## DISCUSSES VITAL QUESTIONS OF THE DAY

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For many of the shortcomings of justice in our country out people as a whole are hemselves to blame, and the judges and turies marely bear their above regularies with the public as whole, it is discreditable of as a people that there should be infinitely in convicting marketers, or in finally to justice men who as public servers has have been guilty of corruption, or with the public as whole, it is discreditable to us as a people hast there should be to us as a people hast there should be to us as a people hast there should be to us as a people hast there should be difficulty in convicting manderers, or in difficulty in convicting manderers, or in difficulty in convicting manderers, or in the financial in the convicting manderers, or in the financial in the properties of the convicting of the properties as the properties of the conviction of our forecast, which is the interpretations or law properties in the interpretations or law properties in the interpretation of our own properties in the interpretation of our own properties in the interpretation of the same of the properties of the color of the same of the first properties in the properties of the first properties and the control of the properties of the first properties and the control of the properties of the first properties and the control of the properties of the first properties and the control of the properties of the first properties and the control of the properties of the first properties and the control of the properties of the properties and the control of the properties and

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on we arould leave our national formain to our children, incremed in white and not work out. There are small sections of our own country, in the Heat and in the West. It is the Adjoundates the White Mountains and the Hocky Mountains, choire we can already see for curvatives the damage in the shape of permutaint holder to the soil and the river suctions which comes from feedbase deforestation. It matters not whether this decreasing in the soil and the river creaming the section of the soil and the river content of the soil and the river content of the soil and the river content on the soil and the river content on the soil and the river content on the soil and the soil and

been as regards old Chinese records, but from the apcounts given by the traveler, Marco Polo. He, for instance, mentions that in visiting the frowinces of Shansi and Shensi he observed many plantations or milberry trees. Now there is hardly a single mulberry tree. Now there is hardly a single mulberry tree. Now there is hardly a single mulberry tree. What has thus happened in Northern the allwarm has moved farther south, to retire of stances of atmospheric modature. As an Illustration of the complete change in the rivers, we may take Polo's statement that a contain a last marchants ascended it from the sea with heavily laden boais; today this river; the Hun Ho, was so large and deep to he been permitted to stand in the way of the present that whe forests, and it is criminal to primit individuals to purchase a fifted any given case of the people with the former watermark, bear testion of the whole country. If the future. simply a broad sunty bed, with analytic part of a present and the part of depend upon written records to a prove the past and the wells with walls of the past and the vells and the wells with walls of the past and the vells and the wells with walls mony to the good days of the past and the vell days of the present. Wherever the native vegotation has been allowed to sumain, as, for matance, here and there around, there are still hope trees and tengel fung. The blick, marted forest ground, fragments of the glorious ancient forest. The blick, marted forest ground, and the whole country was a garden. Not the slightest effort was made, however, to prevent the unchecked cutting of the trees or to sective referestation. Doubties for many enturies the tree-cutting of the record to pass; doubtiess for such brades that have now to bringing about the chanicus that have now to be pass; doubtiess for such the formatic and the whole country was a garden. Not the slightest effort was made, however, to prevent the unchecked cutting of the trees or to sective referentially because the brades of the mountains worked but to the formatic formatic and the condition of the desirous the formatic state the researching but there increased were scarcely moliceable. But there for of course, each year of destruction rendered the forest less able to resign free and the whole country was a gift of them in straidly decimined the elegiturion proceeded with appalling rapidity of the forest less able to resign free and the work of the destroy, the bringing about the chanicus and cut down the steps and the pass of the destroy of the second proceeded with appalling rapidity of these is never less able to resign free and the passage of the destroy of the second the second proceeded with appalling rapidity of these is never less able to resign free and the passage of the destroy of the second process of the second proc

Cause of Ruin in Old World,

The lesson of deforestation in China is a lesson which mankind should have learned many times already from what has occurred in other places. Denudation leaves naked soil; then guilying cuts down to the bare rock; and meanwhile the rock-waste buries, the bottom lands. When the soil is

bare rock; and meanwhile the rock-wake buries the bottom lands. When the soil is gone, men must got and the process does not take long.

