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Suggestions on Matters That the Coming Legislature Will Consider.

DEPOSITORIES FOR COUNTY TREASURERS.

Plain Talks from Practical Farmers on Needed Reforms in Railroad, Usury and Financial Legislation in This State.

The Bee recently invited parties familiar with any particular subject likely to engage the attention of the coming legislature to offer their suggestions through these columns. A number of responses have been received and will be presented from time to time. It is to be understood that The Bee will not be responsible for the published views of contributors, and it reserves the privilege of discussing them in its own way and from the standpoint which it deems best for the interests of the people.

Depositories for County Funds.

PLEASANT HOME, Neb., Dec. 2.—To the Editor of THE BEE: Your kind offer of space in THE BEE for articles on such subjects as will probably engage the attention of the next legislature is timely, and it will doubtless facilitate the work of the legislature if such subjects are discussed and their merits ascertained before the session begins.

There are many things that will engage the attention of the next session, and the great danger is that an avalanche of bills of minor importance will block the wheels and defeat the passage of some of the more important measures. Among these I might name railroad legislation, Australian ballot system, a usury law that will be effective, and a provision for a depository for surplus county funds.

Of the latter, a provision similar to the Missouri law would, according to a reasonable estimate, bring into the various treasuries more than \$100,000 annually, a clean saving to the taxpayers.

Under the Missouri law sealed bids are received by the Missouri land authority once in two years—and often when a vacancy occurs—from bank incorporations, associations or individual bankers, for the privilege of being made the depository of all county funds for a time specified. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for the cash to the amount of the bid. The successful bidder gives bonds and the depository of all county funds which the county treasurer is required, under heavy penalty, to deposit with him as fast as collected.

The Missouri law is a very good one, and it is hoped that it will be adopted in this state. It is a bill that has been drawn on this subject, similar to the Missouri law, and will be presented to the next legislature.

As to a usury law, I have lost faith in the efficacy of any such law, except, it is to be one that forfeits both principal and interest and provides for the recovery by suit from the original payee of any money paid to him or to any innocent purchaser of a usurious obligation.

In my judgment the contract rate of interest should be 10 per cent. Possibly it would be better for it to remain at 12. The question is, how low a rate can we make and not drive too much money out of the state.

Railroad Regulation.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., Dec. 3.—To the Editor of THE BEE: I am very forcibly and favorably struck with a passage in your editorial in today's Bee, entitled: "My Gould and Congress." You say: "He (Gould) already has the power to arbitrarily fix the rates and he will doubtless use it. It will then be necessary for the people to use their power and limit the rates to a reasonable basis. If this were done why would the pool be objectionable? Would it not be advantageous as furnishing the means of keeping the rates uniform under the limits fixed by the government?"

This proposition, that the government limit the rates, it seems to me, furnishes the most reasonable and promising solution of the railroad problem. If the railroads were allowed to pool, or if you please, to form a trust, so that they would all come under one general management, as, indeed, I think they are in effect very likely soon to do in spite of all laws to the contrary, the people would not only enjoy the advantage of uniform rates, but there would be other obvious and very great advantages. In this case competition being done away with, each road would take such business as naturally came to it, so that the very great expense now incurred in efforts to obtain business might be saved; new roads would be built only where they were demanded in the interests of trade, and not, as is often the case now, where they are not needed for the principal purpose of keeping out a rival, so that the expenses of construction would be largely reduced; the services of many high-salaried officers might be dispensed with, and, as will be seen at a glance, there would be an economy in each general management in a hundred ways.

The railroads evidently see all these things and are disposed to take advantage of them with a view to increasing their dividends. Let them go ahead and let congress and the state legislatures step in and save a full share of the benefits to the people by fixing maximum rates. So far as congress is concerned this power over interstate traffic might be conferred on the interstate commerce commission in direct and unequivocal terms.

The most serious complaint that the people have against the roads is that they are extortionate in their rates. But the people have the power to fix rates. Let the government take power, and when that comes to be understood as being the fixed and unalterable policy of national and state legislatures I apprehend that there will be no more interference in politics, and being compelled to practice economy and lacking much of the incentive which they now have, few passes will be incurred and many other abuses would be corrected.

Such a governmental policy, it seems to me, is easy, practical and fraught with little of the risk that would be incurred in government ownership of railroads, the remedy now so generally advocated in certain parts of the country and among certain classes.

CHARLES WOODRIF.

The Land Loan Plan.

WILSON, Neb., Scotts Bluff county, Dec. 2.—To the Editor of THE BEE: Your editorial in the issue of November 21 misrepresents the purposes of the farmers and is misleading in fact and substance.

The farmers of this country do not propose any such complex, cumbersome financial scheme as that of the Argentine Republic, which evidently went down under its own weight, and besides the conditions there are not the same as in this country. A political revolution here does not mean expatriation of the farmers, which seems to be the case there.

