

THE SEATTLE STAR

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California stands disgraced today before all of the people of the United States, by reason of the brazen-faced action of its legislature, which refused to elect a United States senator because the members could not agree on a suitable rascal.

There is no disguising the fact that trusts will play an important part in politics in the near future. It is quite likely that the trusts would prefer to keep out of politics, but the people will not have it that way.

The Manila Pacific cable will take two or three years to lay at best, and it is a serious loss to the country that the appropriation for the cable has failed, postponing action a year.

Cyclones continue to devastate the southern states. A few years ago these storms were comparatively unknown beyond the borders of the western prairies, but conditions begin to show a marked change.

President McKinley and Speaker Reed are scheduled to extend the glad hand to each other today at the Jekyll Island, way down in Georgia. These two leaders have never enthused together to any noticeable extent, and the public will wait curiously to see what results will follow.

Jury Law Unconstitutional. NEW YORK, March 26.—Congressman William D. Daly and lawyer Joseph M. Noonan, counsel for James K. Brown, who was convicted of the murder of Policeman Gebhard in Hoboken, have decided to take an appeal to the United States supreme court from the decision of the New Jersey court of errors affirming the constitutionality of a conviction for murder by a struck jury.

Mock Terrapins From Maryland. With the passing of the diamond back terrapin, the business of developing "sliders" and "red-bellies" terrapins has begun in the waters of Kent county. These terrapins are now in winter quarters by the thousands in the marshes, and are in their best condition.

Reward for Bravery. LONDON, March 26.—The Hamburg-American Steamship company has donated \$500 to be divided among the officers and crew of the British steamer Weehawken, which recently landed 25 of the passengers of the Hamburg-American liner Bulgaria at Ponta Delgada, which at the time was thought to be sinking.

The Tabernacle Trouble. NEW YORK, March 26.—A motion of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church to compel the Tabernacle Baptist church on Second avenue to allow an inspection of the Tabernacle books, in the action of the Tabernacle to recover \$3900 stock dividends, was denied yesterday by Justice Beach of the supreme court.

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Race Track Men Fighting. TRENTON, N. J., March 26.—The court of errors and appeals heard argument today in the case of Bott vs. Wurtz, secretary of state, in which an effort is being made to have the constitutional amendment made against gambling in New Jersey set aside as not properly adopted by the people at the special election held on September 26, 1897.

Deceived by Her Lover. NEW YORK, March 26.—Fannie Ayres, aged 21, committed suicide last night by taking carbolic acid because she found that Martin Barton, of Stratford place, Newark, to whom she was engaged to be married, had been a married man. She lived at 24 Waverly avenue, Newark, and was a daughter of Andrew B. Ayres, a traveling salesman.

No Left \$60,000. NEW YORK, March 26.—Police Captain Stephen Martin of the Clason avenue station, in Brooklyn, who had just been made chief of financially, and his estate, it is said, exceeded \$60,000. More than \$1500 was found in his pockets after his death.

Wickedness in Cranbury. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 26.—The Rev. C. F. Taylor has set the village of Cranbury, nine miles from here, agog by preaching a sermon from the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian church there yesterday morning upon the text of the seventh commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

A Queer Workshop. NEW YORK, March 26.—As a result of a small fire in the cellar of the tenement at 146 West Seventeenth street yesterday afternoon, the police arrested Frank Fritz and locked him up on the charge of being a suspicious person. Fritz occupies rooms in the house and also rents the rear of the cellar in which the fire started.

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American Grave in Carolines.

The following epitaph is over a grave in the Caroline islands, which German diplomacy was trying to wrest from Spain. It would seem to show that the United States had pre-empted the soil. Sacred to Wilm. Collins Boat Steerer of the SHIP SALT George of New Bedford who by the Will of was survivor injured by a BULL WAALLE Off this Island on 18 March 1860 also to Fred Sabanas of Guam 4th Mate drowned on the SAME DATE his Back broken by WHALE above MENTIONED.

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Cecil Rhodes' Success.

BERLIN, March 26.—There is reason to believe that Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the South African financier, will succeed in his negotiations with the Emperor for permission to construct the Cape Town-Cairo railway by the route through German East Africa. Mr. Rhodes will have another audience with his majesty tomorrow. The Emperor, Chancellor von Hohenlohe, Herr von Buelow, minister of foreign affairs, and Mr. Rhodes will be the guests of Sir Frank Lascelles, the British ambassador, at a dinner tomorrow evening.

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