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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1902.

It is yet too early to give any definite assurance as to the result of Captain Couch's illness, but it is opportune to state that his early recovery will be viewed with pleasure by every man who knew him intimately during the past thirty years.

THE POLICE FORCE ROW.

Yesterday ended the term of suspension of the four policemen over whose cases such a warm discussion was had at the mass-meeting exercises held one Sabbath afternoon recently.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

The bill providing for a department of commerce in the cabinet, if it becomes a law, will take away from the treasury department a great number of duties that can hardly be said to belong in the branch of government through which they are now operated.

Complaints have come in from several parts of the state criticising the assessors for not adopting radical tax measures at their recent meeting in Butte.

The Minnesota legislature will meet in a few days to pass a special assessment law. Judging from the provisions of the bill which is now considered the best measure proposed, the legislators would better adjourn as soon as the gavel falls, and let taxation matters go on as they are.

Bryan naively remarks in his last issue of the Commoner: "Both writing and speaking furnish such a desirable occupation that one does not see the loss of a little thing like the presidency." It would indeed be a sore affliction for the Nebraska colonel to be compelled to keep silent long enough to perform the duties of a presidential term.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

About the silliest scheme brought to public notice during recent years is the movement for a general overhauling of the United States constitution. Ostensibly it is a project to secure the election of senators by a direct vote of the people, but in reality it amounts to a plan for shaking up the entire foundation of the government.

There is a great difference of opinion prevailing among the American people regarding the management of the war in the Philippines, but the percentage of people ready to endorse the democratic policy of vilification and obstruction is infinitesimal.

The house committee on ways and means of congress will start the next year with \$174,000,000 cash on hand. This sum will all be needed if national irrigation, the isthmian canal and the usual large appropriation bills go through.

Today a case will be tried in the police court on a charge of alleged violation of the anti-expectoration ordinance. Heretofore the ordinance has remained a dead letter. It should either be enforced or taken off the ordinance books.

There are six or seven good routes across the isthmus of Darien over which canals may be constructed, and owing to the multiplicity of plans the whole project is at sixes and sevens.

Today the convention of Montana woolgrowers meets in Helena. It will be a gathering at which an interest will be represented that is slowly but surely superseding in importance all other branches of stock industry.

Splitting Hairs. A Dr. Knopf says consumption is not contagious, but it is communicable. In short, it gets there all the same.

Gathered It Fast. If Neely had only been given a little more time, he might have annexed Cuba without troubling the rest of us in the least.

A Harvest in Tolls. Can there be anything in the nature of a secret understanding between Miss Stone's captors and the ocean cable companies.

A Swift State. There is a man in Canton, Ohio, who can smoke through his left ear. It is simply impossible to keep the Ohio man from getting to the front.

Slightly Cracked. Somebody asks "Have the Filipinos any liberty bell?" We think not, perhaps, but they can be safely represented in the crack that appears in the old bell.

Where Marconi Failed. Poor Marconi. Though able to bridge an ocean with his wireless telegraphy, he has not been able successfully to span the short distance to a fickle woman's heart.

IMPORTANCE OF IRRIGATION

[Minneapolis Journal.]

A brief examination of the statistics of public lands is sufficient to indicate the importance of the proposed plans for national irrigation.

The total area of the public land states and territories is 1,884,021,760 acres. Of this enormous total about 1,050,000,000, or considerably more than half, still belong to the national government, as reserved or unreserved public land—the latter classification including over 900,000,000 acres.

But, leaving out of consideration the 357,000,000 acres of Alaska, the greater part of these remaining lands are mountainous or arid. No one knows what proportion of these 500,000,000 acres—equal to ten times the total area of Minnesota—is so situated that it can ever be irrigated.

But it is well known that large areas of the so-called desert lands can be made more fruitful than the rain-belt lands if means are provided to bring to them the water that is available. Every acre of land thus redeemed is so much land added to the national domain, in effect.

