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The Gas Meter Deposit: An Unparalleled Exaction.

By what right does the Washington Gas Light Company collect a "deposit" of from \$5 to \$20 for every gas meter installed? What becomes of the money, and to whom is it being made? In 1906 the Washington Gas Light Company reported 40,775 meters in use. The average deposit amounts to not less than \$10 for each meter. This \$407,750 is given to the Gas Monopoly for the privilege of using gas.

It would not be so objectionable to collect the advance deposit if in consideration of it the consumer were given some measure of credit with the company. In effect, every consumer, by his deposit, has paid in advance for \$10 worth of gas. Why, then, should a penalty of 25 per cent attach if his current bill is not paid by the 10th of the month?

The Useful Christmas Present.

If allowed to follow her own untrammelled instincts she will invariably pick out a Christmas present that will please. It will be something significant of her admiration, her friendship, or her love. She will not be handicapped with any thought of the usefulness of the article of its suitability.

is not obscure. It says whisky must be whisky or it doesn't say anything; and that blends, whether of whiskies or anything else, shall be blends of "like substances."

Through all this the President has held firm. When told that whisky might be pure though it contained 45 per cent of another substance, such as neutral spirits, he refused to be persuaded.

Two Critics.

Representative McCall of Massachusetts and ex-Governor Black, of New York, are in substantial accord respecting the cause of the depression that had its climax in the recent panic.

Mr. McCall used the Standard Oil case to illustrate his argument, saying:

The depletion of the treasury of an over-rich organization by \$30,000,000 would, I think, be regarded by most of us with equanimity, but after all, the chief question is one of exact justice.

This is a new view. Because the punishment has the form of a fine which deprives the corporation of gains found by the court to be unlawful, it is, therefore, an attack upon wealth, not upon lawlessness.

booty in his hands. Our Congressman from Massachusetts would have him put into jail, but allowed to keep the silverware and jewelry. Frankly, it is to laugh.

Between them, however, Mr. McCall and Mr. Black throw some light on the situation. Fines, it would appear, punish the corporation as a whole, and not the faithless officer alone.

And what about the "faithless officer?" Mr. Black would have him put into jail. So would the rest of us. It will come. When it does come the "exact justice" of which Mr. McCall speaks will prove a less pleasant morsel than even this latest money stringency, in which—despite the judgment of these two critics—it was wrongdoings that played the leading part, and not an inadequate punishment of the wrongdoing.

The news of the day, as it is printed in the New York papers, reveals that Secretary Cortelyou is to be asked to resign. Secretary Root will have to resign. Secretary Taft is going to resign. Attorney General Bonaparte will be compelled to resign. Secretary Garfield ought to resign. Secretary Strauss wants to resign. Secretary Mead has determined to resign. Secretary Wilson won't resign. and Postmaster General Meyer is resigned.

A great many married people in Chicago are reported to have committed suicide. Were probably denied divorce. An Arkansas widower with eight children fled to Memphis to escape marrying a widow according to promise.

That Harvard student who thought getting married was a joke was not the first one to find out he was mistaken.

The superintendent of the United States Life-Saving service wants more life savers, yet some of the Congressmen would abolish life savers.

Now's the time to remember some one you don't want to forget to remember with a Christmas present. Get it today.

There doesn't seem to be any general expectation that Mr. Bryan will emulate the President's example.

It is an unfortunate thing for Major Sylvester that the police force is so effective that it is difficult to convince Congress he hasn't all the men he needs.

A Chicago woman has sued for divorce because her husband always insisted upon her winding the clock. That has long been a cause of domestic trouble. Even Tristram Shandy records trouble of that sort in his father's household.

Fish is said to be supplanting beef and mutton in New York. In Chicago he is trying to supplant Harriman.

That judge who advised a young man to throw his mother-in-law out could never have been married.

Let's see—four into nineteen, four times and three over, four into thirty, seven times and two over; four into twenty-eight, seven times and none over! Wheel! Say, girls, next year is leap year.

A Jersey City woman gave a man \$12 to marry her. This intonation of the market is bound to cause trouble.

A favorite method of suicide in New York is by inhaling illuminating gas. Not in Washington. Too expensive.

An Easton, Pa., couple started on their honeymoon from the fall. That is surely reversing things.

Good luck, Bob!

SUNDAY EVENING IN THE HARBOR

How still the city rests; the roar of trade, the clamor in the crowded street has died; Trembling and tossing on the restless tide The shapes and shadows of the harbor fade; And all is still * * * In somber tones arrayed The splendor of the Sabbath mourns beside Dead Sunday, o'er whose grave night scatters wide The stars of flowers and the clouds for shade.

Against an ashen background vaguely lined The Titan buildings rear their broken limbs; The customary constant lights are dimmed; Save for the vagrant wharf-lamps flickering signs; It is a new New York that greets the eye;—Strange silhouettes upon a stranger sky;—Louis Untermeyer, in the New Broadway Magazine.

CITY POSTOFFICE TO PAY WAGES BEFORE CHRISTMAS

In addition to the regular payment of salaries to clerks, carriers, and laborers, for services during December, Postmaster Barnes has arranged that advances on account of salary due, may be paid to employees December 23. Advances will also be made to substitute clerks and carriers, and to special delivery messengers.

