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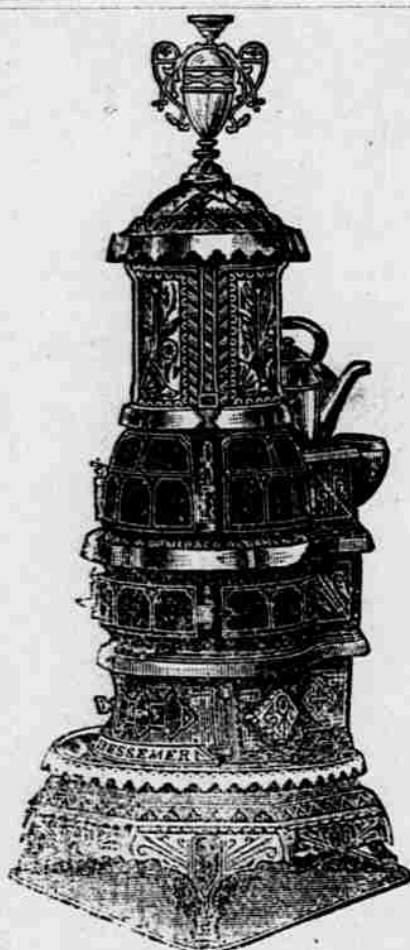
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At the last session of the Legislature important changes were made in the laws regulating taxes in this state. The personal and real estate taxes are now kept separate and do not become delinquent at the same time. While all taxes for the past year are now due the personal tax does not become delinquent and need not be paid until the first day of next February. The tax on real estate is not delinquent and need not be paid until the first day of next May. This makes the payment of taxes easier upon the people and our Representatives are deserving of thanks for aiding in the passage of so good a law.

THE Federation of Labor Unions of the United States and Canada resumed its session Friday and took up for consideration the resolution providing that the eight hour rule shall take effect from May 1 next. The question caused a general debate. The intention was not to force a strike or to compel organizations to do what they did not feel able to do. With this understanding it was said that all the delegates were in favor of the resolution. It was thought that the resolution in the present form did not convey this intention as clearly as it should, and the resolution with amendments, was referred to the committee on resolutions for revision. Congress will be urged to consider the subject.

SENATOR MANDERSON is getting in some good work for the soldiers. He has introduced a pension bill doing away with the flummery that delays justice to soldiers' widows by making the widow of a pensioned soldier a pensioner without further application or without proof that the death of her husband was the direct result of disabilities received in the army. His bill also provides that all enlisted men who served for one year and whose discharge papers show that they were disabled in the service, or were not fit for re-enlistment, shall be prima facie entitled to pensions. This will relieve many applicants of the necessity of hunting up army surgeons all over the face of the country or some physician in civil life who treated them at the time. The Senator has also introduced a bill for the location of a soldiers' home somewhere within the boundaries of Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Dakota or Colorado, and appropriating \$250,000 for the erection of the necessary buildings.—State Journal.

THE Prince of Wales was the object of a very thin conspiracy on the part of a young man in Kensington, to get money out of his privy purse. The young man represented that he had been elected by a secret society of noble dynamiters to destroy Wales, but that the more he thought about it the more his heart relented. Still he would have to kill the prince or be killed himself by his brethren of the vchmgericht unless he had money enough to take him out of the country. About 750 pounds sterling would be sufficient. The police made an appointment with the young man to pay him the money and then raked him in. The young man did not consider that the prince is always about a million in debt and might as well be blown up with dynamite as to be bled by soft-hearted dynamiters for hard cash.—Journal.

DURING a sober interval, which he enjoyed last Saturday, Mr. J. K. Emmet, in the presence of witnesses, gave to his wife the sum of \$150,000 in government bonds as a Christmas gift and as a part refutation of the rumors which have grown out of his numerous spees. It was a very graceful thing to do, no doubt, and the chances are that the bonds will be better cared for now than they would have been had they remained in Mr. Emmet's own hands. But it doesn't seem to occur to him that a much better Christmas gift and a stronger refutation of the rumors would have been a promise to reform sincerely given and sacredly kept. It is very foolish for the wife of a drunken man to care more for the man usually than she does for about all the money in the world, but that is one of the foolish things women do, probably for the same reason that some men get drunk.

SENATOR HARRISON's retort on Butler and Vest that from their indignation at Dakota expressed in their raid on her, one would imagine that she was conspiring to break out of the union instead of doing her best to get in, was very neat. The attack of democrats on Dakota for her earnest effort to become a state is one of the curiosities of dauphool politics.—Journal.

For the first time in the history of the United States there is not a single Smith in Congress.

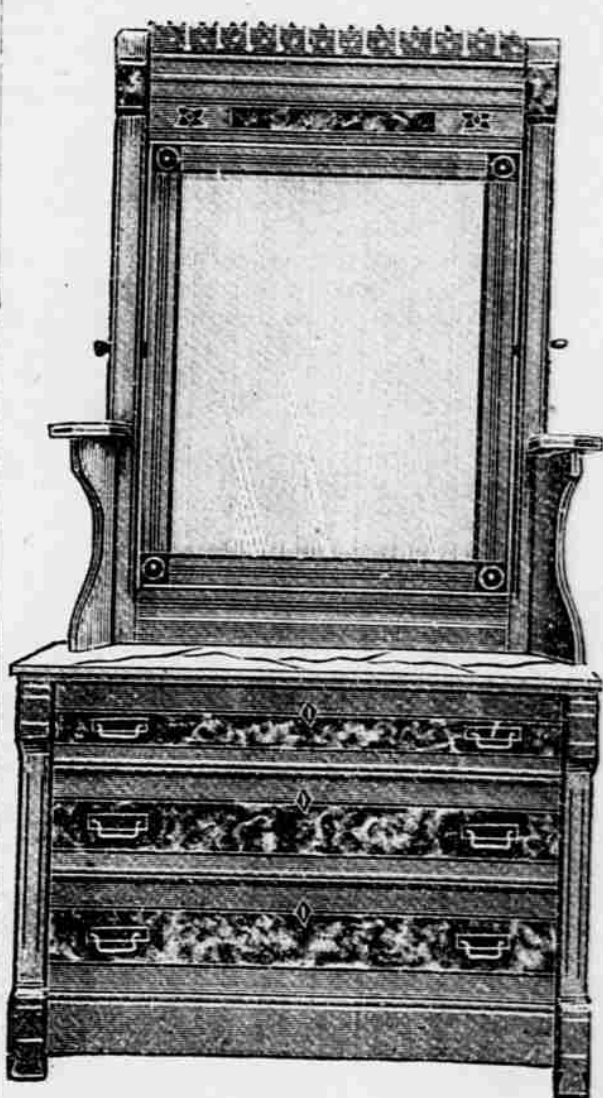
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