As the land resources of the United States and their steady appropriation by settlers all through the 19th century were one of the chief sources of public prosperity, stimulating the increase of population and the demand for manufactures far beyond the demand of a settled community, it is the utmost importance that the opportunity for easily

obtaining homesteads be maintained as long as possible.

If only 100,000,000 acres of land can ultimately be redeemed by national irrigation the effect will be more than equivalent to the opening to settlement of a naturally watered area twice as large as Minnesota. The settlement and development of such a region means a large increase in population, an immense addition to national wealth and a very important contribution to the continuation of that abounding, throbbing prosperity to which Americans have become accustomed.

A Recommendation.

[Chicago Tribune.]

Our plain duty to Cuba is to plane down the duty.

Like Her a Long Way Off.

[Atlanta Constitution.]

Joe Chamberlain's declaration that England should maintain her "splendid isolation" is a proposition that will be cordially seconded, we believe, by all the other nations on the map.

They Do the Fighting.

[Springfield Republican.]

The South African war has now reached that hot and uncomfortable stage where everybody is accusing everybody else of "prolonging" it. Only no one seems to think of mentioning the Boers in this connection.

PERSONAL.

The bye election at Victoria, B. C., for the seat made vacant in the Canadian house of commons by the retirement of Colonel Prior, resulted in a victory for George Riley, liberal, by 21 majority over Frank S. Barnard, conservative. Riley is the first liberal sent to Ottawa by Victoria.

Former Congressman Charles E. Pearce of St. Louis is suffering in that city from a serious attack of pulmonary trouble as the result of a cold caught several days ago. His brother, D. C. Pearce of Boston is with him.

The municipality of Dundee has decided to confer the freedom of the city on Andrew Carnegie.

Vice Admiral Sir Harry H. Rawson, who was commander of the British Channel squadron from 1898 to 1901, has been appointed governor of New South Wales. This is the first time in history that the government has appointed an admiral to a colonial governorship, which has long been a sore point with the navy.

Mr. Cortelyou, the president's secretary, said yesterday: "The statement that any man has been offered the governorship of Hawaii is without any foundation whatever. The president has long been considering the Hawaiian situation and is still considering it, but he has reached no conclusion as to whether he will retain the present officials or as to whom he will appoint if any change is made."

There is absolutely no foundation for the report, circulated by a Vienna newspaper, that Count Goluchowski, the Austria-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, will be asked to resign because he watched the heavy gambling at the Vienna Jockey club, December 21, last, when \$500,000 changed hands at one sitting and did not attempt to stop the playing, which was illegal. The report concerning the foreign minister was started by his political opponents.

A Contagion Easily Avoided.

[Philadelphia Times.]

Catching contagion from unclean bank notes is again exploited in the newspapers, but as usual the great majority do not bother about the contagion so that they are able to catch the notes.

Ancient History.

[New York Telegram.]

Marc Anthony Freedman's oration over the political remains of Caesar Croker fell a bit flat. The ancient Marc went into the market place to speak his piece, but Mr. Freedman did his little stunt in a party limited to the mourners.

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BUTE CURRENT NOTES

J. Woolman is over from Helena. Orton Bros.—Pianos and organs. L. H. Mickel is over from the capital. H. C. Cutler is over from Whitehall. W. E. Wise of Helena is at the Finlen.

W. A. Grow of Hamilton is in Butte today.

O. W. Powers of Salt Lake is in Butte today.

Grand Assemble tonight. Columbia hall.

R. J. Johannes is over from the capital today.

George Farrell of Missoula is in the city today.

W. P. Gwinn was over from Anaconda yesterday.

E. O. Silway of Dillon is staying at the Thornton.

J. G. Bates, tuner, Montana Music Co., 119 N. Main st. Tel. 504.

Judge Blake of Helena was in the city yesterday.

Miss K. J. Weber of Boulder is staying at the Finlen.

