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Enforcement the Main Thing.

The state is not so much in need of new laws to protect its school fund, as it needs enforcement of the laws we now have.

This observation is called forth by the facts in the Hubbard county case, where the attorney general is suing to vacate a patent on a half section of state school land.

The law provides that before every sale there must be an estimate by three appraisers, who must certify as to the character and value of the land.

The auditor is to give these appraisers instructions. One of the appraisers who valued the state land in Hubbard county in 1902 tells The Journal that they were not given time to see all the land.

The half section in litigation was not seen by two of them. The third appraiser may or may not have seen it, as they were advised by the auditor to accept the statements of others as to tracts which were isolated or difficult of access.

Either this piece of land was viewed by only one man, who could not see a pine forest, or else he followed the auditor's advice and took the word of some one else, equally blind.

No wonder the state's school fund has been dissipated. The state has learned a costly lesson, and no doubt in future the remaining timber and mineral interests belonging to state funds will be carefully guarded.

The nearer the people, the farther from the senate.

Washburn vs. Draper.

The contributions of General Washburn and Mr. Draper to the Outlook on the subject of tariff reform are both from a republican standpoint and illustrate as well as anything we have seen lately the difference between eastern and western republicans on this subject.

Mr. Draper takes the stand that the tariff must not be touched because once before it was touched and thereafter the country had a financial shock.

Mr. Draper maintains that conditions have not so changed since the passage of the Dingley law as to demand or admit of any change in the tariff schedules.

He ignores a rather significant change in conditions to which General Washburn calls attention, viz., that we are now selling many articles of our manufacture abroad cheaper than we are selling them at home.

The model saloon favored by Bishop Potter was given a boom when the Rev. Father John L. Belford, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Catholic church of New York, came out strongly in its favor.

Former Alderman Gray rose slowly to his feet soon after, and observed: "Ten years ago we were trying to get the same thing we are after now. But there were only a few of us then, struggling to make a start, and I can tell you it was uphill work."

The peanut politicians are waking up to the fact that the "patronage" of the old state capital is in the hands of a democratic governor.

Just at present Santo Domingo is enjoying a republican form of government, in fact, two of them.

These little, cheap secret societies are getting a strong grip on the public schools. Perhaps the best way to abolish them is

to give them free rein and to have so many of them that the boys and girls be able to find out how asinine they are and so get tired of them.

John Maynard Harlan, after a struggle of nearly a decade with the party bosses, has come into the republican nomination for mayor of Chicago.

To show how thoroughly stirred Kansas is the Ottawa, Kan., Herald says it does not care if the state refinery does not pay. "The man," it says, "who lams a brick into the dog that bit him does not expect to make anything on the brick."

Jay Cooke always thought that Duluth had a great future. This may be true, but the trouble with a future is that it is so far off. Give us a good present, like that of Minneapolis, for instance.

The attempt to rip the Hyde from the Equitable Insurance company seems to have failed. The size of Mr. Hyde's pile, however, indicates that some of the rest of us have been skinned.

Fra Elbertus has joined Russell Sage in the war on vacations. Fra says they are unnecessary and Rus says they are unjust. Yet they are scriptural and very handy.

The quiescent state of the senate may be inferred from the fact that Bailey of Texas has not made "a great constitutional argument" for nearly a week.

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WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK

Believes in Fresh Air. To the Editor of The Journal. It is surprising to see the gross ignorance displayed by owners of buildings, householders, flat owners, janitors and tenants in regard to ventilation.

Revise the Commission. To the Editor of The Journal. In the last number of the Saturday Evening Post Governor La Follette discusses the government control of railroads, without going into the actual workings of state railway commissions.

The St. Paul Globe intimates that the Mueller assault is connected with a plan of the boss gamblers of Minneapolis to bring Mayor Jones to his senses on the gambling question.

The sentiment in favor of a deep-well supply of water dies hard. The latest suggestion is that the city should take some means of forcing the water into the sand-beds under the city in order that nature may filter it and deep wells give it back to us.

The Tribune's nervousness on the subject of a home rule charter leads it into many peculiar positions, for instance, this one, that a home rule charter is merely a device for increasing the chances for reckless taxation.

Mayor Eustis and the Water Question. To the Editor of The Journal. Less than one year ago ex-Mayor Eustis addressed a mass meeting in the courtyard of the Metropolitan hotel on securing a filtration plant.

