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GREATER FUTURE FOR AGRICULTURE.

It is the opinion of Secretary Wilson, expressed in a speech before the National Farm school near Doylestown, Pa., that the United States and its island possessions will in time produce practically all the agricultural products they consume.

The same question applies to tobacco. Secretary Wilson pointed out that improved processes of cultivation brought about by the Department of Agriculture enable us to produce certain kinds of tobacco which have hitherto been imported and he thought in the near future the United States would grow sufficient tobacco to supply the home demand.

Secretary Wilson believes that we shall soon produce the tea required for our own use, while as to coffee, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippine islands will supply the demand of this country and also all the spices that our people require.

AS A BUSINESS PROPOSITION. Mr. Funkhouser, chairman of the committee on finance of the Board of Education, who procured the passage of the resolution urging the district court to call a grand jury to investigate well-defined rumors, scouts the idea that he was influenced by political motives.

Assuming that Mr. Funkhouser's suspicions were well grounded, what action can the grand jury take that would place the alleged contributions of gamblers and fallen women in the school board treasury? Under the law, all money derived from fines and licenses belongs to the school fund, but such fines can be imposed only by a court of justice.

As a business proposition the calling of a grand jury promises no tangible result for the school board, although it might offer a tempting opportunity for a political fishing excursion.

As a business proposition we could-if Mr. Funkhouser and his associates on the finance committee are in earnest-point to two or three channels that would yield a revenue of \$10,000 or more

and decrease the school expenses some \$10,000, which is equivalent to increasing the revenue.

It is a matter of notoriety that a heavy traffic in liquor is being carried on in Omaha by parties who are paying \$10 a year instead of \$1,000, under the guise of selling liquor for medicinal purposes.

Expansion Not a Theory. A New York estimate is that July disbursements of interest and dividends will aggregate about \$120,000,000, against \$105,570,000 in 1900.

New York Evening Post. It is clear that the South African war has ceased to be popular. It seems to be endless and to be calling endlessly for men and money.

Go Aways, Fat Man. That blot on the landscape, the man with the handkerchief tucked inside his collar, is once more with us.

Cooling to Think About. Think of the north pole! Think of the lands where the unfortunate people have to break their way through snowdrifts!

Another Dead Issue. Ex-Senator Pugh of Alabama is the latest southern democrat of prominence to declare that "imperialism," the Kansas City platform "paraphrase," will never do.

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EUCLID SAM'S PROSPEROUS YEAR.

Condition of the National Finances Quite Flattering. Chicago Post. In spite of the Chinese disorders, which necessarily affected certain branches of the trade, and in spite of the little tariff war with Russia, the uncertainty which prevailed in Cuba and other outward conditions, the fiscal year which ended last Saturday was undoubtedly the most successful and prosperous in the nation's financial history.

For the government treasury the year was just as remarkable. There is an excess of receipts over disbursements amounting to about \$74,000,000.

The available cash balance in the treasury on the final day of the fiscal year was \$175,088,000—an unprecedented amount—while the stock of gold in the vaults stood at nearly \$500,000,000.

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WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Men and Events Observed at the National Capital. Mr. John Albus of St. Joseph, Mo., believes with John Adams in the inalienable right of petition. He knows what he wants, and instead of going for it personally he chooses the more attractive position of petitioner.

"Some murmurs were heard at the time of the dismissal of certain cadets from West Point about the determination of irritated patrons of the unfortunate young cadets to insist upon having their seats in the Military Academy," writes a correspondent of the New York Times.

It was intimated that with an opportunity to appoint from the districts affected by every class in our city from the military school to West Point by their patrons in Congress. If the reported threats were ever uttered by the members mentioned, the members, whether of the senate or the house, had done well to be reminded that hitherto members of the house of representatives have been accorded the privilege of indicating candidates for West Point to the extent of their own members.

It was overlooked that while the representative was allowed to present a candidate for the academy, the nomination did not become effective until the senators returned from each state. The law was amended in June, 1900, so as to increase the number of cadets at large to thirty and in the last year the number was further changed so as to provide two additional cadets from each state. The intention was to afford senators a chance to name two each from a state, but the whole number of cadets is to be appointed by the president.

