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### GOING AWAY?

When you leave the city for your summer vacation have The Pensacola Journal follow you. Notify circulation manager, Phone 38.

At least right minded people would find no fault with a quarantine against graft.

Russell Sage was ninety years of age yesterday. About time he begun to reform.

"It's a very short alley that don't need cleaning," truthfully remarks the Gainesville Sun.

Millionaire United States senators are already shelling the woods in an endeavor to locate La Follette's batteries.

The Equitable has made a new record. Borrowed \$650,000 when it already had more money on hand than it could invest.

General Miles has been mentioned for the governorship of Massachusetts. The people will probably be willing to let it go at that.

The whitewash is being prepared for use when Secretary Wilson's indignation forces his retirement from the Department of Agriculture.

Chicago has a new chief of police and the lid will probably remain in place until he gets thoroughly familiar with the duties of his position and the value of wearing blinders.

Secretary Wilson would do well to inquire regarding the market quotations on wigs. Secretary Cheatham, of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association is said to be after his scalp.

Several railroads are about to resume experiments with steel crossings. All of the big trusts and corporations should use steel wherever possible. It's so appropriate.

### GOVERNOR VARDAMAN VS. GOVERNOR BLANCHARD.

The controversy that has been waging for several days between Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, and Governor Blanchard, of Louisiana, has attracted a great deal of attention and nearly everyone, outside of the states directly interested, appears to look upon the affair as a sort of opera bouffe performance. The Birmingham Age-Herald comments upon the peculiar situation as follows:

Mississippi has placed her coast quarantine affairs in the hands of the marine hospital service; Louisiana for reasons best known to herself refuses to do likewise. But through Mississippi the federal government has become a party to the conflict that has arisen between the two states and their relatives are not only strained between the two states, but also between the sovereign but slovenly state of Louisiana and the federal government. The trouble arises over the control of Lake Borgne, the mouth of which is at or off the Mississippi coast. The fiery Governor Vardaman does not propose, it seems, to have obnoxious germs and the stegomyia mosquitoes of Lake Borgne scattered along the coast, and the strenuous Governor Blanchard says Mississippi has no jurisdiction over the navigable waters of the United States. The mouth of Lake Borgne is valuable for oyster culture purposes and both sides are tending claim to it before the United States supreme court.

The so-called armed invasion of a sister state is almost wholly of a naval nature. Governor Blanchard has ordered a fully-equipped gunboat to the scene of war. Mississippi has five armed boats patrolling its coast, including the mouth of Lake Borgne, and behind them the federal revenue cutter Winona looms up. No Louisiana fishermen are permitted to enter Mississippi sound, which extends from Lake Borgne all around the Mississippi coast. Louisiana's naval brigade vessel is the Stranger, but she draws a good deal of water, and Louisiana is about to dispatch to the mouth of Lake Borgne a "light-draft" boat carrying a Howitzer or two and manned by her naval brigade. Eighteen Louisiana fishing schooners or luggers have been seized by Governor Vardaman's navy assisted by the federal cutter Winona, and the eighteen have

been towed to Ship Island, where no doubt they will be interned during the remainder of the war.

It is not believed that a battle will be fought unless Louisiana can place in Lake Borgne more than a Howitzer or two. Admiral Togo's reputation as a sea fighter is still secure, but when exter beds are at stake something may be doing any day. At present Admiral Vardaman and the revenue cutter Winona are several points ahead in the naval game at the mouth of Lake Borgne, in which this district and the Warrior have an interest. Let us hope the lake will not be wiped off the map, for this district needs it in its future business relations with New Orleans.

### INCOME TAX THE LEAST DESIRABLE.

Galveston Tribune.

No scheme that has ever been devised for raising revenues for the support of government, either in the United States or any other country, has proven satisfactory to all concerned. In this, as in every other department of governmental affairs, "a square deal for all," or "equal and exact justice," has been found impossible. And we suspect that impossibility will not be removed prior to the arrival of that hoped-for, happy, but far off day when the Golden Rule shall have become the universal law, a consummation that would—or shall we say will?—render the statute books, especially those relating to criminal matters, entirely superfluous.

But of the various plans by which our government has raised revenues, the income tax proved the least desirable, because it was the most provocative of perjury and most prolific of scandalous litigation. Yet, despite its manifest objections, that inequitable scheme would in all probability be embodied in our fundamental law today had the constitution of the United States been constructed with a view to its easy, instead of almost impossible, amendment. That is one of a long list of evils that would have befallen the republic had it been as easy to change the constitution as to enact a new or repeal an old statute. For it is undeniable that there is in all parts of the country a strong popular sentiment in favor of an income tax. This is largely due to a growing prejudice among the masses against the rich—a feeling that has been secularly cultivated by a certain school of politicians, and to which the vices and follies of some of the very rich have greatly contributed.

