

the Federation of Labor in Washington on Tuesday night, for the purpose of interchanging views on the labor question. Most waited at the hotel to be sent for, but a stormy debate occurred in the Federation, starting from the book-binders' Union, some expressing fears that questions of dynamite and violence would be brought up should such meeting take place. The discussion ended in disruption, caused by outspoken expressions of "Know-nothingism," the Federation being about equally divided between native born and foreign-born.

At the London Assizes, Mr. McDougal, the Crown counsel, said he had had before him certain depositions in the case against James F. and J. A. Mahon, but, owing to the state in which he found the case, he did not propose at present allowing it to go before the grand jury. He would, therefore, ask His Lordship to allow the defendants to go out on their own recognizances. The application was granted.

How a Monkey Blushes.

Mr. Darwin remarks the fact noticed by Mr. Sutton, that the face of the *Macaca rhesus* when much enraged, grows red. Mr. Darwin himself saw the face of this monkey redden when attacked by another monkey, and he also adds that the "seat-pads" also seemed to redden under the influence of anger, although he could not "positively assert that this was the case."

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Summary of Foreign, Domestic and War News—General, Army and Political. DOMESTIC. The streets of Montreal were covered with snow about three inches deep one day last week.

ALL SORTS.

Financiering vowels—I. O. U. A freeze show—Ice cream. Out on a fly—The insect's wings.

THE NEWER ARITHMETIC.

A woman placed four pounds of cold meat and eight slices of bread before a tramp. At the end of twenty minutes how much was left? A young man, by swearing off on cigars, tobacco, and beer, saved thirty cents per day for six months. How many frog suppers would this give him at \$8 per supper?

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

Never let your zeal outrun your charity. Whoever has a contented mind has always riches. Ungratefulness is the very poison of mankind.

ROYAL TRAPPEES.

The magnificent mantle which the Czarina will wear at the coming coronation is made of cloth of gold, bordered with arched bands embroidered in silk and gems. The crown placed on her head will be the one used at the coronation of the Empress Catherine II. and Elizabeth.

A FEW DON'TS.

Don't be cross as a bear. Don't drive the domestic mail. Don't cry when you break things.

At the trial of Daniel Curly, charged with participating in the murder of Lord F. Cavendish and Mr. Burke, the judge's charge was strongly against the reliability of the evidence to prove the *alibi*. The judge said there could not be the slightest doubt that the murders were perpetrated at the instigation of the secret societies with which the prisoner was indisputably connected.

THE DIAMOND KATTLESNAKE.

Of all the snake varieties of which we have yet any knowledge the diamond snake, as it is called, seems to be the most deadly. It grows to a length of 6 feet or 7 feet, and is somewhat thicker than a man's wrist.