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THE TAX BILL The work of the tax commission is finished. The result is presented to the people of the state in the columns of this paper. The bill which will be submitted for adoption by the legislature, and the report of the commission, explanatory of its provisions, occupies eight pages of this paper.

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It is understood that the commission would have been favorable to the taxation of the output of iron mines on the tonnage basis if they had found a practicable way of doing it. Instead, they have provided that the property shall be assessed as other real property, but the valuation shall be supervised by the state board of taxation.

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Mr. Bigelow's information may or may not be accurate and the interpretation he puts on the facts may or may not be fair. But regarding the fact of a shuffling incident in the English club at Shanghai we have heard a very different account. Mr. Goodnow's self-control on that occasion, according to the account we have heard, won him the respect of the club members and made him persona grata.

THE CANAL BILL The Hepburn canal bill went through the house as smoothly as a ship glides down the ways into the water. Only two votes were recorded against it, those of our own Loren Fletcher and of a democratic congressman from Virginia, Mr. Rossiter.

Mr. Fletcher believes that, from the standpoint of true economy, the Panama is the better route, as at \$40,000,000 for the rights and property of the Panama company, and a moderate charge by the Colombian authorities for right of way, the cost will be from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 under that of the Nicaragua canal.

Mr. Morrison, a noted engineer and a member of the Isthmian canal commission, says that physically the Panama route is the better, and that the Panama canal can be constructed for \$50,000,000 less than the Nicaragua, and there would be a saving of two or three years in time of construction, the work by the Nicaragua route requiring at least ten years and probably thirteen or fourteen.

Economy, however, is not the controlling spirit as to this matter in the house. The supporters of the Hepburn bill are idiosyncrasy who have, for some time, without investigation, assumed that there can be but one route for the ship canal, and that the Nicaragua route. The Hepburn bill was drafted long before the Isthmian commission made their report. It is said that many congressmen have not even taken the trouble to read the text of the Isthmian commission's report and have fed their Nicaragua idiosyncrasy on squibs and cartoons, disparaging the Panama route, in the newspapers. The house has acted upon the Nicaragua impulse. The senate may possibly, through its dilatory rules, secure sufficient time for a full and rational discussion of the subject and take both routes into consideration.

Had the house considered the construction of a ship canal as a purely business undertaking and not a matter of sentiment, it would not have proceeded in Fourth of July barbecue style, to rush the bill through with a clangor of drums and the screaming of the American eagle. A republican senator who participated in a conference of senators just before the holidays on the canal question, said the other day:

"For my part, I would be ashamed of myself if I should allow anything but hard business to be done in my consideration of this great undertaking involving the expenditure of an enormous amount of money belonging to the people. I am not a Nicaragua man, I am not a Panama man. I am a senator of the United States, on whom the people rely for sound, sensible action touching this matter. I am not prepared to say at this moment which route is the better, but as a business man, they look to us to use business judgment in building it. And now that this report comes from Paris, that the Panama Canal company is willing to sell out at a reasonable price, I can see that the position we took the other day was wise. We have got to look into this Panama offer when it comes to us. If it turns out to be a fair proposition it is quite within the possibilities that the canal will go to Panama instead of to Nicaragua."

That is the sensible, business view of this important subject, but the house did not contemplate it in that way. The question of economy did not occur to them.

THE JOURNAL'S EXCLUSIVE ACCOUNT OF THE ACTION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA REFORM BOARD on the case of W. H. Tompkins, former superintendent of the reform school, and its outline of the charges against him, reveals a distressing moral incompetence for office. One of the hard problems that confront state boards is, how to watch and check superintendents of institutions, whose necessarily large powers give them such opportunities for evil.

FINANCIAL LEGISLATION Yesterday the Hill bill to maintain the standard silver dollar at parity with gold and for the increase of subsidiary silver coinage, was introduced in the house by the committee on coinage, weights and measures. The measure was introduced in the fifty-sixth congress but failed, as did the Overstreet and Levy bills which had the same object of remedying the omission of the act of March 14, 1900, which provided no way for the exchangeability of the standard silver dollar with gold.