A recent report by a departmental committee on the operation of the income tax in Great Britain contains a good deal that will interest Americans. It begins with the statement that "the feeling formerly entertained against the income tax system as inequitable and oppressive has largely died away." Taxpayers do indeed complain of the "high pondage," but this involves no assault on the principle of the law, since it is recognized that the high rates are the result of the steady rise of government expenditures, which may of may not point to waste and extravagance. There is considerable fraud reported, though the practice of taxing incomes "at the source"—where the profits are earned, as in the case of stocks and bonds—reduces the friction and evasion to a minimum and yields the maximum of results. Where, however, self-assessment is requisite and no method of independent verification is available, there is a good deal of willful avoidance and neglect to return the forms. Getting down to details, the committee reports that one-third of the forms sent out are never returned at all, and under the present law this omission of duty brings no punishment. Therefore the committee suggests an amendment making it obligatory for the citizen receiving the form to fill up and return it, providing penalties for evasion and directing the publication of the names and addresses of delinquents. It is also recommended that employers be required to furnish lists of employees, with the respective salaries to the proper officials. The London Spectator, while approving the report in the abstract, suggests that it is better to incur some loss than to excite opposition by provisions likely to render the income tax offensive. Some of the statistics of the income returns under the British law are decidedly interesting. For example, it appears that out of the aggregate population of nearly 42,000,000 there are 19 in Great Britain and Ireland only 433, 017 persons with an income resulting either from their possessions or their exertions of more than \$800 a year.

## Current Comment From Mr Bryan's Commoner

The searchlight of publicity is really working now.

Yes, Cauncey Depew has been caught. How have at little fallen!

The two best things about a summer vacation are anticipation and remembrance.

The "less" had is being carried to extremes. The "inspector's" bank inspector is not wanted.

It must be remembered that Mr. Shonts is drawing a nice salary for being a canal optimist.

The Depew Improvement Company seems to have been a slice of the same old Equitable graft.

Mr. Lawson has shown that he can tell when a limb is broken, but can he set it? His remedy is awaited.

The trouble with most of the republican policies is that they have the same odor as the Equitable policies.

Mr. Depew says he was paid for giving advice. Is this not an admission that he secured money under false pretenses?

George III. was one who thought a tax on tea a good thing to make good a deficit, and history tells what the taxed ones did for George.

Mr. Depew says he is sadly hurt by all those Equitable stories. Some men are always sadly hurt when they expose the pocketbook nerve.

A leak in the crop report department is a serious thing for the farmers. If there is no law covering the Holmes case there ought to be.

They are going to turn the canal business over to Mr. Root, a move calculated to impress him more than ever with the enormity of his "sacrifice."

District Attorney Bell of Philadelphia refuses to start criminal prosecutions against the bootlickers. Philadelphia seems to have a surplus of damaged bells.

A distinguished eastern politician says that "Gas Adicks is no longer a senatorial possibility. The Adicks bank account must have gone glimmering."

One trouble about the bank examination is that we never hear anything from the bank examiners until they begin their work of explaining why the banks have failed.

Mr. Depew's statement that he re-

and of these 138,462 paid tax on incomes of \$1,000 and under. In all Great Britain there are twenty persons with incomes exceeding \$250,000, while only one Irishman is included in that class. He is down for \$394,115. There are 200 Britons with incomes ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000, while 428 pay tax on incomes from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

### SHOTGUN QUARANTINE A RELIC OF THE PAST.

New Orleans State.

When the brutal shotgun quarantines which the panic-stricken people of Mississippi and other states are enforcing even against each other are considered it is surprising to find how slight an impression has been made upon the popular mind by the recent great discoveries that have been made regarding yellow fever. That the fever is transmitted from one person to another by the bite of an infected mosquito is no longer a theory, but a demonstrated fact, a law which is not now questioned by the medical world. However, it is quite evident that if the people of the Gulf states have heard of the modern scientific observations at all they have not accepted them as of any practical importance, but continue to throw themselves into the old-fashioned panic and resort to the brutal measures their grandfathers employed when it was supposed by physicians as well as the laity that yellow fever, like smallpox, was propagated by direct contagion. This popular ignorance is not wonderful. Even among intelligent people, who read the newspapers there probably are very few who really appreciate the significance of what has been demonstrated regarding the disease—a fact that the intermediate agency of a particular insect is essential to its transmission from one person to another. The stegomyia does not merely transmit the yellow fever organism by direct inoculation; the organism is developed within the insect, as the malarial poison within the anopheles, so that if there were no mosquitoes there would be no infection.

