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THE INHERITANCE tax which the Federal government will get on the estate of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt is likely to be over \$2,000,000.

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SOME of the democratic papers now claim that the result of the elections in Ohio and Kentucky, is due to the fact that the democratic candidates for governor in those states were weak men, and that the election is not an endorsement of McKinley's administration.

THE MAJORITY of human beings must spend their lives within the bounds which have been drawn by the experience of the past, and must maintain themselves and do their work in the world by conforming to that which has been discovered, tested, and accepted as good for human society.

IT is announced as a probably correct statement that the President, in his annual message to congress in December, will urge that body to formally annex the Philippines. The majority of the people want annexation.

GARRET A. HOBART.

Our Vice-President Gone to Join the Silent Majority.

Garret A. Hobart vice-president of the United States, died at his home at Patterson N. J., Nov. 21, 1899.

Mr. Hobart was born in Long Branch, N. J., in 1844. He practiced law considerable of the time since he was 22 years old. He has represented his state in both branches of the legislature and been speaker of the house and president of state senate at different times.

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DIRECT ACTION NECESSARY.

S. F. Chronicle.

While the administration is committed to the Nicaragua canal it is almost hopeless to expect anything to be accomplished through either of the syndicates which obtained concessions from the Nicaraguan government. Nothing will probably come of the Maritime Canal Company's protest against the annulment of its concession, although the "events of main force" provided for in the extension clause of the franchise are alleged to have occurred and impeded the work of construction in the numerous revolutions and other causes for which the Nicaraguan government was alone responsible.

MEANTIME, Congressman Hepburn of Iowa is determined to renew the fight for direct action by the United States government without regard to the interests of either the Maritime Canal Company or the Eyre-Cragin syndicate, and for that purpose he will introduce a bill at the coming session of congress.

WE are inclined to believe that the only hope of the canal project maturing lies in direct negotiation by the United States government with the governments of Costa Rica and Nicaragua for the necessary privileges. Doubtless such a course would be productive of something tangible, particularly so when it is intimated beforehand in official circles that both of the Central American governments are ready to make suitable terms if proper assurances are given.

OUR CALIFORNIA NATIONAL PARKS.

THE report just made to the secretary of the treasury by second lieutenant Henry B. Clark, the acting superintendent of the Sequoia and General Grant National Parks, in California, deals in an interesting manner with the problems under his control. During the past fiscal year much devastation of timber by forest fires and of game by unlawful hunting has been unpreventable by the force under his command, because of the necessary removal of the regular military patrol for war service and the entirely inadequate force of civilian custodians appointed in their place.

"The tree General Grant was named in honor of the general while he was still in command of the armies in 1867. The stump and log of the immense tree exhibited at the Philadelphia Centennial are well-preserved objects of interest. Another log has been so burned that a cavalryman can ride through its whole length, 125 feet. The stump of the World's Fair tree is to be found north of the Grant Park. The largest tree in the Giant Forest is the General Sherman, 34 1/2 feet in diameter at its base. This is conceded to be the largest and finest tree in the world, rivaling the eucalypti of Australia in height, and far surpassing everything else in bulk.

THE CONTROLL OF CONGRESS.

S. F. Chronicle.

While it is true that the control of congress has been lost to the Eastern states and passed into the hands of Western men, it ought not to be inferred that Westerners are going to ride over the East and deprive it of its rights. The Eastern states and seaboard will undoubtedly be treated with fairness in everything relating to the common good.

THERE is no disposition in the West, however, to retaliate. It has secured supremacy in congress because population has been shifting westward, but its position will not be abused. Congress will be able under the changed conditions to deal more intelligently, perhaps, with some of the important public questions, such as irrigation, which are peculiarly Western, and that without doing any injustice to any Eastern interest.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Major John A. Logan son of the late General Logan and six privates were killed in an engagement in the Philippines the 19th.

The government cruiser Charleston struck a rock near the island of Luzon and was abandoned.

The game of football at Cambridge, Mass., the 18th, between Yale and Harvard ended in neither side making a score.

POINT TERRACE ITEMS.

By CARMEN.

Nov 20, 1899.

Mr John Mason has gone to Eugene on business.

Miss Minnie Saunders is working for Mrs Ogden.

John Stear and Joly Wisdom made a trip to Lake creek last week.

Bertie Booth has been taking subscriptions and selling papers in this vicinity.

Mr James Neely, wife and little daughter are visiting friends and relatives on the river.

There is talk of the Rock Quarry shutting down for the winter, as it is very disagreeable working in the rock when it is so stormy.

Quite a number of logs have gone down the river during the last freshet.

Point Terrace school is progressing nicely under the clever management of Miss C. Blume.

Services were held here by Rev Knotts last Sunday, which was communion Sunday. There were thirteen people who joined the church and the little son of Mr and Mrs Beck was christened.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

10 A M Sunday school. 11 A M Preaching and communion service. Baptism will be administered to those wishing it, with the reception of members.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 13, 1899. "Many men of many minds" exactly describes the present attempts of the politicians to predict what will be the dominating issue in the presidential campaign. No better proof of the correctness of this assertion is necessary than the declaration of two prominent members of the house, Grosvenor, of Ohio, and Barham, of California—both republicans. Gen Grosvenor said: "There will be but one issue next year, and that is the financial issue," and Mr Barham said: "The money question will hardly be thought of in the next campaign. It was brushed aside and lost sight of in the state campaigns. The people did not want to hear it talked from the stump. The two things all audiences were interested in were, first, expansion, and second, trusts."

