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How Legislatures are Organized: The biennial contest over organization of the two houses of the State Legislature reminds one of the story of the jury that was called into court by the judge after they had been out twenty-four hours.

Sanitary Results: Chicago newspapers tell us that great sanitary results have been produced in that city by the drainage canal, which has changed the course of the sewage of the city from the lake into which it was formerly discharged to the Illinois River and thence to the Mississippi.

One Mother and Her Child: A problem confronts the Attorney-General of the State of Washington for a boy four years of age and a nursing infant of less than one year, has been convicted, jointly with her husband, of conspiracy to rob a night watchman.

The Man Who Knows How: Almost certain success awaits that man who can foresee an industrial demand and prepare to supply it. He who can anticipate a demand has the advantage not only of previous preparation, but also of the more active market, while the supply is yet to be made.

The Wealth of the Farm: The year just past has been one of the most prosperous years the farmers of this country have ever known. The value of the farm products, including live stock, is estimated by the Secretary of Agriculture at the inconceivable figure of \$7,794,000,000, nearly half a billion more than last year and over two billion more than in 1905.

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serious drawback encountered by the buyers. The greatest evil that could be corrected by the manufacturers controlling their own supply of raw cotton is the insurance it would effect against "corners" such as have demoralized the trade so frequently in the past.

REED SMOOT'S CASE.

Among the first things that will come up in the Senate at the session beginning today will be the majority report of the committee on privileges and elections, on the case of Reed Smoot, Senator from Utah.

The charges against Smoot are supported by Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee, and by a bare majority of the members. In substance they are these: That Smoot is, or was, one of the twelve apostles of the Mormon Church; that the authority of these apostles has been exercised so as to encourage the practice of polygamy, contrary to the laws of Utah and of the United States; that the twelve apostles control the political affairs of Utah, and thus practically nullify the state and church, contrary to the constitution of Utah and of the United States, and that he is not the accredited representative of the State of Utah, but "the choice of the hierarchy which controls the church and its affairs."

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of California. Probably the orange-growers in order to complete the endless chain of complaint, will decide that the wheat and lumber men of Oregon and Washington are getting all of the cars. The most lucid explanation of the situation seems to be that the number of cars owned by the Western roads is woefully inadequate for the business that is offering.

Should Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University, get the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, he would receive scant support from the Bryan Democrats of the country, even though Bryan himself would take the stump in his behalf.

Noting the fact that representatives from thirty states are to meet in Des Moines this week to discuss the direct election of senators, the Evening Post says its own state has a present special interest in this question, since she is the horrible example of the evil results of the indirect method.

The Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer have recently inspected a large number of farms offered to the state as sites for a home for the feeble-minded. After having heard the several owners expatiate upon the superior merits of each particular tract, these gentlemen should be experts on farm lands by this time, and might do well in the real estate or immigration business when their terms of office end.

Mark Twain celebrated his flat birthday and about the same time got the news that his "Egg's Diary" had been shut out of a Massachusetts library for its indecent pictures.

The Democrats once had another Professor Wilson that made a tariff that lasted a few minutes only after the Democrats enacted it. About all that can be said of the present Professor Wilson that will commend him to the Democracy is that he doesn't hail from Espous.

Marion County officials anticipate international complications as a result of the careless shooting of a citizen of Germany by a Salem police officer. It is to be hoped the war with Germany won't begin until the end of the war with Japan over the public-school question.

Wood is selling for \$70 per cord in Goldfield, Nev., and Tex Rickard is in New York bidding \$40,000 for a prize-fight to be held in the town with the suggestive name. The necessities of life in Goldfield must be had regardless of what they cost.

Mr. Peary didn't find the Pole this year, and Mr. Wellman didn't try because it wasn't a good year for hunting the North Pole. Undoubtedly Mr. Wellman is wise in waiting for a good year. While there may be no good years, he's a good waiter.

There was no difficulty or delay in fixing the responsibility for the railroad wreck in Virginia, in which a number of railway officials lost their lives. When only passengers and minor employees suffer, it takes lawsuits to fix responsibility.

How many persons noticed that call money on Wall street went up 17 per cent last week? Very few, outside the professional Wall-street borrowers and speculators. As a financial barometer Wall street is a back number.

