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The age of consent has again been raised in Missouri—this time to 21 years. The governor signed the bill Monday.

AGATHADVIOS A. PAPAGEORGIOPOULAS is the name of a Greek agitator in New York. People who attempt to pronounce his name often must need keep their jaws in a state of chronic agitation.

CONGRESS convened in extraordinary session Monday, under the proclamation of the president. The president's message treated only of the tariff as a means of raising revenue and curing the business stagnation. Hon. Thomas B. Reed was once more elected speaker and his rules continue in force, but not without opposition from his party associates.

CHARLES DREHER, the convicted St. Louis murderer, has been taken to the Fulton insane asylum. He escaped the hangman's noose through the kind offices of a sheriff's jury, which lately pronounced him insane. Yet he seems to have been as sane as Duestrow, who, a few weeks ago, went to the gallows for wife murder. But Dreher has no influential metropolitan newspaper thirsting for his blood.

THE mammoth wholesale dry goods establishment conducted by the Ely-Walker Dry Goods company, St. Louis, was totally consumed by fire Tuesday night. The seven-story granite building was crammed full of the firm's new spring stock, and together with the building will run the loss up to \$1,500,000. The firm carried \$1,000,000 on stock and the owners of the building had insurance amounting to \$300,000. One fireman lost his life.

THE house of representatives, it is announced, will consume but nine days in the discussion of the tariff bill. This is a fitting treatment of a measure intended to assassinate American commerce. In the words of another conspirator when contemplating the bloody death of his king and guest: "If it were done, when 't is done, then 't were well it were done quickly." And that the parallel between the two acts may be complete the American people will about twenty months hence visit upon the authors of this legislative infamy as condign punishment as befel the treacherous and traitorous Macbeth.

THE anti-Sunday base ball bill has been killed in the Missouri senate by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting a new section providing for local option in the matter. Of course this effectually nullifies its provisions. For Sunday base ball being mostly prevalent in the large cities, local option against it can never carry. Sunday as an American institution will soon be blotted from the legal calendar. And in its stead we shall have the continental Sunday intensified by the American spirit of restlessness under restraint. We do not want an ecclesiastical holy day, but we do expect to contend as long as we live for one day in seven of absolute rest for the laboring man.

THE Dingley tariff bill will be introduced in the house next Monday, it is now expected. The proclaimed purpose of the bill is to raise additional revenue and to encourage the infant(?) industries of the U. S. The new law is expected to increase the annual revenue about \$112,000,000. Under its benign influences the American public will pay additions on its purchases, as follows: Chemicals, \$3,500,000; crockery and glassware, \$4,000,000; metals, \$4,000,000; lumber, \$1,750,000; sugar, \$21,750,000; tobacco, \$7,000,000; agricultural, \$6,300,000; liquors, \$1,800,000; cottons, \$1,700,000; jute, linen and hemp, \$7,800,000; wool, \$17,500,000; manufacturers of wool, \$27,000,000; silks, \$1,500,000; pulp and paper, \$58,000,000; sundries, \$6,200,000.

On Tuesday the supreme court of Missouri by an unanimous vote reinstated Ed. M. Harber and A. G. Knight, prominent Trenton, Grundy county, attorneys, to all their rights as attorneys before that court. It will be remembered that these gentlemen were disbarred from practice in that court, about one year ago, for mutilating the record in the Howell murder trial on appeal to the supreme court. The ovation accorded Mr. Harber when he made a Democratic speech here last fall leads us to believe that our people will rejoice in his removal from the cloud that injured his usefulness. Mr. Harber headed the plucky Grundy county delegation that stood solidly by Judge Rucker in the Chillicothe convention from first to last. We congratulate both Messrs. Harber and Knight on their good fortune, and trust they may never be tempted to go wrong again in their zeal for their clients.

THE Kansas City Times in a caustic editorial arraigns ex-Senator Ingalls over his proposed write-up of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize-fight. That paper thinks the work undignified in one who has held the responsible and honorable position of United States senator. But from our understanding of the matter we believe the Times article unjust to the gentleman. Mr. Ingalls, we understand, is simply going to give the American people a study of prize-fighting through its two most distinguished exponents, that they may be able to determine the question of the comparative brutality of foot-ball and prize-fighting. There is a growing impression that foot-ball ought to be put under the legal ban along with its twin barbarity—the prize ring. This is the question Mr. Ingalls proposes to decide to the satisfaction of his own mind.