The farmers propose to make their scheme for relief by loans upon real estate by the government pure and simple. They will have no meddling by bankers, syndicates or middlemen. There will be no bonds connected with it to increase the indebtedness of the government, or with which to enrich the money holders, or with rates of interest to eat up the earnings of the people, but barely interest enough to pay the expenses of stamping, distributing and collecting. A simple issue of legal tender treasury notes, loaned to the farmers on lands, on long terms, at 2 per cent interest, just such a scheme as that which carried us triumphantly through the civil war, and led to a season of great prosperity, and which would have continued had it not been for the machinations of money mongers who conspired together for the purpose of displacing the people's money which cost them nothing by substituting national bank notes which cost them the interest on the

amount of the national bonds pledged for their redemption. A scheme that benefited nobody except the money holders, it was to trade in money, the banker and money broker, and which was devised by that class in order to rob the wealth producers through the use of law. We do not propose to allow either foreign nations or bankers to have anything to do in controlling this issue. It will be a matter between the government and the people of this country—or rather a matter of the people themselves, who constitute the government. There will be no bubble to burst, no schemes to fall, no wrecks to make money by depreciating it. We will try to provide the man, who attempts its depreciation, with the penalties in the penitentiary, the same as he who adulterates, mutilates or counterfeits our legal money.

The United States is not dependent upon other nations for its money, but is daily investing with the power of making money, and regulating the value thereof, and when farmers get to making laws, we propose to make that provision of the constitution mean what it says, to all the people.

The farmers scheme would immediately relieve the agricultural interests of the entire country from the great embarrassment from which it now so severely suffers, and send invigorating impulse through all the avenues of business by the much needed increase of the money circulation of this country.

J. M. KING.

Financial Reforms Demanded.

ONE, Neb., Dec. 4.—To the Editor of THE BEE: Remarks credited to leading Republicans would indicate that those gentlemen have failed to rightly interpret what is demanded of them. For at least two years past the tariff has received the largest portion of their attention. And yet so far as their utterances is a guide, they have something to learn.

While the democratic party is ready to give its body and breeches to England, as credit to be drawn when she deems the time opportune for a few more Mississippi constitutional conventions, the republican party is striving tooth and nail to keep out England's manufacturers, which is sound statesmanship.

What we want as farmers and true Americans is to keep out her cash also. The importers' trust in manufacturers is a curse, but her cash importers are a double curse.

So far as public records are a guide, which are disgracefully insufficient, we have given to the world without any equivalent in the last ten years, \$1,000,000,000. Had our treasury department even in the last twenty years, or even now commence to demand from all banks a quarterly foreign net debt and credit, we would have known what had become of the amount named.

If the republican party fails to meet the demand, the last tiler of the soil will cross the ditch into the independent camp and take Washington, D. C., by storm. It is the hope of the writer of this that the editor of THE BEE will open his columns to any one who may question the method hereafter suggested.

To be effective in time to benefit the party in power it must be done before March 4, 1891.

Repeat the internal revenue law (except on diamonds) to meet this deficiency, purchase all gold and silver presented without regard to its source of production. At least \$100,000,000 now in the United States treasury and place the whole in a permanent reserve fund. To pay current expenses issue treasury notes to the amount of \$20,000,000. This with the forty million notes now outstanding would make the total liabilities \$200,000,000, while the cash reserve to meet this would be \$100,000,000, an average of 50 per cent better security than the Bank of England. Surely our democratic friends will be only too ready to catch onto the English idea.

Republicans will have to acknowledge it safer than the national bank note. The independent party will be perfectly happy. Our government cannot afford any more. Those who use intoxicants and tobacco will be ready to affirm they have reached an earthly heaven at last. Certainly they will not have to drink the vile poison they say is served out to them. Therefore insanity will decline. Continue the process outlined for eight years and we have a per capita circulation of about \$40. Issue funding bonds to meet those maturing within the next eight years redeemable in eighteen to thirty years.

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EDUCATIONAL.

In the quaker schools, says the Baltimore American, it is very odd to hear the children call the teachers by their first names. "Children can be excused from my history class to-day?" asks a lot with hair down her back, of her receipt, and with the greatest sangfroid Bobby, yet in knickerbockers asks "if Louis will let him out an hour earlier?"

Astronomers agree upon three motions of the earth. The rotation on its axis in one day of twenty-three hours, five minutes and twenty seconds, and the revolution around the sun in one year of 365 days, and a very slow gyration motion of its poles around and outside of a line and at right angles to the plane of the ecliptic, and the rotation of the line of axial rotation at its center in 25,868 years.

The next meeting of the American Historical association will be held in Washington on December 29, 30 and 31.

In the late discussion of the gymnasium question in the Prussian parliament, the confessional statistics of the higher educational institutions of the country were officially reported.

Of the 4,000 and more graduates of the Girls' Normal college of the city of New York, only 100 have been placed in the city schools and one is a commissioner of education.

Every advance in the improvement of the telescope has brought to our knowledge still closer double stars, the distance between them being so magnified as to become visible and measurable. But the spectroscopic has revealed to us a double star so close that a telescope will show the distance between the two stars, although each one of the two stars is bright enough to be visible to the naked eye.

