

preme Court Moody, Judge A. G. Dayton and the following named rear admirals: A. B. Luce, A. T. Mayhan, William H. Folger, Robley D. Evans and William S. Cowles.

The joint railroad committee of the Nebraska legislature has agreed upon a bill providing for the physical valuation of railroads, telegraph, telephone and express companies. The duty of making the valuation is placed in the hands of the state railway commission, the valuation to be that of the corporations which come under the law on July 1, 1909. The bill provides that the valuation of railroads shall include: The value of all real estate. The value of all grading. The value of bridges, culverts, water stations and like structures on the right-of-way. The value of all track material and accessories. The value of all telegraph

and telephone lines and apparatus. The value of all stores and supplies. The value of that part of the rolling stock chargeable to the state. The value of shops, machinery and tools. Everything else not included in the above. The commission is empowered to call upon the corporation to be valued for any information which they may desire and it is made the duty of the officers of such corporations to make sworn statements of the information asked for. The commission is allowed to employ the necessary expert and clerical help by and with the consent of the governor. A fine of between \$100 and \$10,000 is fixed for failure to comply with the law. Provision is made for revising the valuation each year by reason of new work done and old material worn out or destroyed. The corporations affected are to be notified of the valuation after it is made

and summoned to show cause why the valuation should be either raised or lowered.

In a special message to congress President Roosevelt endorses Governor Magoon's recommendation that an appropriation be made for the raising of the battleship Maine from the Havana harbor.

The speech delivered by Representative Willett of New York in which he applied a number of epithets to President Roosevelt has been expunged from the records of the house of representatives. A committee reported to that effect and the house unanimously adopted the report.

Representative Burke of Pennsylvania has introduced into the house of representatives a bill requiring the installation of wireless telegraphy on all seagoing ships using the ports of the United States.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of Samuel B. Donnelly of New York to be public printer.

Benoit-Constant Coquelin, the great French actor, who was on the stage for fifty years, died at Paris.

BOOKS RECEIVED

The Cause of our Financial Panics and How They May be Averted. By S. Fournier. (Pamphlet.) The Sargent Printing Co., 312 Denny Bldg., Seattle. S. Fournier, P. O. Box 877, Seattle, Wash.

The Passing of Gold, or What is Lawful Money? By Hon. Albert Talmon Morgan. The Myers-Kuhn Printing Co., Denver. (Pamphlet.)

The Railroad a Public Servant. By Carr White Taylor. Pamphlet. The Times Company, Hutchinson, Kan.

The Troubles of Adam. By Herbert George, Denver, Colo. (Pamphlet.)

The Voice of Truth. By Reinhold Lincke. Published by Tomorrow Press, Chicago. (Pamphlet.)

How to Get Rid of the Devil. By H. W. Kemper, Louisville, Ky. (Pamphlet.) The F. A. Crump Printing Co., Louisville.

The Race Problem. By Charles Wesley Waddell. (Pamphlet.) The Burd & Fletcher Ptg. Co., Kansas City. Price 25c.

RAINEY ON THE PANAMA CANAL MYSTERY

Following is an Associated Press dispatch:

Washington, January 26.—A bitter attack on William Nelson Cromwell, President Obaldia of Panama and others by Mr. Rainey of Illinois was made in the house today. The postoffice appropriation bill was under consideration but Mr. Rainey spoke under license of general debate and was unsparing in his charges of corruption and fraud against the persons named. At the conclusion of his speech Messrs. Stevens of Minnesota and Kusterman of Wisconsin expressed their disapproval of his remarks and entered a defense of the accused.

During the morning hour the house passed a joint resolution making February 12, 1909, which marks the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, a legal holiday. When the house, at 5 p. m., adjourned, the postoffice bill was still pending.

Charging that William Nelson Cromwell, Roger L. Farnham, Charles P. Taft and others are parties to the "most infamous railroad proposition ever submitted to any government" and that they "are being permitted not only to rob the republic of Panama, but indirectly the treasury of the United States," Representative Rainey of Illinois today directed the searchlight of pub-

licity upon affairs in the canal zone in a startling speech in support of his resolution providing for an investigation by congress of the Panama canal purchase.

"In their efforts in this direction," he continued, "they have had so far the complete co-operation and active assistance of the present administration and of the president."

Mr. Rainey traced the history of the proposed canal four hundred years back and warned the house that "we have already started in the direction of the rocks upon which the first cruisers were wrecked."

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