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There can be no true rest without work, and the full delight of a holiday cannot be known except by the man who has earned it.—Hugh Black.

THE DEMOCRATS

THE ACTION OF the Democratic members of congress in caucus furnishes ground for hope that they have gained wisdom from experience and recent events, and that their principal object in the next congress will be to do what will please and serve the people best, rather than to play politics for some real or imaginary partisan advantage.

Their decision to have the committees of the house named by the ways and means committee, the Democratic members of which were selected, is evidence of the sincerity of their protest against Cannonism, as exhibited during several sessions in arbitrarily controlling legislation.

In the matter of tariff revision there will be differences of greater or less magnitude among the Democrats, both as to the principle or policy of protection involved and also as to the method of revision—whether the whole tariff law shall be revised at once, or one schedule at a time.

UNION OF METHODISTS

THE MOVEMENT started for the unifying of the churches of America gains impetus as it goes. The natural method followed has been that those bodies which are kept apart by comparatively slight differences in faith and practice should meet through appointed representatives.

The sub-committee of three from each of the great divisions, the Methodist Episcopal church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Episcopal Protestant church, having met at Cincinnati, have just adjourned.

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ABOUT A YEAR ago there were loud promises by the agents of the Public Works Engineering company of the wonderfully effective garbage incinerator they would build for Portland if given the contract.

The city authorities were moved by the fuss, the promises were trusted, and the Public Works people given the contract. For many years the city had waited for an incinerator that would incinerate.

when the simple and basic principles of the Christian faith were the texts of all their teaching, those points of difference became trivial in a true perspective.

So, when men had stood shoulder to shoulder among the crowding masses of the east, one in faith, in work, in life, in teaching, it was unthinkable that when each reached his native shore the dead differences should be revived.

TERCENTENARY OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE

CENTENARIES AND bicentenaries and tricentenaries of people without end, have come and gone. The keeping of the tricentenary of a book is utterly new.

Centenaries of events, too, are celebrated now and then, such as the declaration of independence, or the promulgation of some epoch-making law, or constitution.

Many have been taught to regard the English Bible as we have it in the King James or authorized version, revised and partly retranslated by the company of 47 which sat in the Jerusalem chamber at Westminster.

So the King James Bible, like subsequent revisions, was an evolution, not a new creation.

The first translation into English was Wycliffe, the father of English reformers. He used the Latin Vulgate for his base. He died in 1420.

HEROINES OF PEACE

THE COMING week is to witness effort all over Oregon in behalf of the Scholarship Loan Fund. The fund has been created by the Federated Women's clubs of the state through a campaign of four years.

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The plant has been built, and is now in the midst of its official test. The builders promised that it would consume 150 tons of refuse daily, but it is only destroying 100 tons.

A STORM SIGNAL

AGITATION for the parcels post already bearing fruit? An announcement in yesterday's dispatches seems to indicate as much.

Explaining the changed rates, it was officially given out that the reduction is "of far reaching importance. Instead of two companies which may handle an express package, making a separate charge on each line, the charge will be the same as if one company had carried the package from shipping point to destination."

A TALE OF THE SEA

TRUTH OUTCLASSES fiction. The tale of the rescue of the captain and his thirty-one men from the burnt steamship "Parisian" in yesterday's papers, and their safe landing in Albany, West Australia, from the British steamer "Transport," could hardly have been equaled in J. Fleming Wilson's short stories or Jules Verne's tales.

So suddenly did their ship burn that in the immediate horror three men were lost. The captain and 34 survivors, crowded into two boats, and pushed off into the ocean, with no provisions, stores, or extra clothing, the nearest land, and that a barren rock, 40 miles away.

Moody's magazine says that the Adams company has \$12,000,000 capital after paying big dividends, including the disbursement of a special 200 per cent dividend in 1907.

The prosperity of all the express companies is like in kind if varying somewhat in degree. It has not been in vain that their special agents have sat in seats among the mighty in the senate of the United States.

MORE WAR-SCARE

CONGRESSMAN HUMPHREY of Washington runs about an even race with Congressman McLaughlin of California and Hobson of Mississippi in depicting the pitifully defenseless condition of this country, and especially of this Pacific slope, as against an attack and invasion by Japan.

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understood by the public, the fund would be quickly increased to many thousands, instead of the few hundreds at which the aggregate now stands.

A young girl struggling to fit herself by self-improvement for life's responsibilities is one of the splendid incidents in the social order. No contest is more to be admired, no endeavor more deserving of encouragement.

CHINESE OATHS IN COURT

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, paper has a rather ludicrous account of a scene in court there the day before.

The members, one and all, of the Chinese firm were brought into court and examined. They were all educated in English, and claimed by their counsel to be Christianized.

Could there have been any mistake, and that Joan survived for a number of years after the date named of her execution, May 21, 1431? There are ancient records that would go to prove that Joan was not the martyr she has been pictured in history, or painted on the walls here and there.

SEVEN HISTORICAL MYSTERIES

Joan of Arc.

What became of Joan of Arc? Was she really burned at the stake at Rouen, or history tells us through some subtle ruse was she mysteriously saved?

But there is testimony to prove that Joan never died, and that Pierre de Liza, Joan's own brother, met the "Claimant" in 1436 and recognized her as their supposedly dead sister.

Labor's Power in Politics on Pacific Coast

Frederick Palmer, who is studying the relations of capital and labor from such great viewpoints as those afforded by the conditions in Los Angeles and San Francisco, Cal., and Columbus, Ohio, gives in the February number of Hampton's Magazine, a summing up of the personality of P. H. McCarthy, the labor union mayor dictator of San Francisco.