Annie Besant is determined to leave her mark on the history of English education. She is a member of the London board of education, and it is said, makes visits and knows more about her district than anybody in the association. She claims that in order to have a healthy mind the animal life must be perfected, and that this is done with well-organized stomach, and with a pair of young lungs pumped full of good air, a lesson in arithmetic can be mastered in what she calls no time.

An association of learned antiquaries in Paris, called the "Americaniens," who have devoted themselves to studies and researches connected with the early history of the American continent, have held a congress in the hall of the Geographical society. M. Questrel and Dr. Jourdanet are presidents of the congress, which is under the patronage of Dom Pedro, the ex-emporer of Brazil. The object of the gathering is to contribute to the progress of scientific investigations relative to North and South America, especially during times preceding the sailing of Columbus.

It seems probable that the great, at least the immediate, future of astronomy lies in the judicious use of spectroscopy and photography rather than in the increase of optical power by the construction of large telescopes. Give small telescopes with a plate attached to it time enough and it will see as much as a big one will show to the most sensitive eye. As dry plates will retain their sensitiveness, exposure can be continued for days, shutting out the light when the object has sunk too low in the west and recommencing it when it shall be high enough in the east.

Berea college, at Berea, Ky., is the peculiar school of that state and the south. Its peculiarly lies in the fact that like many schools at the north, it invites to the enjoyment of its advantages all persons of worthy character. Last year, the attendance representing nationalities, was made up of 185 colored students, 157 white, 186 males, 190 females. The college classes this year have an enlarged attendance. The corps of seven teachers is regularly employed. The new president of the institution, William B. Stewart, D. D., in his inaugural address, October 12, discussed the work and claims of the Christian college.

Dr. Mirny cured earache, Bee bldg.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Colored armures are popular. Sleeves show no abatement of size. Fancy topped crochet blouses are fashionable.

Punch: The proper study of man kind is woman.

Apparel red suede ties are stylish with red or black costumes.

Gros grain ribbon without an edge is fancied by some ladies.

When a woman goes to invest in sealskins she soon realizes that \$50 will not go far.

Socrates: Trust not a woman when she weeps, for it is her nature to weep when she wants her will.

Thackeray: A woman's heart is just like a lithographic stone. What is once written upon it cannot be rubbed out.

A large number of ladies of high rank in Russia have joined the colony started by the followers of Tolstoy at Yasnaya Polyana, and live exactly like the peasants about them after Tolstoy's methods.

Two domestic servants' unions have been formed in London, the promoters of which intend establishing a registry office in every part of the city, where good servants may find good mistresses and be found by them.

Velvet striped armure silks or satin striped armure are much used for gay house dresses made with plain, full skirts, pointed bodices, Breton vests and leg-o'-mutton sleeves, with wrist trimmings and collars of dark velvet.

A stylish plaided wool costume combines with golden brooms, with bars of gold and black. The prevailing color is green, hence plain green Venetian cloth is used for the lower skirt, the second color, brown, appearing in the fur of the trimming.

Heathen nations have different legends as to the origin of woman. The Japanese believe that she grew on a tree, the Laplanders that she was once a rabbit, the Persians that she fell from the heavens, and the Australians that she was once a toad.

The newest buttons from Paris and Vienna are in two sizes of the same design, and many of the smaller sizes buttons for elegant gowns are veritable jewels, both in coloring and device, the more expensive kinds being set like gems in low moldings of gold or silver.

Women in such a rush, impatient creature as some satirists would have us believe. She may not have enough impatience to solve the thirteen puzzle or get to understand baseball, but she will spend the whole afternoon any day trying to match a yard of ribbon to a six-inch piece of dark green plush.

The most accomplished royal princess of any day is the bride of Prince Adolph of Schaumburg-Lippe, the princess Victoria of Prussia. She plays the piano like a professional, picks a banjo to perfection, drives equal to a horse jockey and is a brilliant conversationalist. She has, moreover, a dowry of \$100,000 and a large annual allowance besides.

An old bedstead, very handsome, was offered at auction last month in London. Five shillings were bid for it until some one discovered that Gladstone had slept on it every night for seven months and thereupon the price ran into a fabulous sum. It illustrates the fact that people who hunt antique furniture nowadays place little value on it unless accompanied by history or an ancestral pedigree.

Lace curtains are of the utmost significance in interior decoration. Should the curtains be too long, as is usually the case, and not too expensive, they can be rolled up, leaving about a quarter of a yard for the hem and shrinking; but when too valuable to cut the surplus can be left at the bottom and the curtains caught into fan-shaped plaits. Do this take the lower back corner up to the tassel hook and gather the curtain up into plaits.

Women of wealth and ability are not always anxious to rush into politics or become society queens. The late Lady Rosebery, although the only daughter of the late Baron de Rosebery and wife of the present duke, was content to exercise no role but that of home rule and to reign only over her own family. She was retiring in manner to the last degree and was described as languid, good-natured and wholly unaffected.

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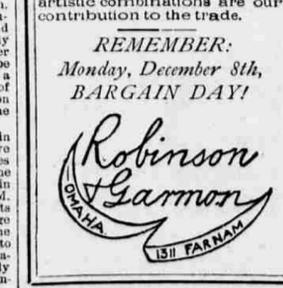
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