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THE STATE BANK TAX QUESTION.

The latest information regarding the question of repealing the 10 per cent tax on state bank issues indicates that a bill providing for repeal will be reported to the house from the committee on banking and currency.

The difficulty that confronts the advocates of repeal is to devise some plan that will prevent a state currency from becoming debased and at the same time let it be distinctively and entirely in the control of the states.

CHRISTMAS comes two weeks from today and people who intend to make Christmas presents have very little time left for doing their shopping.

THE railroad democracy of Nebraska with Tobe Castor as their right-of-way man have a clear track before them and will soon be in possession of all the spoils.

CHILIAN claims are to be pressed before the claims commission, now sitting at Washington. The claimants evidently want to get their money before the passage of the Wilson bill assures a deficit in the national treasury.

NEBRASKA failed to get the next journeyman barbers' convention, but it secured representation in the list of vice presidents.

WITH a deficit in the national treasury staring them in the face and an all-powerful caucus threatening them with a complete overthrow of their plans in the rear, the lot of the members of the ways and means committee is not a happy one.

THERE is one consolation for republicans in this neck of woods. If the Wilson bill becomes law the office of surveyor of customs will not pay for the gas burned or the ink shed in the public service.

THE mayor should by all means veto the resolution to squander \$500 on one of the Thomson-Houston company experts, and it is to be hoped the council will sustain the veto.

of our government has been that of an attentive but impartial observer of the unfortunate conflict. Would this continue to be the position in case our government were convinced that there was serious danger of the overthrow of the republic in Brazil, or in the event that the government of that country should appeal to the United States for support and assistance on the ground that the revolutionists were receiving European aid?

PENALTIES FOR LYNCHING. When the people of New Orleans came to pay for the fun which they enjoyed two winters ago in lynching a number of Italian citizens who had been acquitted of the charge of killing their chief of police they will be strongly tempted to ask whether they really received the worth of their money.

SPECULATION now rife in many quarters as to the right of women to vote in federal elections held in Colorado since the adoption of constitutional female suffrage ought not to discomfit the women who hope to make or unmake presidents with their votes.

THERE are more Nebraska democrats in Washington just now than at any time since the close of the extra session. They are exasperated at the delay in filling the more important places, and are cursing the men who are supposed to be able to secure commissions for them.

THE specific charge has been preferred that Macleod has made repairs at various schools, involving hundreds of dollars, without authority of the Board of Education and in violation of long established rules and usage.

ACCORDING to the call for the people's party state conference, the object of the Hastings meeting is "the redemption of this state and nation." This is a pretty big nation. There are plenty of abuses in our state government to be abolished as a means of redemption to engage the efforts of state reformers for a considerable time to come.

THE labor interests of the country will regard with more than ordinary interest the proceedings of the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, now in session in Chicago.

THE statement of our minister, however, shows that this new accession to the revolutionary cause is distinctly in the interest of a Brazilian monarchy and it carries with it a significance that cannot be misunderstood.

THE Jacksonian club will celebrate the anniversary of the great battle won by Old Hickory at New Orleans by a banquet. Among the distinguished dead-in-the-wool democrats who are to dilate upon the glorious achievements of the warriors and statesmen of the democratic creed Colonel G. M. Hitchcock will be most conspicuous.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has endorsed the proposition to cut down the supply of garden sassa which members of congress have lavishly distributed among their horny-fisted constituencies.

LEHIGH ARBITRATION. Philadelphia Record: Some of the poor fellows who went on strike on the Lehigh Valley railroad are dumbfounded with the barrenness of the results obtained. They cannot see how they have bettered their condition. It was a costly experiment.

NEW YORK Recorder: One of the happiest events of the week is the ending of the Lehigh strike by arbitration. Every strike ought to be ended in that way, better still, if arbitration were resorted to at the outset of every labor trouble before the striking stage is reached.

NEW YORK Times: We admit that the labor leader is apt to be a nuisance, and is, in many instances, an unscrupulous rascal. But what did the Lehigh railroad gain by refusing to recognize men in its own employ or representatives of other men in its employ through the violence and accidents flowing out of the strike?

THE old Roman pottery containing four ounces of gold has been discovered at Treves. The information is painfully deficient about the condition of the jars.

THE late Alfred W. Shield, of Richmond, Va., has left his farm with all its stock, improvements, etc., to his two colored servants, and stocks and bonds valued at \$15,000 to the University of Virginia.

RUFUS Williams, whose funeral occurred in Rhode Island a few days ago, was a direct descendant of the apostle of literature, Roger Williams, and five generations of his family attended it. He was 95 years old at his death.

THE castle and park of Monte Cristo are advertised for sale at a judicial auction in the Palais de Justice of Paris. The castle was built by the elder Alexander Dumas at the village of Port Marly, along the road to St. Germain, and named after his famous novel.

THE dependent relatives of the Italians who were lynched in New Orleans have been a leading aid to the United States circuit court against the city for \$5,000 in each case. The president is a good one. Committees are being organized in each city to be compelled to pay for their grisly sport.

WILSON Hoxie, a pioneer of Holt county and a leading old fellow, is dead. A Plattsmouth dancing club is to give a charity ball on the evening of December 29. Editor Tom Sedgwick of the York Times has been forced to take a vacation. The grand Holt county will be represented by at least six delegates in the state irrigation convention.

