

Lord Hopetoun's eldest son, Lord Hope, who has gone out to Australia with his father, will return after Easter to England, when he will begin his public school career at Eton.

Prof. James of the University of Chicago, has been working twenty years to get a fully authenticated case of death from snake bite. Every case he investigated turned out to be entirely without foundation, or else to be based on utterly insufficient evidence.

About the coolest thieves on record did a job of work in Philadelphia a few days ago. Early in the morning, while hundreds of people were going to work, half a dozen men arrayed as mechanics appeared in front of a Turkish bath establishment in Walnut street.

Merits of chocolate as food for troops in the field appear to be becoming rapidly and widely appreciated. In the recent autumn maneuvers of the Austrian army in Galicia a chocolate ration was found to be equal to about five times its weight of the primest beef.

According to the Norwich press, a syndicate has been formed for a floating Monte Carlo, to be moored off the English coast somewhere just beyond the three-mile limit. Negotiations are pending for an obsolete Atlantic liner, which would be turned into a miniature casino.

It is contended by the organ of the German general staff that the rapid and decisive manner in which campaigns are now carried out will not allow time for mining. A fortress will, it is affirmed, be captured by bombardment or open attack or in most cases by a combination of the two methods.

The government is hereafter to partially furnish the quarters of British sea officers. The amount of furniture that will be given is not yet specified, but it will include at least the bed, a chest of drawers, washstand and bath.

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PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

RAILROADS CANNOT LONG BE HELD BY MONOPOLISTS.

Some Figures from the Annual Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission—The Corporations Are Overcapitalized on an Average of 300 Per Cent

The preliminary report on the income account of railways in the United States for the year ended June 30, 1900, prepared by the statistician to the interstate commerce commission, contains returns of operating railway companies representing 190,464 miles of line.

The net earnings of the roads embraced in this advance report were \$523,858,913 for 1900, or \$73,110,747 more than they were for 1899.

Income from investments and other sources amounting to \$60,875,700 were received, so that the total income was \$584,534,612.—Press Dispatch.

The railroads of this country are over-capitalized 300 per cent. Dividends are paid on three times the sum for which the roads could be replaced, and yet they earn in net profits for a very few men nearly \$600,000,000—quite enough money to pay the entire cost of this government economically administered.

Suppose, now, these roads were owned by the people, as they are in most civilized countries, what would be the result? If rates were kept at the present level the railroads would pay the entire costs of the government and all taxes could be abolished.

These are plain and simple facts, which have been fully demonstrated to many countries, and we can apply them to our home government as soon as the American voters get some sense.

INITIAL STEAL OF THE CENTURY.

Mr. Hanna is again exerting every influence to pass the ship subsidy bill, which has been made an administration measure and is supported by most of the leaders of the Republican party.

Not a man west of the Mississippi river will be benefited by this measure, and yet we will have to be taxed our full proportion to pay this stupendous steal. We do not know that this bill will pass. There may still be virtue enough left in the Republican party to defeat it.

The people also asked this congress for an appropriation to irrigate the arid lands of the great west. The bill that was introduced on a bill to millions of acres of land in the west, and many homes. There are many thousands of acres of land in the west, and many homes.

\$300,000,000 for a foreign and successful war and not a cent to build happy homes for a greater multitude than dwell in any county of Europe except Russia. It is only two months since the people placed the men again in power that do these things.

A Socialist Nation. A representative of the Socialist Colony, at Ruskin, Georgia, is now traveling in New Zealand and from his letter to the Coming Nation we extract the following in reference to that interesting country:

One of the pleasant features of a railway ride in this country is witnessing the children socking to the train is going to or returning from school. They get on the train as if they owned it and no one asks them for tickets—they ride free of charge.

Stations are provided for at frequent intervals, and each one is a postoffice, telegraph and telephone office and a savings bank as well as railway and express station, as the government conducts all these classes of business.

Cost of Telegraphs. A telegram of twelve words is sent to any part of New Zealand by simply affixing to it a 6d stamp (12 cents). Lines run along almost all of the metalled wagon roads as well as along the railway, so that every country postoffice furnishes its patrons with the accommodations of bank and telegraph facilities.

Wonderful Dairy Country. "I am now in a wonderful dairy section and the home of co-operation. Before co-operative butter and cheese factories and creameries were established, the farmer was fortunate to receive eight cents a pound for butter; now he realizes eighteen to nineteen cents and has dispensed with the drudgery of skimming, churning and marketing.

The Farmers' Union. "The farmers here have also organized a co-operative union, which has grown into almost the dimensions of a department store—including groceries, tools, machinery, dry goods, medicines, harness, bakery, etc. Their store covers nearly half a block.

Getting Better Prices. Encouraged by their success in the dairy and mercantile lines, the farmers, last year, organized a co-operative bacon factory, which has resulted in giving them better prices for their hogs, without the necessity of slaughtering them at home.

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FOR THE GODLESS WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

The Volunteers Cannot Come Home Until More Recruits Are on Hand—The Longer the Fight is Conducted the Worse the Prospects Appear.

Secretary Root has canceled the order for the homecoming of the volunteers in the Philippines. They can't be spared just yet. No soldier will come back to America until there is a new soldier to take his place, says the Non-Conformist.

There is only one way of conquering the Philippines and that is by extermination. It is a big job to send eight millions of people to kingdom come. It is an awful mean job for the great republic to exterminate a whole race of people whose only crime is that they are fighting for the freedom of their native land.

Another Tax on Dead Men. Senator Proctor heads a company that controls the marble quarries of Vermont. He has recently bought the Carrara marble quarries of Italy and thus he controls the marble product of the world.

We can see only one way to beat this international trust. We will have to cremate our dead until there is a fall in the price of tombstones. After a crematory gets through with a body there is no occasion for a tombstone—all that is needed is a bottle or a saucer.

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No Time This for Fetich Worship. Springfield (Mass.) Republican: The Democracy that is going to give this country such an opposition as the great problems projected and forced along by the men now in political power so imperatively demand must be alive to the progress of events and ready to take advantage of the opportunities and to discharge the duties which a new day brings.

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DAVE HENDERSON ON HIS DIGNITY.

Sioux City Tribune: Speaker Henderson does not accept invitations to dinner nowadays until he is assured what seat he is to occupy at the table. He explains that he is not proud, but proposes to vindicate the claims of the exalted position he occupies in the nation.

QUAY'S QUESTIONABLE METH-ODS.

Boston Herald: Quay was beaten in the election of legislator, but ever since he has been detaching members of the anti party, one by one, by the arts of intimidation and selection, of which he is a past master.

AROUND THE PORK BARREL.

New York World: The only opposition to the \$60,000,000 river and harbor grab in congress comes from members who think they are not getting their share of the "pork."

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ONE-MAN RULE IN CONGRESS.

Kansas City Times: The rules of congress are such that no representative can be heard and no bill considered unless it pleases the czar who sits in the chair. This is Hamiltonism run mad, the centralization of the powers of congress in one man.

KEPT HIS WORD FOR HIM.

Toledo Times: It seems that when he was re-elected to the senate six years ago Senator Chandler promised that he would not again be a candidate.

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PRESIDENT OF PRESIDENTS.

A Distinguished Lady Indeed, in Mrs. Mary E. Poole of Whiting, Ind. Whiting, Ind., Feb. 4, 1901.—(Special.)—The Presidents of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have an association composed exclusively of the Presidents of the different State Associations.

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