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THE PASS QUESTION.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has rendered a decision upon the perplexing railroad pass question which holds that it is unlawful to grant free transportation to public officers or private citizens on the ground that their good will is important to the corporation. Such pass-holders, it is declared, do not have any rights in that respect over ordinary travelers, by reason of their social or official positions, and so it is an unjust discrimination to carry them without payment of the usual fare. The commission is not willing, however, to rule that it is illegal to grant passes to newspaper men, hotel proprietors and agents of companies doing business with the corporation. These classes stand in a different light under the law, it is pointed out, and may not unreasonably claim to be rendering a fair return for the favor. This signifies, obviously, that the use of passes to influence traffic is not clearly forbidden, and may, perhaps, be justified as a proper business expedient. The reasoning by which this conclusion is reached does not entirely satisfy the intelligence of the average observer when compared with the logic of the other part of the decision; but the Interstate Commerce Commission is not supposed or expected to be consistent, and the law by which it is governed permits a wide latitude of discretion in all cases.

There has been a good deal of legislation with respect to railroad legislation, but the corporations go on granting them in greater abundance every year. They find that to be one of the cheapest and most effective ways to promote their interests. The idea that they bestow these favors for purely complimentary reasons under any circumstances is absurdly erroneous. They distribute them with a strict and systematic regard for the benefit to be derived, and a pass never goes out unless it promises to yield a good return. In this way many excellent persons who could not possibly be bribed with money are induced to perform friendly service to the railroad companies. There is no direct understanding that they shall do so, but the obligation is none the less certain, and the favor is duly reciprocated when the opportunity is presented. Legislators, as a rule, accept all the passes that are offered, and remember them when they come to vote upon railroad questions; and the judges of the courts are not always above the reach of such temptation, as can be seen from time to time in their decisions. It is well understood that the practice is abused, but no means have yet been found to regulate it. The corporations shrewdly evade the laws enacted to prevent them from granting passes at their pleasure, and it is practically impossible to keep men from taking advantage of a condition that seems to give them something for nothing, when in fact they usually pay more for it at last than the cost of transportation would amount to if they paid full fare on every journey.—Globe-Democrat.

THE trouble on the Texas border is becoming more serious every day. Garcia's men fight and run away. The government has sent two more companies from Wyoming and a large number of pack mules. The governor of Texas has called out all the state rangers, and Adjutant General Mebrey has issued orders for them to look after the state of Texas and not to mix up in any international matters, and especially to learn the country and to find out Garcia's strongholds.

IF the present trouble in Texas and Mexico should develope into another resolution in Mexico, the farmers of the United States will see a large profit from the increased demand for their products.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—The public debt statement issued to-day is as follows:

Interest bearing debt, $585,025,970; increase $100; debt on which interest has ceased, $633,340; decrease, $646,530; debt bearing no interest, $386,321,636; decrease, $1,111,710; aggregate interest and non-interest bearing debt, $975,381,946; decrease, $1,757,940; aggregate debt, including certificates and treasury notes, $2,554,125,980.

Cash in the treasury: Gold coin and bars, $278,856,750; silver dollars, subsidiary coin and bars, $416,976,343; paper, $51,223,332; bonds, minor coin, disbursing officers, balances, deposits in national banks, etc., $20,354,008. Aggregate, $757,200,432.

Demand liabilities: Gold, silver and currency certificates, treasury notes, $587,143,259; outstanding checks and drafts, uncurrent nation bank notes, disbursing officers' balances, etc., $45,583,045; gold reserved, $100,000,000; net cash balances, $34,574,128. Aggregate, $757,300,432. Cash balance in the treasury November 30. 1881, $139,126,917: cash balances December 31, 1891, $134,574,118: decrease during the month $4,552,789.

DEMOCRATIC rule in Kentucky always comes high, but she insists upon retaining it, no matter what the cost. She only lacks $50,000 of having money enough to pay her bills for the past year.

Height of Cruelty

Nervous women seldom recive the sympathy they deserve. While often the pictures of health, they are constantly alling. To with hold sympathy from these unfortuntes is the height of cruelty. They have a week hearth, causing shortneess of breath, fluttering, pain in side, week and hungry swells, and finally swelling of ankles, sppression, choking, smothering and dropsy. Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure is just the thing for them. For their nervousness, headache, weekness, etc., his Restorative Nervine is unequaled. Fine treatise on" Heart and Nervous Diseases" and marvelous testimonials free. Sold and fuaranteed by. F. G. Fricke & Co.

