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SOME FIGURES TO LOOK AT.

In Great Britain the government tax on liquors produced, in the year 1906, \$166,161,200. This sum is exclusive of the municipal taxes, of which we have no recent compilation.

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HOMESpun IN CONGRESS.

Some Words That Have Been Colored by Congressional Statesmen. New York Sun. Somebody must look after the general health of the English language.

THE HOUSEHOLD

BY LILLIAN TINGLE. POSSIBLY some Christmas hostesses of today may find amusement and instruction in the following—written in the early forties by an experienced entertainer for the benefit of a beginner in the department.

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IMPORTANT.

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE.

The committee on college entrance requirements, which is to meet at Eugene on January 23, seems to be tolerably representative from one point of view at least.

HUGHES STRONG OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK.

New York Letter to Philadelphia Press. While Governor Hughes is the first choice of New York, he is undoubtedly to be taken care of by other delegates who at first will be committed to so-called favorite sons.

ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Yesterday Admiral Dewey rounded out the allotted span of human life. He has numbered his three score years and ten; but by reason of strength, as the good book puts it, he will probably reach four-score and then some before he takes his departure to the world where there are no battles and no wars.

SMALL GARDEN'S GOLDEN HARVEST.

Great Fruit and Vegetable Yield From Part of Lot at St. John. PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—(Special to the Editor)—Allow me to state what we raised this year in a small garden, 74 by 90 feet, in St. John.

THE "FINANCIAL CLIQUE."

A message from London informs us that "financial London as a whole is beginning to believe that the real moral of the financial clique in America, and it anticipates resumption of triumphant control of your enterprises by manipulative cliques."

ARE WE CENTRALIZING?

When one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States condescends to step out of the safe harbor of the United States, the Nation without control or check, the figure he cuts in the open day differs very little from that of common men.

SEATS IN THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Seats in the New York Stock Exchange have advanced from \$15,000, while the panic was on, to \$32,000. Quite a number of seatholders were so dissatisfied with the show last month that they gave up their seats to their creditors.

THE LATE J. W. FRENCH.

The late J. W. French, of The Dalles, was for nearly half a century a powerful factor in the development and upbuilding of that portion of Eastern Oregon in which he settled.

PUNCH ON ROOSEVELT.

New York Evening Post. When Mr. Roosevelt became President, the London Punch published a cartoon showing the Rough Rider, alert, insouciant, aspiring, arriving at the scene.

THE OUTLOOK.

The Outlook does not agree with Mr. Roosevelt that the custom which limits the President to two terms is a wise one; it does not believe in rotation in office; it sees no reason why the people should not continue to re-elect to office any man whose services entitle them as long as they are satisfied with the service.

GREENS AND GAYNOR.

Greens and Gaynor, who conspired to defraud the Government on contracts for harbor improvements, must serve four years in prison and pay fines of half a million. The big thieves are having their innings.

STATE TREASURER STEEL.

State Treasurer Steel says he will issue a report of the condition of the public funds every month hereafter. Then he will be in a position to give the amount of funds in the banks.

FOREST FIRES IN COLORADO.

Forest fires are raging in Colorado. If they just had a natural fire department such as Oregon boasts in the Winter time there would be no great loss of timber.

THE LATEST REPORT OF PROGRESS ON THE CANAL.

The latest report of progress on the Panama Canal should silence all carping criticism.

A FEW SQUIDS.

Wanted—By a great and proud people, a cheap substitute for wealth, to roll in temporarily.—Life. "I don't see your name in the magazine and I thought I had to make a living, so I'm selling the magazine for commission."—Atlanta Constitution.

WHERE HUGHES STANDS.

By Brooklyn Eagle. In New York Governor Hughes' attitude toward the nomination is well understood. It is precisely the same as was shown in the case of the gubernatorial nomination in the Fall of 1906.

ONE WOULD SAY SO.

One would say so. Moreover, we see here—all of us—what has become of the immense sums extorted from the traffic of the whole West, including Oregon. This sort of thing has been going on among the whole body of plungers and speculators in New York. They are in the holes and the holes are in the States.

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