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Norway now has a law permitting the conditional discharge of a convict for good behavior, after he has served two-thirds of his sentence.

It is now intimated that telephoning without wires is among the possibilities. The rumor is not sufficiently tangible to cause any reduction of rates.

A needle machine turns out 1,500,000 needles per week. Now, if only the seamstresses of the country could use them, at a proportionate profit with that derived from the machine, there would be many more happy homes.

There will come a day when the people of the close of a century will look back at the close of the 19th and smile at the unique absurdity of the stovepipe hat; but make no mistake. Man is wedded to his idols. That time is yet a long way off.

In time Alaska may be counted in the agricultural belt of the United States. Her season is short, but the soil in her valleys is rich beyond comprehension, and the sun, during his reign, is hot. All that is necessary is to know how to utilize locations and conditions.

Through the efforts of its state board of charities, Illinois has made a beginning toward the establishment of a suitable institution for its dependent epileptics. The institution will be a genuine colony, planned on the cottage system. There are 3000 dependent epileptics in the state.

Cold storage has made Australia, next to the United States, the largest source of dressed meats. Wheat-importing countries usually look to her to supply a part of their breadstuffs; and between the Transvaal war and the vast development of gold mining in West Australia the southern continent in 1899 led the world in producing gold. Australia is a great country, even though two-thirds of it is desert.

When all freight traffic has been banished to underground railways and the automobile has displaced the horse for surface travel, nearly the entire street between the pavements can be devoted to green turf mazes the St. Louis Globe-Dispatch. Cities of the 20th and following centuries may be free from dust and the vile odors arising from animal traffic. The automobile mowing machine may be substituted for the sweeping machines, to the great improvement of health and increase of enjoyment of citizens.—the St. Louis Globe-Dispatch.

A writer in the Yale Review estimates that the United States is indebted to foreigners in the sum of \$3,330,000,000 and that foreigners owe us \$500,000,000. This writer is of the opinion that this country began the 20th century owing not much over \$2,000,000,000, with a net annual interest of about \$90,000,000. Americans traveling in Europe spend \$50,000,000 annually, and the loss by expatriation according to this writer, is \$10,000,000. But in a few years the United States will have wiped out its entire indebtedness, provided large exports and small imports continue.

An article in Harper's Weekly contains some remarkable figures on the fruit growing industry in America. In 1814 only one-half barrel of raisins could be found in New York City to make pudding to celebrate the peace treaty. The previous year California alone shipped over 100,000,000 pounds of raisins. Only 20 years ago all the strawberries eaten in New York City were grown in Long Island and New Jersey. Now the strawberry country includes Florida, and the strawberry season begins in November and ends in August. A single Georgia peach orchard numbers as high as 120,000 trees. The government has never secured an adequate census of the entire fruit trade of the United States. The author of the article in question thinks \$1,000,000,000 a year a moderate estimate.

A CUT OF MILLIONS

Conferees on War Tax Reduction Measure Reach Agreement.

COMPROMISE ALL ALONG LINE

Bill Is to Take Effect July 1st Next. Partial List of the Reductions Made By Conferees.

A Washington special says: The conferees of the senate and house upon the war reduction bill have announced the result of their deliberations upon that measure. It shows a compromise all along the lines of the bill, the changes in the present law being as follows:

Tobacco—Twenty per cent discount of the original tax of 12 cents per pound as against twenty-five per cent reduction as fixed by the senate and none as the bill passed the house. The rate agreed upon will make the tax \$9.60 per 100 pounds.

Cigars—On those weighing more than three pounds per 1,000 the house rate of \$3 per 1,000 was retained as against \$3.30 as fixed by the senate and \$3.60 as in the present law. On those weighing less than three pounds per thousand the senate rate of 18 cents per pound was allowed to stand against the rate of \$1 per thousand as fixed by the existing law, which was not disturbed by the house.

Cigarettes—On those weighing not more than three pounds per thousand the senate action fixing the rate at 18 cents per pound prevailed. The house did not change the existing law.

Beer—The house rate of \$1.60 per barrel and repealing the 7½ per cent discount was retained.

Bankers' Capital—Present law retained, the senate receding from its amendment.

Commercial Brokers' Tax—Repealed in accordance with original action of both houses.

For Certificates of Stock Transfers—The rate of 2 cents for each \$100 is retained and the senate amendment making the law include the transactions of bucketshops was accepted by the house conferees.

Sales of Products at Exchanges—The senate amendment exempting sales of merchandise in actual course of transportation was accepted, but the rate of 1 cent for each 100 as fixed by the present law was retained, the senate amendment making the rate \$2 being disagreed to.

Bank Checks—Repealed in accordance with the house action. On certificates of deposit, telegraph and telephone messages, express receipts, money orders, promissory notes, charter party, bills of lading for export leases, manifests, mortgages, power of attorney, protests, warehouse receipts, perfumery and cosmetics and chewing gum, the tax is repealed.

