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Let the White House Alone.

It has been suggested that in view of the constantly increasing necessity for more room in the Executive Mansion alterations and additions should be made to the present structure so that the President of the future may not be cramped for space, either in entertaining or doing necessary business.

Mr. Harrison and the Constitution.

The Hon. Benjamin Harrison objects to the reports of his Ann Arbor lecture which have appeared in the American press, and thinks that they do not do him sufficient justice in showing that it was not a legal argument he intended to make, but only a popular and academic discussion of a matter very much in the public mind, to which he desired to contribute his views.

General Harrison is entitled to assume whatever position he pleases in the matter.

There is great need of a new Executive Mansion, and one should be built as large and as beautiful as possible. But the White House, with all its historic associations and traditions, should remain exactly as it is. The new Executive Mansion should be erected in some place which will be convenient for the President in every way, but it should not be situated on any part of the grounds about the White House.

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A recent writer on hypnotism, Mr. J. D. Quackenbush, has applied to Christian Science perhaps the most appropriate appellation yet given it. He calls it a species of voodooism.

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To anyone who knows anything about the methods of the African voodoo doctor, it will at once appear that there is a striking similarity between his theories and those of the follower of Mrs. Eddy. So long as a considerable number of white people gather about Mrs. Eddy, Dr. Dowse, and their like, perhaps it is unfair to reproach the ignorant negroes of certain regions of the South with a tendency to revert to voodooism.

Understanding the mental process of General Harrison as well as we do, we are not surprised at his position; but that is a matter of small moment. It is as a cool, scholarly, and completely competent master of constitutional law that we wish to regard him.

According to a Helena, Mont., despatch, the President will eat roast buffalo on Christmas, a piece of one having been sent to him by an Omaha butcher who recently purchased and slaughtered ten of the rare animals. That Omaha butcher ought to be lynched and we are much inclined to think that the President will find the hump tough. There are perhaps not more than a thousand American bison now known to exist. Once they roamed the plains in millions. An excellent draft animal and a valuable native food product has been destroyed ruthlessly and criminally. Mr. McKinley should not lead his teeth to its final extinction.

Reveries to Soldiers.

For a wonder, the House killed the bill giving to the Philippine Islands a number of legislative offices. Usually, Congress is so miserably slow to pass such legislation, leaving to the President the honor of signing it, that the most laborious part of such legislation is that it is originated and passed by the executive.

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PREFERS TO TEACH IN CUBA.

Superintendent Frye Does Not Want to Be School Commissioner. HAVANA, Dec. 21.—Superintendent Frye has published a letter addressed to the teachers of Cuba, in which he says it is owing to the fact that he is not the present school commissioner he has resigned, and that many requests have been made by teachers that he (Frye) be appointed in his stead. Mr. Frye declares that he is convinced that if the present commissioner is not appointed, and he is not to accept the position, he does not wish to have anything to do with the executive part of the school work, but desires to continue as a teacher. He would rather be a teacher in the humblest school in Cuba than rule the world.

Unsanitary Cattle Sheds.

The attention of the Commissioners has been called to the condition of a cattle shed at Twelfth Street and Ohio Avenue, where, as alleged by the President of the Humane Society, cattle driven for long distances from the country are housed in a manner not conducive to their health. The shed is said to be filthy and there is no chance for the animals to rest. Those who have investigated the matter say that the shed ought to be removed or cleaned, so that its filthy and unsanitary condition will not injure the tenants.

Collecting Bills as Written to General Wood.

Collecting Bills as Written to General Wood concerning the order from Washington to the military government in Cuba, which was in the employ of the Government to have Christmas presents brought into the island free of duty until February 15, 1900. The order was given to the employees in the custom house and post-office who held high appointments from Washington. This year the order was not held but the order should not apply to the ordinary American employees who are doing the same work as the military government. Otherwise an invidious distinction might be made between Cuban and American employees.

The Penalty for Making Public a Secret French Document.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Major Guignot, who was prominently identified with the Dreyfus case, has been sentenced to a year in prison for making public a secret French document. The document was a copy of a letter from General Ardant du Rivet, Minister of War, for violating army discipline by writing to the Prime Minister direct in connection with the Dreyfus case, and for making public a certain secret document, has been ordered to be detained for two months in a fortress.

Russia Honors Sienkiewicz.

Thirtieth Anniversary of His Literary Career to Be a Holiday. VIENNA, Dec. 21.—Henry Sienkiewicz, the well-known Polish writer, will celebrate at Warsaw tomorrow the thirtieth anniversary of his literary career. The Russian Government will make it a national holiday. It is sanctioned by the purchase by the public of the Sienkiewicz estate at Ostrowiec, in the Lublin district, where the author was born, but which was subsequently sold outside the family. The ceremonies in connection with the anniversary will be held in the Warsaw town hall which will include the presentation of the title deeds to this property to M. Sienkiewicz.