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years, say. The message from the lower sampling station is eliminated, but otherwise is the same. According to the state board of health in 1892-94 died here from typhoid; in 1893 there were 149 deaths; in 1894, 101 deaths; in 1895, 85 deaths; in 1896, 87 deaths; in 1897, 107 deaths; in 1898, 89 deaths; in 1899, 79 deaths; in 1900, 79 deaths; in 1901, 132 deaths; in 1902, 60 deaths; in 1903, 95 deaths; in 1904, 103; or a total of 1,276 deaths from typhoid in the city.

Mr. Eustis said in substance: "Regarding the suffering and death from this dirt disease which, the preventable, has scourged our city for years past, and is not eliminated at the present time, let us wait and count our dead this spring before we spend any of our good money straining the water."

It is to follow a speaker who entertains such views. Are we a society for enriching the undertaking establishments? With so goodly a number of our citizens in need of embalming and so many of the undertakers who have proposed university course in the art may yet prove a popular one.

AT THE THEATERS

Orpheum—Modern Vaudeville. A peeping eye at the hole of the Orpheum curtain sees a splendid show this week, without question the best since the opening of the "home of refined vaudeville."

Horseplay and slapstick are almost all of them worthy of headline honors. The two most finished turns are those of Herrmann and Miss Ravenscroft. Herrmann has reduced his evening of magic to a series of acts of the most surprising nature.

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Who is bleeding Kansas now? Shields and Paul give a wonderful exhibition of lariat twirling, mingled with acrobatic stunts. The act is new to vaudeville and makes a big hit.

McMahon's minstrel maids, eight in number, have a pleasing act but need a Helena Mora to add volume to the high-pitched, shrill, choiced whistles.

The casting of the Bolse family appeals quite unduly to the younger generation, and their heaving muscles, Murphy and Francis gave twenty minutes of genuine "coon business."

Like an echo from a past, a bright memory to the average theater-goer, but quite unknown to the younger generation, is an old production—this being its fourteenth season—it is different and really breaks the monotony in a pleasant way.

The scenery used by Hanlon brothers is larger and more costly than that used by any other producer in the city.

There are some who believe that a little turning over of the commission would benefit of the state. The difficulty of changing the board, it requiring two elections in a general way.

The singing and dancing of Miss Belle Gold, who takes the part of Gretchen, is a new feature in the performance and makes a big hit with the audience.

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NEWS OF THE BOOK WORLD

THE UNEASY CHAIR. The Apalling Burden of Books.—Like Carriage on the mind of the old Roman is the burden of books on the mind of The Uneasy Chair.

The trouble is that it sticks out like a large and swollen sore thumb, that the writers of most of the books, being fired from our rapid-fire, high-muzzle-velocity printing presses, are writing chiefly for pleasure.

As evidence that gold or its paper equivalent is what that draws books from the minds (and the purses) of today's writers, speaking sweepingly.

The Chair heard yesterday that an author, whose first story is just now hot from the press, already had another book half done. Of course, this is not true.

Well, The Chair has voiced its byearly plaint, and offered its prayers for better things in the book world. Perhaps, indeed, quite likely, the plaint will do no good, but The Chair will at least have the consolation and rejuvenated hope that spring from lofty meditations.

Unfair Competition.—O. Henry author of Cabbages and Kings (McClure, Phillips & Co., New York), tells a whimsical tale of what he considers unfair competition in the short-story field.

More than Instinct in Animals.—A naturalist who tells of wonders done by coons, and even toads, showing a capacity for reasoning.

Luther's Works in English.—Volume IV, of the works of Martin Luther in English, edited by John Nicholas Lenker, D.D.

The Drama of the Philippines.—When the Philippines are something to be excited and often be got it in a measure such as would surprise an American theater-goer, even on a football night.

Galveston's Magnificent New Harbor Accommodations.—Galveston is after success with a big S. The facilities being put in there for the loading and unloading of ships and cars are something to make one's eyes stick out, if we may accept A. Austin's account of the improvements.

ONLY A STEP. Nebraska State Journal. The vote on the state oil refinery bill in the Kansas legislature shows that it is but a step to state socialism in this country, and that the people will take that step whenever the large corporations begin crowding so hard that they think it necessary.

A GLEAM FROM THE GULLY. Gully (Minn.) Sunbeam. The present legislature, seems to be anxious to make a record for twisting the tails of the railway companies, but whether they are sincere in their doings, or are simply introducing "leg pullers" time will tell.

BEST OF ALL. In my youth I longed to hear 'Trumpet measures breathing clear; To the theme my heart should lead; In my youth I longed to see, Shades fling o'er me— Laurel bushes foot down my head.

CHANGING OUR METHODS. Detroit News. While there are many opinions as to the punishment of habitual criminals, there is practically unanimity in favor of abandoning the practice of giving them long terms in public office.