This is a piece of necessary legislation to complete the former gold standard law, and if congress should certainly consider it as favorably upon this, if it is not disposed to adopt Mr. Hill's further proposition to coin subsidiary silver coin without regard to limit. The senate finance committee have, already, almost to a man, expressed aversion to taking up any financial legislation and will ignore the recommendations of Secretary Gage, especially his proposition to unify or federalize banking, so as to give the country a real convenient system instead of the large agglomeration of independent banks now operating without co-operation and mutual interest. Even if congress does nothing at this session, although its duty to complete the gold standard law as indicated is plain and unmistakable, it is gratifying to know that such substantial progress has been made in monetary reform that politicians who formerly were afraid to say the word "gold" in an audible way, now talk familiarly of it and even Bryan and Charles Towne admit that there is "gold enough to go round" and do not contemplate that metal with cold shivers any longer, and they are a few of the more interesting features of the bill which it will be interesting to discuss in greater detail as opportunity offers.

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USED THE DY'S NAME

Forged Petition to Secure Release of Montana Prisoner. PRESIDENT GAVE AN EARLY TIP Governor Toole Recalled It and the Plot Was Revealed—New York Signatures Forged.

Special to The Journal. Helena, Mont., Jan. 10.—A plot that sought to secure the release from the state prison of a convict named Livingston, sent from Silver Bow county in April, 1900, for five years for forgery, has failed. The crime that landed him behind the bars outside in an endeavor to induce Governor Toole to grant him a pardon. The names of several prominent New York people were forged to the petition presented to the governor.

Among the names signed to the petition were Theodore Roosevelt, Heidel & Eckelmeier, August Belmont, Hugh J. Grant, Thomas A. Edison, John H. Crimmins, Moore & Schley, Francis Gouger, C. H. Parkhurst, George S. Bidwell, Joseph R. Drexl, H. W. Bookstaver, H. L. Newcomb, Jerome W. Astor, James Witherspoon, D. C. Phinney, Casper Whitney, Lloyd Aspinwall, E. D. Morgan, Phillip Lay, Henry Stillman and E. Gold. Governor Toole's suspicions were aroused by reading a letter from President Roosevelt last June stating that he had learned of a clumsy attempt to forge his name to a petition for Livingston's pardon. This letter was filed away and when the petition for Livingston's pardon was received by the governor a few days ago he looked up the letter and decided to write to Dr. Parkhurst, August Belmont, Hugh Grant and others as to the genuineness of their signatures. All have denied signing the petition.

English papers speak of American "cabinet ministers." Who are these officials? When Dyspehsia heard that table telephones were to be introduced in busy men's restaurants it knew the long battle for complete control of the American was won.

HE HAD BEEN RATED AT \$250,000 Depositors of His Banks Will Be in Luck to Get 50 Cents on the Dollar.

Special to The Journal. Orange City, Iowa, Jan. 10.—A decided sensation was created here yesterday, when the commission appointed by the district court to make an inventory of the estate of the late Henry H. Hoppers, the prominent Hollander who died two months ago and was supposed to be worth \$250,000, filed a report which shows that the estate was not worth as much as the Hoppers of the two banks owned by Hoppers more than 50 cents on the dollar. The statement in detail follows:

Assets: Bills receivable \$8,855.00, Real estate 30,824.16, Sundry deposits 1,946.00, Overdrafts 7,081.89, Cash 6,372.90, Expense account 257.25. Total \$55,337.20. Liabilities: Time certificates \$113,890.30, Demand certificates 1,946.00, Bills payable 2,900.00, Balance of assets in estate 257.25. Total \$118,993.10.

THE TIMES LOOKS AT THE CITY COUNCIL AND DESPAIRS. Remember New York! The house, as advertised, passed the Nicaragua canal bill. But then, the house is no longer a deliberative body.

BETTER DAYS AHEAD FOR CHINA. The Dragon went back to Peking. He jumped the big to get in, in the foreign legation. It made a sensation. He'd grown so remarkably thin.

THE SOUND OF THE FESTIVAL GONG WAS HEARD FROM NEW CHANG TO HONGKONG, AND EMPRESS TSI AN. And murmured "O dragon, how long?" The poor little emperor, too, was feeling remarkably blue.

"A PERFECTLY GOOD CAT." A little Red Wing boy who is just getting into the ways of the net with many surprises in his short career but none more astonishing to him than one that occurred the other day. In wandering around with his sled in the woods, he observed a cat who lives, he found a dead cat that some one had thrown over the fence. He seized upon it at once and came dragging it into the house. To his astonished mother he remarked: "O, say, ma! Some body has throwed away a perfectly good cat."

