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WILL THEY DO ANYTHING?

Already there are strains blowing about in the air which indicate that Democrats' preferences are setting toward a do-nothing policy in the next Congress. If the men who are in the habit of dictating to the party have their way the House rules will not be reformed, and nothing will be done about the tariff.

ARE ALL ALASKA CLAIMS FRAUDULENT?

To those conservation-minded individuals who have tried and found Secretary Ballinger guilty of the mere presumption that the Cunningham coal land claims in Alaska are fraudulent, the recommendation by Mr. Ballinger that they be referred to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia is likely to prove disappointing.

AN IMMENSE INDUSTRY.

Figures appearing in the annual report of the Portland Union Stockyards Company for the first full year's business in this city will prove surprisingly gratifying to many people who are unfamiliar with the immensity of an industry now centered in Portland.

THE KAISER ON TEMPERANCE.

The Kaiser's temperance talk at Elmsburg was perhaps more appropriate in Germany than it would have been in any other country. The nucleus of his audience was a band of students, and the Kaiser, who is the German student is wedded to his beer mug.

PORTLANDS TRADE FIELD STILL WIDENS.

The "mysterious" North Coast road has ceased to be a mystery, and its ownership has been located in a quarter which has all along seemed to be a logical place for it.

COMPULSORY PILOTAGE.

Compulsory pilotage received a body blow in one of its long established strongholds in a decision rendered in San Francisco Monday.

take them safely into port, a speedy and gallant death being the penalty for failure. The practice of compelling the ship to accept pilotage services and pay for them, whether any service was performed or not, was inaugurated in the early days of shipping, when very few of the world's ports attracted enough shipping to enable pilots to make a living.

A DANGEROUS TAX LAW.

The world moved, however, and shipping increased to a point where, instead of the pilot dictating terms and compelling all ships to pay tribute, shipping that paid the bills demanded the right to accept or reject the services of the pilot.

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projected lines of the North Coast system will be completed at this time. While the surveys of the new line and the construction work, where it has been done, reveal an apparent desire to invade the territory heretofore regarded as the special preserves of the Hill interests, the North Coast has also entered much new territory with its surveys, and its construction work follows only a portion of these surveys.

THEIR KEISER'S WILL IS FILED.

L. W. Therkelsen's will is valued at \$250,000 and is real estate and \$7000 personal property, including notes and mortgages. Therkelsen died November 15. His will was admitted to probate in the County Court yesterday morning upon the petition of Henry B. Van Duzer and E. C. Johnson, who were appointed executors by Judge Cleeton.

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LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE. It was the evening when her weekly caller always made his appearance. "I wish I had something new and entertaining to show him," said the girl to her mother.

Not all Americans, fortunately, are like the man mentioned in Harper's Magazine, who was visiting Holywood last Spring. The custodian was showing a party several of the famous old rooms of the castle. Darnley's dressing-room especially charmed the group—the rare mellow panels, marvelously rich with intricate carvings and the exquisite windows of quaint design.

"Speaking of compliments," said the Rev. James A. Solandt, of Newark, N. J., "I remember that in the month of May, 1862, I was in the city of New York, and I saw the American flag being raised by a guide while we were on the top of Mount Vesuvius last year. It was with a party of scientific men who had taken the climb to the summit of the famous mountain, and when we neared the top we were told we might have a view of another volcano, which I surveyed us critically and said: 'You people all look like Americans, and I know that you don't want anything else to drink but lemonade.'—Kansas City Star.

Having given the vote to woman, the State of Washington proposes to hand over the suffrage with all the trimmings. The first step to reform the state constitution has been finally doing the voting in its English sense. When the pollings places, when the "No Smoking" signs are tacked up, with the great seal of the state attached, it will be quite a sight to those who have considered the election stands to move out, and not sit on the front steps either.

Satan as Census Director.

The first mention of Satan in the Old Testament, if Cruden's Concordance is correct, occurs in II Chronicles in connection with a contest between Israel and against Israel," the account says, "and provoked David to number Israel." The outcome was disastrous, for Israel was smitten on account of David's action.

Term of Governors.

ST. JOHNS, N. O., Nov. 22.—(To the Editor.)—A difference of opinion as to term of office of Governor of the various states, will you please inform me which states elect by a four-year term, and which states at issue are Indiana, Missouri, California and Oregon.

Woman Must Tarry.

"And you say that a wife did not hasten to his assistance when he was seized with this attack?" "No, she did not hasten at all." "No, she did not conduct on her part the natural?" "No, only impossible. She was a hobbler skirl."

Works Both Ways.

They got drunk together the day after election. "But one Democrat and the other a Republican." "I know. One celebrated and the other drowned his grief."