

TOO MANY MINTS

No Prospect of Increase in Their Number.

CONGRESS CRIES ECONOMY

Decrease in Business and Deficit in Treasury Blight Hopes of Northwestern Cities for Mints or Assay Offices.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 15.—There are too many mints and too many assay offices in the United States, said Director Roberts of the Mint Bureau, yesterday.

This is the view held by Republican leaders of both Senate and House, and the attitude of the leaders reinforced by the stand of the Treasury Department means, beyond a reasonable doubt, that there will be no legislation at the next session of Congress creating new mints or assay offices. It means that the bill establishing a mint at Portland, the bill authorizing an assay office at Baker City, and the bill providing for a mint at Tacoma will one and all be sidetracked if they are reintroduced at the opening of the next session of Congress.

Mint Business Falling Off.

The report of Mr. Roberts for the last fiscal year supports his declaration. There are now in active operation three cologne mints and three assay offices. July 1 the Denver assay office will be swallowed up by the new Denver mint, reducing the assay offices to eight, but making four cologne mints.

The decline in cologne has materially reduced the work at the Philadelphia, San Francisco and New Orleans mints, and the decline at these places will be still greater when the Denver mint begins operations. Hundreds of employees have already been laid off at Philadelphia, and the work at New Orleans has decreased until practically the entire output of the New Orleans mint was silver.

Too Many Assay Offices.

What is said of mints is also true of assay offices. Some of these offices are doing a comparatively small business, less than justifies their continuance. The following statement, taken from the last mint report, gives the value of gold and silver bars manufactured at the various mints and assay offices last year.

Fight to Finish Coming.

In time, when the Treasury deficit is wiped out and Congress returns to an era of generosity, there will be a fight to a finish among Oregon, Washington and Idaho to determine where a mint shall be located. When that fight comes, it will probably be in the form of a proposition to remove the present mint from New Orleans to the Northwest. Boise has not made any special claim for a mint, but Tacoma and Portland have long been in the field, and the fight will narrow down to these cities. There is much to be said in favor of each; more in favor of Portland than Tacoma, no doubt, but it will not be altogether a fight based on merit.

Confederates Not in Parade.

NEW YORK, May 15.—The New York Confederate Camp, whose invitation by Grand Post to participate in the Memorial day parade in Brooklyn led to adverse criticism, has written to the Mem-

DEFENDS ARMOUR CARS

Robbins Denies They Deal in Produce or Get Rebates.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—William E. Robbins, professor of economics in Harvard University, was before the Senate committee on Interstate Commerce today. He said that under existing laws there was no way to prevent discrimination between localities and commodities. He favored giving the Interstate Commerce Commission power to set rates.

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CAN'T CREDIT TRUTH

Herbert Croker's Brother Surprised at His Vices.

SOME FACTS UNEXPLAINED

Richard Croker, Jr., Discusses His Brother's Fate Before Taking Away the Body—Denies He Was Engaged.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 15.—Richard Croker, Jr., and J. Rogge, of New York, his traveling companion, taking the body of Herbert V. Croker, who died on a

CAPTURING WITH MUSIC.

Snake-Charmer Strikes Up Tune and Helper Blinds Serpent.

New York Herald. The death-dealing cobra is passionately fond of music, and it is through this means that its capture is often accomplished. The men in India who can effect the capture of these deadly reptiles must be possessed of remarkable skill or their lives are the forfeit.

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Irish Proverbs. Leslie's Monthly. The proverbs of a nation are the distilled wit of generations of its people; and the true wit of the race is oftentimes in proportion to the truth and beauty of its proverbs.

Gomez Seriously Ill. HAVANA, May 15.—General Maximo Gomez, the aged Cuban leader, is seriously ill with blood-poisoning and on account of his advanced age fears are entertained for his recovery.

How S. Domingo Does It. Monte Cristi letter in New York Evening Post. Our own ship has a "concession," and pays nothing, but in the port just one other merchantman, a barkentine from Russia leading with logwood. It is a little ship of 40 tons, and this is what it has to pay for the privilege of loading logwood at Monte Cristi:

Tonnage dues (\$2 per ton) \$ 80
Privilege of entering port \$ 55
Privilege of anchorage \$ 25
Pilot \$ 2
Lookout who signaled her \$ 2
Doctor who boarded \$ 2
Interpreter \$ 4
Total \$ 108

One wonders why they don't take the ship and call it square; but that is only part of the trouble. There is a surcharge of 10 per cent, amounting to \$108 more. The excuse for this, so far as I can find out, is that the country "needs the money."

It is a fact that there can be little doubt. The estimated population of the Dominican Republic is something over 800,000, and the yearly revenues amount to only about \$2,000,000, raised in the main in the manner described in the foregoing. Other taxes rest very lightly on the people themselves.

There is no tax on land, no poll tax, and the only internal revenue is on tobacco, rum and matches. This amounts to little. You can buy a whole gallon of rum for 20 cents, and cigars are a fraction of a cent apiece. I haven't tried either the matches or the rum, but I can testify that the cigars sell at their full value. Taxation thus bears very lightly on the Dominicans, whom I find in the main a happy and contented people. Yet this method of raising revenue, as might be expected, does not encourage commerce, while it does encourage the professional revolutionist. If he can take and hold just one

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days come seltzy, quickly, like the running of a bound upon a moor," is poetic, vivid truth. And here is a sharp, satirical one that cuts several ways at the same time: "A poem ought to be well made at first, for there is many a one to spoil it afterwards."

Judicial Ruling in Indiana. Indianapolis News. Charles Clark and William Bailey were trying a case before Judge Allen of the Circuit Court a few days ago. Mr. Clark arose to explain to the court how the position assumed by Mr. Bailey was absolutely untenable under the Constitution and the flag. He collapsed like a punctured tire when this sharp explosion came from the bench.

Bridal Trip to Portland. ABERDEEN, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—Dr. William M. Kirschner, a well-known physician, was married here today to Miss Ella Hibbert, of Chicago. They have gone to Portland on a trip.

RHEUMATISM ROBS LIFE OF PLEASURE. Rheumatism does more than any other disease to rob life of pleasure and comfort. It is so painful and far-reaching in its effects on the system that those afflicted with it find themselves utterly unable to enjoy bodily comfort or any of the pleasures of life. Some are bound hand and foot and suffer constantly with excruciating pains, swollen, stiff joints and muscles, and often distorted, crooked limbs, while others have intervals of freedom, during which they live in constant fear and dread of the next attack, when, at the least exposure to damp weather, or the slight irregularity of any kind, the disease will return.

The cause of Rheumatism is a sour, acid condition of the blood, produced by food lying undigested in the stomach, poor bowel action, weak kidneys and a general sluggish condition of the system. External applications, such as liniments, oils, plasters, etc., do not reach the cause and can only give temporary relief. The blood must be cleansed and purified before a cure can be had. S. S. S. attacks the disease in the right way—it neutralizes the poison and filters out every particle of it from the blood, stimulates the sluggish organs and clears the system of all foreign matter. It cures the disease permanently and safely because it contains no harmful minerals to derange the stomach and digestion. Book on Rheumatism and any advice you wish, without charge.

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