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Social scientists declare that wealth is a disease. Wish we could catch it.

Possibly General Weyer hasn't his typewriter with him in Spain. Anyhow, he hasn't announced the suppression of the riots yet.

It is disgraceful that Chinese women living in the track of the advancing Christian armies should feel compelled to kill themselves by thousands to avoid a worse fate.

Why doesn't Carnegie subsidize the shipping of the country himself and free Hanna from an embarrassing situation?

All the good that Mrs. Nation did in Chicago has been nullified by the subsequent tour of "Swift-water Bill" from the Klondike district.

If the Daughters of the American Revolution had the Sampson-Schley case to deal with, parliamentary rules would suffer a serious setback.

When the eight days granted China by the ultimatum are over there will be nothing left for the allies to do but prepare another similar document.

A scientist states that a horse eats nine times his weight each year—and he might have added that some men eat nine times their worth every day.

Now they've struck oil in Alaska. Probably regret at having sold that country is the real cause of the czar's recent commercial slap at the United States.

The senate of Missouri has passed a bill making the "minimum" penalty for kidnapping 100 years in prison. They are nothing if not merciful in Missouri.

The cruel father who seared his nine-year-old boy's face and hand with a hot iron to cure the lad of naughtiness says he is deeply sorry for what he has done. A term in jail, however, wouldn't be a bad way to make him just a little sorer.

Senator Culberson, of Texas, has a double who goes about the country personating him and borrowing money. Strangely enough, the proof so afforded of the excellence of the senator's credit does not seem to afford him the least bit of satisfaction.

Sampson will learn after a while that letter and dispatch writing is not his specialty, just as Holson learned that kissing was not his, and Dewey learned that he knew little about the real estate business.

Cuba proposes that her constitution be accepted as it stands and that at the same time a treaty be negotiated giving the United States what it wants. This suggestion is worth considering.

We note that Queen Wilhelmina promised to obey, just like common folks. Now we shall see whether she will decline to do so—just like common folks, again.

A Los Angeles burglar, whose room was found to be full of plunder, claims to be a newspaper writer. There seems to be no doubt that he has been making lots of "scoops."

Our naval station in the Philippines will be at Subig bay, thirty miles north of Manila. The harbor is deeper and generally better than that at Manila, and our Philippine fleet of fifty ships will find ample room there for docking and repairs.

The death of Garcia a year or two ago was a calamity to the Cubans. He was one of the islanders who knew the obligations his countrymen were under to the Americans, and he frequently and conspicuously called the attention of the Cubans to them. However, the Garcia view has yet a chance to assert itself. The conservatives will have the floor soon in the island.

The truth of the matter is that Uncle Sam lost the gratitude of Cuba because he interfered with its cook fighting, Sunday wine drinking and other, national idiosyncracies. Puritanism often comes high.

London has decided to have electric lights on the embankments of the Thames in that city. Such recklessness appals one. Can it be that in the next fifty years London will admit the trolley car and even gas put in her houses, fully one-half of which are now lighted only by candles?

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25. An extra session being now considered certain, notwithstanding the eleventh hour efforts in the Senate to prevent it, the leaders of the majority are considering plans for a short one, by limiting the legislation to be taken up. The President is in sympathy with the effort to make the extra session a short one. The legislation in the House can be easily controlled, as there will be no committees until Speaker Henderson, who, will have no republican opposition to his re-election, chooses to name them, and no bills can be reported unless there are committees; but the Senate committees are perpetual, and nothing but the will of the Senators will stand in the way of going into general legislation. An attempt will be made to pledge the majority in the senate, to limit the subject to be taken up, to the programme arranged. While the contents of that programme cannot be positively stated at this time, it is reasonably certain that it will include Cuba, the Philippines, and the Nicaragua Canal.

Senator Morgan, after making a most sensational speech in which he charged that there was a deliberate attempt to throttle the Nicaragua Canal bill, because Great Britain had not consented to the legislation, succeeded in giving the bill a parliamentary status, which will enable the majority to call it up at any time and pass it if they see fit. He does not believe, however, that it will be passed. Before passing the bill, appropriating \$5,000,000 for the St. Louis exposition, the senate adopted an amendment, offered by Senator Teller, providing that the exposition shall be closed Sundays, and another, offered by Senator Tillman, appropriating \$250,000 for the U. S. exhibit at Charleston, S. C. exposition.

Three retiring Senators were participants in a more or less amusing episode on the floor of the Senate. Senator Pettigrew started it by proposing an amendment to the bill reading: "And that the titles of the President shall hereafter be: President of the so-called Republic of the United States and the Emperor of the Islands of the Sea." Senator Butler put in his oar by asking if the coming inauguration ceremonies were being arranged for this imperial regime, and Senator Pettigrew replied, "yes everything will be conducted with due pomp." By this time, the senate was in a broad grin which changed to hearty laughter when Senator Chandler remarked: "The senator from South Dakota and the senator from North Carolina, and myself, should not feel concerned about such matters, for none of us will be here."

Outside pressure has saved the Revenue Reduction bill, which was in a fair way to die in a conference deadlock, and the conferees now positively say that a compromise between the senate bill and the house bill, is certain to be reached this week.

A list compiled by the Geographic Board, of the correct spelling and pronunciation of the names of four thousand places in the Philippines, has been sent to the senate.

