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RHEUMATISM

The Commoner.

in statuary hall, Washington, decided election day be changed from Tuesday to Monday for their benefit. Acon John Sevier, Indian fighter and cording to Speaker Clark the plan first governor of the state, and Ancould be safeguarded by providing drew Jackson, hero of the battle of that regulation ballots be furnished New Orleans and later president. such persons to be marked, signed, The report will be sent to the legissworn to and returned to the proper election officers. Kansas has such a law. The Vermont legislature passed a

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel has ruled that Castro, former president of Venezuela, must be denied entrance to the United States. An Associated Press report says: The Venezuelan's wavering refusal to answer the question whether, while president of his country, he was a party to the killing of General Paredes, was the cause of Secretary Nagel's order for his deportation. The cabinet minister sustained the adverse report of the immigration authorities against Castro on the ground that his declination to answer "may in itself constitute an admission by conduct" of the commission of a felony. The immigration law bars from entry any person convicted of or admitting the commission of a crime involving moral turpitude, providing it is not purely a political offense. The secretary held that the murder of Paredes was not a purely political crime.

Further the secretary declared that an alien was compelled to answer "yes" or "no" to any pertinent question regarding his admissibility. If permitted to refuse, he maintained that "the immigration service might just as well adjourn."

Fred Mooney of Duluth, Minn. one of the labor leaders convicted in the "dynamite conspiracy" trial, was released.

THE BIBLE THAT WAS LOST AND IS FOUND

By the Hon. John Bigelow, New-Church Board of Publication, 3 West Twenty-ninth street, New York. Price, \$1.00.

The death of the distinguished diplomat and journalist about one year ago, roused more than passing interest in the great age that Mr. Bigelow had attained, considerably more than ninety years, and in the extended reminiscences that had absorbed his time and attention for several years. Few if any knew of his religious affiliations and were it not for the publication of this very attractive volume, the public might have continued in ignorance indefinitely. The book itself is an edited reprint of a privately printed volume of 1898, wherein Mr. Bigelow related to his friends, into whose hands the brochure went, the circumstances of his early want of faith, of the doubt which he entertained as to the Chlenge, Ill. inspiration of the Bible and the process by means of which the Bible, apparently lost to him, was found. This came about through his introduction to the writings of Swedenborg, whom Emerson has taken in his biographical sketches or 'Representative Men' as the type of the mystic. According to the tale, told by the writings of the great Swede and in so doing had all of his doubts dispelled and thereafter his religious life was with the New or Swedenborgian church. It is more than possible that many a reader would fail to find in von Swedenborg the relief and satisfaction that Bigelow did, yet if inclined to doubt it might pay him to pursue the same course that our New York nonagenarian followed. Evidently Mr. Bigelow was more deeply interested in the subject than the majority of men, hence the earnestness with which he entered upon the study and hence, also, the success that attended his application. from home on election day. In a binding the book becomes not alone a speaker suggests that state legisla- principles but as well, an excellent the fine exposition of the New-Church tures pass laws to permit them to memorial of the man whose faith vote wherever they may be, and that those principles kindled afresh.

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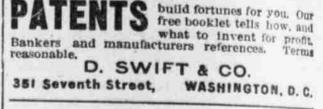
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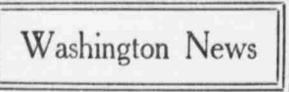
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An Associated Press dispatch fol-

lows: When it finished casting up

the accounts of the nation for 1912.

the bureau of foreign and domestic

commerce found that the world trade

account showed a total of \$581,000,-

000 on the right side. This was the

value of goods sold abroad in ex-

cess of those brought into the

United States. In the year the im-

ports were in round figures \$1,181,-

000,000, while exports were \$2,399,-

000,000. Cuba outstripped France,

Canada, Brazil and many other coun-

the United States, being third in point of importance in selling in this

country. Great Britain furnished

far more than any other individual

nation and was followed by Germany.

The best markets during the year for

American goods were Great Britain.

Canada, Germany and The Nether-

lands, in the order of their impor-

tance. A feature of the report are

the increases noted over last year in

the trade done with Argentina and

Japan also showed a gratifying

growth, while even revolution-torn

Mexico's commerce with the United

States disclosed gains.

Business relations with

Brazil.

sterlization bill, Governor Fletcher

vetoed it, declaring it to be unfair

and unjust. The senate passed the

John A. Shields, twenty-seven

years old, a student of Ottawa, Kas.,

university, accepted the position of

national executive secretary of the

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The interstate commerce commission issued the formal order for an inquiry into the affairs of the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

The senate resolution directing a recognition by this government of the Chinese republic received brief consideration at the hands of the senate committee on relations, but action was postponed.

Senator Jackson of Maryland introduced a bill proposing a plan of federal co-operation with the states for highway improvement.

Representative Humphrey of Wash ington wants to tax American goods when they are exported, as well as taxing imports.

George P. McCabe, solicitor of the department of agriculture, has presented to Secretary Wilson his resignation, effective March 4. It has been accepted.

The Greek government has notified the United States that coal shipped by way of the Dardanelles to Black Sea ports would be subject to seizure, unless it is certified for local consumption at neutral ports.

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald says: Speaker Champ Clark has interested himself in the case of traveling salesmen who are unable to vote because they are away

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