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The Cost of Italian Opera.

Talking of money reminds me that Signor Vianesi says he left the Paris opera, where he has been conductor for the last four years, because the salary was not large enough and the work too exacting. He received $2,400 a year for ten months' work, and very hard work at that. He comes to America and gets $8,000 for seven months. Mr. Abbey's salary list is a formidable one. Miss Van Zandt gets $1,000 a performance, Miss Eames, $800; Lasalle, the French baritone, $800; Mme. Albani, $600, and five other singers from $400 to $500. There is a chorus of eighty, averaging $20 a week, or $1,600, and an orchestra costing $2,000 a week.

The expenses of giving opera with such a company cannot fall below $5,000 a performance, so that even at five dollars for a parquet seat, the price for the coming season, Mr. Abbey may not make a fortune. The average cost of the German performances at the Metropolitan last season was $2,600.—New York Epoch.

The Wedding Flower.

The flowering of the "Wedding Flower," at Kew this year, is an event of more than ordinary interest, both to botanists and horticulturists. It is the giant not only of the genus Iris, but of the whole natural order to which it belongs.

It is found wild only in a small island off the east coast of Australia, thousands of miles distant from the habitant of any other Iris. While all other Irises may be grown out of doors, or with a little protection in winter, this one is happy only when treated to subtropical conditions. Its value in horticulture is due as much to its stature and elegance of foliage as to the size and beauty of its numerous flowers.

The flowers last only one day, but there are so many of them that the flowering season extends over a long period.

This Iris is known far and wide as the wedding flower. —London Garden.

A College President's Chase.

Harvard men who attended chapel one morning last week were very much surprised to see President Eliot pursuing one of the students as the men were leaving the building. Those in the immediate vicinity heard a very short but animated conversation. "Young man," said the president to the individual in question, who turned around surprised, "young man, excuse me, but you have my hat." It was indeed true. In the confusion of leaving the chapel the student had picked up the wrong hat and was making away with the president's best tile.—Boston Gazette.

Cleaning a Marble Statue.

Commodore Perry's marble statue in Cleveland, having acquired such a heavy coating of smoke and soot as to render it unsightly, was recently scrubbed, but with the effect of making it look worse than ever. The black came off the "high lights," and the smudge is deepened in the shadows. And, though the brave old sailor never did a mean thing in his life they now talk of giving him a coat of whitewash. —Cincinnati Times-Star.

An Unknown El Dorado.

How many Americans have heard of the state of Guerrero? It is one of the richest mining regions of Mexico, and it is said that its soil is a crust of silver and gold. Here the first mines were worked by the Spaniards, and the country contains hundreds of abandoned mines to-day. It lies on the Pacific, and it is only partially known. It had one mine which produced 495,000 ounces of silver in a few months, and it is surrounded by great states which are now being for the first time carefully investigated.

Oaxaca, just below it, is now being penetrated by the Mexican Southern railroad, and this will bring a vast gold bearing region into the market. The state is one in which President Diaz was born, and it is the one which will be on the Tehuantepec ship railway, if it is ever completed. It has vast areas of good land, and I know a half dozen American capitalists who expect to make fortunes out of the coal fields which they say have been discovered in it.

Coal brings about twenty-six dollars a ton in City of Mexico, and there are said to be fine iron deposits in near proximity to these coal fields. The climate of all this part of Mexico is very fine, and the capitalists who would buy some of the agricultural lands along this route would make a fortune. The public lands are worth from twenty to forty-five cents an acre, and they will raise coffee and sugar and all kinds of grains.

This new railroad will, and does already, tap the mining regions of the state of Pueblo, which contain both silver and gold, and one of the finest specimens of gold ever brought into Mexico City was shown to an American business man there by an Indian from this state about a month ago. It was a nugget of solid gold as big as your fist. The American entered into a contract with the man for the development of the region where it was found, and he traveled with him on horseback for several days, when the Indian told him that he had forgotten the place. This was of course a lie.—Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Bishop of Derry.

