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THE PRISON SENSATION.

The detailed statement of occurrences preceding and subsequent to the letting of the contract for the prison labor of the state, published by The Globe this morning, will be read with intense interest by every citizen of Minnesota.

Mr. W. B. Jordan asserts that Warden Wolfer had an interest in the shoe company by which prison labor was employed. He recounts conversations in which Wolfer is said to have spoken of this freely and as a matter understood.

As far as the board of control is concerned, they may find it inconvenient to explain why they have concealed these matters deliberately and obstinately from the public. Mr. Jordan avers that he laid before the board everything that he has now given to the public, that he asked for a copy of the record, and that his request was evaded.

It is equivalent to a confession that the wretched apologies which have appeared thus far make no attempt to answer charges or explain a condition by which the state receives, for the life of the contract, \$13,500 less than would have been paid under proper conditions, other than the whining statement that the agitation about it is "political."

CLINGING TO THE FLESH POTS. The grafting instinct in Republicans dies hard. The time was when the exposure of improper influence or of the use of official place or power for private profit would have been equivalent to the withdrawal of the official from public life.

A grave scandal has been developed, which Minnesota cannot afford to ignore. The board of control and others have sneered at the manly letters and attitude of Mr. Jordan and told him that it was "up to him" to give facts and explanations. We trust that they are satisfied. He has complied with their request with a vengeance, and his relation will send a shock through all Minnesota today.

A DAY AFTER THE FAIR. There is something approaching the ludicrous in the appetite of the senate committee charged with investigating the Smoot case for details of Mormon faith and practice at this late day. It appears to us to partake very much of the nature of the depraved instinct which leads low-minded boys and men to obtain and read forbidden literature.

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The condition of things in the state of Utah and in the Mormon church is not a surprise to any intelligent person. It is known of all men. Not only that, but it was known to all men when Utah was admitted that such conditions existed there then, and that they would be put permanently beyond the right of federal interference if statehood were granted. Then, if ever, was the time to act. The majority in Utah being Mormon, and the Mormon posi-

tion being so defined that no change in it could be regarded as possible, the admission of the territory as a state was tantamount to a definite and unlimited permit by the United States government for the continuance unchecked of all beliefs and practices peculiar to Mormonism.

The senate investigation is an un-mixed farce. There is nothing brought to light which bears or can bear possibly upon the case of Senator Smoot. There is nothing disclosed which any act of congress or proceeding of the courts can remedy. The plain fact is that everybody outside of the mad-house knew that the admission of Utah meant the erection of a permanent and impregnable asylum not only for Mormonism, but for polygamy and anything else which Mormonism chose to tolerate or defend. Why raise all this row about it after the nation has by its own act estopped itself from further interference? Why burden the public prints with a mass of matter, most of it offensive and a large portion unprintable, merely to make a mock show of high morality, when it is so late for moral ideas, even if sincere, to have any practical effect whatever?

During each day for four weeks the czar's forces in the East have been crushed, and the heartless indifference of the Autocrat is exhibited in the fact that he sits up and takes his vodka as though there was nothing doing.

MINNESOTA AND NATIONAL DEMOCRACY.

The policy outlined by a prominent Democrat as fittest for the party in this state and made public by him through The Globe in a late issue is so admirable that we wish to emphasize and reinforce it. The Democracy of Minnesota should send a delegation to the national convention whose warrant for wisdom shall lie not in any instructions, but in the character of its personnel.

The state convention should name delegates at large, and the districts choose Democrats in each who can be depended upon to do the best thing for the party. They should be conservative, careful men. They should be free from the taint of extremism and intolerance. They should be able to forget what has happened on both sides in the past, to remember only Democracy reunited and rejuvenated, and to think and act only with an eye single and heart devoted to its honor and success.

Any attempt to control the convention in the interest of any particular candidate should be frowned down. The situation at present is not such that any individual aspirant for the presidency has a clear field or an open title. It is not such that any man who has been mentioned deserves the instructed following of Minnesota. The atmosphere will not be clear or the way of success made plain until representative Democrats shall have taken counsel with one another at St. Louis, and out of it have evolved harmony and wisdom. Let the pledge of Minnesota lie in the naming of her best, most disinterested, ablest, calmest and most impartial Democrats, and trust to them for the result.

Did you notice how much better the old war pictures—made in New York before the opening of hostilities—were than the new ones—made in Germany—are?

