

of the world was said today to be part of the plan of Thomas F. Ryan in negotiating the purchase of the stock of the Equitable Life Assurance society held by James H. Hyde. Mr. Ryan's plan was reported today to be to consolidate the Equitable Trust company, the Mercantile Trust company and the Morton trust company, all of this city, with the last named in control. It is expected that this would result in creating a financial institution with deposits second only to those of the National City bank of this city, which has deposits of \$185,000,000. The deposits of the proposed consolidated trust company would amount to \$169,000,000; the capital stock to \$7,000,000, and the surplus to \$22,000,000. Mr. Ryan's plan was reported to contemplate also the elimination of the control of subsidiary concerns by the Equitable Life Assurance society.

Theodore P. Delyannis, premier of Greece, was stabbed and mortally wounded by a professional gambler named Gherakaris. The premier died within three hours. The assassin was arrested and said he acted in revenge for the prosecution by Premier Delyannis of the gambling element.

Archduke Joseph of Austria, died at Vienna, June 13. He was greatly loved by the Hungarian people.

Colonel William Colville, of Red Wing, of Minn., who lead the charge of the First Minnesota regiment at Gettysburg, died at the soldiers' home in Minneapolis June 13. He was 75 years old. A Minneapolis dispatch says that at Gettysburg Colonel Colville was wounded seven times.

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald, under date of Muscatine, Ia., June 14, says: "Fay Fowler, 11 years old, was drowned today while attempting to save his brother Everette, who had fallen into a deep hole in the small stream in which they, with other boys, were swimming, and who was calling for help. Everette was saved by other lads, but Fay, who had gone beyond his depth, sank almost instantly. He was a bright lad, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fowler, prominent residents of this place."

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald, under date of Denver, June 14, says: "President Roosevelt has protested against a photograph in which, beside the picture of himself, is that of a young woman wearing a skirt which lacked many inches of touching the ground. The photograph is one of the presidential hunting party, taken when it was returning from the mountains of Colorado. The young woman is the Glenwood Springs correspondent of a Denver newspaper. On account of the president's objections several hundred copies of the picture which had been printed, have been destroyed."

The Sherman anti-trust law is to be tested by the tobacco trust. A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald, under date of New York, June 14, says: "The right of a federal grand jury to conduct investigations under the Sherman anti-trust law will be tested in the United States supreme court by the American Tobacco company. William H. McAllister, secretary of the company, who refused to answer questions or produce books and papers covering the export trade of the trust when served with subpoenas in connection with the investigation of the company, was taken before Judge Lacombe in the United States circuit court today and fined \$5. Judge Lacombe also ordered that McAllister be taken in custody by a United States marshal until he purges himself of contempt. He then was taken before United States Commissioner Shields, where he furnished

\$1,000 bail for his appearance before the United States supreme court, which will be asked to pass upon the point at issue. United States District Attorney Henry Taft, who is conducting the investigation, informed Mr. McAllister that the American Tobacco company was charged with having conspired with the Imperial Tobacco company of Great Britain to monopolize and restrain trade in tobacco.

New York is greatly stirred by recent mortality statistics. It is said that between 1868 and 1904 the death rate from heart disease and Bright's disease increased from 13.05 to 29.62 per ten thousand population. In 1904 deaths from these diseases increased 242 in each ten thousand. During the week ending June 10, one hundred and twenty-five persons died from heart disease.

The Chicago Record-Herald says: "Masses said for the repose of a soul have established the right of Mrs. Nellie Maroney to \$2,333 insurance on the life of her late husband, Thomas Maroney, and a verdict for that amount was rendered yesterday in Judge Gary's court. Maroney had a policy for \$2,000 in the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, but after his death payment was withheld on the declaration that the insured was not in good standing. The widow sued and showed that masses had been at the request of the fraternity. She was awarded the full policy, with interest."

The Confederate Veterans met at Louisville, Ky., June 13.

The Norwegians in Chicago have adopted resolutions offering material and moral support to the people of their native land. Many Norwegians throughout the United States have appealed to President Roosevelt asking him to formally recognize Norway's new government.

