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WE MUST ERADICATE THE CANCER.

Corruption and bribery have always been the bane of popular self-government. It was so in the republics of the ancient world, it has been so in the republics of the middle ages, it is so again in our own time.

This is doubtless true of the latest legislative scandals which have been exposed at Springfield. Governor Altgeld, whose integrity has not been called in question, openly charges that certain members of the Illinois general assembly were paid large sums for their support of what is known as the Humphrey racing bill.

Whether the senate and the house will notice the charges and inquire into them I cannot say, but the two houses owe it to their honor to make a thorough investigation.

Members of that Cornell crew will have made a place for their names in the world of college athletics even if every one of them fails to pass the examination necessary to successful graduation from the institution which they attend.

And now it is reported that so soon as the price demanded is produced and paid over another Fair will be forthcoming. The late millionaire James G. Fair must have had his time pretty well occupied making and revising his numerous last wills and testaments.

The local Sunday school association proposes to mass all the Sunday school children of Omaha in a grand parade some time during the state fair week. If the proposition is carried out the Sunday school parade will not be the least interesting of the many state fair demonstrations.

Because the delegates to the Christian Endeavor convention at Boston have run against some rainy weather ought to cause no extraordinary comment. Didn't the great Methodist conference at Omaha endure rain for nearly a month? There is no discrimination in distributing the favors of the weather man.

It ought to be an easy matter for the county commissioners to determine the reasonable time required to assess the property of a given district. There are ex-assessors whose opinions on the matter could be obtained. This should be done, not only in order that exorbitant claims of deputy assessors may be turned down, but that a fair basis may be reached for similar work next year and thereafter.

Parliament is dissolved one week, the parliamentary elections held the next week, and the new Parliament convened in another week. The newly elected members are not given time before entering upon their duties to forget what the people who elected them expect them to do.

THE MISTAKE OF SUBSTITUTING AD VALOREM FOR SPECIFIC DUTIES.

Another item which clearly seems to be underestimated is that of freight charges per foreign vessels, the amount of which is placed at only \$24,000,000.

But at any rate the figures are interesting and instructive, and what they most strongly suggest is the necessity of an economic policy that will curtail rather than encourage the importation of foreign goods which can be produced in this country.

The proposition to supplement the bond of the new city treasurer with a \$25,000 guarantee company bond at the expense of the city is of doubtful expediency. The treasurer has furnished a bond in the sum of \$50,000.

It is also questionable whether the acceptance of a guarantee company bond would not invalidate the personal bond. The city has no authority to expend public money for guaranteeing the honesty of any of its officers.

All the efforts of the Treasury department to push silver into circulation are unavailing. The amount of standard silver dollars now out among the people is about \$2,000,000 and it has never exceeded 60,000,000.

A Washington dispatch gives an illustration of how difficult it is to force the silver dollar to circulate. Every week the cashiers of the big manufacturing establishments near Boston send to the subtreasury in that city and have expressed to them free of cost some things like 25,000 standard silver dollars to be used in paying off the employees.

The death of General Joseph Holman at Emerson, N. Dak., was a case historically of a man who had been prominent in the development of the state of Nebraska and ever a good citizen.

Japan's whole army employed against China numbered 60,000 men. Perhaps the best way to settle the case historically would be to say that Japan made a reconnaissance of a neighboring nation of 400,000 and found that they wouldn't fight.

When Mayor Bemis asked Acting City Attorney Cornish for advice as to his duty in relation to the city controller, whose gross negligence or incompetency had jeopardized the safety of the municipal treasury, the mayor was given to understand that it would be improper for him to take action looking to the removal of the delinquent officer until after the city council's investigation of the controller's office had been concluded.

WORRIED ABOUT THAT INTERVIEW.

Spain wishes the United States to explain Minister Eustis' alleged interview. WASHINGTON, July 10.—The Spanish foreign office has called to the Spanish minister here, Senor De Lome, concerning the alleged interview with Minister Eustis in the Paris figures, with a view to having the State department disavow the reported utterances of Mr. Eustis.

Five years have elapsed since the national census was taken and Omaha was credited with a population of 140,000. The city directory of 1894 contained 47,970 names. Multiplied by three, to include women and children, the population of the city last year was found to be 143,580, a gain in four years of only 3,580.

It is also worthy of note that the crop conditions in this territory are better today than in regions east and north, so it may reasonably be expected that this city will soon recover its lost prestige and forge rapidly ahead.

When the result was announced Acting Speaker Needles formally declared Cochran elected, and appointed Durr, Durr and Crafts a committee to notify the speaker-elect and escort him to the speaker's chair. This was done amidst loud applause, and for the second time W. G. Cochran became speaker at an extra session through the death of his predecessor.

Nebraska Bank Wrecker's System Successfully Imitated. URBANA, O., July 10.—More speculations of Z. T. Lewis, the bond broker, continue to come to light hourly. E. B. Hutchison has been reported by Lewis as having bought \$100,000 of forged bonds. They are Tippecanoe school bonds. The \$20,000 of these bonds held by the German National bank of Cincinnati are declared to be bogus.

Mexican Cattle Must Be Inspected. DENVER, July 10.—The State Board of Cattle Inspection has decided, in view of the fact that a movement of 25,000 cattle is expected from Old Mexico within a short time, that all such cattle must be inspected before they can be admitted to Colorado.

Denver Alderman Wants Damages. DENVER, July 10.—Alderman John B. Emery today instituted suit against the Rocky Mount for \$50,000 damages for each for alleged slander. The newspapers intimated pretty broadly that Alderman Emery was corrupted by the Denver Union Water company.

Charged with Swindling Diamonds. TACOMA, July 10.—Leonard Osborne, a Chicago society man, is under arrest at Hope, Idaho, on a charge of stealing \$800 worth of diamonds from E. M. Hunt of this city, a prominent society and business man, with whom Osborne favored the diamonds.

Severe Earthquakes in Russia. ST. PETERSBURG, July 10.—Severe earthquake shocks have been experienced in the Caspian and Ural districts. Many houses have been destroyed at Usadna, Astrakhan and Krasnovodsk.

DEPARED GOVERNOR ALTGELD.

Democrat Nominates Crafts for Speaker of the Illinois Legislature. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 10.—In spite of the fact that Governor Altgeld requested the democrats of the house to refrain from nominating ex-Speaker Crafts for speaker, they went ahead and did it.

Acting Speaker Needles called the house to order, and with all formalities announced the democratic party task will be applied to the minority side, however. Whether this will end now, no one can tell, to a certainty.

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'Little Girls' advertisement with text and illustration. Text: 'They are darlings and a joy. But Grover wishes 'twas a boy and so do we. Boys make men—Men wear clothes—perhaps ours—we hope so. Anyway, we are after the men to advance their interests in life, to give them contentment, ease and luxury. We can do it; tell you how: There is a whole lot of remarkably fine suits in our store, that are being sold very reasonable. This is the time of the year we reduce that quantity, and assortment we always carry.'

Wolfe's Baking Powder advertisement. Text: 'Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report Wolfe's Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE'