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**ECONOMIZE.**

While congress is debating the revenue question, it might be well for it to examine into the feasibility of reducing expenses instead of increasing revenues. A penny saved is a penny earned, and there is no doubt but that there are plenty of opportunities for applying the pruning knife to the expense account. It costs this people seven dollars a head to be governed by the United States, nearly two dollars each to be governed by the state, four dollars a piece to be governed by the county, and an average of four dollars a head more for school and road district government; or in round numbers about \$17 each for carrying on our system of government, and this, too, not counting interest on our local debts, which would make the rate nearer \$20 each than \$17. It is entirely too much. Besides this, the rate is steadily increasing. It costs us more per capita to run the government with 70,000,000 people than it did with half that number, while the reverse of that proposition should be true.

The situation in Greece has changed materially since yesterday, and all owing to Russia's action. The sultan is now disposed to accept mediation and to modify the demands he has made for indemnity. It seems from the results that Germany has been backing Turkey in her demands; but when, through Russia's action, Bulgaria began mobilizing her troops, Germany took fright, and so advised the sultan to accept the mediation of the powers. Russia's action meant war, and the balance of the powers didn't want any, for it might mean a loss of more money than the combined debts of Turkey and Greece amount to. It may safely be said that the war is over, the terms of peace alone remaining to be settled.

France, or rather Paris, has set an example that this country might well follow. The ex-Princess Chimay, who achieved notoriety by eloping with a hatched faced gypsy and abandoning her children, were billed to appear in the music halls at Paris, but met with such a frost that their engagement was canceled. We have as a people gotten to that stage where notoriety is sufficient to attract crowds, whether that notoriety was gained in the prize ring, the divorce courts, or without the aid of them. Paris has indeed set as a good example.

There has been one benefit at least arising from the legislative hold-up last winter, and that is that the amount spent by the state for useless commissions, such as normal schools and other utterly frivolous things, has become a matter of public notoriety. About the only board of commissioners that costs but little and are really useful is the horticultural board. The fish commission has also done some good work. Outside of these the other boards should go by the board, and the public bottle should be kept away from the normal schools.

Adolph L. Luetgert, a well-known sausage manufacturer of Chicago, has been arrested, charged with murdering his wife in the basement of his sausage factory about ten days ago. As the police are unable to find the body, they account for its

disappearance by saying that it was consumed in a vat by acids, and that two of the rings worn by the woman were found in the vat. This may be the correct theory, but the disappearance of a body in a sausage factory is too suggestive for the peace of one's stomach.

The Antelope Herald, noting the death of a Pete Harris, sheep herder, from camping too steadily at the mouth of a demijohn full of alcohol, says: "Dr. Pilkington was sent for, but Harris had expired before he got there." The account is rather suggestively indefinite, leaving one in doubt whether the doctor was expected to save Harris' life in his capacity of a physician, or by taking a share of the disease.

According to the Oregonian, the senate committee took up, or were to take up, the Corbett case yesterday. Mr. Corbett expects a favorable report, but he is the only person who does.

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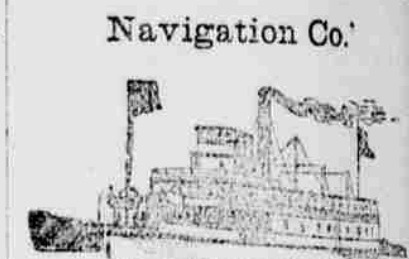
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