This rathers destruction of the forests in Northern China has brought about, or has aided in bringing about, desolation, partial arise added in bringing round to the ones rich Central Asian cities; just as the destruction of the forests in Northern Africa helped towards the ruin of a region that was a fertile granary in Roman days. Shortsighted man, whether barbaric, send-twilling, or what he mistakenly regards as fully civilized, when he has destroyed the forests, has rendered certain the ultimate destruction of the land itself. In Northern Chima the mountains are now such as are shown by the acompanying photographs, absolutely barren peaks. Not only have the forests been destroyed, but because of their destruction the soil has been wished off the naked rock. The fertible consequence is that it is impossible now to used the damage that have to pass before soil would again collect, or could before soil would again collect, or could before soil would again collect, or could such as are showed by the account. Not photographs of several been destruction the soil has been without off the state of a impossible tible consequence of their destruction the soil has been without off the soil has been without on the damage that has been done Many centuries would have to part of the damage that has been done Many centuries would have to part of the process soil would assess the sound to see the season of the control of the season of the control of the season of the monitor consummated. The great masses of abbovest vegetation on the mountains formerly absorbed the hard of the sun and the moisture-indem clouds lower and forced them to precipitate in rain a part of their burden for where the process of the season of t

Desolution Follows Always.

In Northern China this diseatrous pro-cess has gone on so long and has pro-ceeded so far that no complete ramedy, could be applied. There are certain mounclearly sections of the question are through that has been done in the Mediteranean countries of the great dark and afficially a dispersation of the state of the proposation of the first product of

Create Permanent Commission Until the work of river improvement undertaken in a modern way it can

Abailsh Indian Agents.

The has been my purpose from the beginning of my Administration to take the Indian Service completely out of the atmosphere of political activity, and there has been steady progress toward that end. The last remaining, stronghold of politics in that service was the agency system, which had seen its best days and was greatually falling to pieces from natural or purely evolutionary causes, but, like all such survivals, was decaying slowly in its later singes. It seems clear that its extinction had better be made final now, so that the ground can be cleared for larger constructive work on behalf of the Indians, proparatory to their Induction into the full measure of responsible diligenship. On November I only IS agencies were left on the roster; with two exceptions where some legal questions werened to superintendencies, and their heads brought linto the classified civil service.

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has seriously cripiled him it prevents the promotion of employes in the Secret Services and this further discourages good effort. In its present form the restriction operates goly to the advantage of the criminal, of the wrongdoer. The chief argument in favor of the provision was that the Congressian did not themselve wish to be investigated by Secret Service men. Very little of such investigation has been done in the past; but it is true that the work of the Secret Service agents was partly responsible for the indictiment and conviction of a Senator and a Congressman for land frauds its Oregon. I do not believe that it is in the public inferest to protect ariminals in any branch of the nutile service, and exactly as we have again and again during the plust seven years presented and convicted such criminals who were in the executive branch of the Government, so in my beffer we should be a given simple means to presente them if found in the legislative branch. But if this is not considered desirable a special exception could be made in the law prohibiting the use of the Secret Service force in investigating members of the Congress. It would be far better to do this than to do what actually was done, and strive to prevent or at least to harmper effective action against criminals by the executive branch of the Government.

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Establish Postal Banks. I again renew my recommendation for postal savings banks, for depositing savings with the security of the Government be-nind them. The object is to encourage hrift and economy in the wage-carner and hind them. The oblect is to encourage thrift and economy in the wage-earner and person of moderate means. In fourtien states the deposite in savings banks as reported to the Controller of the Currency amount to \$3.590.245,402, or 98.4 per cent of the entire deposits, while in the remaining \$2 states there are only \$70.308,543, or 1.6 per cent, showing conclusively that there are many localities in the United States where sufficient opportunity is not given to the puople to deposit their savings. The result is that money is kept in hiding and unemployed. It is believed that the aggregate vast sams of money would be brought into circulation through the instrumentality of the postal savings banks. While there are only 1853 savings banks reporting to the Controller, there are more than 61.000 postoffices, \$0.000 of which are money-order offices. Postal savings banks are now in operation in practically all the great divilized countries with the exception of the United States.

Rural Parcels Post.

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In my last annual message I commended the Festmastef-General's recommendation for an extension of the parcel post on the rural routes. The establishment of a local for an extension of the parcel post of the caral routes. The establishment of a local parcel post on rural routes would be to the mutual benefit of the farmer and the country storekeeper, and it is desirable that the routes, serving more than 15,000,000 people, should be utilized to the fullest practicable extent. An amendment was proposed in the Senate at the last session, at the suggestion of the Postmaster-General, providing that, for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of establishing a special local parcel post system on the rural routes throughout the United States, the Postmaster-General be authorized and directed to experiment and report to the Congress the result of such experiment by establishing a special local parcel post system on rural delivery routes in not the exceed four counties in the United States for puckages of fourth-class matter originating on a rural route or at the distributed of such exceed four counties in the United States. for packages of fourth-class matter originating on a rural route or at the distributing postoffice for delivery by rural carriers. It would seem only proper that such an experiment should be tried in order to demonstrate the practicability of the gropesition, especially as the Postmaster-General estimates that the revenue derived from the operation of such a system on all the raral routes would amount to many million dollars.

with the educational work of the states, but may be made of great advantage to the states by giving them the follost most accurate, and hence the most helpful information and suggestion regarding the best educational systems. The Nation, through its broader field of activities, he wider opportunity for obtaining information from all the states and from foreign countries, is able to do that which not even the richest states can do, and with the distinct additional advantage that the information thus obtained is used for the immediate benefit of all our people.

ry to deprive them of the value of the results which can be obtained by proper appropriations.

