

AN EXPECTED EMBARRASSMENT.

There are some hints coming from the Capitol that in the near future the State may become embarrassed in its finances.

The statements of Senator Wickham were followed by his offering a resolution of inquiry in the Senate on the 8th inst.

The resolution also calls for detailed statement, showing the items of reduction in revenue of the State, which will be caused by reduction of the tax rate prescribed by the constitution.

The resolution also requests "a statement showing the amount of money which would be derived by a special tax, if levied, under section 189 of the constitution, of five cents on the hundred dollars of the assessed value (1) on all lands and improvements thereon; (2) and on all tangible personal property not exempt from taxation."

The Richmond News of the 8th inst. discussing the situation said: "As we understand, the impending embarrassment is caused by the miscalculations or recklessness of the late constitutional convention. One of the few unwise things it did was to attempt to win favor for the new constitution by the enforced, inopportune, unnecessary and unjustifiable limitation of the taxing power of the State."

Here is an admission on the part of the News that the so-called statesmen and patriots who framed the constitution were guilty of a small piece of demagoguery to win approval of their work.

The constitution will prove an expensive affair to the tax-payers. It has and will cost the State not less than half a million of dollars, including the expenses of the convention and the extra sessions of the General Assembly.

THE DEMOCRATIC DOWIE.

"What chumps and degenerates the Democrats of these United States were three times to nominate for the Presidency and twice to elect a man who never had any political principles!" says the Richmond Times, replying to the Virginia-Pilot's sneering remark that Mr. Cleveland had no political principles.

9,000,000 votes—and he was elected at all only because of Rev. Burchard's famous deliverance as to the "three R's." In 1888 he was beaten out of his boots by Harrison on his record during the first term. In 1892 the Democrats could have won with a cigar Indian after the House and riots. In other words, Mr. Cleveland was the beneficiary of an accident on both occasions when he was elected and on the one occasion when he ran on his record he was defeated.

Undoubtedly the Democrats were chumps when they renominated and elected Hon. Grover Cleveland, and had they been less chumps the Democratic party would probably be in power today. The Democrats were chumps in renominating him because they had seen during his first term how arrogant, stubborn and cold-blooded he was and accordingly how unfit to be a party leader.

Of course, we do not expect these things to weigh with the Cleveland worshippers, but they are facts of political history and the good of the party requires that they shall not be forgotten. Just as the pangs of indigestion are often mistaken for the pangs of conscience, so Mr. Cleveland and his followers have mistaken his opinions for principles.

The Pilot is disposed to turn the sarcasm of the Times upon it, and claim in all earnestness that the Democrats were really wooden-heads for ever nominating Mr. Cleveland for President. The Times might reply in kind, and assert with much force and truth that the Democrats proved themselves to be chronic chumps by twice nominating and supporting Mr. Bryan upon a platform of vagaries of which the most of them are now ashamed.

The Pilot assails the record of Mr. Cleveland, and asserts that he "put himself at loggerheads with Congress, split his party into factions and sowed the seeds of discord and dissension to a degree that has made his party practically impotent as a force in national affairs ever since."

In all fairness, the Pilot should admit that the real ground upon which Mr. Cleveland made a split with the Democratic members of Congress was the foolish free-silver doctrine, which the party so earnestly espoused in 1896 and 1900 under the leadership of Mr. Bryan.

To make the chump record complete, the Pilot will only have to admit that Bryanism and free silver made a more complete rupture in the Democratic ranks than Cleveland ever did; and that the Democrats who worshipped Bryan in 1896 and 1900 now scorn him as heartily as they do Cleveland.

It is very ridiculous in the Pilot to admit that the Democratic victories of 1884 and 1892 were accidents and that Mr. Cleveland was the beneficiary of an accident, and, then, charge that he "has made his party impotent as a force in national affairs." According to the admissions of the Pilot the party was impotent when it won its accidental victories.

A CENTRAL PLANK.

The Winchester "News" in a recent editorial says: "There is no reason why all the Democrats in the country may not unite in 1904 on a platform whose central plank shall be tariff for revenue only."

Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them.

when the other girls come near it. But I have no steel upon me, and therefore, I can approach the needle without putting it out."

"She returned to her seat, smiling prettily, and thereafter I used her only in my experiments, keeping the rest of the class at a safe distance from my more delicate machines."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

of Chamberlain's cough remedy and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for the gripe, coughs, colds, croup, and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. Jno. E. Jackson, druggist.

Attorney General Knox plants himself on unquestionable ground when he demands in his letter to the chairmen of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees equal rights in trade for all.

This is the basal principle in the trust problem. Attorney General Knox does not go beyond it. He does not, like Senator Hoar, propose new and extreme penalties for State corporations. He does not by indirection transfer these corporations to one sovereignty to another. He does not seek to bring all the traffic and all the manufacture of the country under Federal supervision by providing a Federal license for entry into interstate commerce, as does Senator Hoar's bill.