There is no doubt that this is a wonderful discovery. As we have said physicians the world over recognize it as an established fact which has been demonstrated not once but many times by independent investigators representing the best scientific skill of this and other countries, but nevertheless it has not yet penetrated the popular mind, but will be sure to do before the fight which is now being made in this city is ended. In the meantime we must get along as best we can with the old ideas of quarantine and contagion, though there can be no excuse for some of the brutality that is committed in the name of quarantine. New Orleans is fully aware of the fact that it now has a great opportunity to repeat the demonstrations

signed as counsel for the Equitable because he wanted to be relieved of some of his work in "The Peachs" best vein of humor.

A girl kills herself because she is not beautiful. Poor girl! She ought to have known that beauty of face is of little value compared with the graces of the mind and heart. Vanity often makes a pretty woman repulsive and a sweet disposition makes a homely woman lovable.

Mr. Rockefeller has given ten million reasons why President Hadley's plan of ostracizing trust managers will not work.

If Sweden holds any Norway securities now is a good time to have them collected by an eminent artist in that line. Mr. Loomis is representing this country abroad again.

As usual, all the talk about immediate work on the Panama canal comes from eminent directors and engineers who stick close to their luxurious offices in Washington and New York.

But supposing, Mr. President, that Secretary Wilson has a warm personal friend or two in his department? Is he to be restrained from giving them clean bills of health if he feels so disposed?

If promises and speculations were spades and shovels, the Panama canal would be a thousand feet deep and so long it would stick out over the Atlantic and Pacific like a couple of fishing rods.

Justice Brewer says it is not necessary to hold office in order to serve the nation. Justice Brewer is giving some eminent patriots a good excuse for bemoaning the decadence of our courts.

The oculist who assures us that President Roosevelt's eyesight is improving conveys glad news. Perhaps the president will yet be able to see that he made a mistake in giving Morton a clean bill of health.

Circus vendors call those little red balloons "two squeals," because the children squeal until they get one and then squeal when it collapses. The William R. Taft presidential boom seems to have been a "two squeal."

A large number of intensely partisan republican organs are praising Secretary Bountparte for doing something that they ridiculed Congressman Robert Baker for doing. Crimped and plaited logic is still the principal exhibit on the G. O. P. shelves.

already made at Havana and at Vera Cruz, and by successfully controlling and stamping out the fever that has appeared here raise the whole idea of quarantine to a scientific basis that will compel general recognition.

### NEWS AND VIEWS FROM STATE PAPERS.

### Should Follow Example.

As the press of Jacksonville, Tampa and Pensacola are calling on the town authorities to have the cities cleaned up in view of the yellow fever in New Orleans, Live Oak should heed the lesson and clean up all trash and rubbish. We must have a clean town if we would be healthy.—Live Oak Crescent.

### Candidates a Plenty.

There is an old saying that "many a true word is spoken in jest," or words to that effect. But if such is the case, there will be plenty of candidates for United States senator, congress, governor, etc.—Gainesville Sun.

### West Florida Politics.

Politics in West Florida, it is said, will be of the variety that will make pepperboxes seem sugar castors or syrup jars.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

### That Asylum Scandal.

That asylum scandal grows more nauseating. A nurse who was sent to Tampa recently after a patient got drunk and was put in jail. God pity the poor unfortunate whose reason totters on its throne and falls, but more to be pitied is the man or woman bereft of reason who falls into the hands of our asylum officials. Let the Augean stables be thoroughly cleaned, though it means prison bars for the whole outfit. O, the shame of it.—Levy Times-Democrat.

### Confidence in Dr. Porter.

The thorough work of the State Board of Health is worthy the admiration of the entire people of Florida. Dr. J. Y. Porter, state health officer, has been most thorough in his work, and we feel as though the safety of the people could not be placed in better hands.—Gainesville Sun.

### Gordon a "Cracker Jax."

Our exchanges are referring to Judge Gordon, of Tampa, as an upright judge, "as if it were something novel and unique in our system of jurisprudence. But, all the same, Judge Gordon is a "cracker-jax."—Ocala Banner.

### Include the Gnats.

In getting rid of the mosquitoes we hope the gnats will not be ignored. They distribute "sore eyes" and general wickedness.—Ocala Banner.

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