ANCIENT HISTORY IN MINNEAPOLIS. E. H. Pierce in Grafton (N. D.) Record. An old-time printer called at this office the other day. He is a member of the association, but likes to drop into a printing office occasionally and smell of the ink, feel a thin space and clean his finger nails with the ear of a composing rule. He used to work in Bill King's printing office in Minneapolis, when Bill ran the Weekly Alligator Tooth, which paper gave Minneapolis a swift start in its youth. The Alligator Tooth was the only paper in town and at times its job office was very busy, and when the first state fair association was organized there was no rest. The secretary of the association walked in one day and in a loud hurried tone of voice ordered a four-color, three sheet poster. It was to be warmer than a three-square Indian blanket, full of wood type and facts. The secretary arranged his business so as to visit the print shop every hour to offer suggestions, translate manuscript, and read proof. To hurry up matters he brought a bottle with him, which he passed around among the printers with the cork out. This seemed to help for a while, but along in the afternoon, when the visits of the secretary got thicker the goings-on printer that office were very uneasy. One printer distributed small pieces into a newspaper case, another insisted on working horse type into a wedding card, but the star performance was an act by the foreman; he announced that he would do a few turns on the lathe and he grabbed the main shaft from a high stool and began to unlimber. Then the engineer began to say his piece; he didn't let the foreman say anything and he got him located to suit, started his engine up to full speed and the foreman was it until he let go; then he shot right out of the front window and ran down the street.

PASTOR LEADS A REFORM M. E. Congregation at Iowa Falls Will Be Hatless. Special to The Journal. Iowa Falls, Iowa, Jan. 10.—Rev. George B. Shoemaker, pastor of the First Methodist church, requested the hundreds of hats in his charge to be removed from the church. The majority of the congregation responded to the request and an example was set that, if followed, promises to be a hatless congregation in this city.

CLEVELAND BANK FAILS. Cleveland, O., Jan. 10.—The Euclid Avenue Trust and Savings company, which was to meet today to Attorney Frank H. Ginn. The latter's bond was fixed at \$50,000. The bank has been unable to realize upon its assets and has been unable to pay its obligations. It has been made up of recently. The directors state that no depositors and no customer of the bank will lose a dollar.

GOODNOW IS CRITICIZED

LECTURE OF POULNEY BIGELOW Speaker Said Goodnow Had Done Much to Lower the United States' Standing.

Without mentioning any names, Poulney Bigelow, in his lecture at the state university last night, sharply criticized John Goodnow, consul general at Shanghai, for the incident in the English club at Shanghai club, which resulted in Goodnow's being slapped in the face, and said that the sympathy of club members had been with his assailant. He also accused the Minneapolis man of compelling missionaries who had been married in the interior of China to make a long and tedious journey to Shanghai so that he might pocket the marriage fees. He thought that Goodnow had done much to lower the nation's standing in the Orient.

The subject of the lecture was "Problems of Colonization," and in it Mr. Bigelow spoke not only of the United States as a colonizing nation, but also of the experience of various European nations. Portugal, Spain, France and even Germany, he thought, had been failures in their attempts to colonize. He pointed out that Great Britain was to withdraw as far as practicable from the field and give other nations a chance. England had fully succeeded in her efforts to colonize, but by adopting the expedient of fitting her colonial policies to the character of the people she ought to have succeeded in a large measure. He pointed out that the various forms of government in the British colonies.

CLAN GORDON INSTALLATION Annual Open Meeting Held in Richmond Hall. Clan Gordon, No. 98, O. S. C., held its annual open meeting and installation of officers in Richmond hall last evening. The ceremonies were in charge of James Gray, royal deputy of St. Paul and the following officers were installed: Chief, James McDougall; chieftain, William Gilchrist; chaplain, John Robertson; recording secretary, John Emslie; financial secretary, David Pringle; treasurer, S. A. Ballentyne; physician, Dr. J. E. Dewar; senior warden, James McEwen; junior warden, James McEwen; seneschal, Alexander McEwen; warden, Peter Charlton; sentinel, William Irving. Musical numbers were given by the Clan Gordon Glee club under the direction of A. A. Rankin and by Peter Cochran and Del Smith and the evening closed with an informal dance.

WAR INEVITABLE Japan Sees a Struggle With Russia Ahead. K. Nosse of Tokio, Japan, was in the twin cities yesterday on his route for the east. Mr. Nosse is a close student of political conditions in his own country, and he said that the feeling in Japan against Russia is very strong. He said that the government, he says, is excessively jealous of the island kingdom, and daily the threatened struggle between the two nations draws near.

