

THE DIRECT TAX BILL AGAIN

The "direct tax" bill has at last gone to the President for approval. The Democratic party enjoys the unenviable distinction of having cast all the negative votes against the measure. The amount payable under the bill to California is \$254,538 67. The direct tax levied upon all the States by the Federal Government under the Act of 1861 was \$20,000,000. It was provided that if the tax was paid prior to June 30, 1862, or September 30, 1862, there should be allowed a rebate of 15 per cent. in the first instance, and 10 per cent. if the latter date was allowed. After that no rebate was to be availed of. In 1884, notwithstanding the limitations provided and that California did not respond within time, the Government remitted to this State in July, our full quota of the 15 per cent. amounting to \$38,180 80. The demand upon California under the direct tax levy was the sum first named, \$254,538 67. We paid of this \$63,839 31 in October, 1862, and in February, 1863, \$183,806 10, leaving due, \$7,993 26. In this delinquency the Government in January, 1863, accorded California with \$495 72 on account of the Modoc Indian war claims, leaving still due \$6,497 54. This, deducted from the \$38,180 80, left due to California \$31,682 26 on the rebate, which was paid as already stated. This allowance was granted to California notwithstanding she had forfeited her claim to it, because she assumed the costs and charges of collecting the tax, which was a direct lien upon the property of the people.

There is a curious bit of history connected with this rebate worth recalling. We collected of our people \$70,832 56 of the direct tax in gold prior to the last date of limitation but our State Treasurer converted the gold into greenbacks and tendered it to the United States Sub-Treasurer who refused to accept it in currency, and the contention that followed carried us past the last date of limitation. Our Treasurer claimed a 10 per cent. rebate because the collection was made before expiration of the limitation, deducted it and finally paid over to the United States \$63,839 31, and we thus became indebted to the United States \$7,993 26, because the Federal Government decline to recognize our system of book-keeping, holding that the money should have been actually paid over in the character of collector prior to the expiration of the limitation under which we were entitled to 10 per cent. off.

SAN FRANCISCO ELECTION FRAUDS

In the recent of the municipal election vote in San Francisco, now progressing before the Superior Court, remarkable discrepancies between the official and the recount have developed. It is amazing that in going over less than fifty precinct returns nearly three hundred miscounts should be found. The Court before which the proceeding is had has already declared that there is no explanation of the matter possible except upon the theory of premeditated and outrageous fraud. The Judge declares that it has already been proved to his satisfaction that election officers called off wrong names by the score purposely, and that the clerks who voted this made to credit candidates with votes they never received, and that were cast for their opponents. In two precincts O'Donnell, for Mayor, gained eighty votes in each, and in another seventy-five, by the recount, and in one other forty-one votes cast for him were not counted by the election officers at all. If in the large cities such monstrous frauds as these can be committed despite the watchfulness of the partisan inspectors who are permitted to watch the counting in the polling booths, the people have reason to doubt the possibility of securing under our present system, a fair opportunity to express their will at the polls. If we must resort to a recount to determine the true result of an election, may it not be better to have the ballots sent the ballot-boxes when the polls close and transfer them at once to the custody of the Courts for announcement of the result? The outcry in San Francisco is "prosecute the election officers." But it will not be done, and for an obvious reason—conviction could not be had. It would be impossible to convict a judge or inspector for fraudulent "calling off" of the tickets, unless it could be shown that both officer performed that duty. But the fact is that the Judges and Inspectors relieve each other from hour to hour, and there are alternates also to take their places when weary. Upon no one man, therefore, could guilt be fastened, while it is not possible without their consent, to try them jointly. If for no other reason than this, no prosecutions could be sustained. But there are others, and not least among them is the fact of the political backing the election boards have. The losses for whom they committed these outrages upon the most sacred right of the citizen will not permit them to be harmed.

