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HANNA AND THE STRIKE. He Says It Is Bigger Than Any Political Question.

Here Labor in Galveston. GALVESTON, Tex., Oct. 1.—One thousand of the laborers employed in removing the debris will be released tomorrow.

Coal Mine Burning. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 1.—The Sunnyside coal mine in this city, the largest coal mine in Southern Indiana, is on fire.

Daily Treasury Statement. WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances shows Available cash balance, \$125,248,722.

Fire in Chicago. CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—Fire tonight destroyed an eight-story brick building on Market street, doing \$500,000 damage.

British Shelled a Village. HONG KONG, Oct. 1.—The British gunboat Robin has shelled the village of Luk Lee on the West River in retaliation for the inhabitants firing on a British steamer.

Clark and Dickinson Confer. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 1.—General Manager Dickinson of the Union Pacific Railway, and Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, were in conference here today.

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MONEY FOR POLITICS

At Bottom of Friction Over Assessment Index.

ASSESSOR'S CLERKS DISCHARGED

Order of County Commissioners to Stop Certain Work—How Political Assessments Figure in It.

Assessor R. S. Greenleaf has received an order from the County Commissioners to suspend work on the index to the county taxroll for 1900 and turn over to them so much of the index as has been completed.

Contributions From the Clerks. "Having everything as usual about the report that you give political assessments on your employees?"

Two Clerks Discharged. He did not hasten to comply with the order. When the two clerks who had for the past few days been working on the index, Miss Jessie Samuels and Miss Ella Buddemeier, came in, the Assessor had a little talk with each and discharged them.

Why Commissioners Acted. "We found, said Commissioner Steele yesterday, that the records of the other side to what we did not exactly tally with the figures shown by the records, and this moved us to push the examination further.

The Clerks' Side of It. Miss Buddemeier and Miss Samuels, the clerks who were discharged, had a statement of the truth was desired, they consented to tell something of the circumstances of the case.

Assessor Greenleaf's Story. An Oregonian reporter saw Captain Greenleaf at his residence, 106 North Eighteenth street, yesterday afternoon as he was ready to leave town for a few days.

How long did you work for Captain Greenleaf in the Assessor's office? "It was my sixth year. I began work in March, 1894."

What did the Assessor tell you today? "He asked me if I knew the indexing of the assessment roll was to be stopped, and if I had made a contract with the County Commissioners to finish the work."

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work, and it was a rush job and showed it. There were many inaccuracies in it. Even if defects were discovered in the index, the corrections were not made in the tax roll, and the subsequent advertising and sale of property was a farce.

"This being my last year in office, I start now to wind up the affairs in shape so that my successor will have no trouble with them. I wanted to leave indexes reliable and practically perfect. The expense of having the index made in the shape of this work to much better advantage than a new man. The tracing of similar names to see if they are meant to be identical, looking up doubtful names to see that they are absolutely correct, etc., requires a good deal of hard work, and must be done by persons trained in it.

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"It is said to be quite closely connected with this case; at least, the report that the Assessor's clerks were discharged, suggested the reporter.

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MAY GET MARYLAND

Bryan's Chances for Carrying State Are Bright.

REPUBLICANS NOT DISCOURAGED

As Goes Baltimore, So Goes the State—Gold Democratic Vote Pretty Evenly Divided.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—(Staff correspondence.) Unless the situation changes materially, Maryland will give her eight electoral votes to Bryan, yet the state gave McKinley 22,000 plurality over Bryan four years ago.

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VICTIMS OF REBELS

Particulars of the Affair in Marinduque.

CAPTAIN SHIELDS WAS KILLED

Three Other Americans Lost Their Lives and Several Were Wounded—The Relief Expedition.

MANILA, Friday, Sept. 28, via Hong Kong, Oct. 1.—Persistent native reports, which are generally believed to have been current in Manila for several days, are to the effect that Captain Devereux Shields and Company F, of the Twenty-ninth Infantry, consisting of 48 men, stationed at Boag, Marinduque Island, embarked September 13 on the gunboat Villalobos and landed on the Marinduque coast September 14, where 300 of the enemy, armed with rifles, approached from Luzon, surprised the Americans. The latter fought for several hours, until their ammunition was exhausted, and they were overpowered and surrendered, relief being impossible. At least four of the soldiers were killed, among whom, according to reports, were Captain Shields. The Americans also had several wounded.

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