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A POMPOUS COURT

The Supreme Court of Idaho seems to have a pretty good opinion of itself. The court made a decision keeping the names of the Roosevelt electors off the ballot.

REP. BOWMAN IS UNSEATED

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Charles C. Bowman of the Eleventh Pennsylvania district, has been unseated by the house by the passage (152 to 115) of a resolution declaring that corrupt practices had been used in his election in 1910.

JOKES ON TOM REILLY

He introduces a Dinner Invitation into the House Legislative Mill. A special to the Hartford Times from Washington says: Representative Tom Reilly is the object of some good natured chaffing from his fellow members of the House.

FIVE MEN MUST DIE; ULTIMATUM TO GOV. WEST Salem, Ore., Dec. 12.—"I am not going to run away. I am not going to leave the capital in order to avoid the atmosphere of the five hangings that will make tomorrow a black Friday for the state of Oregon."

Meaning of the Agitation Against the New Haven System

The steam roads of New England have recently been the scene of a number of wrecks of trains of all classes, from freights to limited flyers.

The trolley lines come in contact with Bridgeport on Fairfield avenue, where one of the most important thoroughfares of the city is in an all but impassable condition, and has been for months.

The condition in Bridgeport is the condition throughout the coast cities of New England. In Providence and other Rhode Island cities, trolleys, steam roads and steamboats are also in the sole control of the New Haven system.

A little while back Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine had some freedom in transportation by the circumstance that the Boston and Maine was an independent system; a system, in fact, embracing more miles of track than were included in the New Haven system.

Recently the Grand Trunk, a great railroad system in Canada, sought an entrance into New England. The people of Massachusetts and Rhode Island welcomed this opportunity to have railroad competition.

Work upon the proposed line, a link which would be no more than a hundred miles long, was begun and rapidly pushed toward completion.

Suddenly work upon this line was stopped. The news leaked through that a traffic agreement had been consummated between the New Haven and the Grand Trunk and that the competitive line would not be built.

They sought the department of justice and invoked the Sherman law, upon the theory that the violent suppression of competition by an agreement for traffic concessions was a violation of both the criminal and civil side of the Sherman law.

And these two branches of the executive side of government not seeming to have power enough to probe the situation thoroughly, George F. O'Shaughnessy, a representative from Rhode Island, introduced a resolution for a thorough probe into the relations of the New Haven system and the 20 subsidiaries with which it is related, and their relations with the Grand Trunk and other corporations.

It is proposed to inquire through a special committee of Congress into the various mergers with other lines, into the wrecks that have occurred, into the condition of the New Haven road bed and equipment, into its monopoly of steamship transportation, and, in short, into all the facts of the monopoly.

Already some of the most conservative business interests in Massachusetts have declared in favor of taking the Massachusetts railway lines by power of eminent domain.

It is plainly within the power of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to build and operate the connecting links which the Grand Trunk has refused to build.

This determination upon the part of Massachusetts was voiced by Representative Murray of Boston, who, however, desired to go upon the record as saying that NATIONAL OWNERSHIP OF RAILROADS is the only feasible method of meeting railroad monopoly as it now exists.

It is interesting to note that but one member of the Connecticut delegation in Congress appeared in favor of the investigation, Hon. Thomas L. Reilly of Meriden, who represents the Third Connecticut District.

It may be added that the relations between the New Haven system and the water lines are included in the investigation, which is being conducted by the Congressional Committee on Marine Transportation and Fisheries.

EFFECTUAL METHOD OF REDUCING THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

There are 1,903,000,000 acres of land in the United States, and it is estimated that approximately 1,200,000 are at present available for farming purposes.

The cultivated areas in 1911 yielded \$16.72 per acre, exclusive of farm animals and their products. Calculated on a basis of their potential earning power the uncultivated areas should yield a splendid total of \$12,362,000,000 additional, not including animals and their products.

Now here is a mine, compared with which the fabled Golconda was a bauble. The marvelous Magic Lamp in the Arabian Nights story is alone comparable with it. The earth is patiently waiting for someone to take it out of the ground.

The first evil can be readily overcome by taxing the land on a basis where it will no longer be possible for speculators to hold it out of use. The Single Tax to Regulate Present Unfair Taxation.

Does it not seem the very acme of folly and feeble-mindedness for us to penalize—as we now do—every attempt at improvement? So to adjust our tax rates that the moment a man makes a house and woodshed grow where none grew before, we fine him for it by drastically increasing his taxes?

Under the present beneficent system of exploitation—when dividends upon \$9,000,000,000 worth of pure, translucent water must be dug out of the sapient public—the railroad barons have oligarchic power.

