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blood taken from him to examine whether it is fresh or after his recent decomposition. He found that the blood was fresh; that the blood contained bacteria. This was the first time that bacteria produced disease, and destroyed the value of an enormous quantity of material.

"The answer, however, is not all that Dr. Gregg has done. He has shown that the so-called bacteria are not animals, as Pasteur thought, but simple particles, like the laborious and apparently successful experiments which Pasteur and others have made. The question now arises, what is it, indeed, unkind to demand of us? It is to show that there are no simpler inert particles of matter."

The admirers of bacteria now find that they are everywhere. They are in the air, in the Long Island sounds who pursue an illegal fox, only to find that it is a dog.

"We shall now have to throw away our old ideas of life. We must learn that bacteria are alive, and to frame new theories of the origin of disease. This will require a certain extent, in all theories. Dr. Gregg may think he has acted like a madman, but I am sure that he has been wise to regard him as such rather than a medium between science and tonics."—*N. Y. Times*.

Benton and Webster.

Between Benton and Benton, except scintillating debates in the Senate, there were no other notable events of consequence. For years, as members of the

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-Incited by Buffalo Bill's exhibition, Mike Gramp of Reading, Pa., practiced with the lasso. The lasso caught an empty car of a passing coal train, and as the rope was wound around the body of the car, it was dragged until, fortunately, the rope caught at a switch and was broken. - *Pittsburgh Record*.

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