Thomas P. Wickes, former assistant corporation counsel, a man standing high among New York clubs and somewhat famous among New York lawyers, has been arrested on the charge of blackmail. For sometime Dr. Edward Weston has received a number of letters signed "Lewis Davis," in which letters Dr. Weston was ordered to settle a suit that was then pending against him. It is charged that Mr. Wickes was the author of these letters. Wickes' friends claim that his mind is affected.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States Bankers' Corporation, held at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, former Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle, who has been president of the organization, was removed from his position on the ground that he had received stock and money for services from a company that has never done a dollar's worth of business during its three years of existence. Two directors, Brackett and Badger, were also removed for a similar reason.

PRIMARY PLEDGES

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permit a few would-be democrats to dictate what is best to do and to say who is the best man for president, as they did in 1904. For my part I shall never be satisfied until we elect a president who will stand for all the people all the time.

A. V. Howard, Libby, Mont.—Find enclosed list of 46 names attached to primary pledge. You can place these in your list. I wish The Commoner success in the work it is doing to organize the democratic party. All who signed the enclosed pledge heartily endorse the movement.

B. S. Raysell, Mt. Gilead, O.—En-

closed find list of thirty-three names to the primary pledge.

John Lang, Rock Creek, Ore.—I endorse your primary pledge plan because I am an Abe Lincoln democrat. Lincoln said a tariff for revenue was enough protection for any industry in the United States. He coined silver dollars at the ratio of 16 to 1 of gold, free and unlimited, through his entire administration. He was the great emancipator, and everybody knows there are more slaves under the jurisdiction of the United States today than there were when Lincoln was fighting for liberty. Your primary pledge plan is a declaration of independence.

A. F. ShROUT, George W. ShROUT, O. P. ShROUT, John Oakley, Owingsville, Ky.—Please to find enclosed primary pledges signed by good Bath County democrats. We want you to keep on in your warfare against the trusts and plutocracy and may be some time the people will wake up to the facts of their roguery. We can't be too watchful of our interests and we think that all good democrats should go to primaries and put the best men up for candidates.

L. C. McCrary, Summers, Ala.—You will find enclosed my primary pledge. I expect to live up to it as nearly as possible.

W. F. Sapp, chairman democratic committee, Topeka, Kans.—I send you eleven primary pledges.

H. I. Dunlap, Corticelli, Mo.—Please find twenty names signed to primary pledge. I am an old man—71 years old. I voted the democratic ticket for fifty years, and never voted for but one republican—Grover Cleveland.

Orin Fleming, New Sharon, Iowa.—I fully endorse the plan. We must organize or perish. Truth is right and will eventually prevail. The scribe got into an argument with a banker of New Sharon. He had received six hundred silver dollars from the national treasury. He said the government was trying to get as much silver in circulation as possible, that it paid all charges of transportation to do so, and he said that silver was a legal tender in payment of all debts public and private without limitation, that we could pay any debt in silver dollars. I have gotten rusty on the financial question. Please let me, as well as others, know what is legal tender money. If I understand it, five dollars is a legal tender of change, and no farther. (The silver dollar is legal tender for all debts public and private except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract. A creditor can require payment in gold if he has required the debtor to agree to pay in gold in the contract showing the indebtedness. Otherwise the creditor could be required to accept silver dollars in unlimited quantity.)

Questioned the Coin

Hannibal Hamlin, for many years a United States senator from Maine, and vice president during the Civil war, was wont to tell the following story on himself.

An Englishman by the name of Pearson while passing along the main street in Bangor stepped in a hole in the sidewalk, and falling broke his leg. He brought suit against the city for \$1,000, and engaged Hamlin for counsel.

Hamlin won the case, but the city appealed to the supreme court. Here, also, the decision was for Hamlin's client.

After settling up the claim, Hamlin sent for his client and handed him \$1.

"What's this?" asked the Englishman.

"That's your damages, after taking out my fee, the cost of appeal,

and several other expenses," said Hamlin.

The Englishman looked at the dollar, and then at Hamlin. "What's the matter with this," he said, "is it bad?"—Bangor Times.

EYES BLINDED BY FAVORS

The Rev. Dr. McArthur's defense of Mr. Rockefeller's business methods is an illuminating document. Doubtless the Baptist clergyman is fully convinced that the policies pursued by the Standard Oil company have been legitimate and beneficial. Very likely he regards its head as one of the greatest philanthropists of the age. He is apparently sincere in believing that the public has been misled and that Mr. Rockefeller has been grossly maligned. Granting all that, could a better proof be found of the assertion by the protestors against the recent gift to the board of foreign missions that the acceptance of such favors would be likely to blind men's eyes to the obliquity of the methods by which the money was accumulated.—Kansas City Star.

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