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EQUITABLE TAXATION.

Great stir has resulted in Chicago from the decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois on taxation of public franchises or capital based on them.

Several leading Republicans have lately declared themselves opposed to reciprocity. They fear to open the tariff question, they think the country is doing well enough as it is, they hesitate to shoulder the odium of attacking certain industries that are marked for sacrifice on the reciprocity altar.

There is a popular tendency toward taxation of those corporations that operate on public franchises, upon a valuation that will have some relation to proportion to their actual money-making power. It is right that this should be done.

WOODEN SHIPS NOT WANTED.

Puget Sound papers announce that a wooden ship will be launched at Ballard, December 1, and that the builder has a contract for four others of a similar type.

As master of his business, Mr. Sewall was quick to see that in order to keep the Sewall house flag in a prominent place on the high seas it would be necessary to fight for trade with the same weapons used by his competitors.

would enable him to continue in business with an obsolete type of vessel, the premier of American shipbuilders promptly laid the keel of the Dirigo, the first steel sailing vessel built in America.

The Dirigo went into the foreign trade in competition with the fleets of the world, and wherever she sailed her owner scored the best rates paid any ship, merchants giving her the same preference and premium over the wooden ships of the Sewall fleet that they formerly conceded to metal ships of other nations.

The wooden ships now building at Seattle may render fair service to the coasting trade or for short foreign voyages, but they will never be much of a factor in the marine business of the Pacific Coast, and the American flag will not be much the gainer by their construction.

As a pretext on which to make a plea for Government aid, the wooden ship may be useful, but as a factor in the world's commerce her day is ended. A. M. Simpson and others who built wooden ships in Oregon and Washington made this discovery nearly twenty years ago.

Reciprocity is not the only thing promised in the Philadelphia platform for effect in November. Legislation was promised for an elastic currency, but none has been passed or will be passed.

But, when the next check of industry shall come, as come it will, when business again shall cease to boom, as cease it will, let the worshippers of the protection fetich look out! The like has been seen before. There are those who still remember 1852.

Again has the necessity of using the most intelligent care in regard to the animals from which vaccine serum is procured been illustrated in the most distressing manner. A fortnight ago a number of children died in St. Louis from tetanus, the disease for which no remedy has ever been discovered, being communicated to the victims by means of a diphtheria anti-toxin; now the dispatches tell of a number of cases of tetanus, most of them with fatal results, having been developed in Cambridge, N. J., following ordinary vaccination.

well be declared to be worse than the disease against which it undertakes to safeguard the subject. Health boards and school boards are rising to meet this new emergency, and the blunders recorded as having recently taken place in the realm of medical science will doubt soon be corrected, though, and to say the mischief that has been wrought thereby cannot be undone.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

About two years ago a delegation of prominent Idaho gentlemen came down to Portland in the interests of Columbia River improvement. They realized, they said, the tremendous importance of the undertaking, and wished to arouse the Inland Empire to the necessity of action.

That is the true story, the sequel to which is now seen in the accusation at Boise that Portland is not interested in the improvement of the Upper Columbia. We might ask the people and the papers of the Upper Columbia Basin what any of them have ever done on behalf of the river's improvement.

The King of England is a constitutional monarch who could be expelled from the throne at any time by an act of Parliament. Since the English revolution of 1688 no monarch has reigned over Great Britain by divine right.

President Roosevelt will visit the Charleston Exposition on the 12th of February—the birthday of President Lincoln. Numerous festivities are planned in his honor, and in attending them he will be subjected to the danger which he will be subjected to on the occasion of his fatal visit to the Exposition.

RACIAL PREJUDICE IN NEW ENGLAND.

A barber was fined the other day \$20 by Judge Almy of Cambridge, Mass., for drawing the color line in refusing to shave Thomas S. Bruce, a divinity student in Harvard College.

There will be no revolution, no setback. We have a country full of new resources. There can be no reaction, no fall, as a consequence of the celebration we are to hold. The country is not only rich, but it has a new use for going ahead. Nobody went to Chicago, nobody has gone to Buffalo, in search for a place to settle.

No matter how great our Exposition may be, our country will still be the chief attraction. We want people to see it. "Delinquent parentage" is chief of the evils that afflict this country. What can cure or diminish it?

SALVATION AND IMMORTALITY.

The question is, What Are the Disputants Talking About?

We learn from The Portland Oregonian that in that Pacific Coast town a controversy has arisen because of the nomination of a Unitarian minister for membership in the Ministerial Association of Portland.

