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THE INHERITANCE TAX BILL. The passage by the lower house of the legislature of the Grosvenor inheritance tax bill by a vote of more than two to one indicates that the legislative representatives are favorably disposed to the introduction of the inheritance tax...

The Grosvenor bill is unquestionably based upon sound principle, but it should be carefully digested and perfected in all its details before it receives the stamp of law.

The bill in question provides for a tax of 1 per cent on all direct lineal inheritances, with a total exemption for estates valued at less than \$10,000.

This scale for bequests outside of lineal and immediate collateral heirs is to be rather drastic when it is borne in mind that the bill provides for no exemptions and makes the highest rate apply to the entire value.

From the latest advices it would appear that President Alonzo de Bolivia is now beating a precipitate retreat over the hills from La Paz with the rebels in hot pursuit.

The Spanish court-martial, now in session, has thrown some needed light on a shady question and the world will no longer be at a loss to understand why Senor Augusti packed his grip and skipped by the light of the moon from Manila to Hong Kong on one of the German cruisers.

The downer empress of China has actually smashed the holy traditions of ten thousand years and received the "foreign devil" of her own sex in the sacred city.

door, assured one of them that her hat was on straight and invited them to call again. Holy shades of Confucius!

The secretary of state of Texas does not propose to allow any revenue officer to interfere with his ideas of the law. He holds that revenue stamps are not required on official bonds and declines to allow officers to inspect the documents on file in his office.

It turns out that the painting presented to the public library that disappeared is of the impressionist school. The question naturally presents, why should there be any mystery about a harmless picture like that when there would have been field for twice the speculation had it only been one of those naughty French nudes?

The consuls of the United States and England at Apia have informed the German representative that in case he wishes to play in the same yard with them he must cultivate better manners. No rude, boisterous people can be tolerated in the refined society of the Samoan islands.

Rubber-planting in the United States district court, learned the trade of printer in the office of the West Chester (Pa.) Village Record.

At a recent sale of autographs in London a letter written by Washington to Lafayette was for \$35. A Washington plain autograph brought \$20; President Zachary Taylor's signature, \$9; President Garfield's, \$8; General Grant's, \$6; Jefferson Davis', \$5; Washington Irving's, \$5; Benjamin Franklin's, \$16; Emerson's, \$2.50; Holmes', \$8, and Longfellow's, \$7.50.

Senator Faulkner of West Virginia, who will be succeeded by N. B. Scott on March 4, will then return to the practice of law, at which he formerly was successful.

NERVE OF CUBAN "PATRIOTS." Chicago Times-Herald: It would be a sad but not an astonishing thing to see the Emperor General Gomez yield the \$50,000,000 and compromise on a cold potato.

Chicago Chronicle: The eminently patriotic Maximilian Gomez is "out for the stuff," to use the language of the street. His demand is for \$50,000,000, and he refuses to dishband his army until the sum is paid.

Chicago Tribune: This shows a great love on the part of Gomez—a love for sound money and for his soldiers. No doubt he means to give his soldiers nothing more than a cool million apiece.

Judge William Butler of Philadelphia, who has resigned from the bench of the United States district court, learned the trade of printer in the office of the West Chester (Pa.) Village Record.

Should it look like rain when Senator Cochran starts at 10 in the morning the Missouriian carries with him a venerable cotton umbrella of vast proportions.

Dr. James H. Worman of Ouling, whose name President McKinley sent to the senate on Saturday afternoon as consul to Munich, has been identified prominently with the magazine and publishing business in New York for a number of years.

With regard to the science of bookkeeping as taught in the public schools it may be said that, whether it does good or not, it can do no harm.

THE MISSIONARY ARGUMENT. Complete Answer to the Missionaries from a Missionary. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The missionary argument for widening our boundaries so as to include missionary fields is not urged very persistently, yet there are some minds that are greatly attracted by it.

Here we have a complete answer to the missionaries from a missionary. What can be said from the religious standpoint in reply?

One hundred and fifty churches in Pittsburg, representing twelve denominations, were organized in a celebration for united aggressive work among the foreign population and nonchurch-goers.

Sparkle cannot escape from chimneys to set fire to roofs if a southern man's device is used, consisting of a wire screen to be stretched over the opening, the mesh being of the proper fineness to permit the escape of the smoke and arrest the sparks.

In a newly designed telescopic attachment for bicycles a shaft is suspended under the pedal, with the curved portion of the clip fastened to the front and to swing toward the outer end of the pedal when at rest.

Henry Beach of Grand Forks, Can., has just secured a patent in this country for a broom of novel construction.

TROPICAL DISEASES. Terrible Tribulations Exacted from Unsettled Armies. Philadelphia Record.

Soldiers of the United States army who are engaged or shall be hereafter engaged in the performance of military duty in our tropical possessions and protectorates will be subjected constantly to injurious climatic influences, against which no safeguards have been found by science and medical skill.

The ultimate outcome, aside from the undue sacrifice of life and health, will be rendered most clearly apparent in the future increase of the pension roll. The dependent relatives of those who shall die in the field of military service, and the returned soldiers whose health is impaired by the exposure to disease will rightfully claim, under existing laws, places on the long list of public pensioners.

Chicago Tribune: "Pap," said his youngest son, "is there any other card for snare bits except whisky?"

Washington Star: "I have invited several army officers," said the hostess, "and I am anxious that the occasion shall be something unique and appropriate."

Chicago Tribune: "When Bilford went west he told me that as soon as he had settled down and pulled himself together he would write me, but I have never heard from him."

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Advertisement for Downy Wash and Bleach, featuring the B & K logo and the text 'to call attention to our special advance sample sale imported and domestic Wash Suits once more. Yesterday and today we have been more than gratified to receive many lady callers in our children's department. Orders were numerous and large. Saturday is the last day of the sale and we would be pleased to have you call if only to see the beautiful decorations in our parlors on second floor.' Signed: S. W. Cor. 15th and Douglas Sts.