Bills of Exchange, Foreign—The rate fixed at 2 cents for each \$100 in accordance with the senate amendment. Miscellaneous bonds tax repealed, except upon bonds for indemnity.

Certificates of damage and certificates not otherwise specified repealed. Conveyances, exempted below \$2,500; above \$2,500, 25 cents for each \$500, in accordance with senate action.

Insurance tax repealed on all kinds of insurance in accordance with the action of the house, the senate conferees receding on all senate amendments.

Steamship passage tickets exempted below \$50 in value, and the rate fixed at 50 cents for each \$50 in cost for that price and over.

Proprietary medicines tax repealed in accordance with the house action, the senate amendment being disagreed to.

Legacies law modified so as to exclude from taxation legacies of charitable, religious, literary or educational character.

The total reduction of the revenues as agreed upon aggregates about \$41,000,000, as against \$40,000,000 as it passed the house, and \$45,000,000 as amended in the senate.

The provisions of the bill as agreed upon will take effect on the 1st of next July.

TRUCE IS GRANTED!

Rumor Says That Kitchener and Botha Met to Arrange Peace Terms.

The London Daily Chronicle publishes under reserve a rumor that Lord Kitchener has met General Louis Botha to arrange terms of surrender of the Boers and that an armistice of twenty-four hours was granted the Boer commander general to enable him to consult with the other commandants.

Wealthy Negro Missing. Carnesville, Ga., has a sensation in the mysterious disappearance of Tom Daniel, a negro of considerable property and the father of thirteen children. He left home just after Christmas,

ALARMING MORTALITY.

Noticeable Among the Weak and Ailing.

Spring the Time Death Reaps Its Largest Harvest.

There is a Way of Eluding the Grim Destroyer.

Every Spring it is noticeable how many people are taken away that we have been accustomed to see in our daily life.

Statistics show that at no other season of the year does so many deaths occur.

Especially large is the mortality among weak and sickly people.

The reason for this is apparent. The body that is weakened by age or disease has much to contend with during the Winter months. Insufficient exercise frequently has been taken. Too much starchy and fatty foods have been eaten. The system has been allowed to become run down, and when Spring comes with its bright, sunny days, older people will begin to realize that their vitality has become very low. The same thing is true of people who are naturally sickly and weak.

This is the season of the year when even a strong person feels at his worst. That tired, restless feeling is experienced by too many.

There need not be as many deaths this year as usually take place. A little care will ward off many Spring funerals. If one is weak or ailing they should take time by the forelock and take Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. This great medicine has been in many cases, and will continue to be, the means by which the black angel of Death has been driven from the threshold. It dispels the grim destroyer in a scientific way, for it purifies the blood and gives strength and vitality to the nerves. It tones up and restores to a healthy condition all of the great life-giving organs of the body.

Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy will enable those who take it to throw off little ills that prove dangerous only when they attack a system already wasted and weakened.

From many people, who have experienced benefit from this greatest of all life-lengtheners comes the following from the famous General Longstreet of 1217 New Hampshire avenue, Washington, D. C. He says:

"It gives me great pleasure to add my testimony with many others for Dr. Greene's Remedy, which I have used with highly beneficial results and I am able to recommend its virtues from experience. I have used it for catarrh and have derived help."

Mr. Wellington Hynes, Elizabeth-town, N. Y., writes:

"I feel it my duty to tell how much good Dr. Greene's Nervura has done me. I was so run down that I could not sleep at night and everything worried me. I had no appetite and could not work, my head ached all the time and there was an all-gone feeling in my stomach and I was always looking on the dark side of everything. I began to take Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy and in less than three weeks I felt like a new man. I can now do as much work as is expected of a man my age. I advise any one who is troubled to take Dr. Greene's Nervura. Do not go to a doctor, but get a bottle of Dr. Greene's Nervura. It is cheaper than a doctor's bill."

The latter part of Mr. Hynes's advice might be profitably disregarded, however, if you should feel you would like the advice of a physician. You can have such advice and have it free if you will write or call on the greatest known blood and nerve specialist, Dr. Greene, 35 W. 14th St., New York City.

HIGH APPROVAL.

"How do you like your new teacher?"

"The one who came from the West?" asked the little Boston boy.

"Yes."

"Oh, I like him very much. I haven't had an opportunity to test his knowledge of mathematics. But the way he pronounces such words as 'grass' and 'pass' is very amusing."—Washington Star.

AN ILLUSTRATION.

It was during the natural history hour.

"Give me," asked the teacher, "an example of the alleged deceitful character of the cat."

"In restaurants it is sometimes said to pass itself off for a rabbit," answered the head boy.—Philadelphia Times.