The action of Speaker Henderson in regard to the speech made by Representative Lentz cannot be too strongly rebuked. The minority has few enough rights in the lower house now, and if the speaker is to be allowed to suppress any speeches of which he does not approve, free speech in that body will be a thing of the past.

Mr. Markham's idea that man was built "in the glory and the dream" is as false to history as is the Presbyterian doctrine that all men fell and became guilty through Adam's exploit with the forbidden fruit. We know the record of man's ascent from his lowly companionship with the brute; it is written in the relics of the stone age and the iron age, the various steps of savagery and stages of barbarism—all following a similar course, whether in Asia, Europe or America. The idea that man was originally perfect but is now degenerate is deeply ingrained in many minds, but no error of theology is more effectively discredited by scientists and historical research.—Eugene Guard.

While Justice Brewer is criticizing the jury system as a relic of the middle ages, let him not forget that the robes worn by himself and his colleagues are also a little behind the times.

It is not generally known that Commissioner Kesson had negotiated a treaty with Russia by which American steel was to enjoy great advantages in that country and the countervailing duty was not to be imposed on Russian sugar. But the senate would not ratify it.

One on the Schoolma'am. We have all read or heard the story of the school ma'am who asked the little boy to spell "leg." When he couldn't she said: "What is it that a cow has four of while I have only two?" The answer, given in a shout, is said to have rendered her unconscious. The West Side has just heard a new story, which of course is true, inasmuch as the incident occurred in a school not very far from Suver. The teacher was trying to get one of the scholars to spell "glass" but he couldn't see through it apparently. Finally the teacher asked him what g-l-a-s-s spelt; he gave it up. She then said: "What do you have in your windows at home?" Quick as a flash, the little fellow shouted: "Pop's old pants!"

SENATOR MITCHELL.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer of February 25th says: At the last moment, after midnight on Saturday, the rumored break to Hon. John H. Mitchell came in the Oregon legislature, and the long deadlock was ended by his election. The entire opposition to Mr. Corbett, a few of the votes that had stood by him in previous ballots and a number of democrats made up the majority that gave the senatorship to Mr. Mitchell, and prevented an extra session and the indefinite continuance of the factional struggle that had lasted from the moment that the legislature had organized.

The first reflection upon the result is one of regret that Senator McBride should not have received the re-election to which he was fairly entitled. He has been an able and conscientious senator. His record is excellent, judged either by the press or the party standard. He had earned the honor which it would have been for the best interests of the state to confer upon him, and which he would undoubtedly have received but for the bitter factional fight waged within the party.

Friends of Mr. Corbett, with the Portland Oregonian as their mouth-piece, determined to defeat Senator McBride; even, if necessary, at the cost of Republican success itself. Their efforts made possible the unexpected, in the choice of Senator Mitchell.

All of these circumstances have to be taken into account in passing judgment upon the action of the Republicans in the legislature. For years the party has had to fight the aspirations of Mr. Corbett, the Oregon millionaire, whose final ambition it was to secure a seat in the United States senate. And in the canvass preceding the election at which this legislature was chosen, every Oregon Republican was made indignant by the subordination to this end, by the friends of Mr. Corbett and by the principal Republican newspaper of the state, of personal fairness and of party loyalty. No slander and no mode of attack was too gross, whether directed against Senator McBride or the national administration, if it seemed to serve this purpose.

This explains, if it does not justify, the refusal of the opponent of Mr. Corbett to enter a caucus, and was the reason of their unyielding determination that he should not enjoy the fruits of a campaign so conducted.

While the existence of such conditions is to be regretted, as is the election of a Republican senator by the aid of Democratic votes and the defeat of the man who should have received a second term, there are compensations. One is the permanent retirement of the candidate who has represented for so long in Oregon the aspiration of mere wealth to push itself into the senate. Another is the selection of a man who, notwithstanding what is objectionable in his record, is thoroughly familiar with the duties of his position and will be able to exercise an influence at the national capital wholly impossible to any untried or inexperienced candidate.

Senator Mitchell's original entry into the senate was made twenty eight years ago, and in that time he has served as senator three full terms. He held important committee positions, and with his colleague, Mr. Dolph, gave to Oregon an influence at Washington out of proportion to the size and importance of the state. His familiarity with men, his knowledge of methods of procedure and his ability to step instantly into active work as a senator will be of immense practical value to the people of Oregon. His long former service will weigh strongly in the senate where a newly-elected and inexperienced man is at a much greater disadvantage than in the house. The public will hope he has learned wisdom by past mistakes. Those who are dissatisfied with the outcome know exactly where to locate the responsibility and the blame; upon the promoters of the bitter feud in Oregon who sought at any cost to defeat Senator McBride in the interests of Mr. Corbett, and have assisted in accomplishing a result that perhaps is the most unpalatable to them of all.

by the President. The report is intended to bring about uniformity in the spelling and pronunciation of those names which have been badly mixed, owing to some of the places having both Spanish and Malay names, and others having Malay names which attempts have been made to anglicize. The board has followed the spelling found on official Spanish charts.

Senator Spooner, who has from the first opposed an extra session of Congress, is having able assistance in making a last effort to vent the calling of one by attaching an amendment to the Army Appropriation bill, declaring the conditions the Cubans must agree

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