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ALBION, Iowa, has a city council which requires its citizens to take out a license if they wish to dance. The price is \$15 per capita.

EX-SENATOR James K. Jones is willing to accept a place on the Panama Canal Commission. He has studied the subject for years.

The Japanese minister at Washington talks continuously and says the crisis is at hand. If Russia is as red-hot as Japan, there will be war in a few minutes.

In the Southland the "Man with the Hoe" has his innings. The \$10,000,000 bales of cotton which ten years ago brought \$300,000,000 sold last year for \$600,000,000.

In England co-operation is no longer in the experimental stage as it is in Oregon. Last year the Rothdale Co-operative Societies did a business of which their profits were \$50,000,000.

SENATOR BAILEY says that to nominate a Southern man for the presidency would be very doubtful wisdom. He thinks that Texas will furnish a candidate in time—but not in his day.

GENERAL John B. Gordon, the last living Lieutenant-General of the Confederacy, died at Miami, Fla., on the 9th. He lay in state at Atlanta, and was buried at his home with military honors. For many years he was Governor and U. S. Senator, a man of great ability and fearlessness.

THIRTY-four men in different parts of the country have come forward and offered to stand in the breach as candidates for vice president of the Republican ticket. It needs an instantaneous and up-to-date man. There's the distinguished diplomatist, the sudden Panama Vamilla, or Bony Gorilla, or whatever his name is—what's the matter with him? He's—all—right!

Captain A. L. Mills is another suddenness. He is promoted by the President to be brigadier-general, and jumps over the heads of 276 captains, 354 majors, 122 lieutenant-colonels, and 105 colonels. Though a youth who graduated from West Point in 1879, he will, like General Wood, outrank many men who have spent their whole lives in the army.

General Rafael Reyes, the Colombian envoy to our capital, has gone home. Secretary Hay has answered his second letter, stating again that Panama is an independent republic and that the incident on the isthmus is closed and will not be re-opened. He ignores as "impertinent" General Reyes's request that the correspondence be sent to the Senate. Perhaps this crime of impertinence is the cause of the hiding of so many important documents from the public by the Secretary of State.

ASSESSOR NELSON is in the middle of a bad fix. When he went around with his assessment books last year he told one and all, farmers, lawyers and politicians, that if they would double the assessed value of the property of the county he would give each tax payer his positive assurance that the rate would be cut in two in the middle. Well, they doubled the levy and had a million dollars to spare; but they did not cut the rate in two, hence there is trouble in the land and Assessor Nelson will find all kinds of fun as he makes his annual rounds this year to reassess the property. It looks like the assessor got the hot end of the proposition.

Hall's Catarrh Cure.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, county and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1896. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. The Hall's Family Pills are the best.

WHEN you come in to pay your taxes this year bring your tax receipt of last year along and see just how much bigger your tax bill is this year than it was last year. "Don't take our word for it. The proof of the pudding is in chewing the rag."

Dr. Caracastic, the noted Colombian authority, offers proof that the alleged Panama revolution was organized in an office on Broadway, New York, by half a dozen Americans, "with the knowledge and concurrence of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay, who, (unofficially) agreed to recognize an independent government in Panama if they would organize it without interfering with isthmian transit."

"Let us hope," said Justice Harlan the other day to the law students of Columbia University, "that this great instrument (the Federal Constitution), which has served so well, will weather the storms which the ambitions of certain men are creating in an effort to make this country a World Power." The expression of such a hope is evidently prompted by the fear that the Constitution may not weather those storms. Indeed, it is badly weather-beaten already, and so far as the administration of our new insular possessions is concerned, has been cast aside.

The Washington clerks are in a heap of trouble. The Cabinet has decided that they must hereafter work seven hours a day, instead of the regular six and a half. The clerks are indignant and point to the way in which their distinguished chiefs waste the time of the government, being present at their desks several hours a day less than the law requires, and going picnicking around the country and stumping for their party in violation of the civil service law of which the President has been such a strenuous advocate. Clerks threaten to get even by "soldiering."

EX-SECRETARY and Ex-Government Charles Foster, a member of President Harrison's cabinet, died at General Kiefer's house in Springfield, Ohio, on the 9th, after eating a hearty supper. Ex-Governor Flower of New York died from the same cause. The late General Gordon died from acute indigestion. Over eating has been the immediate cause of the death of one of our presidents, and of several of our cabinet ministers. Men have been known to drop dead after eating heartily at Delmonico's in New York. After a certain age is reached, one must be very careful what he puts into his stomach. Dr. Sam Johnson used to make Boswell sit up late with him after one of his gustatorial feasts for fear he should die if he layed down.