COWARDICE, cunning, sneak-thievery and greed is a quartet that for diabolic qualities can not be matched in all the catalogue of hellish qualities bequeathed the human race as the heritage of the fall. Purge hell to its lowest depths with a drastic dose of ipecac and its last vomit, the quintessence of devilish qualities, cast up would be cunning greed cowardly creeping around the back way to steal the goods of his neighbor. That it is a liar, along with its other bad qualities, is proven from the inspired record. For it once attempted to deceive the Holy Ghost himself, when the power of Omnipotence smote the creeping thing dead with the fire of His wrath.

As had been predicted, Gov. Stephens has sent to the senate for confirmation the names of W. C. Scarlett and R. L. Gregory to be police commissioners of Kansas City, vice Fyke and Johnson, recently rejected. The governor is being congratulated over the wisdom of the selections. It is predicted the appointments will break up protected gambling in the city on the Kaw. No difficulty is anticipated in securing the confirmation of both gentlemen.

THE people living along the lower Mississippi are suffering the effects of an unusual rise in the river. This is especially true at Memphis and vicinity, where the gauge registers a flood of 36.5 feet with the water still rapidly rising. Much damage to property has already been done and two lives known to have been lost. Unless relief is at once secured many more fatalities will be the result.

THE great prize-fight has occurred. It took place at Carson City, Nevada, last Wednesday and resulted in Fitzsimmons knocking out Corbett in the 14th round. Now that Corbett is no longer the world's champion, it is hoped that he will now have fits. We would next like for some fellow to knock out "Fitz" so as to give him "fits," too.

A. S. TRUDE, who was enticed away from the regular Democracy in the last national campaign, has shown his good sense and patriotism in enlisting in the ranks under the leadership of Carter Harrison, Jr., who recently defeated him for the mayoralty nomination in Chicago.

ZELDA SMITH, a St. Louis 15-year-old love lorn maid, attempted suicide the other day on learning that Harry Wright, her sweetheart, had deserted her for another girl. Another object lesson to parents not to permit their daughters to have beaux almost as soon as they leave the nursery.

A CHANGE NEEDED.

We have lately been making some investigation into the matter of the assessment and collection of taxes. And we came from the investigation firmly convinced that a change is urgently demanded.

Our investigation only covered the collector's book for Keytesville township, because most convenient, but we suppose this township will make no worse showing along the lines of our investigation than other townships.

We ascertained that it costs the state and county fifty cents to take a personal list and have the tax extended on the collector's books. With this knowledge for a basis we commenced at the beginning of the personal tax list and, counting the names against which the total tax was less than this fifty cents, counted to the end, keeping exact tally as we went. When through the list the score counted up the enormous sum of 158 in a total of less than 1,200. And of that number only 12 had paid the tax. This was an astounding showing. The public had paid the assessor and county clerk \$79 and received in return \$3.60. Not a very profitable piece of taxation. Of course the 146 delinquents were returned to the county treasurer where they will sleep the eternal sleep of uncollectability, to the annoyance of that official and the useless spoiling of valuable records.

The question that naturally arises is this: Why take such lists at all? The only object of taxation is to raise revenue. In making assessment lists the rule should be to reject all that will not pay the first cost of getting the tax-payer's name on the tax book. It seems to us that the county court, as the guardian of the public interests, is by natural implication of law empowered to correct abuses of this kind. The remedy seems to lie in an order from the court to the assessors not to take lists that will not yield at least 50 cents in revenue. This might not be technically legal, but could be easily justified on the broad principle of self-defense.

We have not written this article in any spirit of fault-finding with the court, the assessors or the county clerk. Our only purpose has been to call attention to an expensive evil in the hope that a remedy might be found. When we have had time to make the proper investigation we will give our readers the showing in this matter for the entire county.

THE Cretan question that has been holding the public attention for some time is about to receive an answer in a declaration of war against Turkey by spunky little Greece. The king and council, driven against their better judgment by the hot anger of the people against what they regard as unjust interference with their national rights, have decided upon the fatal step and will at once declare war. If left to fight out the war between themselves we have little doubt that Greece would win, but this will not be done. The great powers may unite to coerce peace between the belligerent nations, or they may range themselves against each other as the ally of Greece or Turkey. In the latter event as horrible a war will result as the world ever saw. We have not been able to fathom in all its details the merits of the controversy, but this much we believe is true, it is a struggle in the direction of larger human liberty against rule of the most cruel government in the world. Why the so-called Christian governments of Europe should permit the further existence of that blot on civilization, the Turkish empire, is one of the mysteries of European politics. Turkey should long since have been blotted from the map of the world and would have been except for the jealousies of her neighbors.

