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country will rise up and call him blessed to the last man who has dealings with him and his immense function. Real-estate is fast becoming the curse of this country as it has been of England for centuries and the sooner it is displaced by the expeditious methods of modern business life, the better for all concerned. We would like to see more Roosevelt men and Roosevelt systems in vogue the country over, especially at the headquarter offices of the union, where from volume, complexity and illimitable scope the surcease is more greatly needed than in any other element of business in the land.

**THE PORTLAND LEGISLATURE.**

Portland's legislature adjourns today. It has done the will of Portland admirably not having disobeyed, nor neglected, nor turned down, a single mandate from the powerful source of all expedient measures. The Port of Columbia bill, its dearest and most serviceable measure, went through despite the greatest organized protest of the session; the Irrigation bill, the hope and reliance of the Eastern Oregon grain-grower and land-builder, was killed upon the wave of the Jephreth hand of the Portland jobber and other important, outside bills of local interest and value to the communities that presented and urged them, have gone the way the Portland finger of disapproval has indicated. The legislature has been abnormally fruitless save for about six important measures out of 600, that have been permitted to go through with the gracious acquiescence of the real power of Oregon, and there are those that have the sheer idiosyncrasy and bald temerity, to complain about defeat and discomfiture at Salem. Don't these disgruntled ones know, yet that they live and move and have their being, only, because they are of use and advantage to Portland? that they are but feeders and fenders and foils for the flourishing metropolis; that the sun of progress rises and sets upon the east and west margins of Multnomah? Go to! Knockers and Kickers, and take comfort that you are know yet that they live and move and allowed on the Oregon map at all!

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

Private John Allen of Mississippi says in the course of some Washington recollections: "McKinley, I think, was the most polished and kindly gentleman I ever knew in congress, and I am sure he was the greatest diplomat I ever met." Private Allen, as is well known, is a man of keen judgment. Mississippi lost something distinctive and valuable when it parted with his services.

In the modus vivendi arranged for the Duke of Marlborough he is to receive \$50,000 a year more from his estranged American wife. The heiress in pursuit of a title will observe that the bridegroom is seldom disappointed in his chief object.

An automobile man whose machine at the Florida races struck a bump on the beach and flew to pieces proudly points to the fact that he was going at the pace of 125 miles an hour. In describing the trajectory the chauffeur lost one eye and broke a rib.

The "Medical Record" contains a paper by a doctor who asserts baldness is caused by not breathing with the upper part of the chest, so hereafter every bald-headed man will be excused for being chesty.

"Jewel-studded heels and opalescent-headed and cut-work vamps form the new feature of the season's footwear," says a fashion writer. Good scheme! Now our shoes will be negotiable at our uncle's.

It is reported that more Philippine islands have recently emerged from the sea. To him that hath shall be given, but a large quantity of this sort of real estate might be unwelcome.

Capt. Dreyfus' vindication was welcomed by fair-minded people all over the world, but his highest claim to glory lies in the fact that he refuses to take the lecture platform.

The project of building the Panama canal finally simmered down to one nation—America. And now the actual construction is simmering down to one man—an American.

The longest beard in the world, sixteen feet, has been grown by an Englishman named Latter. It would no doubt have been named "Last" and given to superlatives.

Japan doubtless feels its cause well supported at Washington so long as the city administration of San Francisco is present.

**PROPHECY VERIFIED**

Little Else Than Annual Supply Bills Likely to Pass Congress.

**GREAT MEASURES IGNORED**

Congress Passes Very Few Important Bills—Great Army of Special Agents And Inspectors on the Pay Roll of Uncle Sam Under New Laws.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The prophecy made at the beginning of this session of Congress that little else than the annual supply bills would get through seems likely to prove true. When Congress convened for the present short session a great many important measures were pending that the President urged should be enacted into law. When the end of the Congress arrives it will be seen that but few of these were even considered. Only one measure of general importance has been passed by both houses and approved by the President, and that is the bill prohibiting national banks from making campaign contributions in any form whatever, and prohibiting all corporations from making any contributions to any campaign fund where Congressional or other Federal elections are involved. The outlook for any other general legislation is not good; time is entirely too limited. If ship subsidy legislation is enacted it probably will be in a shape entirely satisfactory to the proposition. Currency reform in some shape may get through, as the Senate favorably reported on such a bill, and if the House managers wish it they can put it through there.

Among the large number of measures that have been widely discussed, the following will in all probability fall of final action. Additional railroad legislation, important amendments to the new rate law having been suggested; regulation of child labor, which the House Judiciary committee says is without the province of Congressional jurisdiction; increase of pay for government employees; reorganization of the personnel of the navy; national licensing of corporations; revision of the present inadequate copyright laws; Philippine tariff bill; abolition of the right of injunction in labor cases; change in rates of postage and reclassification of mail matter; and the proposed eight hour law.