When you want something to read, go to the P. O. News Stand, 57 W. Park.

Emil Kluge, Jr., of Hamilton is a recent arrival in Butte.

George T. Hickox of Salt Lake is staying at the Butte.

George G. Marsten of Park City, Utah, is in Butte today.

Dr. Hansen, surgeon and specialist, Silver Bow block, X-ray examinations.

William Bowen came over from Anaconda last evening.

Dr. O. Y. Warren of Warm Springs is in the city today.

Duncan Taylor of St. Anthony, Idaho, is in the city today.

James Jeffrey of Bonita came in from the West last night.

W. A. Titcomb of Salt Lake is registered at the Thornton.

J. W. Morris of Whitehall is among the late arrivals in the city.

J. B. Reynolds of Denver is making a business visit in Butte.

D. A. Murphy of Bozeman came in on last night's train from the East.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal A. Frank of San Francisco are staying at the Thornton.

Theo E. Smith of Park City, Utah, is among the late arrivals from the South.

E. S. Becker of Forsyth was one of the arrivals on last night's train from the East.

J. W. Pace, editor of the Montana Stockman and Farmer of Helena, is in the city today.

Forty grand prizes at the Sons of Herman masquerade, February 5, at the Auditorium.

County Attorney Breen has prepared an information charging J. E. Richards with burglary.

California Cafe, reopened. New management, everything first class. Jackson & Priesz, Proprietors.

The city board of health will meet this evening for the purpose of discussing the purchase of a new incinerator.

Sherman, the undertaker, has moved his undertaking business to his new and commodious quarters on East Broadway.

The Cyanide Reduction company filed articles of incorporation yesterday. The incorporators are J. R. Bapty, G. B. Jacobs, A. Y. Harbaugh and E. A. Spriggs. The concern is capitalized at \$60,000.

In accordance with instructions from the state superintendent of public instruction County Treasurer Maher has created a fund for school library purposes. The fund of the Butte district contains \$2200.

County Physician Donnelly made his first monthly report yesterday. During the month of January 14 persons were admitted and six discharged from the county hospital. There was one death. Auditor Crossman says the institution is in a most satisfactory condition.

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PORTO RICAN GOVERNMENT

[Baltimore News.]

According to former Gov. Charles H. Allen of Porto Rico, there is almost unlimited opportunity for investment in that country, which has rapidly passed, under the chaperonage of the United States, from a condition of bankruptcy to comparative prosperity and prospective affluence.

Some of the information given by Mr. Allen in an address before the Anherst alumni is of peculiar interest at this time.

For 400 years a million subjects had lived there at the point of the Spanish bayonet. When the United States took charge the people were willing paupers. Within 18 months the country passed to self-support, with not a dollar of floating debt and with \$1,500,000 in the treasury subject to check.

Civil government in Porto Rico, says Mr. Allen, has not cost the United States a penny, and the island is worth \$100,000,000. Its output of sugar has increased from 30,000 tons a year to 100,000, the last crop was worth \$3,500,000, and it is possible to increase the output to a value of \$10,000,000. The coffee crop when the Americans took possession was 3000 tons, and it now 100,000, worth \$15,000,000 a year, and the same rate of increase has been brought about in tobacco.

In speaking of the first general election, Mr. Allen said that he refused to allow arms at the polls, and not the least trouble was experienced. One of the delegates elected to the legislature wore full evening dress when he presented himself to the governor, and there were other indications of an adoption of American customs.

In closing his address, Mr. Allen said: "In the 60 days they were in session they enacted 36 laws and two resolves, a speaking proof that they are capable of self-government. Not one of these laws will ever need repealing, though circumstances may require amendment. Today opportunities are very great for industrial work in Porto Rico, but it will never come without the industry and thrift that follow the Anglo-Saxon race wherever it goes. A happy day is dawning for Porto Rico under American sovereignty."

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