

shops, \$20; liquor dealers, \$2; and... 'To preserve it from burglars and robbers.' 'And corrupt bank officials?' 'Yes.' 'You have thought carefully over your evidence?' 'Well, not especially; I have thought over it.' 'You remember Commissioner McClave's and Commissioner Sheehan's testimony?' 'Yes; I remember reading their evidence in the papers.' 'NO INTEREST IN A DISTILLERY.' 'You do not intend to refuse to disclose your affairs as some of your officials did?' 'I don't intend to criticize the opinions of any superiors,' said the witness, testily.

'I did not say the officials were your superiors,' said Mr. Coff. 'Well, you mentioned Commissioner McClave and Sheehan.' 'Have you ever since you joined the force, been engaged in outside business?' 'No.' 'Did you ever swear you were not?' 'Yes, according to an act of the legislature.' 'And you were the last man who made an affidavit to that effect?' 'That is untrue,' said the inspector angrily.

UNCLE SAM'S "LITTLE JOKER." Flag Duties May Be Enforced Against Spain. The Spanish Government to Be Taught a Lesson. Hawaii Interested in the Matter—Figures in Regard to Imports and Exports. By the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Unless the Spanish government within a very short time indicates its purpose to remove the restrictions now placed on American commerce with the Spanish West Indies by the imposition of the maximum tariff on American commodities, it is probable the president will issue a proclamation imposing "discriminating flag duties" upon Spanish, Cuban and Porto Rican imports into the United States.

HE PLAYED COWBOY. Bobby Thedy Has a Lively Experience in San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Robert Thedy, a young boy, played he was a cowboy on Christmas day and nearly lost his life. One end of his lariet caught in the Jackson street cable and as the other end was tied to his wrist he was dragged along at the rate of six miles an hour. For two blocks he was dragged along the truck face down while his companions were looking for a knife with which to cut the rope.

A MONEY MOVE MUST BE MADE. Representatives Talk of the Currency Bill. Something Must Be Done Says Judge Culberson. Renegade Utes Being Rounded Up by Agents—Some of the Indians in a Despicable Condition. By the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Among the few members of the house who were at the capital today the prevailing opinion seemed to be that the Republicans had it in their power to pass or defeat the currency bill. The Democratic vote, it is said, by one who has fully canvassed the situation, will be about evenly divided. The Republicans are generally expected to vote against the measure.

THE POLITICAL IN SCHOOLS. A Detriment to Educational Advancement. Some Suggestions Made by Professor Kleeberger. The State Teachers' Association Settles Down to Business at Santa Cruz. By the Associated Press. SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Dec. 26.—The California State Teachers' association met for a three-days' session at the Congregational church this afternoon. A committee received the visiting teachers at the depot with a band. The church was crowded this afternoon when Geo. Kleeberger called the association to order. In the audience were many prominent educators from all parts of the state, many superintendents of schools were present, besides professors from universities and the normal schools.

THE CLIFF HOUSE FIRE. A DEFECTIVE FLUE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLAZE. A Magnificent Hotel Will Be Reared on the Site of the World-Renowned Resort. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Two towering chimneys, the carved lion which stood guard at the stairway descending to the lower floor, charred timbers and ashes are all that remain of the Cliff house, owned by Mayor-elect Sutro. The remaining structure of steel and stone will be erected on its site. A fire last night destroyed everything except a few souvenirs, the mirrors, and easily movable furniture, the silverware, choice vintages and liquors, and part of the bar fixtures.

Witness said that two policy dealers paid for all. 'And you handed all the money to Captain Webb?' 'Yes, and he returned me a portion of it.' 'And if these people who had paid violated the law they would not be interfered with?' 'Yes.' 'How much did you collect from 1888 to 1889, under Captain Webb?' 'About \$3000. I got the policy shop collection under Captain Doherty. McClave and Freedman, the two representative policy dealers, paid me personally every month. The procedure was practically the same as under Captain Webb.'

'How much did you collect under Doherty?' 'From \$400 to \$500 a month. I deducted a portion for myself.' 'Were these people ever interfered with?' 'For unless a complaint was made by some prominent citizen.' 'Then you collected about \$6800 in Captain Doherty's time and gave it to him as a bribe? Who succeeded Doherty?' 'Captain Eakins. He remained in the station about 18 months. I made the usual monthly collections during his captaincy.'

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