

WHY THEY DID IT.

The New York Senators State their Reasons for Resigning.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 16. The following is the letter of resignation of Senators Conkling and Platt.

WASHINGTON, May 14, 1881. SIR—Transmitting as we do our resignations respectively of the great trusts...

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LETTER FROM DIXIE.

Miss Francis E. Willard, President of the National Temperance Union, Gives a Northern Journal an Account of her Lecturing Tour in the South.

DEAR INDEPENDENT.—It is now about two months since I had the good fortune to begin a Southern trip, ordained by our National Union, at its annual meeting in Boston.

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THE NEGRO REPUBLIC.

Some Plain and Startling Statements About Affairs in Liberia.

Mr. George R. Stetson of Boston, has written a queer chapter about the Republic of Liberia, on the West coast of Africa.

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News and Gossip.

Crop prospects over the whole of Texas are reported most promising.

The prospect is good for harvesting the largest crop of oats ever produced in Chester county.

Arkansas is crowded with men buying up the timber lands. Thousands of acres are sold weekly.

The increase in cotton in Kershaw county is said to be the largest ever known to have been planted.

The wool trade in Corpus Christi, Texas, in twenty-three years has grown from 5,000 to 700,000 pounds.

The Tennessee has taken steps for the improvement of the public roads, under the new law.

The negroes of west Tennessee have again taken the Kansas fever, and are leaving by the hundreds almost daily.

The Petersburg (Va.) Butter-dish factory gives employment to forty-one hands and turns out 25,000 dishes every day.

The end of the Texas and Pacific railway track has been pushed over thirty miles to the westward of the Colorado river.

A Delaware editor, who is also a physician, offers as an inducement to new subscribers to vaccinate every one who will take his paper.

There are 40,000 orange trees in Putnam county, Florida, and about 40,000 are now bearing, the product from which last season was 6,500,000.

The new czar leads a very simple life. He rises early and breakfasts with his family, and then puts on his boiler-iron overcoat and takes a walk in the back yard.

Scene at the White House: Enter messenger knocking his assigned I see a second messenger. "Platt has resigned," President Garfield—"Well, I am resigned."

An agricultural paper advises farmers to "never milk the cow in eating." But it is while the cow is drinking, evidently, that the city milkman generally does his milking.

Redmond, who is confined in the Asheville (N. C.) jail, is still suffering very much from his wounds. Three batman county physicians could not extract the still troubling bullet.

It is said that if red oak bark is kept in the chicken trough at all times it is a sure cure for chicken cholera. As the disease is very prevalent at present its efficacy can be easily tested.

It is reported that three of the subscribers to the Grant testimonial fund, namely, Mr. Thomas Barbour, Mr. John Hoey and Mr. E. S. Sanford, have just declined to pay up and that the fund is thus \$15,000 short of the promised \$200,000.

After the evidence was in a Galveston Judge asked the accused, who was charged with stealing a watch, if he had anything more to offer. "I did have an old watch to offer you, Judge, but my lawyer borrowed it and hasn't brought it back yet."

A gentleman recently provoked a one-armed organ grinder by asking him if he was a survivor of the late war. "Why, you fool," exclaimed the irate musician, "don't you see that I am survived? Do I act as though I was killed in the war?"

If any person will invent a machine for imploring a California jury that will return a verdict of murder in the first degree where the victim is worth \$100,000 we will guarantee that the inventor is likely to go down to posterity without ever seeing the machine put to a test.

Recently a number of Italian workmen were repairing a pier near the Manhattan Beach Hotel, when a few drops of rain fell, attended with a single flash of lightning. The men at the time were walking along with their shovels over their shoulders. At the flash the last one in the line fell dead, and the one in advance shrieked with fear and rolled over. The man who fell was struck and stunned, but not seriously hurt.

Judge Robertson is a man above the medium size, with a full head of grayish-white hair, and a large tuft of goatee upon his chin. He has bluish eyes, regular features, and is a man of considerable, attentive, respectful and remarkable power of thinking on his feet. He does not carry a soul crammed with hostilities. The great mass of questions that he asks are not asked in a hostile way, and he never takes any pleasure in deciding as they present themselves to his reason.

Stammering, according to M. A. Chervin, generally originates in a sudden nervous shock which the victim of the affection has received in childhood; sometimes it is a habit which has been acquired by the practice of imitating other persons who stammer, or by constant association with stammering members of the family. Professor Chervin resorts to singing, or the use of the cadence for preventing stammering, and has been very successful. Whipping has sometimes been resorted to.