These propositions are midway between the plans of those who desire to see the innocuous provisions of the Sherman antitrust act remain on the statute book and those who, like Senator Hoar, urge extreme and drastic measures. Gradually out of this discussion certain principles appear. The trust problem requires the exact collection of all the facts in regard to prices and transactions in interstate by a new agency or commission. Discrimination in prices with intent to create a monopoly should be prohibited as rigidly as discrimination in railroad rates.

The best way in which to secure the last object still remains a subject for discussion and determination.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The wife of President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, is critically ill.

The German Ambassador, Herr von Holleben, is ill and declining all invitations to social functions.

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Rev. David M. Cooper, the venerable Presbyterian minister of Detroit, preached the sermon Sunday at the semi-centennial of the Presbyterian Church in Saginaw, which he helped to build fifty years ago.

A. B. Paine will write a biography of the late Thomas Nast. It was authorized by the cartoonist himself.

Thomas Bralee, who has just died at Monterey, Cal., was one of those who assisted at the first hoisting of the Stars and Stripes over California. He first landed there in 1846, having come in Commodore Cloat's frigate, the Savannah.

Rev. Robert H. Paine celebrated on Tuesday the twenty-fifth anniversary as rector of the Mount Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore. Among the clergymen present from Philadelphia were Rev. William MacGarvey, Rev. G. H. Moffett and Rev. C. A. Quinn.

New Century Comfort

Millions are daily finding a world of comfort in Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It kills pain from Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Bruises, contusions, Ulcers and Fever Sores; cures Eruptions, Salt Rheum, Bolls and Felons; removes Corns and Warts. Best cure on earth. Only 25c at Jno. E. Jackson's drug store.

John W. Hutchinson, the well-known anti-slavery agitator and only surviving member of the famous quartet bearing his name, celebrated his 82d birthday in Boston Monday.

Dislocated Her Shoulder.

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Ferus Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not been able to do for several days.

Rear Admiral George B. Balch, U. S. N., retired, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest living flag officer of Uncle Sam's navy, has just celebrated his 82d birthday at his home in Baltimore.

Unconscious From Croup.

During a sudden and terrible attack of croup our little girl was unconscious from strangulation, says A. L. Spafford, postmaster, Chester, Mich., and a dose of One Minute Cough Cure was administered and repeated often. It reduced the swelling and inflammation, cut the mucus and shortly the child was resting easy and speedily recovered. It cures Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe, and all Throat and Lung troubles. One Minute Cough Cure lingers in the throat and chest and enables the lungs to contribute pure, health-giving oxygen to the blood. T. R. Smoot, Tip-top and Wittens Mills, Va.

An effort will be made to acquire the Wait Whitman collection left by the late Dr. Back, of London, Canada, for the Boston Public Library.

The crowned heads of every nation, the rich men, poor men and misers, all join in paying tribute to DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

H. Williams, San Antonio, Tex., writes: Little Early Risers Pills are the best I ever used in my family. I unhesitatingly recommend them to everybody. They cure Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Torpid Liver, Jaundice, malaria and all other liver troubles. T. R. Smoot, Tip-top and Wittens Mills, Va.

Bishop Paret, who has been bishop of Maryland for eighteen years, will celebrate his consecration on January 8.

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CITIZENS OF PULASKI COUNTY

IN MASS MEETING OPPOSE REDISTRICTING PLAN.

Declare There is no Need for the Proposed Change in the Ninth District. Resolutions Say District is Largely Democratic.

Pulaski Va., January 7.—At a mass-meeting of the citizens of Pulaski county held on Monday, the 5th day of this month, county Court day, it was resolved without a dissenting voice:

That it is the sense of the citizens of Pulaski county in mass meeting assembled that there is not a particle of need for the proposed redistricting of the Ninth District; that four years ago the Democrats polled about 20,000 votes in the district, and two years ago about 19,000, while in the last election the Republicans by great activity and the use of a campaign fund of about \$25,000 could only poll about 13,000; that these figures unmistakably show that the district is largely Democratic; that in the last election Pulaski county sent Republican by a bare majority of one, when the Republicans were very active and the Democrats very apathetic, and taking this as indicating the true political condition of the county the removal of the county into another district would not effect the political status one way or the other; that, however, Pulaski county is in fact safely Democratic, Pulaski City, which has hitherto carried the county Republican having in the last election gone Democratic by a good majority; that the addition of Pulaski county to the Sixth District would increase the length of that long district and render it less compact, and violate the mandatory constitutional rule as to compactness, while it would partially and poorly subvert the merely directory constitutional rule as to equality of population; that the addition of Pulaski county to the Fifth District would place it in a district where communication of interest and business would be lacking and railroad communication sparse and meager.

That all of the other districts west of Democratic and the Ninth is that way, and for the present at least the Democratic party should let well enough alone, and wait until we have a better review of results under the new constitution; that the great and important work of conforming the statute law to the constitution has been committed to the present General Assembly and its attention should not be distracted by such political measures.

That no redistricting should take place, except perhaps clearly obvious or conceded changes, until increase of population entitles the State to a new Congress man, when the State might be again restricted with a view to compactness of territory and, as far as practicable, equality of population.

