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UNFAIR POLITICS.

Ever since the land fraud investigations began in Portland there has been an effort on the part of some to connect Senator Fulton with these transactions and the old gang who have been whipped time and again to a standstill, and who are doing all in their power to get once more in the saddle, have left no stone unturned to accomplish this end.

The latest effort to besmirch Senator Fulton's character is probably done to discredit his influence in Washington in the matter of the appointment of a United States federal judge.

FRANCE IN MORROCCO.

The concessions made by France to Germany in Morocco, culminating in a conference and Delcassé's resignation, have not availed to prevent the French government from being drawn by German policy in North Africa to the very verge of a military demonstration on the Algerian frontier, a step whose consequence no one can predict.

The one important factor which influences both France and Germany in Morocco, as Mr. Ion Perdicaris has pointed out in his article on "The Disintegration of Morocco," in the International Quarterly, is the possibility of profits to their citizens in concessions incident to the development of a backward country.

Were such a conference, as Mr. Perdicaris has suggested, to assume a certain guardianship over Morocco, making the ill-governed land a ward among nations, the world would gain. Nor is there any reason to prevent the United States from aiding such a project with its moral support.

But such a course presupposes that, pending the conference, no country shall seek concessions or disturb the existing situation. If France expected this of Germany it showed a similar want of knowledge of either German manners or methods. The German Minister in Morocco has steadily pushed on. A German concession for building a quay in Tangier—greatly needed—gives a German grip on the management of the trade in the chief Moorish port.

French influence pales before these

steps, and the sultan emancipated from the fear of French and English by pressure by his German friends, has resented the aid many Algerians have given the pretender, now in rebellion against him by seizing the leading figure among the Algerians in North Morocco.

Nothing possibly remains for France but a demand on the Sultan for indemnity, under penalty of occupying by a military force, a town near the Algerian frontier, Oudja. The Moorish government will doubtless yield, but the step is an extreme one, and it brings France across the path of Germany, a perilous position.

The police of Philadelphia have stricken from the voting lists 60,083 fraudulent names—names of dead men, of men who had never been naturalized, of men who had never lived. With this shadowy army ready to bear down on the polls, what good was it for any enemy of the machine to vote at all?

A petition was recently filed in the probate court in Shelby county, in Memphis, Tenn., by Thomas J. Damm, praying that he be allowed to change his name to that of Thomas J. Hamm. The petitioner, who is a native of Denmark, set forth in his petition to the court that his name had caused him considerable annoyance on more than 1,000 occasions.

Census bureau bulletin prepared by Professor W. F. Wilcox of Cornell declares that the birth rate in the United States has been steadily declining since 1860. Everybody knows that, but why do they not propose a remedy for the same?

All the states in the Union prescribe the death penalty for murder except Maine, Rhode Island, Michigan and Wisconsin. It was abolished in Iowa in 1872, but restored in 1878. It was also abolished in Colorado, but restored in 1901.

M. Witte says many of the Russian people are unaware of the fact that their nation is at war. They are probably too busy trying to raise their taxes to have any time to find out what is going on beyond the township lines.

The freight alone on brick which will be shipped to Panama in Central America with which your Uncle Samuel intends to pave the streets and thus put the city in a sanitary condition, amounts to \$45,000.

Luther Burbank, the plant world wizard, now expects to produce cobless corn. If Mr. Burbank believes he can displace the roasting ear from the esteem of this country he is mistaken.

The Chinese government has sent a circular to all mandarins and governors and they say they never heard of such a thing as an American boycott.

A Boston spinster has written a novel which she calls "Paradise." It contains many more male than female characters.

PERSONAL POINTS.

King Edward is an omnivorous newspaper reader and on many occasions has shown himself to be a good friend of the press. He keeps a number of albums for clippings. When on the continent he has a bundle of the leading English dailies every morning, and aided by his secretary, peruses such articles as he deems of interest.

Helen Longstreet, daughter of the famous general, has written in "Lee and Longstreet at High Tide" the story of the battle of Gettysburgh in answer to criticisms that have been leveled at her distinguished father. She has gone to the records for her story and has filled out sundry gaps by reference to the memoirs left by her father.

Once upon a time, as far back as the '50s, Susan B. Anthony wore bloomers, but she declared it "mental crucifixion," and gave it up. She is very fond of

pretty clothes, but only buys one new dress annually and never wears flannels or furs. Her silk petticoats are marvels of prettiness and she is dainty in all her dress accessories.

While in Williamson, Mass., the other day President Roosevelt received a pressing invitation from John Barney Wright, champion trapper of the Hoosac mountains, to go hunting in that region next fall. Mr. Roosevelt promised to go if he could arrange for such a trip.

The Duke of Norfolk is a man of simple tastes, and yet he is the possessor of the most extravagant costume in England. The uniforms which he wears as the Lord Marshall represents an outlay of over \$1,500 exclusive of jewels.

The late Secretary Hay left to his daughter, Mrs. Whitney, a number of his unpublished manuscripts. She inherited no inconsiderable share of her father's literary taste, and shortly will begin to prepare for publication some of the manuscripts. During her absence abroad she has caused a species of kiosk of quaint design to be built on the shores of Shadyside Lake at Manhasset, and it is there that she intends to do most of her literary work.

J. Pierpont Morgan is said to be attended everywhere he goes, except on his yacht Corsair or on special trains, by two discreet private detectives. Mr. Morgan is not aware of the presence of these two men and new officers are constantly employed in order that he may not learn their identity.



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WITH THE JESTERS.

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"You can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," says her father sagely. "And who wants to, pray?" retorted Miss DeStyle. "All effects are to be in leather this year."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"Alas!" sobbed King Arthur, "Sir Galahad is dead.

"Nay," remarked the court jester: "say rather that he is simply enjoying a good knight's rest."—Philadelphia Press.

"What was your greatest trial, Judge?" asked the young lawyer. "Getting my seven daughters married off," replied the much tried one.—Philadelphia Enquirer.

The maiden sighed softly and pressed Her head 'gainst her fond lover's breast. But he lost all his joy When found with annoy She had smashed three cigars in his vessel. —Houston Post.

Miriam—Charlie says I grow more beautiful every time he sees me. Maude—If that's the case you ought to make him call twice a day.—New Yorker.

Attacked by a Mob

And beaten, in a labor riot, until covered with sores, a Chicago street car conductor applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon sound and well. "I use it in my family," writes G. J. Welch of Tekonsha, Mich., "and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burns. Only 25c at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

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