The Unitarian minister, who is generally in character and has nothing to do with specific religious doctrines, any minister, Jewish Rabbi or Roman Catholic priest, is properly eligible to membership in it.

Meaning almost daily we are receiving letters discussing the question whether there is to be saved, or whether there is an immortality of the soul.

Underground Wireless Telegraphy. Correspondence London Spectator. Having been present at the experiments conducted by Messrs. Armstrong and Orford in the use of electricity for energy without wires, I shall attempt, with your leave, to present a few reflections on them.

The anarchist, Alexander Bergman, who, for breaking into the office of H. C. Frick, then President of the Carnegie Steel Company, in 1892, and attempting to shoot him, has since been confined in the penitentiary of Western Pennsylvania.

The insane ex-wife of the millionaire Henry M. Flagler has perhaps the most munificent private allowance of any insane patient in the world. Her physician and nurses will, of course, absorb the most of her income, which is just as well, since she has no other use for it in her present condition.

Benefit to All. Astorian. The energy with which Portland has gone to work on the Lewis and Clark Centennial celebration is held in that city every year for a succession of years.

AMUSEMENTS.

A melodrama of more than usual interest, presented by a company that numbers several exceptionally good actors, and mounted more elaborately than anything that has been seen at O'Grady's this year.

Revenge with a capital R is the theme around which the tale of the play is woven. A prodigal develops the fact that his wife, a woman of high social position, has been unfaithful to him.

By the side of this question, the controversy as to everlasting salvation between the orthodox and the Universalists is being revived.

Mrs. LeMoine at the Marquis Theatre. Manager Calvin Hellig takes pleasure in announcing the appearance at the Marquis Grand Theatre tonight and tomorrow night of Mrs. Sarah Cowell LeMoine in a new play, "The First Duke of Marlborough."

"The Cowboy and the Lady." The sale of seats will open this morning at 10 o'clock for the play, "The Cowboy and the Lady," which opens at the Marquis Grand Theatre Wednesday night of this week.

The Wilbur-Kirwin Opera Company. The Wilbur-Kirwin Opera Company, which will open an engagement at the Baker Theatre Thursday afternoon, arrived in Portland yesterday.

Thomas Jefferson. No more praise could be given to Thomas Jefferson, who appears in "Rip Van Winkle" at the Marquis Grand Theatre next Friday night.

Crabshell Barometer. London Globe. A curious barometer is said to be used by the remnants of the Araucanian race which inhabits the southernmost province of Chile.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Murder will out! Score one for the police!

The trial of Colozog will set the pace for that of the thugs captured yesterday. Hingsing are not pleasant, but they are the only means of teaching anything to footpads.

The passengers on the Ship of State have no reason to doubt who is the man at the wheel. There is no punishment to fit the crime, but hanging will do very well, under the circumstances.

It is about time for two or three dozen alleged widows to produce pencil writs of the late L. H. Chang. Turkey is without funds, and has no credit. It looks very much as if Turkey would have to go to work.

Having mingled for many years with the stripes, Frank James is now going to cultivate the society of the stars. There is over \$7,000,000 on deposit in the banks of Kansas. Even the Populists are unable to view this with alarm.

Mr. W. E. Henley has been achieving notoriety by criticizing the works of Robert Louis Stevenson. Mr. Henley, it must be remembered, has books on the market, and that method of advertising is as good as any other.

The return of Congressmen to Washington in December is a serious inconvenience to postal clerks. It is no small job to take care of Christmas mail, and the addition of dead-end garden seeds is the extra ounce.

Iowa, one of the wealthiest states of the country and without debt, pays its Superintendent of Instruction \$2200. Michigan pays \$1000; Alabama, \$250; Georgia, \$200; Idaho, \$100; Arkansas, \$50; Louisiana, \$200; Missouri, \$100; Nevada, \$50; New Hampshire, \$50; New Jersey, \$50; Oregon, \$50; North Dakota, \$50; South Carolina, \$50; South Dakota, \$50; Utah, \$50; South Carolina, \$50; Rhode Island, \$50; Wyoming, \$50; Wisconsin, \$50; West Virginia, \$50; and Virginia, \$500.

A flock of pigeons owned by a Philadelphia man gave an alarm of fire the other morning, and probably saved the lives of the inmates of the house. The pigeons are quartered in a loft at the rear of the house, and when at 4 o'clock in the morning they set up a great fluttering and cooing, they awakened a boarder.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

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