MANY persons who believe that there are holes in the roads of Webfoot are in error. The New York Times reports a case where several witnesses testified that there was a hole in a certain road. Then the principal witness, a farmer, upon whom the prosecution mainly depended to establish their case, swore there was no hole in the road. They sought to draw the witness into some explanation of the remarkable testimony. What they eventually got was this: "There isn't any hole in the road. Here's my hat. If I jam my hand into the top of without it pushing it through, it does not make a hole. It makes a dent. That's what is in that road—just a dent." And in the roads around here there are no holes—just dents.

SHERIFF John R. Shaver has the biggest job of his life a head of him during the next four months. He will have to make about 5,000 explanations to as many angry and indignant tax payers when they come in from the town or country to pay their taxes. Each and every tax payer will want to know how it is that his taxes are so much higher this year than they were last when they were promised in plain terms that if they would one and all double their assessment the court would see to it, that the levy would be cut in two in the middle. The levy was not cut in two and there is the pinch. Each farmer, Democrat, Republican, Populist and Socialist will have to pay the heaviest amount of taxes every paid in this county. And the great trouble is that the explanation may not be satisfactory when made.

Most people realize that the actual expenses of living are higher now than for many years past, but in most instances this increase has come about so gradually that few people realize just what it amounts to. A table, prepared by so competent an authority as Dun & Co., has recently been published by the Treasury Department at Washington which affords some interesting reading. This table gives the cost per capita year by year since 1860 of the necessities of life. The items of house rent—doctors' bills, furniture, and many other desirable, if not absolutely necessary things are left out. Commencing in July, 1897, the end of the panic period, the table shows a cost per capita of \$62.45 for one year for clothing and staple foods. From this time until March, 1903, the figures show a steady increase in the cost of living, and on the latter date they reached the sum of \$101.07 per capita for one year, or an increase of 39.5 in less than six years.

HOW WE SHOULD BUILD ROADS.

The state of Massachusetts expends every year half a million dollars to construct macadamized roads. It builds 100 miles per year. The cost averages \$5,200 per mile. The expense comes against every inhabitant alike, including those in the cities although no roads are made by the state in the incorporated cities. In this way the city of Boston pays about half of the total expense of all improved roads; and all the principal highways throughout the Commonwealth are already macadamized. First the road bed is thrown up, rounded in the center and ditched at the sides. The first layer of stone is in pieces less than 2 1/2 inches and 6 inches deep; the next layer is less than one inch in diameter and two inches deep; the third is top screenings. Every course is sprinkled and rolled. The turnpikes are 21 feet wide. The state issues bonds that run forty years and sell at a premium.

The road question is too great for county menutation. Congressman Walter P. Brownlow of Tennessee said that his good roads bill is the most popular measure introduced in congress since the civil war. He says that the legislature of his own state has indorsed it and that the legislature of Minnesota, Missouri, Alabama and New Mexico have taken similar action and that he believes the bill will be indorsed by every state in the Union, if that is necessary in order to impress upon congress the importance of the measure. The following is a copy of the resolution as adopted by the legislature of Minnesota.

"Whereas, The burden of improving and maintaining our highways according to the general prevailing system in this country rests entirely upon the agricultural lands and people living in the rural district, and

"Whereas, The state aid plan for constructing highways, as practiced in the states of New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, has proven satisfactory in its operation and has offered a partial solution of the road question in that it distributes this burden of cost so that one-half is paid out of a general fund supplied by the state; and

"Whereas, It is desirable to extend this principle of cooperation and distribution of the burden of cost to a still greater extent, so that the government of the United States shall bear a share of the cost of construction to be paid out of the general revenues of the United States; and

"Whereas, One-half of said revenues, aggregating during the last two years \$1,000,000,000 per annum, is derived from the agricultural states and rural districts, while only 10 per cent of the total amount is appropriated by congress for the use of said agricultural states and districts, while 90 per cent is appropriated for public buildings and other uses pertaining to great cities; and

"Whereas, The Hon. Walter P. Brownlow, member of congress from Tennessee has introduced a bill in the United States house of representatives providing for system of national, state and local cooperation in the permanent improvement of the public highways, according to the provisions of which the sum of \$20,000,000 is appropriated, and the United States Government is to pay one-half of the cost of improving any public highway when requested so to do by and in cooperation with any state or civil subdivision thereof; therefore be it

"Resolved by the general assembly of the state of Minnesota, That we hereby heartily indorse said Brownlow bill and recommend its passage by congress, and that we request representatives from the state of Minnesota in congress and instruct the United States senators from this state to vote for and support said bill."

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