The Cuffie's Crew Rescued.

The White Star Liner Anchored Off the Skerries Disabled. LONDON, Dec. 21.—A steam liner has brought forty-six of the crew of the White Star steamship Cuffie ashore. The steamship was disabled off the Skerries, and immediately after rescuing the men on the Cuffie the liner put out again and rescued the crew of a schooner which was stranded on the Skerries. An officer of the Cuffie says that a kale steamer was on the Skerries, where she made little headway. As they approached Skerries the tow ropes broke and the Cuffie lay at the mercy of the wind and sea. The crew of the Cuffie were ordered to be put out from bow and stern. They fortunately held in seventeen fathoms of water, and prevented the steamer from being driven ashore. The Cuffie was towed near the Cuffie, but were unable to help her.

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LATE LEGAL DECISIONS.

A co-respondent in a divorce suit in Michigan went out of the jurisdiction of the court before the hearing of the case, in order to avoid being served with a subpoena, and remained in hiding until after the proceedings were over. On his return, proceedings were commenced against him for contempt of court. But it was held by the circuit judge that his action did not constitute contempt, and he was discharged. A mandamus was then asked to compel the circuit judge to set aside the order of discharge, and to impose the punishment for contempt. But the Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the circuit judge, and held that no contempt had been committed. (Froderick vs. Genesen, Circuit Judge, 84 N. W. Rep. 125.)

In a bill for divorce, in Mississippi brought by the husband, he alleged that he had insured his life for a certain sum, and that now, in view of her unlawful conduct, it would be inequitable to let her have the proceeds of the policy. The event he was granted a divorce, and he, therefore, asked the court to cancel his wife's interest in the policy. The lower court refused to do so, and the husband appealed. The Supreme Court affirmed the decree as to the divorce, but refused to award the policy of insurance to the husband, on the ground that the contract of insurance by its terms conferred a vested interest in the wife, which could not be divested by the husband's power. (The Supreme Court, to take from appellant this policy—her property vested by contract—can take from her anything else she was entitled to by property. * * * That would be depriving her of her property without due process of law. (Grego vs. Grego, 28 So. Rep. 818.)

Where a railroad company sells a mileage ticket and the passenger fails to take the correct name thereon, and the conductor on that account refuses to accept the ticket, the passenger is entitled to recover damages. (Holland Railway Company vs. Holland, 602) holds that the railroad company is liable for damages.

In construing the statute forbidding the sale of intoxicating liquors, the Supreme Court of Vermont (State vs. Lott, 47 Atl. 392) holds that the sale of liquor and wine by a boarding house keeper to his boarders as a part of their meals is in effect a sale to them, and such a sale is for that purpose unlawful; and the court further held that if a person, in his private dwelling, furnishes liquor to a boarder and with it and as a part of it, intoxicating liquors, and receives pay for it, such transaction is a sale of the liquor so furnished.

In an action by the United Press against the New York Press Company to recover damages for the publication of a contract by the latter in refusing to take news reports, the Court of Appeals of New York held that only nominal damages could be recovered because there was no definite price fixed in the contract, and hence there was no basis for establishing any measure of damages. The publication of the contract in regard to the price and which the court held to be uncertain and indefinite, stated that the price "shall not exceed \$300 per week."

A deputy marshal who purposely omits serving warrants for one charged with illegal gaming, and who is convicted in order to prevent his voting, is held by the Circuit Court, S. D. New York, in re Spooner (104 Fed. 334) to be guilty of an offense against the United States. "We are very clear," said the court, "that it is the intention of the law that every man shall be arrested just as soon as he can be, and he has committed an offense, and that no officer should wait until election day to execute a warrant."

In Kentucky, if a married woman is injured by the negligent act of another, the Court of Appeals, in South Lexington, Etc., Railway Company vs. Bell (21 Ky. W. 26), held that she is entitled to maintain an action for damages, and that the same criterion of recovery exists as to her as to a man or a single woman.

A policy of insurance on the life of the husband, procured by the wife, is held by the Court of Appeals, in Metropolitan Life Insurance Company vs. Smith (59 S. W. 24), not to constitute household expenses. The question of whether the husband's knowledge of the insurance company premiums paid the company by his wife on a policy of insurance on his life, which she procured with her own money and which her husband gave her for general household or family expenses, and the court decided that life insurance would hardly come under the head of household expenses. In discussing the practice of insuring policies without the knowledge or consent of the insured the court said that it was against public policy, and that in such a case as this, where the policy was procured by the wife, the practice is to be further condemned because it has a tendency to induce a wife to use money for insurance purposes that would otherwise be applied to the purchase of food and raiment for the family, and is likely to produce discord in the family.