

NATURALIZATION LAWS.

Nearly all the trouble resulting from immigration is caused by naturalization being granted before the person understands the privilege.

The elective franchise is not an inherent right. It is a privilege which may be granted or withheld by the sovereign power in any state.

Judge Dallas, of the United States court, lately rendered a noteworthy opinion concerning the law of naturalization. He holds it to be the duty of judges to hear evidence concerning the fitness of candidates for naturalization.

Judge Dallas' opinion is on parallel lines with that of Judge Yerkes, of Pennsylvania, who recently put his opinion into force by giving notice that he had set apart days for hearing applications for naturalization.

It is in the power of every judge having jurisdiction in naturalization cases to do as Judge Yerkes has done, or to act upon the opinion of Judge Dallas.

It has been recommended wisely that the Republican organizations in large counties shall have a permanent committee on naturalization consisting in session and continually seeking after fit candidates and presenting them for admission to citizenship.

The hurry-scurry process by which thousands of aliens are naturalized in a few days prior to such election certainly is vicious.

THE SON OF HIS FATHER.

Friends of Robert Lincoln are boosing him for the position of senator from Illinois, and all the smaller fry have taken a back seat.

Hon. Robert Lincoln has occupied very acceptably the positions of secretary of war and minister to England.

Some Republicans are wishing that Oregon was a November state so she could cast her vote with a majority of the others.

Every time the name of Robert Lincoln is mentioned there is a pessimistic howl from Democratic editors, who like Bro. Jackson of the East Oregonian, appears to be mortally afraid that he has inherited some of the sterling qualities of mind and heart that have endeared the mem-

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agitation against lynching has begun to bear fruit, says an exchange. The horrible butchery of half a dozen innocent negroes at Memphis to gratify a personal grudge and cover up crime has aroused the people of that city from their lethargy, and they have determined to punish the perpetrators of that horrible outrage.

Japan has declined the offer of the president of the United States as a mediator for peace in the war now pending between that country and China.

The remains of Dr. McCoah, late president of Princeton university, were laid to rest in the cemetery of that city yesterday.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

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