

WINDOW TAX.

Concerning the window tax, at one time levied in England, a quarrel has inaugurated between two of the San Francisco papers. One of these journals asserts that the tax was levied upon all windows. The other as confidently asserts that it was only levied upon windows of a certain height and width. To our certain knowledge, the tax was levied on all windows, and whoever visits England now may see, if he will take the trouble to look about him, many scars upon the sides of houses showing where the windows were bricked up, in order to escape the tax. The effect of the tax was that while it lasted windows were frequently closed up in its way, and when new houses were built care was taken to put in as few windows as possible. It was a very vexatious impost, and the people of England were glad to get rid of it. We got rid of it by getting rid of the country, embarking to a land where the light of day was not taxed.

A "Political Crime."

Mr. Scoville, Guiteau's counsel, says the *Bulletin*, so far has been doing apparently, his duty as an attorney in the criminal case in which he is engaged. But it is now said that he intends to make of the assassination a political crime. "There is more of politics in the case than most people imagine," he is reported to have uttered. In monarchical countries a similar crime would be political to the extent that it would be high treason, punishable with death. In this country it is not high treason, which, under the Constitution, is confined to the offense of taking up arms against the Government. It is simply murder, as the assassination of Lincoln was murder, and as such was recognized, even to the execution by the military of the convicted malefactor. How Mr. Scoville expects to make of Guiteau's act a political crime is not seen. Certainly the confession of Guiteau does not convey any such idea. "The Stalwart chasm was responsible for the matter, and the blame shall be placed where it belongs if I can secure that result," says Mr. Scoville. Does that gentleman mean to abandon the plea of insanity? Or was it the "Stalwart chasm" that drove Guiteau to his act that was one of insanity? Guiteau had a personal grievance against the late President, and, therefore, after days of deliberation, he killed his selected victim. That was not treason. That was simply murder. But Mr. Scoville proposes to make of it a political crime.

A Sacramento paper offers to pay fifty dollars for an acceptable Christmas story to be not less than ten nor more than fifteen columns long. Each column of type according to its own computation, will contain 1,600 words. An article fifteen columns long would therefore contain 24,000 words, which furnished at fifty dollars would be four and four-fifths words for a cent. The extravagance of the Sacramento paper's offer is really staggering when its details are figured out. It is by writing stories in response to offers of this kind that the literary guild make the money to buy the fine houses which it is so well known that they occupy in California. —*Stockton Mail.*

The *Silver State* says: Immense quantities of freight are now being taken over the Central Pacific Railroad. Railroad men say the road never did more business in that line than it is doing at present. Special trains, heavily loaded, arrive and depart from here at all hours of the day and night, the regular trains not being sufficient to do the work. So far it seems as if the southern roads had not in the least affected the traffic on the Central Pacific, and they are not likely to unless there should be unusual snow blockades in the winter.

We are in receipt of an anonymous communication. While the contents may be true enough and patent to all, the letter is too personal for the APPEAL to publish. Besides, it is customary and exacting by the press the world over that the name of the writer should accompany a correspondence, that the publisher may know what weight to attach to it.

Howgate Indicted for Forgery.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. — Captain Howgate yesterday entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of embezzlement and was committed in default of \$30,000 bail. His counsel promised to come into court with sureties on Monday. During the argument in the case as to the amount of bail to be required the District Attorney said: "The amount embezzled as charged in the indictment is \$91,000. The indictment does not cover all the charges of embezzlement. I do not think I am violating any official confidence in saying that the Grand Jury has already indicted him for forgery."

New York's Danger.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—The Mayor today addressed a proclamation to the people of the city reciting the perilous condition in consequence of the unprecedented drouth and the deficiency of the water supply. He enjoins the people to practice economy in the use of water to tide over the difficulties and avoid the dangers which are immediate. He says that without copious rains the entire reserve supply will be exhausted in 16 days at the present rate of consumption.

Morgan Secretary of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The Senate in executive session today confirmed the nomination of Edwin D. Morgan of New York as Secretary of the Treasury. Many still believe he will only remain in the Cabinet until Winter, and then Conkling will succeed him, and that this is the programme. Doubtless Morgan declined at first and was induced to accept perhaps on these grounds.

Socialistic.

CHICAGO, October 24.—The Revolutionary Socialistic Party closed their National Convention with a ball and reception Saturday night. At the meeting resolutions were passed denouncing Caesarism, and providing for the formation of socialistic groups in cities. Schwab and others at the meeting explained the purpose of the party.

A Government for Alaska.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—All of the prominent men interested in Alaska have agreed upon a bill embodying a form of government for the Territory, which will be introduced and pushed through Congress at the next session. It will provide for a simple organization, with a court of record and an executive.

These Lying Auctioneers.

Last evening at an auction house on Main street, a bronze clock was offered for sale, and the crowd languidly ran the bidding up to \$1.50, amid the most frantic endeavors on the part of the auctioneer to boom it to higher figures. He shouted "going, going," nearly 100 times before he finally knocked it down to a Teuton for \$1.75. The purchaser pulled out an old buckskin purse and was about to pay for his bargain, when suddenly a shade of suspicion passed over his face, and grasping the clock he held it up to his ear and shook up the contents. There was no sound of ticking levers, or in fact any sort of mechanical response. "Not a tam cent," he shouted, slamming down the clock. "You sell mit der false pretenses. All der vile you sell dot klok you holler out 'goin', goin', like der diffe, und der tam ole klok doesn't go a lick since next Christmas, by jimine!" —*Salt Lake Tribune.*

Supervisor William Witherill came into Bodie Thursday from his Dogtown placer diggings, says the *Free Press*, having with him a nugget which he took out last week of about \$50 value. It is the largest nugget which was ever taken out on this side of the Sierra Nevada.

In the Criminal Court at Washington last Saturday Leigh Robinson, an able lawyer, was assigned by the Court to the disagreeable position of associate counsel with Scoville in the defense of Guiteau.

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