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THE MERCHANT MARINE.

The annual report of the commissioner of navigation will revolve interest in the subject of the merchant marine. The report abounds in interesting and instructive statistics.

In regard to the proposed legislation for creating such a merchant marine, Commissioner Chamberlain points out that it would not cost the government...

All these considerations must be taken into account in order to get a proper understanding of the proposed subsidy legislation.

Whether a commercial club or chamber of commerce is the proper body to take hold of this matter may be open to question.

REGARDING TAX REDUCTION.

The question of tax reduction will doubtless receive attention at the coming session of congress, but it is by no means certain that anything will be done.

It is difficult to estimate expenditures for the next fiscal year, owing to uncertainty as to the demands that may be made upon the treasury during that year.

Wholesale athletes will always find popular favor in Omaha, but Omaha does not want to achieve a reputation as a prize-fighting center.

Not only have the good qualities of the American soldiers in China been praised by the foreign commanders, but the American mule came in for his share of commendation.

The report of the commissioner of navigation makes a sorry showing for the American merchant marine. Only 9 per cent of the foreign trade of this country is carried in American ships.

Mr. Bryan advises democratic congressmen to support democratic principles and oppose republican policies.

As saying: "The tariff should be revised by its friends. The duties which, by reason of the development of our industries, have become superfluous, should be removed or reduced and thus eliminated from controversy before we enter another campaign."

ORGANIZED CHARITY.

From Cleveland comes information that the Chamber of Commerce has undertaken to investigate the work of all charitable societies in that city and to certify to those that prove worthy of public support.

Gotham in Great Luck.

With Croker turned monk and Platt reformer the future of the city seems bright indeed.

Return in Little Rhody.

Rhode Island will no longer have two capitals. The "summer capital," Newport, was abandoned at the recent election.

Work of the Life Saving Service.

The cost of maintaining the life saving service during the last year was \$1,545,385. The amount of lives saved was, in round figures, 47,500,000, in addition to 2,607 lives.

What Might Have Been.

Rising in defense of his Cuban career, Don Valeriano Weyler y Nicolau, marquis of Tenerife, declares that had as he may have been, he never committed in Cuba such inhumanities as the British have been guilty of in the Transvaal.

Coming to Our Schools.

When James Russell Lowell wrote his delightful essay, "On a Certain Condescension in Foreigners," he little thought that he would be flocking to the United States to study American manufactures.

Weyler Wins His Chin.

The notorious Weyler, formerly captain general of Cuba, has emerged from his obscurity to assert, among other things, that he could have whipped our troops and driven them into the sea and across the bay of Manila to Spain.

Decadence in the Sacred City.

Nothing has more clearly illustrated the character of the Chinese government than the condition of the sacred inner city of Peking, containing the palace and the city of the emperor.

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Omaha wholesale houses and manufacturers have in the past years built up their business in spite of adverse railroad discrimination.

The first results of the Tammany crusade against vice in New York are the arrest of two singers at the Grand opera house for rendering "sacred" music on Sunday.

The backbone of the democratic party in congress comes from the south," remarks a popteristic contemporary. That is nothing new.

Chief Redell is again calling attention to the risk of fire loss run by Omaha when its fire companies respond to calls from suburbs outside of the city limits.

sent company might prove particularly disastrous. An extraordinary occasion Omaha is glad to go to the rescue of suburban property endangered by fire, but it should not be expected to furnish regular fire protection except within the city limits where the residents contribute in taxes to the fire fund.

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lature would be republican on joint ballot. These are fair samples of the election news that paper contained all fall. Its readers had a good many bets to pay because they believed the Mittie things they read in it.

Grand Island Independent: The Bee has complete returns from all of the counties in the state excepting McPherson. The returns for seventy-eight of ninety counties are official.

Nebraska News: The World-Herald is gradually coming to the same point attained by the Bee a day or so after election regarding the results of the late contest. It has admitted that Nebraska has gone for McKinley and that the entire republican state ticket is probably elected.

Bloomington Echo: Ever since election the World-Herald has been claiming this state for the fusionists. Gradually they have been forced to admit that McKinley carried the state by a few votes.

St. Paul Republican: The Omaha World-Herald has never been noted for its accuracy or fairness in political matters. Whatever reputation it may have enjoyed on these lines was sacrificed by its position during the campaign and even after the election.

Chicago Tribune: "Hello, Throgmott! What has become of that lunk, black, magnificent beard of yours that used to be so prominent? I lost it on the election."

Philadelphia Record: Harduppe—I always do my hardest work before breakfast. "Borrowed—What?" "Harduppe—Getting it."

Detroit Free Press: "Why do you call Dillingham an old skate?" asked Dier. "He's so slippery," explained Trivett.

Washington Star: "Did your wife reproach you for betting on the election?" inquired the intimate friend. "I'm not sure," answered Mr. Meekton. "I'm quite sure she said my mind whether she scolded me for betting or for failing to bet on the winning side."

Detroit Free Press: Mr. Meekton (sotto voce)—It can't be true, I must have been dreaming. "Mr. Henpeck—What are you talking about?" "Mr. Henpeck—I haven't heard you say a word for half an hour."

Detroit Journal: Anabel sighed tremulously. "I was a little goose when I consented to be your wife!" she protested. "Then why did you tremble like a fawn?" "I'm not sure," answered Mr. Meekton. "I'm quite sure she said my mind whether she scolded me for betting or for failing to bet on the winning side."

Chicago Tribune: "Speaking of the late election," said the professor, "I have noted occasionally of the people rising in the night, but this seems to have been a case in which the people merely sat down hard."

Philadelphia Press: "Tess—I understand Miss Krusty actually paid me a compliment the other evening." "Jaw—Not quite, but she came as near it as could be expected of her." "Tess—She said you were 'very charming—but—'"

Pittsburg Chronicle: "Wasn't it, dreadful?" asked Mrs. Snuggs. "I don't want to say that," repeated Mr. Snuggs. "That woman throwing a hatchet at the German emperor?" "Indeed it was. In attacking the world she might at least have used a bit of common sense."

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