THE BALLAD OF THE ICE. A little dish of broken ice Lay baking in the sun, Its owner had forgotten it, Before her work was done; But when she went to get the ice And bring it in to tea, She found the ice was not what it Had been cracked up to be.

CITY NEWS

"PROTEST" STAMP MAY DO NO GOOD

LAWYER'S OPINION OF INTEREST TO TAXPAYERS. Supreme Court Decision Cited to Prove that the Mere Stamping of "Paid Under Protest" Will Not Hold—Such Payments Declared to Have Been "Voluntary."

"Put no trust in the county treasurer's rubber stamp 'Paid Under Protest,' placed on the personal tax papers, and in spite of the fact that the protest is stamped on the tax return, it is not valid tax refunded by the county commissioners. Even if the house should pass the proposed bill, the stipulations are that the protest be made in writing and that it shall cover only that portion of the tax paid which it is wished to protest. Again, if the bill is passed it will not be retroactive."

"If I were to advise the people," said C. H. Rossmann today, "I should say not to pay the tax until the last possible day. By that time the house will probably have acted on the bill. As it is even if the protest be made in writing and covers only the amount of the supposed protest, it is not valid tax refunded by the county commissioners, that the payment is voluntary and in spite of the fact that the protest was carefully made out, the case was lost and the protest did not hold. As far as I can see, the mere using of the rubber stamp will do no good, and will be of no avail whatever. When the time comes to settle the cases the people will not be dealing with the county commissioners, but with the board of county commissioners."

Other similar cases are cited, notably that of Loring and Brown against the county, which was decided in favor of Loring and Brown had for their attorney, the late Judge Young. According to the decision of the supreme court, the payment was voluntary and the protest was of no avail.

NEW PHI PSI HOUSE. Fraternity Plans to Build on University Avenue. The Phi Kappa Psi Twin City Alumni association with the active chapter from the university held its annual banquet at the Commercial Club Saturday evening.

Discusses Educational Matters at University Catholic Association Banquet. O'Brien of St. Paul, in an address before the University Catholic association, held at the Nicollet Saturday night, urged that all state education must of necessity be non-sectarian.

WILL PUSH OPERATIONS. Straw Board Manufacturing Company Have Headquarters in Minneapolis. Peter Prins, president of the American Straw Board Manufacturing company, incorporated last week, says that the concern hopes to be in operation in a few months.

SITE FOR GARAGE. Moulton & Jordan Company's Shop Will Be on Fourth Street S. The Moulton & Jordan company has decided upon a site for its new garage on the corner between Second and Third avenues S. The building will be a two-story brick, 160 feet long and 40 feet front.

Homeowners' Excursions. The Wisconsin Central will on the first and third Tuesday of each month sell tickets at one fare plus \$2 for the round trip to all points south and southwest of Chicago.

Settlers' Rates to Points in the South-east. On the first and third Tuesday of each month, January to April, inclusive, the Chicago Great Western railway will sell one-way tickets to points in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia at very low rates.

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WILL OUST "FRATS" NO?

SUPERINTENDENT JORDAN AN PRINCIPALS DETERMINED TO RID HIGH SCHOOLS OF THEM.

The opposition to high school fraternities expressed at a meeting of the Connecticut Association of Classic and High School Teachers Saturday, was anticipated by Superintendent C. C. Jordan and the high school principals of Minneapolis. The evils of such organizations, the authorities declare, have been recognized in Minneapolis almost from the beginning and they have been steadily opposed by the school authorities.

Last year it was decided to try to eradicate the trouble by persuasion, the influence of the parents. In pursuance of this resolution, letters were addressed to all of the parents of the Central and East high districts asking them to surround the six-lap-to-the-mile course at Garfield park, Chicago, yesterday, Norval Baptie of Bathgate, N. Y. and Harley Davidson, the St. Paul professional, who holds several world records and the Canadian champion, who gave performances on the steel runner yesterday, the like of which has never before been seen in Chicago.

Baptie and Davidson were the stars of the event, the former held up the skater the guests of the Western Skating association. Owing to the poor condition of the ice, which thawed after a noon progression, the professionals did not try for records, altho Davidson made the half-mile in the remarkable time of 1:20 1/2.

Baptie's first appearance as a pacemaker in the mile scratch race, amateurs. The champion's speed, however, was so great that he soon led the amateurs and had to slacken up to give them a pace. Baptie gave an exhibition of his "fox chaser" way to the lack of accuracy of any else to follow him, did not get much of chance to show his ability. He was pushed by four novices and easily eluded them, the event being an amusement. Baptie also gave an exhibition at backward skating.

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