Congress will not do much today but to organize and inform the President that it is ready for business. There isn't much use in Congress trying to do anything without telling the President all about it.

In his eagerness to set out apple trees the Oregon farmer should not neglect a few ornamental and shade trees that cost but little yet go far toward making a farm home beautiful.

There are a few persons in the United States who refuse to get excited when told that, in event of war with Japan, the first move of the Japanese would be to take the Philippines.

At least they cannot accuse Woodrow Wilson of talking too much on public questions. Nobody ever heard that he was talked at all. He's no Democrat.

One of the things that we will never know—we hope—is whether the Russians were or were not up against the real thing when they fought Japan.

Congress will learn in a day or two that the President went all the way to Panama just to show that as to the canal he has never been at sea.

Count Boni thrashed the servant who refused to let him into his wife's apartments. We are glad to hear that Castellano can do something.

Now Seth Low wants to go to the United States Senate from New York. He is almost alone in his desire.

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The exports of farm products, in spite of increased consumption at home, have grown to \$25,000,000. In spite of the injurious statements printed about the packing houses the figures for exports of packing house products exceed \$20,000,000 for the first time.

The increased prosperity of the farmer has enabled him to make himself still richer by developing land which was wholly or partially unproductive because of the lack of manure.

The Department of Agriculture has done much to stimulate this growth of prosperity. It has introduced a Winter wheat of the same time to acre more than the old kind and a Winter barley which bears 50 per cent more than Spring barley.

The farm is the strength of the nation, and the city dweller wishes the farmer a long continuance of the present prosperity. As long as the farmer has been the unemployed of the cities and money to buy the products of the factories, the cities share in the good things of the harvest.

Washington dispatch to the Indianapolis News: William B. Gourley, chairman of the Democratic state committee of New Jersey, who is here, says it is probable that Grover Cleveland United States Senator from New Jersey will succeed Senator Dryden.

City Man—Has your wife a good cook now? Suburbanite—I don't know. I have not been home since morning.—Philadelphia Press.

Young Bachelors (having applied in vain for customers' addresses) to their friend:—I say, old chap, a most extraordinary thing. My bankers have lost their files.—Chicago Daily News.

Woman, you played me false! The words remained unuttered, but that the words had been uttered with the power of speech.—Chicago Daily News.

Corporations will have to cease using money to influence legislation. "Well, have we?" President Wilson. "That of corporations have about all they want and will be perfectly willing to give up the money."—Washington Star.

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Demands upon the Legislature at its coming session for appropriations from the State Treasury will apparently be heavier than ever before in the history of the state, and probably heavier even though increase in population be taken into consideration.

Padding is made almost impossible by a plan of double checking. The disbursing officer of each institution makes out a payroll at the end of each month, showing the name of each employe, the time served and the amount due him.

Superintendent Cook's graft was made easy by the fact that his employes were few, they worked at irregular times and were paid by warrant. He induced at least one of them to sign a blank check for the money.

At the Portage Road the easiest method of working a graft was by padding the payroll, though it seems that Cook was also crafty enough to add to his income by selling state coal and putting the proceeds in his own pocket.

It is in the handling of state supplies that the greatest opportunity for graft lies at state institutions, and if some of the stories that have been told in years gone by have been true there has been good material for interesting reports from faithful investigating committees.

One of the noteworthy results of enactment of the law providing for the hanging of murderers at the State Penitentiary is the diminution of public interest in such executions. The first two or three hangings aroused considerable interest at Salem, but since then the people of the capital pay no attention to them.

Conducting executions at the Penitentiary has the merit not only of avoiding publicity but also of saving expense and insuring more satisfactory work. Under the old system a county had to construct a scaffold whenever a man was condemned to death.

The Sheriff's had few hangings to conduct and mishaps were frequent, owing to the haste with which the details of the execution. On the other hand the state has every means that could be desired for caring for condemned men, has an execution chamber with a scaffold and drop that works perfectly and the officers who conduct the hangings have so familiarized themselves with the details that there is no confusion, delay or accident.

Five men have been hanged upon the gallows at Salem, and in every instance the body hung still in death from the instant the end of the rope was reached. The swinging, struggling, moaning and gurgling that make some executions horrible to the extreme have not been seen at the Penitentiary.

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