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COMMANDS TO COUNCIL.

THERE seems to be a little doubt concerning the effect of the vote upon the Initiative and Referendum proposals which were carried by an overwhelming majority at the election on Saturday.

It is mandatory upon the Mayor and Council to present such a petition to the next Legislature, but whether the General Assembly grants the memorial is for that law making body alone to decide.

The answer to the second question is similar. The Mayor and Council are compelled to memorialize the Legislature to provide a new system of assessing property in this city and it is for the Legislature to decide whether such a request shall be granted.

The three remaining questions answered in the affirmative refer to specific duties imposed upon the Mayor and Council. They are required to pass ordinances providing for the publication of minute and accurate detailed statements of the receipts and expenditures of the city.

The Mayor and Council are required to pass ordinances which will compel "the bonding of assessors and collectors by trustworthy companies and the prompt settlement of taxes of the accounts of the collectors and assessors."

The two first questions concern the Legislature and the three last ones refer directly to the Mayor and City Council. We cannot imagine how there will be difficulty growing out of the referendum decision on any of these matters.

NEW IDEAS AND NEWCOMERS.

THE MILFORD CHRONICLE notes the improved methods of agriculture that are being adopted by the young farmers of that neighborhood. The abandonment of the "old fogey ideas" is favorably commented upon by the Milford paper.

This kind of weather, however, is not an opportune time to hold out any rosy views for Delaware farmers. The fruit growers had a disastrous season last year and this year, because of the weather, everything from the view point of the farmer, appears to have "gone to smash."

A few years ago the fruit growers had a large and profitable season and the hope was raised that the turning point had been reached and that Delaware again would take her place as one of the foremost of the fruit producing states.

can be done. One of the means to improve farming methods is to encourage strangers from other states to come and join with us.

And not only is this applicable to the farmers, but to every other branch of industry. Hundreds of people from a distance have removed their homes to this city and to the Delaware farm lands. They should all be made welcome and expressions sometimes heard that a man is not a native or is a newcomer or is a "carpet bagger" are the sheerest folly.

BIG FINES FOR CORPORATIONS.

OH companies guilty of violating State and Federal laws have been hit heavily in Texas and in Illinois. They can pay normal fines without much complaint, but the impositions of fines that run into the millions will not be relished even by concerns with overflowing treasuries.

A jury in Texas has rendered a verdict against the Waters-Pierce Oil Company which carries with it as a penalty, a fine of more than \$1,500,000. The permit of the company to do business in the State may be cancelled should the verdict be sustained by higher courts.

The Standard Oil Company must pay a heavy financial penalty in Illinois. Under the convictions secured there Standard Oil would be subject to a fine of \$120,000,000, but the slightest penalty that may be imposed is a fine of more than \$1,200,000.

The trusts that violate the law may learn to understand that the government and some State authorities are in earnest in dealing with them. It is, however, a question whether the mere fining of the companies will successfully break up the practices of which they have been guilty.

The Texas plan of preventing a corporation guilty of violating the laws, from doing business in the State, may bring the concerns to terms. They do not wish to lose business.

There is still need for subscriptions to the Bayard memorial fund. The statue is a gift to the city by an unknown friend, and Delaware and Wilmington should respond liberally to show just appreciation of the handsome monument that is to be erected.

Personal and Pertinent

A minister who had long been noted for the undue length of his sermons was on his way home after service one Sunday when he overtook one of the oldest members of his congregation and walked along with him.

"I must congratulate you, Doctor," said the old parishioner. "I think I have heard you deliver every sermon you ever preached in our church, and it's my opinion that your effort this morning was the best of them all."

"Why—er?" stammered the minister, who was plainly disconcerted—"your words surprise me greatly. I thought I had made a botch of my sermon. You see, my dear sir, I found my voice falling me, and I had to cut it short before I was half through."—Harper's Weekly.

Jests and Jingles

"Is he well off?" "Extremely so." "What kind of a wife has he?" "He hasn't any."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Casey—Purty Polly! Polly want a cracker? The Parrot—You're a liar! Casey—I beg your pardon. Teddy want a cracker?—Puck.

Wife—Karl, when I go to the Riviera I will dream of you every night. Husband—I would rather you stayed here and dreamed of the Riviera.—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

Yeast—Brandy and water are supplied at the expense of the government to every member of the Belgian Parliament who makes a long speech. Crimsenbeak—I should say that was aiding and abetting a crime!—Yonkers Statesman.

Gunner—Well, I see Cogger's automobile has broken down again. Guyer—Broken down? Why, I hear it going 'chug! chug!'

Gunner—That isn't the automobile. That is Cogger puffing for breath while he pushes behind.—Chicago News.

"Kleker has painted the picture of a winter landscape so well that if you look at it long you will seem to get quite cold."

"That's nothing. You ought to see Schmirinsky's 'Flight.' It is so realistic that after the first look you are obliged to take to your heels."—Tit-Bits.

"Do you think that an actor's response to certain calls destroys the artistic illusion?"

"No," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes, "sometimes it enhances the effect. The contrast convinces the audience that he was really acting."—Washington Star.

Peoples' Column

Anonymous communications for the Peoples' Column will not be printed. Names of contributors to the column will not be printed, but must be furnished to the Evening Journal as an evidence of good faith on the part of the contributor.

Police-men's Salaries.

Editor The Evening Journal. I notice that there has been some stir about the increase of the salary of policemen on the grounds that any increase would not be warranted, especially at the present time.

Yours truly, Taxpayer. Wilmington, June 4.

Problems of the Panama Canal.

Editor The Evening Journal. To understand rightly the stupendous engineering task of connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans by means of a canal across the Isthmus of Darien it becomes necessary to know first of all the geographical or compass bearings of the Isthmus.