THE INCONSISTENT MAIDEN.

She would not, though I coaxed and teased,

And begged of her my bride to be,

She said she'd marry whom she pleased,

Yet—Goodness knows!—she pleases me.—

Catholic Standard Times.

SUPREMELY RESTFUL.

"I wonder if there's any laxer occupation than fishing."

"Well, yes—looking at people fishing."—Brooklyn Life.

PRESIDENT HAS FULL POWER

According to Senate Amendment He Alone Can Direct Philippine Affairs.

A Washington special says: The debate on the Philippine question Wednesday developed unexpected vigor in the senate, the feature of it being the speech of Senator Bacon, of Georgia, against the Philippine proposition and some sensational declarations by Senator Pettigrew, who asserted that the inspiration back of this particular legislation was the desire of certain people, prominent in the Republican party to get hold of the good things in the islands.

The amendment as finally agreed to is as follows:

All military, civil and judicial powers necessary to govern the Philippine islands, acquired from Spain by the treaties concluded at Paris on the 10th day of December, 1898, and at Washington on the 7th day of November, 1900, shall until otherwise provided by congress, be vested in such manner as the president of the United States shall direct, for the establishment of civil government and for maintaining and protecting the inhabitants of said islands in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion.

Provided, that all franchises granted under the authority hereof shall contain a reservation of the right to alter, amend or appeal the same.

Until a permanent government shall have been established in said archipelago reports shall be made to congress on or before the first day of each regular session of all legislative acts and proceedings of the temporary government instituted under the provision hereof; and full reports of the acts, doings of said government, and as to the condition of the archipelago and of its people shall be made to the president, including all information which may be useful to congress in providing a more permanent government.

Provided, that no sale or lease or other disposition of the public lands or the timber thereon, or the mining rights therein, shall be made; and, providing that no franchise shall be granted which is not approved by the president of the United States and is not, in his judgment, clearly necessary for the immediate government of the islands and indispensable for the interest of the people thereof, and which cannot, without great public mischief, be postponed until the establishment of permanent civil government; and all such franchises shall terminate one year after the establishment of such permanent civil government.

CUBAN AMENDMENT ADOPTED.

After the vote on the Philippine amendment was announced Mr. Platt offered the committee Cuban amendment. Mr. Jones moved to strike out the third condition, that Cuba shall agree that the United States shall exercise the right to intervene to preserve Cuban independence, but later modified it to strike out only that part providing that the United States could intervene "for the maintenance of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty."

Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, contended the amendment amounted to proposing an American suzerainty over Cuba.

Mr. Pettus, of Alabama, declared it was a disgrace on the American people.

Mr. Jones's motion was defeated 43 to 21.

The Cuban amendment was adopted 43 to 20.

DEAD CAPTAIN RESPONSIBLE.

Coroner's Jury Investigates the Disaster at San Francisco.

A San Francisco dispatch says: At the coroner's inquest in the matter of the wrecking of the steamship Rio de Janeiro Wednesday, Pilot Jordan again shifted the responsibility for the disaster to Captain Ward, who went down with his vessel. Pilot Jordan stated that it was a rule of the port that all captains have power supreme to that of the pilot and that Captain Ward had ordered him to proceed.

The jury held an inquest over the eleven bodies recovered from the wreck of the steamer Rio de Janeiro, returning a verdict charging Captain Ward, who was drowned, and Pilot Jordan with criminal negligence. The Pacific Mail Steamship company is censured for having had a Chinese crew on the steamer.

SAMPSON "QUEERS" HIMSELF.

Admiral's Letter Concerning Gunner Morgan Blasts His Chance of Promotion.

A Washington dispatch says: Admiral Sampson will not be made a vice admiral as proposed by the navy department. His letter about Gunner Morgan has blasted his hopes of promotion.

Sampson was bitterly hated in congress before this letter was written. Now his enemies declare he has shown such a contempt for the men of the navy and the people of America that he is deserving of no consideration even if the Schley-Sampson controversy is settled.

NONE TO IMITATE.

"Now, Johnny," his mother said, as they started for church, "I want you to behave like a good little boy."

"I can't!" blubbered Johnny. "I don't know any good little boy!"—Chicago Tribune.

Proposed Alliance with England.

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The Prevailing Idea.

Little Jefferson Davis Sogback (an Arkansas lad)—Paw, what is an enterpriser' citizen? Old Man Sogback (his father)—Aw! A yankee or some other sort of darned foreigner!

HELP FOR WOMEN

WHO ARE ALWAYS TIRED.

"I do not feel very well, I am so tired all the time. I do not know what is the matter with me."

You hear these words every day; as often as you meet your friends just so often are these words repeated. More than likely you speak the same significant words yourself, and no doubt you do feel far from well most of the time.

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