There is one plain and simple means of securing an honest count of the people's ballot—a means so easily applied that the wonder is a stranger to the device, so that it is not adopted in our system, is that for election officers whose characters and independence are ample guaranty that they are not under any political thumb, cannot be "bossed," and are above the motives that actuate those who fraudulently make up returns. Such men can be had in plenty in any community. There is no difficulty in naming them in small towns and cities and in the country precincts, but in the great centers of population it would seem that men are chosen for these important trusts who are known to but a few, and for whose integrity and independence no vouching can be had. Of course their selection is a part of the system of modern bossism, and it will obtain as long as the traffickers in votes have "pull" upon the local legislatures of the

great cities. There is not a solitary election precinct in the city of San Francisco where two honest, unimpeachable and courageous men, in whom the people repose confidence, cannot be selected and secured to act as Judges of Election. To deny this is to lay a more grievous charge of depravity at the door of San Francisco than was preferred against the five cities of the State of Sardinia.

An American fishing vessel ran on Saturday into a Dominion port, unshipped all its catch, entered it at the Custom-house and reshipped it to Boston. The Dominion authorities made no objection to the proceeding, and it is therefore assumed that the English yield the main point at issue in the fisheries dispute. This may be hasty judgment. While the act referred to and the quietest attitude of the Dominion authorities give color to the theory stated, yet it is possible that nothing was done because the local Government is advised from "home" to make no issues until the new Administration is installed in the United States, when negotiations may be renewed for a settlement of the fisheries dispute. Thus, while it may be that the English Government is simply waiting for an opportunity in authority in the United States and consenting to such action as the Captain took to avoid complications with the present Administration, yet it is fair to take the quietude of the Halifax officials as evidence of the final and complete abandonment of the main claim the Dominion Government has made in the settlement of the fisheries question. For if the English for three months to come yield their claim, they make precedents that it will be very difficult to explain. On the other hand if they are resolved to abandon the point for which they have held out so long, why should not the fact be directly and frankly communicated? Why indeed should the authorities by indirection do that which they can more speedily and satisfactorily accomplish in another way?

The result of the Boston school election may be taken as a protest against church interference with the common schools. It is not clear that there was a direct interference, however, in the Boston case that could be made a cause of grievance against church authorities. Technical constructions of text expression regarding the Inquiry appear to have been the cause of the entire difficulty. At most it was a bit of theological hair-splitting. Still far as it goes, it will be recorded as a verdict of a city, among the foremost for intelligence, against the introduction of religious issues into common school instruction. The Protestant objects to the action of school board in excluding a text-book held to be objectionable by Catholics, secured a victory. It should not lead to further contention however. Let the defenders of the school system be content to guard it from an encroachment that assails its non-sectarian character, but beyond that it is not wise to carry the contest. The schools and the churches must be kept widely separate and no sort of assault or any manner of incursion attempt to produce doctrinal matters into the school instruction must be tolerated. The schools belong to all the people, differing in religious faith and politics, and there must not be dragged into the system anything that will tend to warp instruction toward the tenets of any class of religionists. When the public school-house is entered by the teachers the church must remain outside.

The discovery in San Francisco of a school in which children have been trained to thievery ought not to surprise the people. There is not much difference between the juvenile thief's training-school under supervision of a receiver of stolen goods, such as in San Francisco, and the neglect of the State and municipalities to provide means to prevent neglected children from going to the bad. The spirit of evil is never negligent in improving opportunities. Finding society comparatively indifferent as to what becomes of the lads forced upon the streets, the evil-disposed feel at liberty to utilize these children for nefarious ends. Why then should the public be surprised? It has known for a century what was going on in that direction in every great city, and that the vicious influences are resisted in few places, and then mainly by philanthropic efforts. The most organized society has done in this State to prevent the making of criminals out of dependent and neglected children has been the establishment of an Industrial School that is a disgrace to civilization, and by all who have examined into its results is pronounced to be a criminal factory.

De Lessers has succeeded at last, and in spite of much opposition in placing the Panama loan. He is a wonderful old man, and though during many years often upon the verge of ruin, he has the good fortune to escape the ruinous disaster that befalls the highways of success. He will certainly not live to see the Panama Canal completed; it is certainly a scheme that has cost already twice the sum that should have been expended; but whatever its fate the name of De Lessers and its relation to the work will be so put on record in engineering history that it will not be effaced by time.

NEW STATES.