Destiny has made Col. Roosevelt the master of his party as it made him Roosevelt of New York. He was born to the purple, he was butted into the legislature of his state, he became a political reformer because there was nothing else to do; he became president of the United States because fate was due to fount Tom Platt, who had calculated on shelving a man whom he recognized as a menace to the Republican party.

Col. Roosevelt is now the dictator of the Republican party. Next fall he will be the Republican party, and there are signs that fate, which has so far smiled on him, will shroud him with a frown in which the sins of the organization which he is taking upon himself will take form.

The time is inauspicious for a man who is simply lucky to take on the burden of an organization which is rotten from center to circumference and which is about to submit to a public examination.

The posthumous work of Hanna on Wood is of a character to prove that poet in the wrong who intimated that the good men do is generally interred with their bones.

Would Mr. Smith be such a booster for polygamy if he was in the habit of going home a bit late nights and listening to a symposium by the Mesdames Smith?

If the Japs keep on burning powder so carelessly the Fourth of July anti-noise people will win in a walk.

HERE is the DAILY INCREASE for February in the number of copies of The St. Paul Daily Globe delivered by MAIL or by CARRIER FOR PAID IN ADVANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Table showing daily increase in circulation for February. Columns include date, gain, and total net gain. Total net gain for February is 1783.

SUMMARY OF CIRCULATION INCREASE. City and country subscriptions: 1141. Counter sales: 100. City newsdealers: 417. Country newsdealers: 125. Total Net Gain in February: 1783.

Contemporary Comment

A Matter of Precedence. With Admiral Walker at the head of the Panama canal commission it is certain that the man will be used to the full extent before the regular army is called upon, if the sea fighter can have his way.

Negroes and Southern Republicans. The political fortunes of the Southern white Republicans and the Southern negroes are at the lowest point, and the two facts are related. The abandonment of the colored men of the South by the Northern Republicans has brought about the destruction of the Southern Republican organization.

Where the Electoral Votes Come From. Mr. Roosevelt has got two more delegates instructed for him, and two alleged delegates are also instructed for him. The latter pair are the result of a divided convention, and involves a dispute over credentials.

He Has Made His Reputation. The heavy-weight pugilists who are looking for some one to whip Champion Jeffries seem to have entirely overlooked the qualifications of Gov. Jeff Davis, of Arkansas.—Atlanta Journal.

Wasn't a Universal Grandfather. After inspecting the case of Prophet Smith it becomes more and more apparent that Prophet Dowrie has his redeeming qualities.—Chicago News.

They're Biting Good Now Also. If the politicians don't give Grover Cleveland a rest pretty quick the chances are that he'll get out of patience and go fishing.—Boston Herald.

Here's a Chance to Make Good. President Roosevelt's suggestion that the public lands be disposed of at auction is hereby accepted, if he'll be the auctioneer.—Baltimore American.

Russia May in Two Months. "Mikado," we are told, means "august gate." But that does not prevent the mikado from making war at a March gait.—Chicago Tribune.

But They Don't Buss in Japan. Japanese hobnob with the popular heroes now. But wait till they go ashore and the girls get at them.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The Good Old Last Straw. Mr. Mechner missed a point by not pleading insanity.—Chicago Tribune.

PERSONAL MENTION. Dr. Samuel G. Smith, of the People's church, who has been in California on a vacation for some time, has returned to St. Paul.

Today's Weather. Minnesota—Fair in west, snow in east portion Friday; Saturday and warmer, brisk to high northwest winds.

Upper Michigan—Snow Friday, Saturday, fair, except snow in east portion, brisk northwest to north winds.

Montana—Rain in south, snow in north portion Friday, warmer in east portion, Saturday snow or rain and colder.

South Dakota—Fair Friday; Saturday fair and warmer. North Dakota—Fair and warmer Friday and Saturday.

What the Editors Say

James A. Martin has many friends in St. Cloud; Collins hasn't. Collins hates always "run the Jim" into Jim and has called him pretty nearly everything but a respectable citizen.

The present price of potatoes emphasizes the fact that the farmers of this section might well pay more attention to that crop. In an ordinary season potatoes can be profitably raised for 25 cents per bushel.

The ministers of Sioux City are contemplating the formation of a union. They say they have to work as hard as anyone else and must organize to protect their interests.

Nothing momentous this week except the revived report that W. H. Eustis is going to break into the game and try to be governor once more.

