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There are no circumstances, however unfortunate, that clever people do not extract some advantage from.

EASTER

EASTER IS the culminating day in the Christian year, the climax in the Christian drama. The immediately preceding scene of tragedy, thrilling, fateful and terrible, did not, could not, conclude the tremendous theme.

There is more or less of the spiritual or religious element in the nature of almost all people, prompting a belief in immortality, and inciting hopes of eternal felicity and multitudinous varieties of groping after God.

This time was observed by the ancient, as we term them, as the advent of the new year, the annual resurrection or recuscitation of material nature, and the church happily adapted this festival to serve its higher and deeper purpose, and to show forth the sublime and divine mission, according to the Christian's belief, of the God-man on earth.

PAYNE BILL PASSES

THE PAYNE tariff bill is through the house, and it is well—not the bill, but the end of the business is that body. "If I were done, when his done, 'twere well 'twere done quickly."

ly to make several more or less important changes. In most instances the senate will do whatever Aldrich orders, and he will see to it that none of the big trusts or financial combines are hurt.

HONORING HIS SERVICE

FLAGS HUNG at half mast throughout New York city Friday. City officials, prominent citizens, delegations of police and a vast array of Italian societies met at the docks a Transatlantic liner bearing the body of a notable detective.

Though the occasion will be a tribute to the notable achievements of the dead detective, there will be an incidental accompaniment of protest against the influences that laid him low. He came to his death while on a secret mission that it was hoped would free his adopted country of the devilry known as the Black Hand.

It was also a part of his mission to effect arrangements between the United States and Italian authorities for cooperation in eliminating Black Hand outrages and the vandals who perpetrate them.

EXCITEMENT IN GEORGIA

THERE is great excitement in Georgia, says a dispatch. The storm center is Atlanta. A federal judge and his auto ran over a negro and nearly killed him. That was some time ago. The negro, after escaping from the jaws of death by the auto route, sued the honorable justice for damages.

effects for satisfying judgments. The Atlanta lawyers have many times failed in securing such judgments. But, it is different when the chicken comes home to roost.

CROOKS AND OFFICE

IT IS no proper function of the public service for it to be used as an asylum for the crooked. Whenever it is so employed there is temptation to honest men to go wrong.

These considerations render it important for President Taft to name another than T. Cador Powell for the marshaling of Alaska. It is a task that is easy, for there is an abundance of untainted men who would gladly accept the position.

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A PLEA FOR LOCAL RULE

ON THE occasion of the celebration of Appomattox day by a Chicago club Friday, Senator Borah of Idaho made a notable good speech, the keynote of which was the importance and necessity of local self-government, and of resistance to the encroachment upon the reserved powers of the states by the federal government.

TOBACCO

IN 1898 a war tax of 6 cents a pound was levied on tobacco, and authority was given the trade to reduce the packages of 2, 3 and 4 ounces to 1-3, 2 1/2 and 3-1/3 ounces.

chase the consumer has been paying 1 cent, and on a 10 cent package 2 cents, not to the government, but to the trust, and that since 1902 the tobacco consumers have thus paid to the combined manufacturers the sum of \$45,000,000.

The evidence adduced indicates, and a coroner's jury finds, that Ponny, the driver of the automobile that killed Lauber, was not guilty of negligence or unlawful speed, and was therefore blameless in the matter.

THE SABBATH

THEY were born in Wales in 1821, and therefore called "The Sabbath." He attained celebrity as a physician and poet in England and was also known for certain religious writings.

1782—End of the Revolutionary war proclaimed by the congress of the United States.

1820—South Carolina legislature donated \$10,000 to the heirs of Thomas Jefferson in appreciation of his great services to the country.

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ected as representatives of all the people, and not of the protected interests alone.

The house cut the steel duty in two, but it is reported from Washington that the senate will raise the house figure to whatever notch the steel trust demands.

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