We are now attempting to regulate these charges, with perhaps, some slight degree of success. But it is an extremely difficult thing to regulate another man's business without being tyrannical or confiscatory in the operation.

Then, with charges properly adjusted on a basis of interest on the PHYSICAL VALUE of freight and passenger rates can be cut in half. And, strange to say, no one will suffer from this surgery, excepting a greedy horde of railroad "owners," who will not, neither do they spin, yet must have steam yachts, and palaces on the Bois de Bologne.

There are several dozen other valuable and effective measures which will materially assist in reducing the cost of living, but these will do for a start.

DR. EDWIN F. BOWERS. MRS. HANNER IS GUILTY. Gets Ten-Years' Sentence For Trying To Kill Husband.

Lookport, N. Y., Dec. 12.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Mary M. Hanner, charged with shooting her husband, George Hanner, with intent to kill, brought in a verdict of guilty late yesterday. Judge Hickey imposed a sentence of imprisonment at hard labor for ten years.

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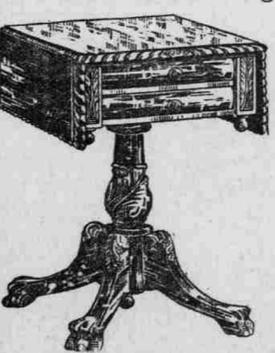
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Commencing Wednesday December eighteenth the store will be open evenings for the convenience of those who desire to shop during those hours.

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A Colonial Sewing Table, of the style her grandmother used. It may be in either Mahogany or Circassian Walnut, and it may be plain with scroll feet, without any ornamentation, or it may have a carved rope edge, carved claw feet and pedestal.

If you have been thinking about them we advise an early choice, as the supply is limited. Both models shown in the Gift Room.

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Purchased expressly for the Christmas Season. In practical sizes and very moderately priced in comparison with value. Shirvans in soft rose, blue, and brown blended with gold. Cabistans in intricate small designs with wide borders.

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Trays with Mahogany centers and silver rims, or silver lined with French cretonne, Sheffield, openwork rims, \$8.50 to \$15.00. Butlers' Trays, 18th century copies, the finest grade of modern Sheffield silver, \$30.00, \$35.00 and \$45.00.

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USEFUL GIFTS ARE LONG REMEMBERED. 1072 Main St. DEPARTMENT STORE, 89 Fairfield Ave.

Gift Suggestions

- Boys' Gloves ..... 25c to \$1.00
Men's Gloves ..... 25c to \$5.00
Boys' Arctics ..... \$1.00 to \$1.95
Men's Arctics ..... \$1.10 to \$2.90
Ladies' Arctics ..... \$1.00 to \$2.25
Misses' Arctics ..... \$1.00 to \$1.75
Children's Arctics ..... 90c to \$1.25

RAIN COATS.

- Make your boy happy and keep him dry at the same time by giving him a Rain Coat.
Boys' Rain Coats ..... \$2.50 to \$5.00
Men's Rain Coats ..... \$3.00 to \$12.00
Ladies' Rain Coats ..... \$5.00 to \$15.00

RUBBER BOOTS.

- What could you give the children that would be more useful?
Child's ..... \$1.65 to \$2.00
Youth's ..... \$2.00 to \$2.75
Boys' ..... \$2.50 to \$3.75
Misses' ..... \$1.85 to \$2.25
Men's ..... \$2.90 to \$5.75

Suggestions for Men's Gifts

House Coats, a special, in sizes 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44. \$2.50 each. The equal of any \$5.00 Coat. Blanket Bathrobes, medium and dark coloring, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00, to \$12.00. Terry Bathrobes at \$3.00 each.

Novelties in Leather

Shoe Cases, for packing dress shoes, \$2.00. Comb and Brush in leather case, \$1.00. Silk Hatbrush in leather, \$1.50. Pocket Chess, folding leather board, \$2.75. Playing Cards, Bridge Sets, Pinochle and Poker Sets, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Bill Folds, Address Books, Diaries and Note Books in variety.

Warm Gloves for Wintry Weather.

Dent's Arctic Wool Gauntlets for men, or for women who do not wish to be tied to a muff. These are knitted of fine Scotch wool without any scratchiness, and come well up over the arm. \$1.25 a pair. Fownes Gray Wool Gloves, deep gauntlets, \$1.25. Angora Gloves of silky wool, tan color, \$2.00. Mochas, silk or fleece lined, gray or tan, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Mocha Gloves for misses, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

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