Senator Hoar, the venerable Massachusetts statesman, has won his fight against a Washington street railway company for the abolition of large cars which, while they were the delight of the riding public of the national capital, were unfortunately the cause of many accidents.

PERSONAL NOTES. Booker T. Washington, president of the National Negro Business league, announces that he will hold a national convention in Chicago on August 21, 22 and 23.

General John Basil Turchin, who died at Anna, Ill., the other day, was a veteran of the Crimean war, who, coming to this country during the war of rebellion, became colonel of the Nineteenth Illinois volunteer infantry and was later given command of a brigade under Bull.

THE SUMMERTIME. From every field and woodland come the notes of Nature's sweet-voiced choir. The ancient oak and the elm. Are clothed again in rich attire.

With the broad expanse of fallow ground. Responsively to refreshing showers. Is now a sea of golden grain.

With the music of Nature's voice. As a celestial choir. Omaha, Neb. H. C. WILLIAMS.

A QUAKER CITY ROAR.

Protest Against Hot Weather that is "Good for Corn." Philadelphia Record. In the hottest hour of one day last week a steaming, gasping, wretched dealer on "change" offered consolation in the remark that the weather was "good for the corn."

What a man may say can have no real effect on the weather (except, of course, in the case of Senator Tillman, whose violence of language can raise the temperature 10 degrees in as many minutes); yet it is exasperating to an overheated man to be forced to recognize the indubitable fact that in the economy of the universe mankind is found to be of less importance than the corn of the field.

It would be an interesting change in affairs if the human family could be transferred to a world where man would be the pet of nature; where the weather would be tempered to meet his needs, regardless of the effect on crops, and where he would not be required to work so hard for a meal as to destroy his appetite. Novalis was thought to be crazy because he predicted that sooner or later man must make a desperate resolve to leave a world in which he is degraded by the need of excessive toil to win unsatisfactory bread, and in which nature is sharp of tooth and red of fang, unjust and merciless.

It is not to be denied that, as Mr. Johnson says, the inequality of taxation is the most serious problem the republic must face. It is notorious and incontrovertible that the burden of taxes, in the cities particularly, is being shifted to the shoulders of the poor.

THE FACTS ARE NOT TO BE explained away by any ingenuity or tergiversation. Our existing system of taxation is infamous in its inequality and intolerable in its injustice.

But we fear that the attempt to square it with justice and equality by alteration of the revenue laws will not succeed in the future any better than they have succeeded in the past.

DETROIT JOURNAL: Or, to speak more strictly, perhaps, it is the doctors who love the shining mark.

WIFE: I somehow just feel in my judge that we will go to Europe this summer. Husband: In which bone do you feel it?

WIFE: Well, I don't exactly know, but I guess it's my wishbone.

BALTIMORE AMERICAN: She froze him with a look. He, however, kind-hearted, the poor man controlled his stiffling lips long enough to say: "The ice trust'll get you, if you don't watch out!"

FUCK: "I understand that Jenkins took the thirty-third degree." "Yes, his wife says it must not occur again."

WASHINGTON STAR: "She has an admirable trait," remarked one woman. "She never knocks." "It is indeed an admirable trait," answered the other. "Any one who keeps perfectly quiet and lets other people talk the conversation cannot help being esteemed."

INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL: Maud—Our teamman picked up 400 pounds of ice in his arms and carried it two squares. "Maud—That's wonderful, isn't it?" "Maud—No, ma'am; he weighed it himself."

PHILADELPHIA PRESS: "Here's a correspondent who asks: 'Is it proper for a woman to kick her legs in public?'" "It's proper enough," replied the snake editor, "but when the average woman has to select a set she usually prefers to do so very privately."

YOUR HAIR.

Perhaps your mother had thin hair, but that is no reason why you must go through life with half-starved hair. If you want long, thick, dark and heavy hair, feed it with Ayer's Hair Vigor.

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