

Gleaned From the Month's News

The New Jersey supreme court decided as unconstitutional the law providing for the sterilization of criminals.

A new era of prosperity for the farmer as a result of the new tariff law was predicted by Secretary of the Navy Daniels in a speech at the annual John Jay banquet of the Kansas City Commercial club.

The "Wilson policy" in opposition to "dollar diplomacy" was the keynote of an address by Secretary of State Bryan before the credit men's association of Baltimore, November 20. He said the Panama canal would mean a large development of the countries in the far south and he expected to see an expansion of the influence of the United States in those countries within the next quarter of a century "through President Wilson's wise and far-seeing policy which lifts the level on which we stand." He said the president believed that a man should not go into another country and leave his honesty and business ideals at home.

Progressives from forty counties in the state of Kansas cheered the statement of Former Governor Stubbs that "Theodore Roosevelt was the only man who could defeat President Wilson for re-election." The convention, held at Topeka, November 20, also adopted resolutions calling for complete state, district, county and township offices in Kansas in 1914 and decided the progressives could better afford to lose in the next election than to amalgamate with the republican party.

In a speech in New York city, November 20, Joseph H. Choate, ex-ambassador to Great Britain, praised President Wilson's Mexican policy and called upon all Americans to stand by the nation's chief magistrate.

It was announced in St. Louis that the Interstate Commerce commission's report on the Frisco receivership will show, among other things, that the company was forced to pay interest on \$40,000,000 fictitious indebtedness.

W. J. Calhoun, the retiring United States minister to China, was decorated by President Yuan Shi Kai with the first class of the order of "The Excellent Crop."

Fourteen deaths and 175 serious injuries were the figures given for the football season ending with the annual Army and Navy game.

The anti-slavery bill which was passed recently by the Philippine national assembly, was ratified by the Philippine commission and is now a law.

Andrew Carnegie's secretary furnished a list of the ironmaster's benefactions, showing a total approximating \$400,000,000, and reducing his wealth almost to the \$25,000,000 "sinking fund" reserved for himself and family.

Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania was unanimously chosen for a four year term as president of the National baseball league.

Motion pictures are to be introduced as a regular part of the course of study of the West High school in Des Moines, Ia.

A moving picture show was given in court in Boston as a part of the

defense of the United States Shoe Machinery company in the federal dissolution suit.

The law placing all Pennsylvania cities, except Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton, under commission government, went into effect December 1.

At the November election Massachusetts adopted a constitutional amendment authorizing a popular referendum on measures submitted by a majority of the legislature.

Colorado may undertake the operation of its own coal mines as a result of the strike in the Trinidad district. Already a bill providing for such operation has been initiated and will be voted upon by the people the coming year.

General Jose Santos Zelaya, ex-president of Nicaragua, who was arrested in New York at the instance of his government, was released from the Tombs in New York and will return to Spain.

The Stockton state hospital, of California, reported that 15 per cent of the insane patients were cured by the new water treatment.

Comptroller Prendergast, of New York city, in a lecture at Philadelphia, deplored the indifference of the public to problems of municipal government.

Led by ex-Secretary of War Stimson, the radicals ruled the republican state conference in New York city and procured the adoption of a resolution for a direct statewide primary law.

Colonel David DuBose Gaillard, engineer in charge of the Culebra cut division of the Panama canal, died in the Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore, Md., December 5, a victim of his service to the United States. Seven years of arduous labor in the tropical zone, combatting the vexing problems of engineering, which continuously were complicated by the shifting lands and quicksands, undermined his health. A month ago a bill was introduced in congress promoting him to the rank of colonel in recognition of his distinguished services which culminated in the great engineering feat in the Culebra section of the Panama canal.

R. G. Dunn & Co. report fewer failures so far this year over the same period last year.

It is estimated that the Wisconsin compensation act would give \$750,000 a year to disabled men.

A total of \$4,061,500 was secured by campaigners raising a fund for the New York city Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. s in a period of two weeks' time.

The year's returns from farm products in the state of Kansas, despite the droughty conditions prevailing last summer, will reach an aggregate value of \$507,000,000 according to a summary issued by the state board of agriculture. The year 1913 is exceeded only by the totals of the four years preceding the present.

An initial estimate of the 1912-13 cotton crop places the number of bales at 14,000,000.

The premier of Bavaria, the second state in the German empire, declared there must be a pause in the

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race of armaments, for the people could not support further burdens of this nature.

Lord Cowdray, head of the Pearson syndicate, which has heavy interests in Mexico, announced the surrender of mineral concessions in Columbia.

Since the inauguration of the parcel post system the express companies have suffered heavy losses in their earnings. During the year 1911-12 the profits of the leading companies were \$5,772,000, but in 1912-13 they have fallen to \$3,290,000.

One hundred and thirty-five persons were killed in 21 states during the hunting season, Wisconsin being the chief sufferer.

An attack on the constitutionality of the income tax law was begun before Judge Landis, of the United States court for the northern district of Illinois.

The New York legislature completed the passage of many reform measures and adjourned sine die December 12. The principal bills passed provide for compulsory workmen's compensation for all hazardous employments; direct primary; Massachusetts ballot; direct nomination and election of United States senators, a constitutional convention and payment of the expenses of the Sulzer impeachment trial.

The new British battleship, "War-spite," recently launched at Devonport, is pronounced the most formidable battleship afloat. The cost of this latest addition to the British navy is \$14,000,000. It is driven entirely by oil engines and has storage facilities for sufficient oil to take it around the world.

It was announced that "Mona Lisa," Leonardo da Vinci's great painting, which was stolen from the

Louvre in Paris more than two years ago, has been found in Florence, Italy.

The Nobel peace prize for 1912 was awarded to Senator Elihu Root, of New York, and that for 1913 to Senator Henry La Fontaine, of Brussels.

Germany signified her acceptance of the invitation of the United States to send warships to represent her at the opening of the Panama canal.

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GOVERNMENT SALE OF TIMBER LANDS
There will be offered at public auction at the places and times herein named at not less than appraised valuations about 1,379,000 acres of timber lands with standing timber thereon, which includes about 1,043,857,500 feet of pine, as estimated in 1911, and approximately 141,309,000 feet of hard wood, located in the Choctaw Nation, south-eastern Oklahoma. Sales will be held at Idabel January 5th, Hugo January 8th, Poteau January 12th, Wilburton January 15th and McAlester January 17th, 1914. Bids may be submitted either in person or by agent with power of attorney. Land and timber will be sold together. Land classed as agricultural land will be offered in tracts not exceeding 160 acres, other lands in tracts not exceeding 640 acres, and not more than 160 acres of agricultural land nor more than one-fifth of the total of non-agricultural lands will be sold to any one person. Terms 25 per cent cash, balance in three annual installments may be completed each with interest, but payments given after approval of sale. Residence on land not required. Removal of portions of timber permitted as paid for. The improvements on land consisting of a few scattered houses will be appraised and sold with land and the owners thereof reimbursed where they are not successful bidders. The right to waive technical defects in advertisements and bids and to reject any and all bids is reserved. Detailed information, including descriptive lists, showing quantity and appraisement of timber and land in each tract will be furnished without cost after October 1, 1913; maps, showing location and accessibility to railroads of each tract, will be furnished at a cost of fifty cents each. Application for both descriptive lists and maps should be made to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, Muskogee, Oklahoma. CATO SELLS, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.