A medical ad in the Wabasha Herald announces "The human cured in thirty minutes." We will wager that this remedy will fail if applied to politicians.—Thief River Press.

Education for the Few. In St. Paul the high school problem presents itself in concrete form, in a way that should be extremely edifying to other cities.

It looks as if this proposal would die of public scorn and laughter; but it will at least have served its purpose of advertising the false conception of the high school as an agency for feeding the university with students from what may be called the leisure class of three and four hundred other cities.

Macdonald Finds an Unlucky Spot. The old gentleman was down in the big furniture store. "By the way," he said, just before leaving, "my daughter has just started to buy a young man, and I suppose I should buy them a pretty sofa to make love on."

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Circumstantial Evidence. "See here," cried the merchant, "some one is giving away our secrets and I'll bet it's that young fellow Huregore you took in as clerk," said the junior partner.

A Resemblance. "What do you think of my historic novel?" "It resembles some of the most successful works of its kind," answered Miss Gayette.

Hopeless Case. "I suppose," said the bachelor brother, "you think your baby is one and only in the world most of the time."

Content. "Aren't you sometimes tempted to complain about the ingratitude of republics?" "Certainly not," answered Senator Sorghum; "I haven't the slightest hesitancy in declaring that this republic has amply repaid me for everything I ever did for it."

Empress Not an American. So much publicity has been given in the press to a story that the emperor of Korea had married an American woman named Emily Brown, that United States Minister Allen, at Seoul, has been obliged to print identical replies to women correspondents, denying the truth of the story and declaring that there is no room in Korea for foreign female nurses, governesses, companions and the like.

The easiest way to register is to do it when you go to the primary to vote next Tuesday.

At St. Paul Theaters

A painfully inadequate performance of Henry V. Esmond's delightful comedy, "When We Were Twenty-one," was given at the Metropolitan last night. Only one member of the company can be honestly commended, to-wit, Joseph Totten, who contributed a spirited and spontaneous portrayal of the Imp that was altogether satisfying.

Fay Davis and members of Charles Frohman's Empire Theater company will present Henry Arthur Jones' comedy, "Whitewashing Julia," at the Metropolitan opera house for three nights and a matinee, beginning Monday evening.

There will be a ladies' matinee given at the Star today by Rice and Barton's company. The attraction is perhaps the best offered at the Star this season and is drawing large audiences.

BURKE HAS NEW PLAN FOR ROSEBUD LANDS

Suggests That Their Value Be Appraised by a Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—Representative Burke said the president today and presented a plan for a commission to appraise the lands of the Rosebud reservation, promising, if the president approved, to amend his bill accordingly.

MARRIAGE LICENSE IS GOOD IN IOWA, ANYHOW

Nebraska Preacher Accommodates a Young Hawkeye Couple.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, March 10.—Robert H. Mort and Miss Grace Savage, of this city, secured a marriage license and crossed the river to South Sioux City, Neb., to be wedded.

MACDONALD FINDS AN UNLUCKY SPOT

Three Times Escapes Death at the Same Place and Season.

LA CROSSE, Wis., March 10.—In the same place and in identically the same manner that twice before at the same time of year he had narrowly escaped death, Moses Macdonald, a wealthy farmer, last night was saved from drowning in the Mississippi.

ROOSEVELT LISTENS TO GRIGSBY'S LAWYERS

President is Expected Soon to Decide as to Those Charges.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—Thurston and Ballinger, the lawyers employed by Col. Melvin Grigsby, district attorney at Nome, to defend him against the charges preferred against him by the department of justice, had a hearing before the president. The president will now take the case under advisement and will probably announce his decision soon.

WOOD'S APPOINTMENT UP AGAIN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—The contested appointment of Gen. Leonard Wood to be major general of the army was taken up in executive session of the senate, and after listening to brief prepared by the late Senator Hanna, summing up the testimony which had been given in the hearings before the committee on military affairs, and several affidavits obtained since the hearings closed, the senate adjourned. Senator Foraker announced that he would move to take the case at every possible opportunity.

SHIP RAILWAY PROPOSED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—Senator Morgan has introduced a joint resolution directing the isthmian canal commission "to examine the question of the practicability of constructing and maintaining a railway structure for the transportation of vessels and their cargoes across the highlands on the route of the Panama canal, between the sea or tide levels it is observed in the name of the Gatun, on the Caribbean side, and the Rio Grande on the Pacific side."

