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THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

In New York yesterday Government bonds were quoted at 123 1/2 for 100; 119 1/2 for 4 1/2; sterling, 84 1/2 for 100; for 4 1/2; silver bars, 107 1/2.

Miner stocks are seeking very low levels in San Francisco. There are only five stocks on the one-fifth market that are now quoted with a dollar mark.

The Cattlemen's Convention meets in St. Louis next Monday.

Thomas Beveridge, the celebrated brewer of Newburgh, N. Y., is dead.

A 14-year-old boy in Armstrong court, Pa., placed his younger sister on a red-hot stove, fatally burning her.

Omaly Phillips, of the Pittsburg Dispatch, died suddenly in that city yesterday.

Diphtheria is epidemic in Montreal, and typhoid fever prevails.

The crofters of the Isle of Skye have resolved to offer no resistance to the police.

The value of domestic breadstuffs exported from the United States in October is stated at \$1,341,112.

The Washington monument yesterday reached a height of 320 feet 10 inches, being the highest structure in the world.

Springbok won the Shrewsbury Cup yesterday at the Shrewsbury (Eng.) November meeting.

Peter Petersen cut his throat in Valparaiso yesterday night.

One hundred and sixty-four Moriamos landed in New York yesterday.

Rain fell lightly in some localities of the State yesterday.

Near Menlo Park, yesterday, a painter fell a distance of 70 feet, and was not killed.

Forty-three deaths from cholera occurred in Paris yesterday.

Dr. Danks McKenzie, the noted temperance revivalist, died in Salt Lake yesterday.

The members of the Bar of the United States Circuit Court at Portland, Ore., rose to receive the Judge into Court.

Work on the Canadian Pacific railway is being pushed with great vigor at both ends of the line.

John Williamson, an old resident, was found drowned at Napa yesterday.

Thomas Smith attempted to "shuffte off" at Napa yesterday by selling his horse.

The annual session of the National Grange began yesterday in Nashville, Tenn.

Rumors have again reached Cairo of the capture of Khartoum and the massacre of General Gordon.

The result of the Presidential election is as much a matter of doubt as ever, the whole question resting upon the vote of New York.

PREPARING FOR LEGISLATION.

We will take it as an axiom that the best legislation there is, beyond the line of absolute necessity, the better for the people.

Herbert Spencer, in a recent essay, declares that we measure the responsibilities of legislators for mischief they may do, in a far more lenient fashion than we do the mistake of the druggist's assistant who prescribes for the colic, when the ailment is inflammation of the cereum, and so kills the patient.

"It is held that common experience should have taught the druggist's assistant, untrained as he is, not to interfere; but it is not held that common experience should teach the legislator not to interfere till he has trained himself."

There can be no question that immense evils result from wrong legislative treatment. It is undeniable that we legislate too much.

The average legislator, to be inspired with the idea that he is bound to introduce bills on every conceivable subject concerning which there is some friction.

Legislation is looked upon as the great cure-all, when in fact much legislation is the great mischief-maker.

We applaud the modest report of an up-country Assemblyman to his constituency: "I introduced one bill, but I voted against four hundred and twenty-one."

That man had some conception of the responsibility of his office.

It is true, as Spencer declares, that the mischief wrought by untrained lawmaking are enormous in amount, and conspicuous to all who do but glance over its history.

From the varying enactments regarding usury laws, the decrease of poverty, the lessening of labor, the regulating of private concerns, the exacting demands, to the middle demand of the Socialists and the ultra-democratic efforts of the Communists, the history of the world teems with proofs that the labors of untrained legislators "have continually increased human suffering in the endeavor to mitigate it."

We may not now further confine this politico-philosophical strain, for we have no hope that any speedy reform is to be accomplished, such as selecting for our legislative bodies with the same care we exercise in choosing agents to conduct our private business. But there is, even under the present bad and faulty system of legislation, opportunity to introduce some reforms.

A marked advance step would be to shorten legislative sessions. There would be no real economy in accomplishing this if we did not secure, as a result, better legislation. A brief session would be profitable this winter if it were the fruit of hasty and ill-considered "Acts." We realize fully the importance of deliberation, and of committee law, precisely as we appreciate, at their true low value, the debates from the floor of the houses. Real legislation is done, not in open session, but in quiet councils and the chambers of committees.

