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matters of great moment, such as the tax bills, which may now be passed only through the initiative or referendum.

The only apparent relief for the present portentous situation, and the only way out of a serious dilemma, which everyone recognizes and all are anxious to avoid, is to vote down all miscellaneous legislation for which there is not an ascertainable demand.

OVERPLAYING THE GAME.

An inquisitive correspondent of a Milwaukee (Wis.) newspaper, stationed at Madison, the state capital, has been interviewing the state officers, all Republicans, as to their Presidential preferences; and he is surprised to find that most of them are going to vote for Woodrow Wilson.

MR. KNOX'S MISSION TO JAPAN.

If it is really true that Japanese, high caste and low, are inclined to accept the mission of Secretary Knox to Japan at this time to attend the funeral of the late Emperor, what deductions are we to make?

AN EXHIBITION OF LAND HUNGER.

An occasion wherein "land hunger," as exemplified by standing in line for hours or even for days before the door of a land office, by an eager multitude awaiting opportunity to bid upon land, is justified, was witnessed at the Spokane Land Office on Tuesday of this week.

While it is hazardous for settlers to occupy and improve as homes and homesteads such lands as these, the temptation to do so is strong when lands are pressed, such claimants will in due time appear.

holds, and the individual settler who seeks to ignore this right does so at his possible discomfiture and dispossession.

THE MONTESORI SYSTEM.

The Federal Bureau of Education has issued a pamphlet of thirty pages, which gives a condensed account of the new Montessori methods in teaching children.

The Government pamphlet was prepared by Anna Tolman Smith, who has performed her task in a highly creditable manner. It is readable indeed by merely reading her account to gain a fair understanding of the Montessori methods.

Dr. Montessori herself was surprised at the results she obtained. When she had finished her schoolhouse work with children they were able to pass the same examinations as their normal comrades.

ARMAGEDDON.

A passage in Roosevelt's Chicago speech has turned the attention of the curious to the sacred spot called Armageddon in the Bible.

SHAKESPEARE AND IBSEN.

A new luminary has arisen in the literary world. His name is Figgis. But though he is extremely brilliant, he is a planet and not a sun.

The account of the battle of Armageddon is given in a fragmentary form in Revelations. It begins in the sixteenth chapter and ends in the seventeenth, where it breaks off and is not taken up again.

different things. The very soul and essence of the subject is the subject of a "corset" and the omission of at least a part of nature's agencies and lavish waste.

Great as Shakespeare was in both tragedy and comedy, it is pretty commonly agreed among the critics that as a comedian he was inferior to Moliere, who always penned his characters up in the same kind of a corset as Ibsen uses.

Shakespeare, for example, never dreamed of making the problem wholly the emblem of a play. He rivalled in war and love, hatred, envy and self-sacrifice. Ibsen uses the passions, but they are subordinate to the social psychology in which the deeper interest of his drama centers.

THE PRESS ON THE ROOSEVELT PLATFORM.

State socialism is the term adopted by most Republican and some Democratic newspapers to describe Roosevelt's confession of faith and his platform. A gospel of social practice sums up the opinion of those newspapers which support him.

THE CHICAGO CONFERENCE.

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and modifies it as to destroy most of the meaning. But in spite of this through the discourse the doctrine is clearly shown.

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But the people's thoughts, there first defined and visualized by a great leader, have since come to stand for that kind of progressivism that is the true conservatism.

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Scraps and Jingles

Leone Cass Hark. Present tense—moose. Future tense—moose. A fault I have: With many a pang, Its possession I deplore, For when it's gone, I ought to bang, I only bang the door.