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.

bill provides that the valuation of verts, water stations and like struc-

The value of all stores and supplies. the valuation should be either raised 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 The joint railroad committee of above. The commission is empowthe Nebraska legislature has agreed ered to call upon the corporation to upon a bill providing for the physi- be valued for any information which cal valuation of railroads, telegraph, they may desire and it is made the telephone and express companies. duty of the officers of such corpora-The duty of making the valuation is tions to make sworn statements of placed in the hands of the state rail- the information asked for. The way commission, the valuation to be commission is allowed to employ the that of the corporations which come necessary expert and clerical help by under the law on July 1, 1909. The and with the consent of the governor. A fine of between \$100 and \$10,000 railroads shall include: The value is fixed for failure to comply with of all real estate. The value of all the law. Provision is made for regrading. The value of bridges, cul- vising the valuation each year by reason of new work done and old tures on the right-of-way. The material worn out or destroyed. The value of all track material and ac- corporations affected are to be noticessories. The value of all telegraph fied of the valuation after it is made

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 Fourtner. (Pamphlet.) Sargent Printing Co., 312 Denny Bldg., Seattle. S. Fourtner, 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.)

Carr White Taylor. Pamphlet. The Times Company, Hutchinson, Kan. The Troubles of Adam. By Herbert George, Denver, Colo. (Pamph-

let.) 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 Oklahoma. 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- particulars. Washington.

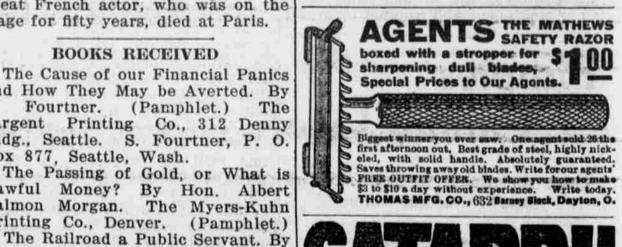
and telephone lines and apparatus. and summoned to show cause why licity upon affairs in the canal zone in a startling speech in support of his resolution providing for an investigation by congress of the Panama canal purchase.

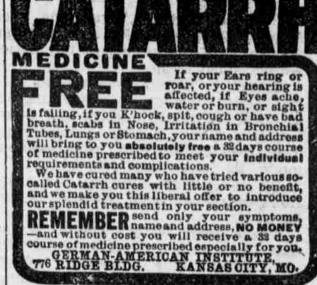
> "In their efforts in this direction," he continued, "they have had so far the complete co-operation and active assistance of the present administration and of the president.'

> 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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