ABSCONDER ESCAPES AFTER BEING CAPTURED

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 15.—William F. Walker, absconder, cashier of the New Britain (Conn.) Savings Bank, has escaped from Pink-tops at Ensenada, Mexico. It is claimed by the authorities there, however, that he is now in hiding on a ranch fifty miles away, and will be captured within twenty-four hours.

MILLIONAIRES ARRIVE ANNUALLY

Government Report Predicts Vast Increase in Country's Population.

The remarkable statement is made by Frank P. Sargent, Commissioner General of Immigration, in his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, that the population of this country is being increased by 1,000,000 annually.

Commissioner Sargent makes recommendation for the amendment of existing immigration laws and the enactment of others for the government of the admission of aliens. He favors legislation to check the violation of the immigration laws by professed seamen; that United States Marine Hospital surgeons be stationed at foreign ports of embarkation of immigrants to examine the physical condition of the aliens coming to this country; that either by additional legislation or by international agreement plans may be adopted to detect and prevent the criminal element from coming here, requiring all immigrants to show a character card from their home town or country; that an international conference of immigration be held to discuss the subject.

During the fiscal period covered by the report, 253,549 aliens admitted to this country at all ports. This makes the year the busiest period in the history of immigration. These immigrants brought with them \$25,509,000, or an average of \$20 a head.

Commissioner Sargent says that the "white slave" traffic is being suppressed gradually.

CUMMINS IN FIGHT FOR ALLISON'S SEAT

Iowa Governor to Strive for Senate Despite "I Won't" of 1906.

The war that has been promised for some time in Iowa over the Senate seat of William Boyd Allison, the venerable head of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has at last really begun.

An interesting phase of the contest is that it has a relation to Presidential politics. Senator Allison's friends would like to have the governor come out as a Presidential candidate, and by insuring him the Iowa delegation bring about a complete victory in the Senate.

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Information and open order section—One chief of information, day and night, \$2,250; one assistant chief of information, night, \$2,000; two clerks of class two at \$1.60 each.

Receiving and sending section—One chief of section, day and night, \$1,500; one assistant chief of section, day, \$1,400; one assistant chief of section, night, \$1,400; seven messengers at \$40 each; four messengers at \$42 each.

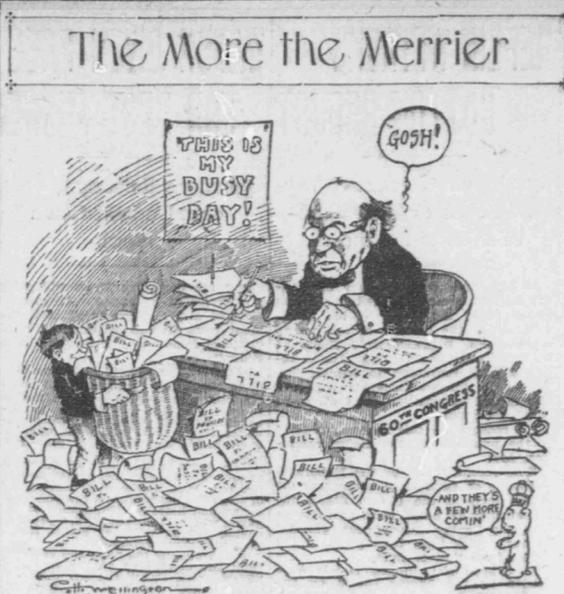
Office of foreman of document composition—One foreman of document composition, day and night, \$2,500; one assistant foreman of document composition, night, \$2,400; two messengers at \$40 each.

Office of foreman of presswork—One foreman of presswork, day and night, \$2,500; one assistant foreman of presswork, day, \$2,250; one assistant foreman of presswork, night, \$2,250; one clerk of class two, \$1,400; one clerk of class one, \$1,300; one clerk, \$800; one messenger boy, \$400.

Office of foreman of binding—One foreman of binding, day and night, \$2,500; two assistant foremen of binding at \$2,250 each; one clerk of class two, \$1,400; one clerk, \$1,400; one clerk, \$800; one messenger boy, \$400.

Office of foreman of foundry—One foreman of foundry, day and night, \$2,500; one assistant foreman of foundry, day, \$2,000; one assistant foreman of foundry, night, \$2,000.

Division of purchase and supply, office of superintendent of purchase and supply—One assistant superintendent of purchase and supply, \$2,500; one inspector of paper and material, \$2,000; two clerks of class four at \$1,300 each; one clerk of class three, \$1,000; one chemist, \$1,000; one official weigher, \$,500; three



PUBLIC PRINTER OUTLINES MANY CHANGES AT G. P. O.

Year's Estimate Shows Increase

Table with 2 columns: 1907, 1908. Rows include Office Public Printer proper, salaries; Division of Public Documents, salaries; Division of Public Documents, materials and supplies; Miscellaneous under Public Printer, salaries, material, etc.; To pay leaves of absence; Totals.

