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CONSTITUTION REACHES TO THE ISLAND OF GUAM.

While the congress of the United States founders in a sea of uncertainty and doubt as to whether the constitution reaches Puerto Rico or not, the governor of the island of Guam, who has no great statement to bother him with oratorical flapdoodle, quietly stretches the venerable document to our far-away possessions in the Pacific.

Governor Leary is the whole thing in the island of Guam, and it is a very good thing for the island of Guam that the whole thing is a man of sense and a patriot instead of a profound constitutional lawyer.

The profound political pettifoggers need not waste any time discussing the constitutional aspects of the case of Guam. Governor Leary has already extended the constitution to Guam.

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FOR DENTAL SURGEONS IN THE NAVY.

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or dreads to have a relative in the army. It is entitled "A bill to provide for the appointment of a dental surgeon for service in the United States army."

Similar measures to this have been before congress and have received the approval of the department and of men in the service. The bill authorizes the appointment of "dental surgeons to serve the officers and enlisted men of the regular and volunteer army in the proportion of one dental surgeon to every one thousand of said army."

The experience of our army in Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines emphasizes the necessity of providing every regiment with a capable dentist. In no other part of the anatomy of man is the deteriorating effect of a change of climate so marked as in the decay of the teeth.

Sound teeth in the army is a necessity of the service, just as much now as in the days when they were needed to bite off the end of the cartridge, which precipitated the mutiny in British India.

Luring the civil war arrangements were made by the confederates for dental surgeons in the military hospitals and as far as possible with the regulations. No direct provision was made for them, but they were carried on the rolls as nurses, ward masters and hospital stewards, receiving the pay of the last named.

The bill before congress is necessary to put our service in an effective shape in regard to dental surgery as was the temporary confederate service more than a generation ago.

DO WE WANT THE DANISH WEST INDIES?

As though the government had not enough insular troubles on its hands, an effort is being made to induce the United States to annex the deficit in the Danish Isles. Denmark has found the islands of St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, in the West Indies, to be unprofitable investments, and, seeing that the United States is going into the island industry on a large scale, she is desirous of unloading them upon this government at a good price.

The Denmark scheme is to make it appear that she has no desire to part with her West Indian possessions, hoping thereby to secure a higher price for them than they are worth.

Weak Children

Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion, featuring an image of a man carrying a large fish on his back. Text: 'How sad it is to see weak children—boys and girls who are pale and thin. They cannot enjoy the sports of childhood, neither are they able to profit by school life. They are indeed to be pitied. But there is hope for them. Scott's Emulsion has helped such children for over a quarter of a century.'

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tion to be considered is, Are the islands worth \$2,000,000 to the United States as naval stations? The islands lie just east of Puerto Rico and are the advance guards of the lesser Antilles. But we already own Puerto Rico, and if we are permitted to fortify the entrance to the proposed Nicaragua canal there is no need of an additional naval base at St. Thomas. The American people are doubtless of the opinion that we have enough island problems on our hands at the present time without taking any unprofitable remnants from the Danish bargain-counter.

JAPAN REPORTS PROGRESS IN ENGLISH. It comes as a decided surprise to pass from the title "Report on the Adoption of the Gold Standard in Japan" to the imprint "Tokio. Printed at the Government Press, Thirty-second year of Meiji (1899)." Yet here is this volume of nearly 400 pages all in English and addressed by Count Matsukata Masayoshi, H. I. J. M.'s minister of state for finance to His Excellency Marquis Yamagata Arimoto, H. I. J. M.'s minister president of state. It is very good English, too, as a whole.

Though the work has been carefully revised and a list of "corrigenda and errata" is published, only one instance of a pronounced foreignism is discoverable among the errors. This, however, is worth repeating because it is such a good example of the confusion which results from studying vocabularies in book form. "No business man," says the report, "would be so foolish, unless he were compelled to submit to certain special circumstances, as to lose 10 per cent out of his profit of 20 per cent in order to bring home cash from foreign lands."

The grammatical construction of that sentence is perfect, though it is complex and full of peril, but while many Englishmen and Americans might have been puzzled in putting it together, there is not one among them all who would have written "bring home cash" for "bring home cash." That is an unmitigated foreignism which may not be attributed to a slip or oversight like the use of "circumstance" for "circumstances."

To turn from the language to the matter the report is an exhaustive treatise on political and economic conditions, with the development of financial theories and a digression not only in Japan but in other countries as well. It is calculated to give one a high idea of Japanese statesmanship and to make an American feel some shame that any American political party should have been exploiting the most fallacious notions of finance within the last four years. We commend to Mr. Bryan the following:

"The authorities knew, of course, that in order to a healthy financial development Japan would have to enter sooner or later the international economic community, and that in order to do this she would have to adopt a gold standard."

Now mark that at the time to which reference is made the country had just passed from inconvertible paper to silver, and yet this was regarded only as a step toward the proper standard. There was no nonsense about the inviolability of silver, no defiance of other nations such as appeared in the last democratic platform. Some years later, October 1, 1897, a second change, from silver to gold, was begun, and by July 31, 1898, it was completed. Through the aid of the Chinese war indemnity the requisite gold bullion was bought and converted into coin to the amount of \$74,456,735 yen.

"The total amount of silver retired by the government reached the sum of 75,932,322 yen. Of these 45,538,363 yen came in partly as taxes or in other forms of public payment; the rest consisted of the promissory notes of the government mint."

Some of the silver was sent abroad, some was converted into subsidy coin, and the whole transaction was most happily concluded. While the minister feels that it is too early as yet to comment fully on results he points to the steadiness of foreign exchange as one evidence of the soundness and stability of the new system.

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