

## WASHINGTON NEWS

The Twenty-seventh company of coast artillery practicing with the ten-inch guns at Battery Cranston, in the Presidio military reservation, San Francisco, hit a moving target at ten thousands yard six times with six shots.

The first woman ever to enter the diplomatic service of any country in the world is Miss Clothilde Luise, who has been appointed by the presi-

dent of Uruguay as an attache of the Uruguayan legation at Brussels, Belgium.

An Associated Press dispatch says: Full of regret that his sojourn in Washington of less than twenty-four hours would not permit visits to half the places which he desired to see, the Chinese rear admiral, Ching Pin Kwang, left for Beverly, Mass, where he was received by President Taft.

The members of his staff, his special aide, Commander George F. Cooper of the United States navy, and Yung Kwai, charge d'affaires of the Chinese legation, accompanied him. The admiral created an excellent impression among the officials to whom he was presented, and disappointment was mutual that the distinguished visitor had changed his plans so that a second trip to Washington during the present visit probably would be eliminated.

A contract for the construction of the three dams and eight and a half miles of canals on the Flathead, Montana, irrigation project, awarded to a Prosser, Wash., firm, has been approved by Acting Secretary of the Interior Adams.

Former United States Senator Thomas H. Carter of Montana who was also chairman of the republican national committee in 1892 when Benjamin Harrison was candidate for president, died in Washington city as a result of lung trouble. Mr. Carter retired from the senate last March and was holding an appointment for Mr. Taft at the time of his death.

President Taft has rejected the recommendation made by Attorney General Wickersham for the ousting of Dr. Wiley. The president clearly vindicates the chief of the bureau of chemistry. There are some predictions that Wilson and Wickersham will retire from the cabinet as a result of the president's action.

Secretary Wilson now says that the president's decision in the Wiley case was a wise one. It is not probable, therefore, that he will resign.

An Associated Press correspondent gives this information: Uncle Sam's next big land lottery will be held in South Dakota from October 2 to 21 inclusive. Four hundred and sixty-six thousand five hundred and sixty-two acres of land in the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations will be offered as prizes to land seekers. Gregory, Dallas, Chamberlain and Rapid City will be the registration points. On October 24 the drawing will commence at Gregory. The price of every 160-acre tract has already been fixed by government appraisers and the homesteader will pay the price so fixed regardless of whether he files first or last. The prices fixed are from 25 cents to \$6. About one-third has been classified as agriculture land at from \$2 to \$6 an acre.

Briefly, the method of securing a homestead under this opening will be as follows:

The applicant will personally appear at a registration point and will swear before a notary public on duty at the notarial headquarters to his qualifications to take a homestead. If the application is made at any registration point other than Gregory, the applicant must mail his affidavit to Judge Witten at Gregory.

When Judge Witten receives one of these envelopes, he will examine it carefully and if there are no distinguishing marks on it to indicate from whom it came, it will be deposited with others in a large metal can.

The registration begins October 2 and ends October 21.

On October 24 all of the metal cans will be opened and their contents dumped on a large public platform at Gregory. A child will be selected to go on the platform and pick up an envelope. It will be opened by Judge Witten and the application therein contained will be numbered "one" and the person who filed it will have the privilege of making the first selection from all the lands subject to entry and may

choose for his homestead the finest level farming land at \$6 an acre or the roughest grazing land at 25 cents an acre.

The second envelope selected from the platform will be numbered "two." After the drawing those who received numbers will have ample time in which to inspect the lands and select the tracts upon which they wish to make filing.

### MR. BAILEY IN RETIREMENT

Special correspondence of the New York Evening Post: Washington, September 8.—Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas, a man of adroit mind, yet one whose public record of constructiveness is not after all a very fine monument to his legislative memory, has announced that he will retire from the United States senate at the close of his present term, March 3, 1913. His career offers a wide field for argument as to its real value to his country, his party, his state, and himself. Suffice it to say that a majority of persons in Washington who have watched his progress in congress with mingled feelings of emotion for the past twenty years are today agreed that Senator Bailey has not realized the great possibilities in him.

They have seen him rise and fall in both houses of congress in that time until Senator Bailey himself has, at last, come to realize that he is out of touch with the spirit of the times and with his colleagues. His determination to quit public life, therefore, is as logical as his decision to enter the practice of the law in New York, when he leaves the senate. That which he dislikes he discards; that which he likes he retains—that is the life history of Joseph W. Bailey.

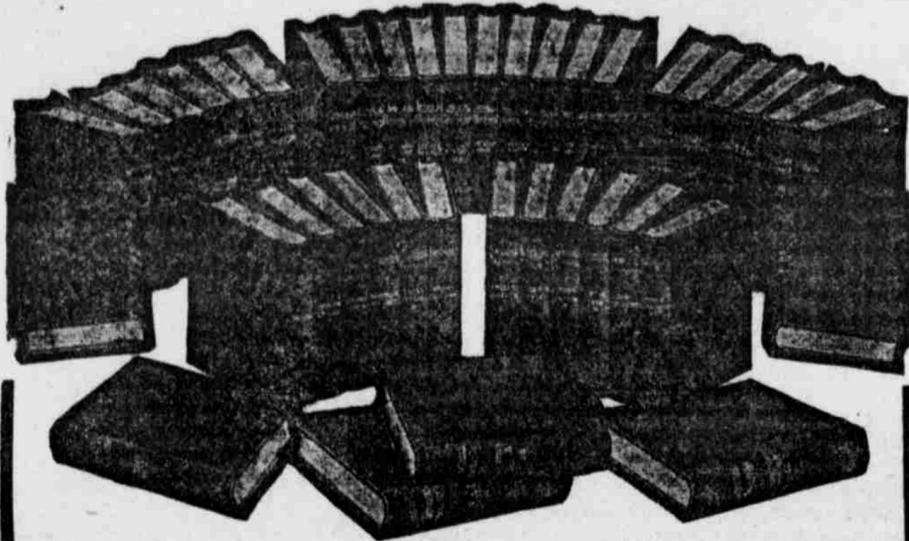
Notwithstanding Senator Root's remark that "Bailey's mind works with the precision of a Corliss engine," Senator Bailey's public record will probably be an enigma to most men for all time to come. Throughout his public life Bailey's record day by day represents to all those who have ever come into his presence the acme of logical thought and action. Taken as a whole, however, this same record evidences erratic tendencies at times which can only be explained by the fact that Senator Bailey's temper, his downright aptitude to be lazy about little things, his many moods, his natural ability to lead, his independence of leadership elsewhere, and his devotion to Texas have not infrequently encroached upon his mental processes.

### AUTHOR OF NO GREAT LEGISLATION

One peculiar thing about Bailey's record is that he has never been the author of a great piece of legislation or even of a great and last amendment to a memorable piece of legislation. This is remarkable when it is remembered how often and at what length he has debated great bills, particularly from the viewpoint of a constitutional lawyer. If Senator Bailey had any one hobby in his legislative career, it was that of constitutional law, yet this field of operations rarely ever led him into the field of constructive statesmanship far enough to draft a bill or an amendment. In fact, he introduced very few bills of a public character while in the senate.

Congress has seen various manifestations of the temper of Senator Bailey. From his attack on Senator Beveridge of Indiana down to his tender nursing of those who, in these later days, have been willing to follow his leadership, there has been a series of highly colored episodes, the climax of which was his hastily drawn and hastily offered resignation on March 4. When his temper got the best of him, Senator Bailey's domineering spirit rose to a tempest; when he restrained his feeling to the

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