The estimates for the administrative and clerical forces of the Government Printing Office, as submitted by Public Printer Stillings for the next fiscal year, disclose the plan of the Public Printer to make many changes in positions and rate of compensation in this branch of the office, as well as in the mechanical, as has been stated by the Times. In addition to the appropriations previously printed, the following amounts are asked for:

Office of the Public Printer—Public Printer, \$5,500; deputy public printer, \$3,600; superintendent of manufacture, \$3,600; superintendent of purchase and supply, \$2,600; accounting officer, \$3,600; appointment and correspondence officer, \$3,600.

Public Printer's workroom—One private secretary, \$2,500; one custodian, \$1,200; one messenger, \$400.

Capitol division—One Congressional Record clerk, \$2,500; one chief deliveryman, \$1,000; four delivery men at \$50 each.

Office of deputy public printer—One chief of class 1, \$1,200; two messengers at \$40 each.

Buildings division—One clerk of class 2, \$1,400; one clerk of class 1, \$1,200; one clerk, \$900; four passenger elevator conductors, \$800; twenty-six passenger and freight elevator conductors, \$780; one messenger boy, \$400.

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Estimating section—One chief estimator, day and night, \$2,250; one assistant chief estimator, night, \$2,000; one estimator, day, \$1,700; one estimator, night, \$1,700; one checker, \$1,700; one checker, night, \$1,700; one checker, day, \$1,700; one checker, night, \$1,700; one checker, day, \$1,700; one checker, night, \$1,700.

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BRITISH REPORTS COMMITTEE

Senators Tell of Outrages and Implicate Government Officials.

The report of the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, consisting of Senator Teller, chairman, and Senator Curtis of Kansas and La Follette of Wisconsin, which had charge of the investigation into the affairs of the Mexican Kickapoo Indians in Oklahoma, was made to the Senate today. The report discloses brutal and criminal treatment of the Indians and is the result of an investigation extending over several months.

Charges are made that a combination which the subcommittee refers to as the Chapman-Grimes and Conine people, were materially assisted by F. A. Thackeray, United States Indian agent at Shawnee, and George Outcalt, assistant United States attorney. It is declared the Government officers stopped at the same hotel as the alleged conspirators, thus seeming to sanction what was done. Cash Cade, prominent in Republican politics in Indian Territory, is mentioned as being interested in the matter.

Concerning the Chapman-Grimes and Conine combination the committee goes into detail as to what methods were taken to obtain valuable lands from the Indians. It is charged shameless outrages were committed and that the conduct has never been equaled in the history of any dealings to secure lands from the American Indian.

In order to secure false deeds from the Indians, the subcommittee charges that the conspirators had the leading members of the tribe arrested and thrown into jail. It is further charged that names were forged to deeds, illegal marriages procured, and brutal attacks made on Indian property.

Luck in Pictures Of Saint Roosevelt, Siberian Asserts

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Alexander G. Denbigh has arrived from Siberia with the information:

"The people there are of the lowest class of Russian peasants and know nothing about the outside world. Their religion is about all they have, and they are punctilious in their observance of its pompous forms.

"In every house, no matter how poor, there are an ikon of some kind and a picture of a saint. The picture of your President has gone all over the world and can be found in many queer places. I remember asking one of my men from the Ural mountain district, who had never heard of Roosevelt, what picture he had in his house. He said he was one of St. Peter 'without a beard' and with 'specks on.'

"Curious to see such a picture, I went to the hut and found that it was a chromo of the President of the United States. The man assured me that he had never had the picture before, but he has obtained the picture of the 'Holy Saint.'

SAYS KNOX IS STRONG WITH WEST VIRGINIANS

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—West Virginia is to climb aboard the Knox band wagon, according to J. H. McDermott, president of the West Virginia senate, who is here today.

"Senator Knox lives close to us and our people regard him as one of the great men of the country. If his Presidential boom expands as his friends claim it will, it is quite likely the delegate from my State will reserve seats on the Knox band wagon," declared McDermott today.

FREED FROM MADHOUSE TO MANAGE OWN ESTATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Mary Elizabeth Lewis, a white-haired woman of sixty-two years, who has passed the latter part of the past forty years in insane asylums, was yesterday declared sane and competent to manage her estate, which amounts to almost \$750,000.

Miss Lewis was sitting in Borough Hall, Brooklyn, with her counsel when the verdict was returned. She heard the announcement that meant so much to her very quietly, but there were tears in her eyes, and a tremor in her voice when she said:

"Thank God, they have released a sane woman from a madhouse at last."

In 1866, when she suffered from a nervous breakdown, caused by her work in leading the soldiers in the civil war, and was sent to Bloomingdale Asylum at her own request, Miss Lewis has been confined there for twenty-two years in all. She has enjoyed her freedom at intervals during that time, the longest period being five years, when she traveled abroad with her father.

HUGE MASTODON'S TEETH FOUND BY WELL-DIGGER

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 15.—While digging a well in Mason county workmen on the farm of John Brooks uncovered a number of teeth which belonged to a huge mastodon. The teeth were nine inches in length, about five inches in width, and with a circumference of twenty inches. The roots of the teeth were eight inches in length, although there were signs of breakage on the prongs.