The eloquent bishop of Derry has, I hear, accepted an invitation from the trustees of Columbia college to deliver in New York city during Lent, 1892, a course of lectures on "The Evidences of Christianity." Remembering that the right reverend prelate is nearing his seventieth year, it is not surprising, in his letter to the bishop of New York accepting the invitation, to find him saying that his decision required a good deal of consideration, but he adds that it is a source of pleasure to him to think of meeting his lordship "and many venerable chiefs of the great and living branch of Christ's holy Catholic church across the ocean."

The bishop, by birth an Irishman, was graduated at Oxford, where he won many distinctions, and he was Bamptor lecturer in 1876. As a preacher he stands without doubt in the first rank, and his lectures are likely to find as wide a circle of readers here as on the other side of the ocean. Bishop Alexander was a most determined opponent of the prayer book revision undertaken by the synod of his church, and his action in walking out of the synod hall after a solemn protest against the proceedings will not soon be forgotten.—Manchester Guardian.

Care in Choosing Drinking Water.

More and more as a knowledge of hygiene is spread will people be careful as to the water they drink, for an impure article will as surely injure as impure food. A case in point is just reported of two deaths and twenty-four cases of disease from drinking the water of an old well in Milwaukee.

For a long time the well has furnished the water for half a dozen families in the neighborhood. About all the members this summer partaking of the well water became ill, and their ailment soon developed into typhoid fever. Near by is a foul marsh, the water from which is supposed to have worked itself into the well and thus contaminated it, causing these deaths and all the illness. Probably the cost of the doctors' bills and other expenses, together with the loss of time, have been many hundreds of dollars, or quite enough to have brought clear water from some other source.—Herald of Health.

Didn't Risk Anything.

Unlimited assurance is possessed by a young man from Tennessee, who lately sought admission to West Point, and thus closed his application to the superintendent: "I want only to study military tactics. I want to stay three years. I want forty dollars per month. At the end of the term I want a position over some army of the United States. I want you to send me a round ticket there and back. I think I am both physically and mentally qualified to fill the position. I will not be out anything, but I want the position Please answer this."—Yankee Blade.

The Eiffel Tower in a Graveyard.

A good grocer of Damery, in the department of the Marne, has astonished his fellow townsmen by erecting in the local cemetery a family mausoleum of cut stone shaped like the Eiffel tower. This is certainly the first time the tower built for the exhibition has been copied for a churchyard monument.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Duels at Bonn.

Visitors to Bonn are, I hear, aghast at the untoward consequences of the German emperor's dueling speech. So many barbaric encounters have taken place during the last three months that nearly every student one comes across has his face seamed and gashed in the most unsightly manner.—London World.

A Kodak Gem.

An amateur photographer caught a young lady who had been eating ice cream over at the Poland camp ground Sunday in the act of lifting the well nigh empty saucer to her rosy lips and draining the last drop of the melted cream which had cost her best young man a dime.—Auburn (Mass.) Gazette.

Startling Facts.

The American people are rapidly becoming a rase of nervous wrecks and the followtng suggests, the best remedy: alphouso Humpfling, of Butler, Penn, swears that when his son was spechless from st. Vitus Dance Dr Miles great Restorative Nerving cured him. Mrs. J. L. Miller of Valpraiand. J. D. Taolnr, of Logansport, Ind each gained 20 pounds if an taking it. Mrs. H. A. Gardner, of Vastulr Ind, was cured of 40 to 50 convulsions easy and much acadach, dizzness, bockach and nervous prostiation by one bottle. Trial bottle and fine boek of Nervous cures free at F. G. Fricke, & Co., who recomends this unequailed remedy. 4

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A Mystery Explained.

The papers contain frequent notices of rich, pretty and educated girls eloping with negroes, tramps and coachmen. The well-known specialist, Dr. Franklin Miles, says all such girls are more or less hysterical, nervous, very impulsive, unbalanced; usually subject to neadache, neuralgia, sleeplessness, immoderate crying or laughing. These show a weak, nervous system for which there is no remedy equal to Restorative Nervine. Trial bottles and a fine book, containing many marvelous cures, free at F. G. Fricke & Co's., who also sell and guarantee Dr. Miles' celebrated New Heart Cure, the finest of heart tonics. Cures fluttering, short breath, etc.

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