THE third annual fair of the Plattsmouth turnverein will be held here December 29, 30 and 31, and it will be opened with a ball. Beatrice is to have a new factory employing about forty persons—the Florence Pump and Lumber company. It was formerly located at Florence, Ala.

PHILADELPHIA Record: The attempt to raise a fund for a statue of Maine's favorite son was the favorite son of the nation, no more than \$115 worth of love and reverence for his memory?

MINNEAPOLIS Times: The most supreme memorial moult mockery that has ever come the public notice is the collapse of the movement to erect a shaft to James G. Blaine of Augusta, Me. This man, who in his lifetime was so magnetic as to be surrounded by idolaters, one might suppose would, after life's fitful fever, have such a legion of friends that there would be strife for the privilege of contributing to the fund.

LOWELL Courier: It's the cornucopious person who has lost his life so to waste. New York Sun: Artist—Madame, it is not faces alone that I paint; it is souls, Madame, you do interiors, then?

ROCHESTER Post: Notwithstanding the provisions of the tariff bill the sugar men will get about \$100,000,000 in duty on the sugar which is withheld. This concern failed for \$14,000,000 in 1892, and afterwards reorganized. Blaine has proven a signal failure. Thus far only the pitiable total of \$115 has been contributed.

CHICAGO Record: "Why did roller lose all his money?" "You see his wife gave him a diamond scarf pin on his birthday, and he's been trying to live up to it."

WASHINGTON Star: "Why do you take your laundry to Chinatown?" asked the man who has no prejudices. "Because he doesn't wear my kind of clothes."

PHILADELPHIA Record: Dusty Rhoads (the tramp)—He here judge tax is not 'til you can't get it. He here judge tax is not 'til you can't get it. He here judge tax is not 'til you can't get it.

DEMONSTRATION. Washington News. Now hold the southern farmer Pick oranges from the trees. And pack the top part of his box in layers just like these.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. P. O. Baker's Baking Powder. ABSOLUTE PURE.

EVERY IDEA WILL COUNT

Forthcoming Law on Currency Will Be a Well-Digested Affair. COBB'S VIEWS ON THE STATE BANK TAX. Currency Committee So Evidently Divided that Every Man's Suggestions Will Have Some Showing in the Final Report—May Be Several Reports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Representative S. W. Cobb of Missouri, a democratic member of the banking and currency committee, is in favor of the repeal of the 10 per cent tax on state bank issues, but is not in favor of having the statute repealed unconditionally.

Mr. Cobb has some suggestions which he will insist upon before he consents to vote in favor of any bill which the majority may formulate. These include safeguards which he thinks will prevent a retrograde movement.

Missouri but Little Concerned. "It will make little difference in Missouri," said Mr. Cobb, "because we have a constitutional provision against state banks and I presume none would be started until after this provision has been amended. There is no feeling here it will be amended. As a democrat I am in favor of the repeal of the 10 per cent tax, as it is a principle of democracy that the government has no power to use the taxing power for any other purpose except to raise revenue, and it would be a good thing if we were to stick close to the idea that taxes should not be laid upon anything that lives up or tear down any business or industry. But in repealing the 10 per cent tax on bank circulation it is the duty of congress to see that the currency is not allowed to become debased, that every note that is issued should be stamped with a mark to indicate whether the paper is issued in Missouri or New York. In the light of past experiences it is believed that most states would see to it that their currency was stamped and the noteholders protected, but it is possible that in the Dakotas, Nevada, and in Wyoming and in some other states where the desire for more money and cheap money has taken such a hold on the people that they would issue bank notes of all kinds and the country flooded with bad currency, which would have a tendency to discredit all state issues. If the repeal should pass, it is thought that the state legislatures could act. It is plain to me that in repealing this statute the government must take some such steps as will insure the stability of the currency that would be issued in consequence."

Differences in the Committee. Mr. Cobb commented on the wide difference of opinion that existed in the committee on this very subject of federal supervision instead of by states, so many members claiming that the national government had no right whatever to interfere, while others held the view that the repeal of the law to stretch slightly to repeal the tax and at the same time protect the currency. Mr. Cobb thought it not improbable that there would be a report in favor of the repeal of the law and that if possible a bill would be reported back without recommendation and minority reports presenting the different views of the members at the same time. There are several members of the committee who are willing to send almost any kind of a report into the house, trusting to sufficient support to amend the bill to make the repeal unconditional upon a final vote.

Another phase of the matter as discussed by Mr. Cobb is the report that is supposed to be ready in the Treasury department showing the result of the wildcat banks in former years. Many members of the committee do not want this information sent in. Others claim that if the question of repeal is to be considered this information should be furnished to the house. It is feared that some of the reports are heavily loaded, as it was prepared by Assistant Register Henry H. Smith, a republican, who was journal clerk of the house under Speaker Reed. It is thought that the report would become a public document and have the right of free transportation in the mails and in case of the repeal of the state bank tax would become a republican campaign document.

The many sided question has been puzzling the members of the banking and currency committee not a little, and the final result can only be guessed at. The anxiety of many members to have the matter discussed in the house will probably result in a report of the same sort.

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