CANAL PAYMENT WON'T BE HARMFUL

Secretary Shaw Thinks Withdrawal of \$40,000,000 Is Safe Proposition.

Globe Special Washington Service, 1417 G Street. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—The prospect that the \$40,000,000 payment by the United States to the new Panama Canal company, of France, will have to be made in gold coin, instead of by international exchange, has caused some serious consideration of the effect on the Metropolitan last night. A careful survey of the situation, Secretary of the Treasury Shaw has reached the conclusion that the withdrawal of this large amount of money from the circulating medium of the country will not be seriously felt in New York and the other monetary centers, and that all fears of a money stringency are without foundation.

It is admitted now that the funds need not have been withdrawn from the national bank depositories quite as early, for the transfer of the canal property will consume a longer time than at first expected. It was generally agreed among financiers at the outset, however, that it was in good condition to stand the strain of this large withdrawal. This would not have been true four or five months ago and it would not be true, probably, four or five months hence, but just at this time there is plenty of money to carry on the business of the country. By the time the crop-moving season arrives, it is believed, that the treasury will have accumulated such a surplus of reserves over expenditures as to be in a condition to replace the deposits thus withdrawn, and thus avoid any danger of a stringency during the season of naturally tight money.

The talk occasioned by the desire of the French Canal company to have the payment made in gold coin has not ceased. There is no doubt in the minds of many members of the administration that the attraction is perhaps the best offered at the Star this season and is drawing large audiences. The French government is aware of this and wishes to be prepared for it. The question has arisen as to just when the United States will (as Secretary Shaw recently put it in a public speech) "begin to shovel dirt" on the Panama canal. The probability is that the work will begin immediately after the transfer of the title to this government. The French company has a large number of men at work on the isthmus, and as soon as the title passes the pay of these men will of course be stopped, so far as the old company is concerned. Preparations are now making to take charge of the French company's equipment on the isthmus, and the arrangements are expected to be completed by the time the money is paid over to the canal company, which will probably be within sixty days from this time.

RHODE ISLAND CHOOSES DELEGATES TO ST. LOUIS

Six of the Eight Are Said to Be Supporters of Hearst.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 10.—John J. Fitzgerald, of Pawtucket, leader of the Democrats in the state house of representatives, won a victory in the convention today in the choosing of delegates to the national Democratic convention at St. Louis. Mr. Fitzgerald, assisted by ex-Mayor George W. Greene, of Woonsocket, Democratic national committee member, routed the forces led by Col. Foraker. Quinby, Wick, chairman of the state central committee, and Col. Samuel R. Honey, leader of the "old-time" Democrats, electing five supporters and one delegate who had no other party opponent, but who was today voted with the Fitzgerald and Greene faction, which is working in the interests of W. R. Hearst. Preparations are now making. Having done this, they permitted the leaders of the opposition, Col. Quinn and Col. Honey, to be named in completing the delegation. The other delegates are: John J. Fitzgerald, George W. Greene, Samuel E. Dabney, David J. Barry, Andrew W. Fayrell, Dr. Thomas H. Connelly.

Following the convention, a meeting of the six delegates was held, at which the presidential candidacy of Mr. Hearst was endorsed and resolutions favoring the adoption of the unit rule by the delegation in voting were passed. The delegates were uninstructed, but Fitzgerald announced that he would vote for Hearst, and afterward it was that the six Fitzgerald delegates would support Hearst. Col. Honey announced himself as an opponent of Hearst, saying that he would vote against the man "first, last and all the time."

WICHITA, Kan., March 10.—The Republican state convention nominated the following ticket:

Governor, Edward W. Hoch; lieutenant governor, David W. Hanna; secretary of state, J. R. Burrows; auditor, Seth G. Wells; attorney general, C. C. Coleman; treasurer, Thomas T. Kelly; superintendent of education, Charles Lulling; superintendent of public instruction, J. L. Dayhoff; judges of supreme court, Clark A. Smith, W. R. Smith, El W. Cunningham.

Six delegates at large to the Republican national convention were elected. The platform favors protection and Roosevelt.

Train-Bearing Ice.

PARIS, March 10.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Figaro says that as doubts existed as to what thickness of ice was required to bear trains safely over Lake Baikal official experiments were made, which proved that thirteen inches of ice would bear a heavy train. The train on Lake Baikal is often four feet thick. The railway around the shores of the lake to bring together the two ends of the Trans-Siberian line will not be finished before autumn.