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Washington, December 13th. The Democratic caucus, which adjourned last Tuesday without action on the question of the Territories as reported by the committee of a compromise. This resolution, as modified, provides that the House Committee on Territories assemble at the Capitol for the Senate bill—a bill to enable the Territories of Dakota, Washington, Montana and New Mexico to become States, with a clause requiring the voters of Dakota to meet in general election next November and decide whether the Territory shall be divided into two States. If there be a majority in favor of division, two Conventions shall be held, one in Bismarck, as the Capital of North Dakota, and the other in Helena, as the Capital of South Dakota, to organize respective State Governments. If the vote is against division, a Convention shall be held in Bismarck, as the Capital of the State.

JUBILANT DAKOTANS.

They Are Rejoicing Over Harrison's Election—A Governor to the Governor. Governor Waterman has received the following, which is self-explanatory: HEADQUARTERS HARRISON AND MORTON CLUB, DEADWOOD, DAK., December 2, 1888. To Hon. E. W. Waterman, Sacramento, Cal.: Sir: Inclosed please find a slight token of our appreciation for your cordial and generous reception of the Republican party to the front again, which was manifested in your speech at Deadwood. Please acknowledge the receipt of this, and oblige your sincere friend,

F. W. HAMILTON, Secretary.

The following is printed neatly on a piece of white satin about the size of a piece of note paper: HEADQUARTERS HARRISON AND MORTON CLUB, DEADWOOD, DAKOTA. We send you by the "Deadwood Coach" this morning, with a letter of greeting and hearty congratulations, a small token of our appreciation for your cordial and generous reception of the Republican party to the front again, which was manifested in your speech at Deadwood. Please acknowledge the receipt of this, and oblige your sincere friend,

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Very Sensible "Japs." In Japan the old-school physicians are permitted to wear only wooden swords. This is a gently sarcastic way of expressing the opinion that they kill enough people without using weapons. But the drugstore introduced Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery into the Empire, carried a steel blade. It was found that all who tried this wonderful remedy for coughs, colds, consumptive tendencies, blood, skin and liver troubles, were, without exception, greatly benefited. The Mikado himself is said to have "toned up" his system by its use, and the Emperor was permitted to wear the exceptional honor of wearing the sword of nobility.

Points from San Diego. A correspondent writing to the San Francisco Bulletin says: "Governor Stanford is in San Diego, and he said to business and great things are expected. There is great railroad talk here. The Guyanara Railroad is said to be sold and will be part of another through line. The project of a railroad to Escondido in Lower California is again revived, and some surveys made. The talk is that work will be begun at once, but as the same thing has been reported often, it is not likely to be true. San's land to take any stock in the territory below the line and under the present Government."

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Sacramento Bank—Annual Meeting. THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE SACRAMENTO BANK AT ITS OFFICE, CORNER THIRD AND J STREETS, AT 10 O'CLOCK P. M., DECEMBER 17, 1888, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the coming year. ED. H. HAMILTON, Secretary. de-14

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Special Meeting of the Sacramento Hussars will be held at their Army THIS FRIDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock. Business of importance to be transacted. F. RUSTHALER, Captain. G. KRAMER, Secretary.

Special Meeting of Union Lodge, No. 58, F. and A. M. will be held THIS EVENING, at 7 o'clock. Members of sister lodges and surrounding Master Masons cordially invited. CORNELIUS KELLOGG, W. M. JOHN McARTHUR, Secretary.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of Sacramento. In the matter of the estate of LORINDA WASHBURN, deceased. Notice is hereby given that FRIDAY, the 26th day of December, 1888, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, and the Court-room of said Court, at the Court-house in the City of Sacramento, California, have been appointed as the time and place for proving the will of said LORINDA WASHBURN, deceased, and for hearing the application of W. WASHBURN, for the appointment of an executor for the issuance to them of letters testamentary thereon.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this 13th day of DECEMBER, 1888. ED. H. HAMILTON, Clerk. F. W. HAMILTON, Deputy Clerk. GUYE L. JOHNSON, Attorney for Petitioners. de-14

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HOUSEKEEPER WANTED—ONE WHO thoroughly understands all branches of housekeeping. Apply between 9 and 10 A. M., Thursday, December 14, 1888, at 1014 1/2 J street. de-14

WANTED—A ONE-HORSE TRIP WAGON or buckboard, in exchange for a good, covered, one-horse buggy. Address, D. O. T., 715 K street. de-14

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