Members of Congress are beginning to think this is a government by inspection, if they may judge from the number of special agents or inspectors that are now on the pay roll of the various departments. The response to the recent resolution of Mr. Tillman calling for a list of these employees, their salaries and their duties is awaited with keen interest by members of both Houses. None of these employees is provided for by Congress—that is, their pay is not fixed. Lump sums are appropriated and the secretaries pay whatever they believe the services to be worth. A few instances will show how this peculiar office the lump sum has grown from nothing to \$500,000 covering 735 special agents; in the department of justice, from nothing ten years ago to \$379,317; in the treasury department from \$65,000 to \$125,000 covering an indeterminate number of employees; in the Interior department, from \$90,000 to \$250,000 providing for from 120 special agents to the limit of the appropriation; in the department of Commerce and Labor from nothing to \$155,000 covering about 35 special employees.

In the agricultural department from nothing ten years ago the lump has jumped to more than \$4,000,000 to provide for between two and three thousand special agents and inspectors. This list will be enormously increased when the inspectors in connection with

the revised meat inspection and the administration of the pure food law are put to work. In addition to these lump sums each department has a specific appropriation for the various kinds of inspection and investigation demanded by its administrative system. Members of Congress contend that not only do these special employees cost the government too much money, but they are doing too little work of sufficient value to warrant their employment and that in many instances they have made themselves obnoxious by the manner in which they have endeavored to carry out their instructions. They intend to know who these men are, what they are supposed to do, and what they are doing.

Each State of the Union is entitled to two statues in the statuary hall of the National Capitol. Indiana is represented only by the statue of Oliver P. Morton and for years there has been an unsuccessful effort on the part of the Hoosiers to reach a conclusion as to who is the man in her history entitled to a place in this Hall of American immortals. Many prominent people of the state believe that the choice should fall on former President Benjamin Harrison and while the name of the former President probably would get the most votes if the matter were left to a plebiscite, four other names of distinguished citizens of the state are mentioned. These are in order of their popularity, General Lew Wallace, Daniel D. Pratt, Thomas A. Hendricks, and James B. Eads. Pratt was a senator. The history of Hendrick is known to everybody. The claim of the citizens of Indiana to Eads will be questioned by many when they recall that the fame of this eminent engineer was achieved only after he left the state and ceased to be one of its citizens. It probably will be a long time before the Indiana legislature settles the problem and designates the man who shall go down in history as the fittest person to represent the great state along with the great Morton.

**HUNTING FOR TROUBLE.**

"I've lived in California 20 years and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure" writes Charles Walters, of Alleghany, Sierra Co. No use hunting Mr. Walters; it cures every case. Guaranteed at Chas. Rogers' drug store, 25c.

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**LA GRIPPE AND PNEUMONIA.**

The editor of the Memphis, Tenn., "Times" writes: "In my opinion Foley's Honey and Tar is the best remedy for coughs, colds and lung trouble, and to my own personal knowledge Foley's Honey and Tar has accomplished many permanent cures that have been little short of marvellous." Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow packages. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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**WEATHER.**  
 Oregon, Washington, Idaho,—  
 Rain.

**THAW!**

The very babes of the land lip this name: They know not just why, perhaps, except for its everlasting iteration in the family circle, on the streets, in the stores and marts and resorts, everywhere the mother-tongue is employed in current discussion of the day. Boys and girls speak it wonderingly, some shame-facely, all with a knowledgeable tone and tenor that is startling; the elders are busy with it unremittingly and use it in a myriad ways of intimacy that bespeaks the largeness of the thing, and none fail to deprecate the danger and shame of it. The stage, the pulpit, the rostrum, the press, are ringing with it hourly, and for what?

So far as we can see through its complex horrors, it is merely given in detail to gratify the national craving for the salacious, the hunger for unusually nasty, the longing for morbid refreshment of vitiated mentality, and the excitement of seeing the daring publicity of such narrations in the prints of the land, and hearing the delicately open allusions in public gatherings, all contributory to the lowering tastes of the nation.

The murder itself, its alleged cause, its personnel, its specific ground work, are common enough in the criminal annals of the country; hardly a day passes that does not furnish a parallel, circumscribed only by the unappealing factors that the principals are poor, obscure and beyond the purview of the general public.

The sybaritic elements of the story are, perhaps, a revelation to many, but even they are as an "oft told tale" to denizens of the metropolis of the land. The publicist of experience and research knows how common they are in all wealthy circles the world over; and their rehearsal is but a concession to the avid putridity of the popular mind. They can serve no other end, gloss the matter how so ever we will. Such an examination as this, such developments as these, such evil history as this, were far better buried in the record and the grave silence of the court that must delve therein, than given broad-cast to the untainted, yet impressionable, minds of the American young. It can do them no good, nor their elders, either; and it can do immeasurable harm, and probably will!

**"LIKE MASTER LIKE MAN."**

There is wide-spread dread all through the official ramifications of the federal treasury department ament the coming of the new United States Treasurer, George L. Cortelyou. He is the pet and protégé of the President; he has been schooled to the high and exact standards that have characterized the Rooseveltian era; he will bring to the vast financial agency of the government the best and last of the lofty doctrine of personal responsibility and accountability as well as the rigid demand for the exercise of perfect duty and faith in the discharge of the minutest detail of every post, from his own down to the very janitors of the great home-office at Washington; and he will lop off a myriad of useless and tyrannical forms, platitudes and impediments that have hampered the service for ages and the