

mony the imperial supreme court refused to entertain the plea that Abdul Hamid signed the order of withdrawal under duress and decided that the Reichsbank must pay the money as demanded."

Representative Norris of Nebraska says he will vote to remove from the speaker the power of appointing committees. Representatives Maguire and Lobeck, both democrats, say they will do likewise. Representative Latta, democrat, says he is not prepared to say what he will do.

Porter Charlton, the young American, who is wanted in Italy for the murder of his wife will be surrendered so far as Secretary of State Knox is concerned. The surrender will, however, be fought in the courts.

J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., of New York, has issued a statement from which the following is taken: "Announcement is made by Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. that Edward F. Whitney and George W. Perkins will retire from the firm on January 1, 1911, and that William H. Porter, of the Chemical National bank, and Thomas W. Lamont, president of the First National bank, will become partners in the firm."

Census bureau officials announce that the population of the United States is approximately 91,500,000.

A South Bend, Ind., dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Theodore Roosevelt narrowly missed a gift of 1,000 acres of valuable timber land from a former admirer, whose will was probated in South Bend today. Charles W. Hall, who died in Benton Harbor, Mich., a year ago, left an estate worth between \$100,000 and \$200,000. In his will Mr. Roosevelt's name appears in the list of legatees. The paragraph reads as follows: 'To Colonel Roosevelt, of Washington, D. C., I give and bequeath one thousand acres of timber land located on Brimstone creek, in Scott county, Tennessee, to have and to hold during his natural life.' The original will bears the date of October 5, 1908, but the testator, following the presidential election that year, suffered a change of mind, and on December 23, he made a codicil, taking back the bequest to Mr. Roosevelt and giving it to his brother. The codicil does not reveal the testator's motive in making it."

Fred W. Leeman of St. Louis has been appointed solicitor general to succeed the late Lloyd W. Bowers.

The Nebraska guarantee law was argued before the United States supreme court by Attorney General Mullen.

The report of Admiral Nicholson shows that of 30,743 enlisted men in the American navy 91.51 per cent are native born.

Louisiana has a population of 1,656,388, an increase of 19.9 per cent.

The funeral of the late Mary Baker Eddy took place at Boston December 8, with simple ceremonies. The body was placed in a receiving vault and will be held there until a suitable tomb has been erected in Mt. Auburn cemetery.

Peking cablegrams say that after January, 1911, China will have a constitution and the ancient regime will be abolished.

In the United States court at Philadelphia Judge George Gray, George Buffington and William Lanning de-

livered opinions holding that there is no conspiracy among the anthracite coal carrying railroads and coal companies. The government's case was, therefore, dismissed.

DEAR LAND OF "MIGHT HAVE BEEN"

"Every man has his secret sorrow," remarked the real estate dealer, leaning back in his swivel chair. "You wouldn't think it to look at me, but a large roan grief with a blazed face has been gnawing at my heartstrings for years. As I sit here today I don't believe I'm a dollar richer than I was ten years ago. I have been engaged in a hand-to-hand conflict with the wolf at the door all my life and the match has been a draw thus far.

"The thing that pains me to the quick is the fact that I once owned inexhaustible riches and didn't know it. I had a farm down in the southwest. I got it in a trade in the wild glad days of the boom, and I never had time to go and look at it until I had owned it and paid taxes on it for two or three years. Finally, during a slack time, I made the trip and when I saw that farm I sat down and wept as though my heart would break.

"I had pictured a little Eden; in fact, the fellow who worked it off on me had given me to understand it was a transplanted section of paradise. It was the steepest farm I ever saw. It stood on end and you could fall from the north to the south side without touching the ground. I saw at once that in order to cultivate it a man would need to be a skilled aviator.

From that hour my highest ambition was to get rid of that farm. I never worked at nothing before so hard as I worked in getting rid of that farm, and I succeeded after desperate efforts. I found a reckless individual who traded me a peanut stand and a team of ponies for the place, and I was so tickled over the trade that I opened several boxes of cigars.

"Not long afterward oil was struck in the neighborhood, and the price of land around there went up until it broke the altitude record. And the best well in the whole business is located on that old slab-sided farm, and the man who got it for a team of ponies and a peanut stand now spends his time putting wealth into fruit jars and carrying them into the cellar."

"I can sympathize with you," remarked the physician, with unspeakable sadness in his voice. "I also have a cankering grief that fills my bosom with desolation. But for the dignity that a man of my profession must maintain, I might often be seen kicking myself the length of the street. A good many years ago, when I was newly graduated, I went to a small Nebraska town and began to build up a practice. Times were hard, and I was as poor as Lazarus.

"I had to cover a good deal of territory to visit my few patients, and it became necessary to buy a horse. A farmer owed me some money for professional services and was anxious to square up by selling me a colt. He told me the colt was well bred, and gave me its pedigree, meaningless to me.

"However, the animal was gentle, and was offered cheap, and so I took him. He cost me \$80. Write that down in your hat. Of all the awkward beasts ever created that colt was the worst. He was all legs and head, and had a ridiculous little tail and not enough mane to fill your pipe. When he traveled the air seemed to be full of legs, and he couldn't keep in the road to save himself. He was so awkward that if there was a ditch within reach

he'd take a header into it, and every time I got back to town from a trip I had to take my buggy around to the repair shop.

"He was a most industrious horse, however, and it was necessary to hold him in rather than urge him on. There were times when his speed was astonishing, and a man with

horse sense might have suspected things, but I was young and foolish, and I was ashamed of that amiable steed because he was homely and awkward. My friends tried to be funny whenever they mentioned him, and a young woman refused to go buggy riding with me unless I drove a horse that was less sensitive of



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