A FEW weeks ago the house at Jefferson City defeated a bill providing for properly endowing the state university. The friends of the measure, not discouraged, induced the senate to pass a bill having the same end in view. On Tuesday this second bill came up in the house for consideration. But the measure had already been condemned by the star chamber of the general assembly (called the farmers' club), that has taken upon itself to decide in advance of discussion the fate of all legislation attempted in that body. Hence when the measure was called up, the house by a vote of

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65 to 59, and without discussion, voted to indefinitely postpone. The friends of the university claim the defeat was secured by the partisans of the Normal schools and threaten reprisal in the senate against those institutions when the appropriations for their maintenance shall come up. In this very war lies the strongest reason for permanently endowing the university. These biennial wars should cease. And along with them the university lobby should go out of business. It is a disgrace to the state, undignified in the managers of the university and demoralizing to faculty and students that a hired lobby should be sent at each session of the legislature to logroll for necessary appropriations. And the only way to prevent these things is to grant a sufficient endowment. The farmers' club has done an unwise thing in defeating the senate bill.

A SILLY WARFARE.

The medical moon is assuming a gory hue and we may soon expect to see it dripping gore. This sanguinary state of affairs has been produced by the action of Governor Stephens in seeking to have the homeopathic school of medicine recognized in the treatment of insanity. The purpose of the governor is to place Dr. J. T. Coombs, of Kansas City, a follower of that school, in charge of the Fulton asylum. This aroused the ire of the allopathists, who claim to be the very elect in the science of medicine, and they have been sending numerous signed petitions to members of the legislature to use their influence to prevent this invasion of their ancient privilege of exclusive control of public institutions for the treatment of disease. No charge of incompetency or dishonor is brought against Dr. Coombs. His solitary sin in the eyes of his enemies consists in the fact that he does not think as they do.

Homeopathy is not a new theory in the domain of medicine. It is now more than one hundred years since Dr. Samuel Hahneman, the founder of modern homeopathy, first promulgated his theory of disease and its cure. If it is the base fraud charged against it by its enemies, surely they could have demonstrated the fact within that time, but instead of dying out under the repeated blows of allopathy it has continued to flourish. Not all their ability, allied to the natural skepticism of the human mind to the new in doctrine, has been able to overthrow it, and today in every civilized country its advocates rank in intelligence, and probably in successful treatment of disease, with the ancient school of allopathy.

We neither defend nor condemn either school. We simply contend for fair treatment. Allopathy has for a hundred years been condemning homeopathy as a fraud, but when it is proposed to test the matter the allopathic school seek to avoid the issue. There are in the state four public insane asylums. In only one is it proposed to give homeopathy a trial. And in that institution there will be three vigilant and intelligent enemies of the system ready to expose its weakness. Allopathy will have three chances to one against its enemy. Surely this is all that could be asked. Dr. Coombs would not be permitted to do a great amount of harm. A comparison of the two systems could thus be obtained, and that is what the public wants.

The allopathists discredit their own

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cause. Men who know they are right are tolerant of the views of those who oppose them. They do not vilify; they do not call names. The petition sent from Mexico was an unwarranted insult to the governor, that should have been resented by the house by throwing the insulting document into the Missouri river, as moved by one member. The right of petition does not also give the petitioner the right to libel any individual. The petition was in words as follows: "We, the undersigned physicians, do most sincerely petition you to do all in your power, both publicly and privately, to stay the hand of Gov. Stephens in his attempt to prostitute his high office to pay political debts and provide for his kind-folks by turning the State Lunatic asylum, No. 1, at Fulton over to the homeopathic school of medicine." Such language should not find a place in petition to a public body, except upon indubitable proof of the guilt of the officer charged. The very intemperateness of the language creates in the minds of unprejudiced people a suspicion of the righteousness of the cause being defended.

PREJUDICE is indeed a deep-rooted and noxious weed in our moral natures, but not more so than greed. The first blinds us to many things grand, beautiful and good. The second excases our moral natures in the steel armor of selfishness, making us utterly indifferent to the rights of others, where those rights conflict with the attainment of the things we desire. "The love of money (or gain) is the root of all evil" declares the inspired writer. Self-aggrandizement has been the cause of all the misery and bloodshed through which the human race has passed since sin entered the world. Prejudice is bold and self-reliant and proceeds to its attacks by direct routes. Greed is cowardly and cruel and seeks by stealth to take the things it desires. Greed is never content with its own, but is forever seeking to possess itself of the goods of its neighbor. It sometimes assumes the garb of sanctity and by preaching moral discourses hopes to divert attention from its own moral hideousness. We dislike both prejudice and greed, but if compelled to make choice would prefer to have the prejudiced man for our neighbor. He would at least have the honor to respect the things that belong to us.

DWIGHT L. MOODY, the greatest evangelist of the age, will go to St. Louis early in April to begin a series of meetings.