For the study of the Panama Canal in its relations to the rest of the world the use of a globe, or a map on the polyconic projection is recommended. Another point worth noticing in this connection is that the most pronounced diversion from the general north and south trend of the American continent is found in the Isthmus of Darien.

Ever since Vasco Nunez De Balboa in the early morning of the 25th of September, 1513, with a small party of men forced a laborious way up the densely covered face of a steep ridge and discovered the Pacific Ocean.

Columbus with the vaguest ideas of the extent of the globe, and with none but the most faulty charts for guidance, thought to find Chiapas when he ran across Cuba and died without knowing that he had discovered a continent.

When, upon his last disastrous voyage Columbus beat down the coast of Honduras to Darien seeking a strait through the massive barrier that stayed his farther progress to the west, he little dreamed that at a point which he passed in his disheartening search a waterway would one day separate two great continents and unite two vast oceans.

The configuration of the canal follows nearly the same line under the American occupancy as adopted by the French company under De Lesseps. The harbor entrance will be located off the northwestern point of the Island of Mantamillo, but it is at the mouth of the river Mindi four and one-half miles beyond that the land canal begins on the Atlantic side.

It then dips abruptly and from Gatun to Obispo a distance of 23 miles lies at a general elevation of 40 feet above the mean level of the Atlantic. On reaching the divide, Obispo may be called the northern entrance and Pedro Miguel its southern exit.

Then to summarize. The Atlantic ocean level length 7.15 miles. The Summit level length, 31.64 miles. The Pedro Miguel-Sosa level, length, 5.47 miles. The Pacific ocean level, length, 4.23, giving a sum of 48.49 miles, to which, however, must be added the total measurement of locks making the axis of the canal the exact length of 49.72 miles or straight as the crow flies of 26 miles. The project of an 85-foot lock level waterway consists in damming the Chagres river on one side of the divide and the Rio Grande on the other, and so forming two artificial lakes, and this work in connection with the cut through the Culebra pass will at all times be the main feature of the work.

In order to secure a depth of 45 feet throughout the canal the Culebra cut must be reduced 138 feet. This for a lock canal would bring it 40 feet above sea level, but for a waterway at sea level it would require 40 feet below normal ocean tide. Then it appears that the cut through the Culebra pass and the damming of the Chagres river at Gatun does now and have all along been the chief engineering difficulties in the solution of the Panama Canal problem, but it is not so, not so at least, in the opinion of the United States Isthmian Canal Commission.

places of six hundred to the thousand, something besides digging would have to be done first. A vigorous campaign was commenced at once at upward of two million square yards of brush and grass were required to be cut and burnt, more than one million yards of swamp have been drained and filled in. Upwards of one hundred and fifty thousand feet of ditch have been filled in and three million cubic feet of house area have been fumigated, and this is only a beginning.

In every respect the cities of Colon and Panama were found to be worse for the spread of yellow fever than was Havana previous to the American occupation. There are three factors entering into the construction of the canal which are dominated by a fourth. The first three are time, excavation and transportation, and above these rises the dominant question of efficient labor. The money needed for the undertaking is assured by the richest nation the world ever saw, but money reaches its limit in making labor efficient. The negro of the south and the coolie from the Orient are subject to their environment should it be a healthy one and good if unhealthy the work suffers, although millions are behind it.

Editorial Opinion

One Against Uncle Joe. Kansas City Star. Among other objections to Speaker Cannon, he wears his cigar at an angle that ought to be prohibited anywhere except in a poker game.

Hard to Convince Them. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Recent events are calculated to convince corporations that they will never get to be bigger than the American people.

A Select Enterprise. Washington Star. With talented money and undesirable citizens barred, the raising of a future campaign fund will be a very select enterprise.

How They Do It in Baltimore. Baltimore American. A man in a New York car gave a woman his seat and then fell in a ditch when she thanked him. What would a Gothamite, who plainly is unused to startling unaccustomed treatment from the fair sex, do if he gave up his car seat in Baltimore to a girl here and was rewarded not only with thanks, but also with a sweet smile? He would probably have to be carried away in an ambulance.

"The Wistful Rich." Atlantic Monthly. It was one of the faces of the wistful rich, unsatisfied from very fulfillment of desire, hungry for hunger.

Extravagance. Sibley (N.A.) Tribune. The franchise for a bar at the interstate fair at Sioux City sold for \$8,000, and that for operating eating-houses brought \$150. What an extravagant people we are—to eat so much!

Troubles of Jim Palmer. Milford Chronicle. Last Thursday, Jim Palmer, of Milton, wanted to put his cow in a meadow, but the cow appeared to want to go back to Slaughter Neck, where she came from. And they had it on Union street, Palmer and the cow.

A DOUBLE EVENT. Jacoby's New "Daylight Store" to Open With Music and Big Displays. "Jacoby's Daylight Store"—a new idea for Wilmington will be opened to the public on Thursday. It will open auspiciously. There will be music by the First Infantry Orchestra, J. N. Robinson, leader, which will give concert numbers from all the leading composers from 10 o'clock to 12 noon, and from 3 o'clock to 5:30, and from 7 o'clock to 10 in the evening.

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GOT JUST SICK ENOUGH TO DRINK. By Our Own Wire, Publishers' Press. (C) E. B. Ryan, June 4.—The frightful prevalence of "stomach trouble," "indigestion," "kidney disease," "colic" and "rheumatism" among the people of Topeka is told in the reports of sales of liquor made by the twenty-six

Special Notice

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New Rector for Christ's Church. The Rev. Henry Oimstead, resigned as assistant minister of the parish and Vicar of Old St. Church has accepted the rectorship of Christ's Church, Dover, and will charge of the parish on July