, 39c. July, 37c. September, 35c. Pork—January, \$13.00; May, \$12.50; July, \$12.00; September, \$11.50. Lard—January, \$6.75; May, \$6.50; July, \$6.25; September, \$6.00.

Live Stock Markets.

St. Louis—Cattle—Fancy exports, \$5.00; butchers, \$4.75. Hogs—Good to prime heavy, \$4.00; medium and mixed, \$3.75. Sheep—Good to choice, \$3.25. Indiana—Cattle—Good to prime heavy, \$4.00; medium and mixed, \$3.75. Hogs—Good to choice heavy, \$4.00; medium and mixed, \$3.75. Sheep—Good to choice, \$3.25. Kansas City—Cattle—Good to prime heavy, \$4.00; medium and mixed, \$3.75. Hogs—Good to choice heavy, \$4.00; medium and mixed, \$3.75. Sheep—Good to choice, \$3.25.

Cotton.

Quotations for middling range as follows: New York, 15 1/2; New Orleans, 15 1/2; Memphis, 15 1/2.

Financial.

New York, Jan. 14.—Closing money on call easy, 1 1/2. Closing gold on call 1 1/2. Time loans easy, 4 1/2. Prime mercantile paper 5. Sterling exchange steady at advance with actual business in bankers' bill at 45.60 for demand, and at 45.30 for 30 days. Government bonds easier; railroad bonds irregular.

Cremono advertisement featuring a large illustration of a cigarette pack and the text: 'A cigar that is always the same in quality and price, 5 cents. Largest Seller in the World. The Band is the Smoker's Protection.'

Going to California? advertisement for the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad Company, including details about routes, fares, and services.

Uneeded Biscuit advertisement featuring an illustration of a man and a dog, with the text: 'Said Wit to Wisdom—A full stomach makes a light heart. Said Wisdom to Wit—Uneeded Biscuit. Always good and ever growing better.'