"Seeking explicit information, you start in with a question regarding the labor situation here. He waves his hand to you and begins: 'I, the present speaker, P. H. McCarthy, giving you the truth and the facts, tell you that I knew Chicago after the fire where they had no unions, and there were more sheriffs' locks on the doors—' and after a while he interrupts his speech: 'You were asking me a question,' he says. 'So you were, and not about Chicago.'"

"The present speaker" is 47 years old, one of a brood of nine little McCarthys, born in County Limerick, Ireland. There he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner.

country, precipitate a conflict with so mighty a nation as the United States, a conflict that could only end in the defeat and destruction of the invaders?

The talk of the Humphreys, the McLaughlins and Hobsons is mostly unreasonable, unhealthy and unwise. Traced to its last analysis it usually reduces itself to absurdity.

Getting Back to the Soil

Gardening as a rule is the easiest hold for ordinary city people. There are not so many secrets about growing best carrots, potatoes and beans as there are about growing plums and apples and cherries.

From the Youngstown Telegram. A local ironworker who had been married a couple of years always declared that his first son should be named Mat, after one of his best friends.

From the Technical World Magazine. According to Professor Sillars, worth of Los Gatos, Cal., his observations of the influence of high voltage wires on animal and vegetable life during the past year have proved that electricity will more than double the normal increase of the flock and also greatly increase the yield of the crop.

Good Roads Prospect

From the Astorian.

The Good Roads cause deserves support and success. The announced intention of the Oregon Good Roads association to promote and organize campaigns for the making of a good road system in each county can have only practical benefits for the people of the counties. Good roads are always an investment. They are never a loss. The point is well taken that by issuing bonds to meet the cost of construction, the improved highways themselves pay, in use, both principal and interest by increased property values and accelerated development of all kinds.

New Export Record

From the Iron Trade Review.

November made a new record in exports of tonnage lines of iron and steel, and by the comfortable margin of more than 13 per cent. The total exports of scrap, pig iron, rolled iron and steel, nails, pipes and fittings, etc., amounted to 164,725 gross tons. The best month had been December, 1907, with 137,888 tons, last November exceeding this by more than 12 per cent. It is rather unusual for a new monthly record to be made, and it is quite unusual for a monthly record to be broken by so permanent a bulk of goods as the record made in December 1907, exceeded the previous record by less than a thousand tons, and that previous record had been made long before, in May, 1906.

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From the Pittsburg Post.

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the ceremony than on the Bible oath that this man has taken?"

But the judge was firm. The chicken was decapitated there in court. What the result was in eliciting the truth or any part of it the reporter fails to tell.

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News Forecast of Coming Week

Washington, Jan. 21.—The outlook is for a busy and interesting week in congress, and the legislative sessions in several of the states also will lay claim to a large share of public attention.

In Colorado the legislature will choose a successor to the late Senator Hughes. Mayor Spear, of Denver, former Governor Alva Adams and Gerald Hughes, son of the late senator, are among those prominently mentioned for the senatorship.

A meeting of the prohibition National committee will be held in Chicago Tuesday to consider the general prospects of the party and to discuss the plans for the presidential campaign of next year.

The habeas corpus proceedings to prevent the extradition of Porter Charlton to Italy to stand trial for the murder of the late Senator Scott Castle Charlton, will again come up for hearing Monday in the United States circuit court at Trenton. The department of state has honored the request of the Italian government for Charlton's extradition, but the turning over of the young man to the Italian authorities was blocked by the prisoner's father, who applied for the writ of habeas corpus.

The week will be marked by the consecration of three new bishops, two of the Episcopal church and one of the Roman Catholic church. The Rev. Stanislaus Sanford will be consecrated in San Francisco Wednesday as head of the new Episcopal diocese of San Joaquin valley. In St. Paul the same day will take place the consecration of the Rev. Theodore Payne Thurston as missionary bishop of the Episcopal district of eastern Oklahoma. The Rev. Charles D. Kelly, of the diocese of the Holy Spirit, will be elevated to the bishopric in the Rev. John Edgar D. Kelly, whose consecration as auxiliary bishop of Detroit is scheduled to take place Thursday in Ann Arbor.

Other interesting events of the week will include the celebration of the birth-day of the late Senator Charles D. Walcott, the fifth annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers in Winnipeg, the annual convention of the Association of American Advertisers in Chicago, the meeting of the National Merchant Marine Congress in Washington, and the opening of the regular session of the provincial legislature of Ontario.

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On his experimental farm on the Tyler place, Roseville, Cal., a band of 2000 sheep was divided, one half being placed in a field under the power wires of the Great Western Power company, while the other were kept entirely away from all electric influence that might emanate.

In the field under the electric power line the production of lambs averaged a fraction over two lambs to each ewe. In the adjoining field where electric influence was lacking the lambs averaged less than one to each ewe.

Similar differences, Professor Wentworth declares, was noted in the yield. From the sheep kept in the electrically influenced field the fleeces proved not less than 20 per cent heavier than those from the other sheep kept remote from such influences.

Preparations are now being made to plant the electric power lines on the grounds in wheat. The power company will be requested to extend the power lines throughout entire Tyler field, so that the measure of the influence of the powerful electric current may be increased. Professor Wentworth declares that he has secured a field of wheat in the Tyler field that is over 100 per cent heavier than in the adjoining field.

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