I earnestly recommend that this unfortunate state of affairs as regards the National educational office be remedied by adequate appropriations. This recommendation
is urged by the representatives of our commen schools and great state universities and
the leading algorithms. the leading educators, who all units questing favorable consideration and action by the Congress upon this subject.

Civil Service Law for Census.

I strongly urge that the request of the Director of the Census in connection with the rector of the Census in connection with the decennial work so soon to be begun, be compiled with and that the appointments to the census force be pinced under the civil service law, watving the seographical requirements as requested by the Director of the Census. The supervisors and enumerators should not be appointed under the civil service law, for the reason given by the Director. I commend he appointed unner in a discovering the reason given by the Director. I commend to the Congress the careful consideration of the admirable report of the Director of the Census, and I trust that his recommendations will be adopted and immediate action thereon

Care of Public Health.

It is highly advisable that there should be intelligent action on the part of the Nation on the question of preserving the health of the country. Through the practical extermination in Ban Francisco of discuss-beartermination in Ean Francisco of disease-bear-ing redents our country has thus far escaped the bubonic plague. This is but one of the many schlevements of American health offi-cers, and it shows what can be accomplished with a better organization than at present exists.

calists.

The dangers to public health from food adulteration and from many other sources, such as the menace to the physical, mental and moral development of children from child labor, should be met and overcome. There are numerous diseases which are now known to be preventable, which are, nevertheless, not prevented. The recent International Congress on Toberculosis has made us painfailly aware of the inadequacy of American public health legislation. This Nation cannot afford to hag behind in the world-wide battle now being wared by all incilited people with the microscopic foes of mankind, nor ought we longer to ignore the reproach that this Government takes mere pains to protect the lives of hogs and of cattle than of human beings. The first legislity state to be taken is that for the concentration of the proper bureaus into one of the existing departments. I therefore urgently recommend the passage of a bill which shall suthorize a redistriction of the bureaus which shall best accomplish this end.

Control of Public Printing. The dangers to public health from food

Control of Public Printing. I recommend that legislation be enacted placing under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce and Labor the Government Printing Office. At present this office is under the combined control, supervision and administrative direction of the President and of the joint committee on printing of the two Houses of the Congress. The advantage of having the 4059 employes in this office and the expenditure of the \$3.761.817.57 appropriated therefor supervised by an executive department is obvious, instead of the present combined supervision. I recommend that legislation be enacted soldiers' homes should be placed un-

All soldiers' homes should be placed under the complete jurisdiction and control of the War Department.

Economy and sound business policy require that all existing independent bureaus and commissions should be placed under the jurisdiction of appropriate executive departments. It is unwise from every standpoint, and results only in mischief, to have any executive work done save by the purely executive hodies, under the control of the President; and each such executive body should be under the immediate supervision of a Cabinet Minister.

Admit Two New States.

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I advocate the immediate admission of New Mexico and Arizona as states. This should be done at the present session of the Congress. The people of the two territories have made it evident by their votes that they will not come in as one state. The only alternative is to admit them as two, and I trust this will be done without

The only attent this will be done without delay.

I call the attention of the Congress to the importance of the problem of the Scheries in the interstate waters. On the Great Lakes we are now, under the very wise treaty of April 11 of this year, endeavoring to come to an international agreement for the preceivation and satisfactory use of the fisheries of these waters which cannot otherwise be achieved. Lake Erie, for

Potoman are also in a bad way. For this there is no romedy except for the United States to control and legislate for the Interstate fisheries as part of the husiness of interstate commerce. In this case the machinery for scientific investigation and for control already exists in the United States Gureau or Fisheries. In this as in similar problems the obvious and simple rule should be followed by naving those matters which no particular state can manage taken in hand by the United States; problems which in the seesaw of conflicting state Legislatures are absolutely unsolvable are easy enough for the Congress to control.

The Federal statute regulating interstate traffic in game should be extended to include nick. New Federal fish hatcheries should be established. The administration of the Aiaskan Fur seal service should be vested in the Bureau of Fisheries. Nation's Foreign Polley.

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