HARVARD "TANGLEFOOT" PRESIDENT ELIOT EXPLAINING Moral Influence Against Drinking of Greater Value Than Rigid Regulations. New York Sun Special Service. Boston, Jan. 10.—The following statement has been given out by the private secretary of President Eliot of Harvard University. The Harvard Union has been from the start and is still a total abstinence organization, so far as the use of all the general rooms is concerned. In the case of special rooms, which are rented or otherwise opened to outside organizations, the members of the club who are members of the Harvard Union, permissive action has been taken amounting simply to this: That the union will not interfere with the moderate use of light liquors in their rooms, provided they are brought there by the organizations. No liquors are allowed to be kept in the building, but on demand. As a matter of fact, this permission is rarely availed of by student organizations.

"PERSISTENT AND FLAGRANT" Surveyor General Charged With Violating Civil Service Law. New York Sun Special Service. Washington, Jan. 10.—Another federal official has placed himself under the ban of the civil service commission by what the commission characterizes as the "persistent and flagrant character of his violations of the civil service act." The offender is Joseph Perrault, surveyor general of the United States for the territory of Idaho. He will probably escape dismissal by the president, because his term expires to-morrow. Nevertheless, he will be subjected to a reprimand.

NEW TOWN IN THE HILLS Roubaix Is No More a Mere Mining Camp. Special to The Journal. Deadwood, S. D., Jan. 10.—Roubaix is the corporate name of a new town on the Burlington formerly called Perry. It is rapidly graduating from a small mining camp to a prosperous town. Over fifty new houses have been erected. The town is situated in the valley of Elk creek, which at that point is about half a mile wide, and is supported chiefly by the gravel. Lead mining company, which is operating the old Uncle Sam mine, purchased four years ago. The company has lately completed a new steel hoisting plant, and is running a very large shaft of the mill, which is soon to be enlarged. Three shifts of sixty men each are employed by the company.

POPULARIZING A CUBAN GAME. The buyer of the block fronting on Central Park West, between Fifty-second and Sixty-third streets, proves to be a syndicate of Havana sportsmen and capitalists, who propose to use it as a site for a building in which to give exhibitions of a Spanish game similar to handball. The syndicate is headed by R. Gabis, a prominent merchant of Havana. The game, called ja-lal or pelota, has proved popular with American officers stationed in Cuba, and this fact, in connection with the financial success of a special building for exhibitions of the sport erected in Havana about a year ago, has suggested the syndicate's plan. The building will cover a plot of fourteen to seventeen lots.

TOO MUCH COPPER IN SIGHT. A cable dispatch, published by the New York News Bureau to-day, said that the interests connected with the Rio Tinto Mining Co. in Cuba, and this fact, in connection with the financial success of a special building for exhibitions of the sport erected in Havana about a year ago, has suggested the syndicate's plan. The building will cover a plot of fourteen to seventeen lots.

FOYER CHAT. Walker Whitehead will be seen at the Metropolitan last half of next week in a new romantic comedy, "Heart and Sword," a translation from the German. It is a pure love story, modern in treatment and containing much comedy of the higher order. The company in support is said to be an excellent one and includes Miss Lella Wolstan.

AMUSEMENTS. Andrew Robson Was III. A large audience that had assembled at the Metropolitan last night to see Andrew Robson in "Richard Carvel," was greatly disappointed by the announcement that Mr. Robson had suddenly been taken ill and would not be able to play his role. It was the first time in his stellar career that he had been obliged to disappoint an audience. His malady, although its nature was not announced, was cramps of the stomach and the complete exchange of his tickets for some other performance. The management made the blunder of failing to offer those in the audience the opportunity of claiming their money back, and such pain that acting was out of the question.

THEOREM FRIBUS MADE A COURAGEOUS ATTEMPT to play Mr. Robson's role at several other theatres in the east were necessary. Despite Mr. Friebus' unfamiliarity with the lines and his nervousness, he did very well under the circumstances. The play, however, naturally went badly. It is expected that Mr. Robson will have sufficiently recovered by this evening to resume his role.

MR. METHUSELAH

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"Perhaps he bought a ticket to the ball game yesterday and hasn't recovered from the shock," Sam Paine ventured. "More likely he heard a joke and sat up all night trying to figure it out," put in George Hardy. "Maybe sick," suggested Billy from behind the paper.

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