That our clever representatives, Senator P. F. St. Clair and James A. Stafford, are requested to earnestly oppose the measure, which is wholly without merit, and fraught with no good, neither for the district, nor the State, nor the Democratic party. That copies of this resolution be sent to our said representatives, and to the Richmond Times, and Richmond Dispatch, the Lynchburg News, the Roanoke Times, and News Review for publication.

H. D. HOWARD, Chairman. T. L. MASSIE, Secretary.

Croup.

The peculiar cough which indicates croup is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Do not waste valuable time in experimenting with untried remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended, but give this medicine as directed and all symptoms of croup will quickly disappear. For sale by Jno. E. Jackson, druggist.

The West Virginia Legislature will be asked this Winter to appropriate money for the erection of a suitable monument to James Ramsey, who, many claim, has the right to the distinction of having first used steam as motive power in a boat.

Heads Should Never Ache.

Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Webster, of Winnie, Va., she writes "Dr King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of six headaches I had suffered from them for two years." Cure Headache, Constipation, Biliousness. 25c at Jno. E. Jackson's drug store.

Don't Worry.

This is easier said than done, yet it may be of some help to consider the matter. If the cause is something over which you have no control it is obvious that worrying will not help the matter in the least. On the other hand, if within your control you have only to act. When you have a cold and fear an attack of pneumonia, buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and use it judiciously and all cause for worry as to the outcome will quickly disappear. There is no danger of pneumonia when it is used. Sold by Jno. E. Jackson, the druggist.

Cottage Cake.

One quart of flour, three eggs, a teaspoonful of milk, three-quarters of a cupful of sugar, one-third of a cupful of butter, a half-teaspoonful of soda, one of cream of tartar and the kind of a lemon and half its juice are used in making this modestly-named but exceedingly delicious cake. —N. Y. Herald.

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This spirit has kept this country to the forefront of Arctic discovery for fifty years. When Commander Peary speaks to-night before our Geographical Society, it may well be remembered with just pride that those he addresses began the aid which permitted his first expedition and have never ceased to take a generous pride and interest in his success.

This work must go on. The conditions of the problem are now clear. Some Summer the sea by Spitzbergen will be open enough for a dash to the pole, or some Winter the icy belt north of Greenland will be left firm enough for the fortunate explorer who makes the first successful march.

Such success is now certain some day. Mere experiment is over. Only successive and persistent trials are needed, and of the two paths, the one Commander Peary has made his own is by far the most favorable. To-night's meeting of the Geographical Society ought to begin the task of putting him again on this winning trail.

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Rev. Edward Abbott, D. D., of Cambridge, Mass., has resigned his position as editor of the "Literary World."

He will shortly start on a trip to Cuba and Mexico and will pay special attention to missionary agencies in these countries.

FISH WITH THEIR HANDS.

One of the Several Methods Employed by the Hawaiian Natives in Taking Big Fish.

A preliminary report on an investigation of the fisheries of the Hawaiian Islands made by David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford Junior University, and Dr. Barton W. Evermann, ichthyologist of the United States commission of fish and fisheries, which is now made public in the form of a departmental bulletin, contains much interesting information concerning the customs and methods of fishing of the natives of the island, says the New York Times.

Probably the most interesting side of the native fisheries revealed in the report is that which relates to fishing with hook and line and with the hands. The bonito is the fish most generally caught with hook and line, and as the hook used is of mother-of-pearl, made from the shell of a mollusk now quite rare which glistens with an iridescence similar to the shimmer from the scales of the smaller kinds of fish on which the bonito lives, no bait is needed. The barb of these hooks is of bone, and two tufts of hog's bristles attached at right angles to the barbed end keep the inner side up, so that the hook lies flat on the surface of the sea. When a likely fish is sighted the fisherman stands in the canoe, casts out his line violently so that the hook falls with a slap on the water and attracts the attention of the fish. The line and hook are then drawn rapidly toward the boat, as though it were a spoon, and the bonito, taking the hook to be a small fish, rises to it immediately. It is fortunate for the fisherman that he has to waste no time in baiting his hook for this method of fishing, as the bonito is so quick that the fish disappears within ten or 15 minutes. An ingenious plan by which very large fish are caught is by planting a long pole on the shore in such a position as to cause it to lean decidedly toward the water. On the top of this a ball is arranged to the pole close to the top, and a long line, with baited hook at the end, is run through the ball and allowed to float out to sea, the land end being tied in a slipknot to the bottom of the pole. As soon as a fish is hooked its struggles cause the ball to ring, whereupon the fisherman runs to the pole, loosens the slipknot, and plays the fish until he has drowned it, when it is hauled ashore.

"In fishing for octopus," says the report, "the native dives to the bottom, and with a stick pokes around in the small holes in which the octopus lives. When he touches one it seizes the stick and allows him to draw it out of the hole. When he reaches the surface the native grabs it with his hands and bites into the head, thus killing the animal."

Pure Water.

To purify large quantities of water in case a filter is not obtainable it is a good plan to use alum, for this will cause all impurities to sink to the bottom, when the clear water at the top may be poured off and will be fit for use. One tablespoonful of alum will be required for four gallons of water. It must be stirred in thoroughly and then allowed to settle. —Washington Star.

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