Lieutenant Castle, aide-de-camp to Gen Brooke, military governor of Cuba, who is in Washington on furlough, expresses the opinion that it will be a great mistake on the part of this government to supersede Gen Brooke with a civil governor at this time, and predicts much dissatisfaction among the residents of Cuba, if it is done. Nevertheless it will be done very soon, unless the present plans of the president are changed, or he is convinced by those who maintain that Cuba, having been by an official decision, concerning the revenue laws classed as "a foreign country," the president has no legal authority to maintain any other than a military government therein.

The Japanese delegates to the commercial congress, which is being held in connection with the Philadelphia export exposition, had an extended conference at the department of agriculture, with Secretary Wilson, their special object being to try and get the duty of ten cents a pound on tea removed or lessened, because of its injury to the tea trade of Japan. They were somewhat inquisitive, desiring to know why the duty was imposed, whether it was for revenue protection or to discriminate against Japan. Secretary Wilson told them that the U S did not regard the Japanese duty on tobacco as a discrimination against an American industry, but as a source of revenue and a means of protecting the home market on the part of Japan, leaving them to infer that our duty on tea was for the same purpose.

Three out of the ten chaplains in the regular army recently ordered to the Philippines, because congress, presumably through oversight failed to provide any chaplains for the volunteer regiments, have succeeded in escaping that duty, one on the ground of ill-health, one by the discovery that he had misstated the year of his birth when appointed and is now entitled to retirement, and one by sheer "pull" has had his orders to proceed to the Philippines revoked by the war department. This sort of thing was predicted by numerous army officers when the order was issued, which, if carried out, would transfer some of these gentlemen from the easy places they have had at various army posts, to roughing it in the Philippines, with troops constantly on the move. It doesn't speak very high for the class of men who have been appointed chaplains in the army in time of peace.

Col J Hamilton Lewis, who has just returned from Europe, whether he went on a sort of independent diplomatic mission, involving claims of miners in the disputed territory adjacent to the Alaskan boundary, against the British government, brought back as picturesque an outfit of clothing as he wore when a member of congress; also some decidedly picturesque ideas concerning impending changes in the map of Europe. He predicts that Germany will absorb Austria and Holland, and become the greatest power in Europe, and eventually will, through its colonial possessions in Asia become embroiled in a great war with this country; that Russia will absorb Bohemia, Finland and Turkey, and will fight a big war with England for the possession of Asiatic territory, in which the U S is likely to become involved; that Spain will have another civil war as a prelude

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to becoming a republic; that Italy will become a republic after the death of Crispi, and that France, after having absorbed Belgium, will form a coalition with Spain and Italy against Germany. That sounds like the geographical nightmare which it probably is, but Col Lewis talks it as seriously as though he believed every word of it.

Mrs Joy, wife of representative Joy, of St Louis, has opened a new line of warfare on representative-elect Roberts, of Utah. She is obtaining the signatures of the wives of representatives-elect, to petitions, demanding that their husbands shall vote for the expulsion of Mr Roberts from the house, and it is said that she has already secured quite a number. If the women do not succeed in driving Roberts out of congress, they will make things very unpleasant for him. He is more likely to go than to stay.

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Thomas Ledger.

No other motive than to get himself talked about is discernible in that portion of the report of Mr Castle, auditor of the postoffice department at Washington, which deals with a suggested restriction or abolition of the issue of postal money orders. Mr Castle seems to have used his report as an excellent vehicle for the dissemination of his views on large problems of government. We do not know that the country was waiting for these with any particular thirst; and such as they are, at least one of them will be unanimously condemned. Mr Castle wants the business of the government limited strictly to what cannot be accomplished by private enterprise. As far as this applies to the proposed government control of telegraphs it may be commended, though there is no visible reason why it should be argued in this time or place. But when he runs up against the money order system, he opposes one of the most useful agencies of the government for the service of the public.

His notions that this service is costly requires an army of clerks to do the business, and is properly a function of the banks. But the obvious answer is that the banks cannot perform the same function for the people if they would. There are thousands of postoffices in the country located where there are no banks. How are the people of these small cities and towns to be served? By what medium are they to transmit sums of money if the postoffice goes out of the business? No answer to that query appears. Again, even in the largest cities, there are thousands of people are using the postoffice for the transmission of funds who have no bank accounts, no means of maintaining any, and who know no more about the purchase of check or draft than they do of any complicated financial operation. What are they to do?

We may rest assured that, whatever else the government may do or not do, it will continue to issue and cash postal orders. Indeed, the most important question of late has been whether it could not amplify this function by providing some sort of postal fractional currency. The dispatch of small sums through the mail is increasing in volume and importance every year. The interests of the public require this to be guarded and facilitated as much as the transmission of intelligence. The banks could not fill the bill if they would, and have no desire to. Big concerns have no wish to be bothered with a flood of petty duties; while the lack of banks in country centers would leave these helpless. Mr Castle's suggestion will fall to the ground with a "dull thud."

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