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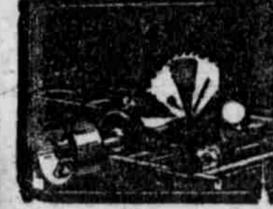


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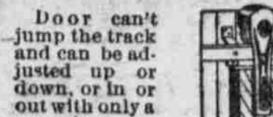


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commerce of the United States is carried in foreign bottoms, and maintained that the \$200,000,000 in freights should have gone into the pockets of Americans. The minority members of the committee have designated Representative Lucking of Michigan to present their views, and he will urge that instead of a commission congress should put into force discriminating tonnage and import duties. Representative McDermott of New Jersey today introduced a bill providing that vessels owned entirely by citizens of the United States, regardless of where they are constructed, should be granted American registry."

At the January 21 session of the national board of trade, several resolutions were adopted, one pertaining to the public lands of the United States, and recommending that these lands be held for actual settlers, was passed. Congress was urged to provide what is called the parcels post, reciprocity, one-cent letter postage and improvement of waterways.

Senator Clay of Georgia has introduced a bill to limit the jurisdiction of the federal district and circuit courts. The provisions of the bill are as follows: "Be it enacted, etc., that the district and circuit courts of the United States shall not take and have original cognizance of any suit of a civil nature, either at common law or in equity, between a corporation created or organized by or under the laws of any state and a citizen of any state in which such corporation at the time the cause of action accrued may have been carrying on any business authorized by the law creating it, except in cases arising under the patent laws or copyright laws and in like cases in which courts are authorized to take original cognizance of such between citizens of the same state; nor shall any such suit between such corporation and a citizen or citizens of a state in which it may be doing business be removed to any circuit court of the United States except in like cases in which such removal is authorized by the existing law in suits between citizens of the same state; provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent a citizen of another state from suing a corporation in the state of its domicile; and, provided further, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to affect such cases as are pending in the courts of the United States at the time this act shall take effect."

The British expedition to Thibet, in Asia, is causing much uneasiness among the people of that province, and it is said that the Thibetans are likely to show fight and will appeal to Russia if the advance continues.

The trouble between Japan and Russia has served to call China's attention to the necessity of preserving her claims in Manchuria, according to recent dispatches. It is announced that there is danger of the present dynasty in China being deposed unless measures are taken to confirm China's hold in Manchuria, and in the case of war between Russia and Japan China must take part in order to maintain its integrity. It is believed, however, that Japan is really at the head of the group of powers who are opposed to partition and who have agreed together to defend China.

The Commoner's Celebration

On Friday evening, January 22, the employes of The Commoner celebrated the third anniversary of the paper's founding, this being in accord with a custom established by the employes. The celebration was held at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bryan and was attended by the fifty employes and the members of the families of the employes married.

The evening was spent in games and music, and members of the force contributed to the evening's pleasure by recitations and solos. An hour was spent in the singing of old songs, in which all present joined heartily. Just before refreshments were served a letter from Mr. W. J. Bryan was read, in which he regretted the inability of himself and Mrs. Bryan to be present, but which contained his greetings to the employes and the heartfelt wish that the pleasant relations which have existed between employer and employes for the last three years would be continued in the future.

During the evening a large supply of kent-kob nuts, obtained from the steward of the White Star steamer Celtic, on which vessel Mr. Bryan returned from Europe, was distributed with the compliments of Mr. W. J. Bryan. At 11 o'clock refreshments were served, after which the games were resumed and continued until the last car was heard approaching. The employes declare that each succeeding anniversary celebration is an improvement over its predecessors, due to increasing comradie and friendship.

Books Received.

First Aid to Injured, by F. J. Warwick, M. D.; published by the Penn Publishing Co., Philadelphia; price, 45 cents. This is a really valuable little volume, containing plain and simple rules to be followed in cases of accident or emergency, as well as in the first stages of illness. The information contained may never be serviceable, but, like the Texan's gun, if ever it is it will be wonderfully serviceable.

Little Masterpieces of American Wit and Humor, edited by Thomas L. Masson; published by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York; six volumes; price, 75 cents per volume. Mr. Masson's experience as editor of Life has enabled him to present in these six dainty volumes the very best of the work by American wits and humorists. The list of American humorists is not over long, but it is a source of pride to Americans that it contains the names best known in the world's field of humorous literature. Mr. Masson's work was not to search for material, but to select the best of the vast quantity offered. This work he has done in a most acceptable manner.

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In a Nutshell.

The whole truth is that the president was bent upon building the canal across Panama to the exclusion of Nicaragua, and the revolutionary incident was precisely in harmony with his stubborn and tempestuous spirit. It was more spectacular, more daring, more Rooseveltian, than the peaceful process of negotiation, and he could not resist the temptation to become a part of it. So, he threw precedent to the winds, reversed his government's policy toward secession, and imperiously made history for his administration and his campaign.—Houston Post.

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