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SENATOR PEPPER, of Kansas, is evi-
dently not such a fool as he has been
represented. He says the Coxey move-
ment is foolish and childish.THE great public is vitally interested
in the solution of the problem. Is this
weather we have been enduring really
the Harrison or the Cleveland article?It is said that the President is in a bad
humor, as the result of a bad attack of
gout, but it is certain that his severest
trouble is an aggravated attack of a bad
cough.A MAN named Ronon Czerwinski is a
candidate for one of the chief offices in
Milwaukee at the spring election. He
is making his campaign on the issue as
to whether or not Poland shall be free.It costs the government over four
hundred dollars to fire each shot from
the new thirteen-inch guns of the navy.
It would cost more than this to fire the
boobiers out of the Senate, but money
could not be better spent.From the frequency with which Boss
McKane's former associates are being
sentenced to the penitentiary for crimes
against the ballot box, it seems possible
that at the next election at Gravesend
the honest people will have some show.THE old saying that "there's no fool
like an old fool" should be altered to
read, "There's no fool like a Kentucky
fool." A Clark county Kentuckian has
named a new girl baby for Madeline
Pollard, the plaintiff in the nasty case
now disgusting the public.TALK of the Midway Plaisance? When
Coxey, the Ohio crank, and his army
reaches Washington, with the present
congress in session and the Pollard
Breckenridge trial in progress, the
World's Fair aggregation of curiosities
will utterly lose its prestige.DELAWARE cannot enjoy a monopoly
on the ruination of the peach crop this
year. The severe weather of the past
week has so damaged the fruit crop of
the entire country that only those who
enjoy millionaire's incomes can afford
the luxury of fruit the coming season.THE correspondence of Secretary Her-
bert and the President regarding the
defective armor plates produced by the
Carnegie mills, as submitted to Con-
gress, develops one thing very plain-
ly, that Mr. Carnegie received \$260,000
for his endorsement of the Wilson bill.THE Chicago ministerial association
has decided, in its fight against sin and
the devil, that hereafter no religious
announcements will be made in the
Sunday newspapers. While there is no
reason to believe that this will strengthen
the association in its fight, it pleased its
members and doesn't hurt the news-
papers.ABOUT the most visionary member of
Congress, not excepting Jerry Simpson,
is a man named Boen from Minnesota,
who has introduced a bill to reduce the
salaries of all government officials and
employees. Congressmen are asked to
reduce their salaries 33 1/3 per cent. The
man who would expect the average Con-
gressman to vote to reduce his own
salary is a fit subject for a commission
in lunacy.ABOUT the costliest thing of the past
cool week is the letter addressed to
Coxey, the Ohio crank, by Senator
Stewart, in which he advises Coxey to
cure the evils he inveighs against by a
resort to ballots, not bullets. If the ballot
had been properly resorted to in the
pocket borough from which Stewart
hails he would never have had the dis-
tinction, if such it can be called, of repre-
senting his state in that body of which
it has been said that it can't pass any-
thing but the time.THE present Mrs. Breckenridge occu-
pies a position that is not altogether en-
viable, but she will no doubt thank the
women of the League for the Promotion
of Social Purity for the interest they
take in her affairs, when they announce
that they are going to ask her to re-
nounce her husband. They say that "if
she has a spark of womanhood in her
she will do it." The chances are, how-
ever, that if she has a spark of woman-
hood in her she will tell them to attend
to their own business.ARE we getting to be a nation of short
story writers? Several months ago an
Eastern literary syndicate offered prizes
aggregating one thousand dollars for the
best short stories submitted, the prizes
being five in number. So many thou-
sand manuscripts were submitted that it
required four months to go through them,
even with the most persistent
work, and give each the care demanded.
The stories were limited to three thou-
sand words, and the first prize was fixed
at five hundred dollars, thus giving to

the successful contestant an average of
over sixteen cents a word for his work.
This is six cents a word more than Mr.
Howells is said to receive for his most
trifling work, and notwithstanding this
the prizes were won by unknown
writers in the main, the majority of
them having never been heard of before.
Possibly writers of any standing in the
literary world do not have to submit
their work in competition to receive
their just reward, but it does seem that
if we are not actually becoming a nation
of short story writers this prize would
have gone to some other than an un-
known.

THE Virginia gentleman, Mr. Hoge,
who was appointed consul to Amoy,
China, under the present administration,
and became a national character
because of his recall on account of a
monumental drunk he indulged in
while on the way to his post of duty,
has changed his politics in consequence,
and is now a Republican. Many men of
greater prominence than Mr. Hoge have
changed their politics for much the
same reason, but it cannot be said that
any party is weakened by such defe-
ctions, or its opponents strengthened by
such acquisitions.

If General Lew Wallace has lost in
reputation elsewhere as much as he has
here by his recent sayings he is a heavy
loser indeed. The general has destroyed
more of his own fame as an author than
of Dickens or Thackeray. It is surprising
how many persons there are who
now frankly confess they did not really
enjoy Ben Hur, but read it because it
was the proper thing to do. General
Wallace has been very fortunate in his
newspaper made reputation. He has
been a picturesque figure before the
public ever since he knelt in the state
house yard at Indianapolis and swore
the Eleventh regiment to be more heroic
than any other regiment going to war
for the union, and all this picturesqueness
has been a good advertisement for
his books.

THE President by his veto of the
seigniorage bill has made it evident that he
is not bound by party ties in his views
regarding financial legislation. It re-
quired two columns of solid nonpareil
for him to explain why he vetoed it, but his
message is singularly free from the
scoldings and assumptions of superior
wisdom that have heretofore been prominent
in his official communications to
Congress. His veto has not proved
altogether satisfactory to the Demo-
cratic newspapers, while he has been
applauded by the Republican press for
having the courage to carry out views
maintained by the foremost of his political
opponents. There can be no question
but that his veto has almost ins-
ured the passage of a free coinage
bill, while it has aroused the opposition
of his adherents in congress and
has imperilled the passage of the tariff
measure to which he stands committed,
or at least postponed final action thereon
indefinitely. The veto of this bill is not
the carrying out of the virtual promise
of Secretary Carlisle that no further
silver legislation would be enacted by
the present congress, and it meets the
universal approval of the business world.

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and their religion separate, and it is per-
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