Now suppose the chief State Central Committee of the dominant party, and which party is to be held to strict responsibility for the legislation of 1885, should call together from prominent citizens, from among legislators if possible, a lawyer or two, an eminent agriculturist or two, two or more representative mechanics, two or more representative business men, and request them to consider what legislation is actually needed for the welfare of the people, and to prepare, in rough at least, measures to be submitted to the houses. These would go to the press, be discussed throughout the State for a month, and when the legislator meets he will be very fully informed upon the chief topics to come before it, and very well instructed regarding the opinions of the people. It would be possible for the matters so discussed to be taken hold of with vigor and promptness, and the session wound up satisfactorily in thirty days.

Appealing to purely selfish motives, it needs no elaboration to demonstrate to presumably sagacious managers of the party that they could not better set about to popularize their party than by securing a session, and by chocking off all superfluous bills. It would not be for the party if, with the opportunity now before it, it permits the houses to be flooded by seven or eight hundred bills, and really vital measures to be drowned in a torrent of rubbish. The Democracy put such a load upon its Assembly and Senate files as the

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last regular session that the weight proved a clog to its heels, and at the late election it fell into the ditch of the people's rebuke.

Let the Republican majority make no such blunder. Let it strive to legislate the least, and during the least number of days, and deserve the title of "the session of few hours and fewer bills." In truth there is very little need for legislation this winter.

Beyond the adjustment of laws under the amendments adopted on the 4th inst., the consideration of the irrigation problem, which is to be forced upon the houses, and examination of the department reports and such legislation as may be needed for the more effective work of the State officials, there are no important measures to be considered. If it is permitted, however, several hundred will be hatched out by ambitious members who mistake bill and speech making for legislative ability and deserving industry.

There is reason to believe that some day we shall witness a plane of excellence, on which a constitutional commission will prepare and constitute in advance the work to be suggested to the Legislature. In the absence of such a lawful body, it is within the power of voluntary effort to prove the usefulness of such a legislative aid.

Some years ago a Governor of California appointed a commission of eminent lawyers to prepare the bills necessary for the Legislature to pass in order to adjust the old system of laws to the New Constitution. That body had no legal existence. Yet its labors were of vast usefulness to the Legislature, and its suggestions were very largely adopted into the Code. Obviously such extrinsic aids to legislation are most likely to act in a judicial frame, to be uninflected politically, to be free from the pressure of personal ambition and the traps and snares of a vicious lobby.

It should be, and it is possible by some such means as those suggested, to get the leading measures before the people, and have them digested and prepared for the Legislature some considerable time prior to its assembling.

Whatever scheme is adopted with that end in view will conserve the best interests of the people. If the Republican managers have the political sagacity to map out legislation that is wise and will have the approval of the people, and to so digest it that it may be accomplished in a thirty days' session of the Legislature, it will vindicate the party to the party with hooks of steel.

One of the passengers pushed forward and grabbed Miss Cook and drew her away. Instantly the other passengers, who were all English, rushed to the rescue, and one of the others was knocked flat on the deck. An angry Irishman in the melee shouted imprecations at the elders, and threatened to lay down the law if they touched the girl again. The Mormons finally drew back and let a Brooklyn man lead the girl to a cabin. Miss Cook had about \$50 in English money.

Germany and the Turk. Yesterday, November 12th, J. H. Sanders, agent of the Chicago and North Western Railway, attended the International Exhibition at Hamburg, in the department of Agriculture, and the International Exhibition at Hamburg, in the department of Agriculture, and the International Exhibition at Hamburg, in the department of Agriculture.

Paris, November 12th.—The eighteenth hour ended at 6 o'clock, 43 deaths from cholera occurred in Paris.

Mexico, November 12th.—During the last twenty-four hours there have been 7 cases and 2 deaths from cholera here.

Toulon, November 12th.—Two deaths from cholera, and several fresh cases, were reported today, and several fresh cases, were reported today, and several fresh cases, were reported today.

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DOMESTIC NEWS.

Stocks opened well and advanced to 3 1/2 before the call, however, there was an advance of 1/8.

New York, November 12th.—One hundred and sixty-four Moriamos landed yesterday, being the last consignment this year. Most of them from the British Isles. Chief Elder Smith is rather discouraged at the poor crop.

One of the Mormons, a shy English girl named Cook, declined to accompany the Mormon to her cabin, and she was taken to the deck. She said: "I was led by curiosity to attend the Mormon missionary meeting. The golden rule that the Mormon preachers had told him she wanted me to come out and join her. Then he showed me a letter which he said had been written by her mother, and that she was in the paper on which something was written about bringing her daughter back with her."

New York, November 12th.—After 12 o'clock stocks weakened. Prices ran off 1/2. During the greater part of the afternoon, the market was very quiet.

The National Grange. The eighteenth annual session of the National Grange convened to-day in the Senate chamber of the State Capitol, J. W. Westing of Portland, Oregon, presiding.

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