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THE LIBRARY APPROPRIATION.

At the city council meeting tonight the question of appropriating out of the funds of the city the monthly sum of fifty dollars, or any other sum for the support of the public library is likely to be the leading topic of discussion and consideration.

Perhaps never in the history of the city has the burden and strain of the obligation to pay public taxes been felt as it has this year, and it is entirely within the truth to say that many citizens who never knew the heavy hand of poverty before in their lives, have been obliged to deny themselves and families many of the comforts, and some of the necessities of life in order to avoid the pains and penalties of defaulted taxes.

No, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Council, the people who elected you to the honorable offices which you hold and thus entrusted you with the solemn responsibility of guarding the expenditure of the moneys they contribute for the support of the city have too much confidence in your good sense to believe you can be swayed by any sort of sentimental influence as to so forget your duty and their interests.

Concerning the outrageous claim lately lodged by England against the little republic of Nicaragua, with an implied insult to our own country, the Chicago Inter Ocean says: In the settlement of the debt question Great Britain stipulates that none of the commissioners to adjust affairs shall be citizens of the United States.

or bulldose Nicaragua may be the first step in an intrigue that has for its object the control of the territory through which the canal must be cut. Great Britain secured control of the Suez canal in spite of the influence of the French government and of the stock holders. A strict interpretation of the Monroe doctrine will prevent Great Britain from going very far in any scheme hostile to the Nicaragua canal project.

"If the present administration," says Senator Manderson, of Nebraska, in a late interview, "had only realized that it would have been a good thing to follow the Americanism of President Harrison, it would not be in its present condition. The time has gone by when we can keep out of the conflict among the great powers for the commerce of the world. In modern times the fight for commercial supremacy is the impending conflict. We used to fight with the mailed hand of war, but now we fight with the gloved hand of commerce, and undoubtedly commercial supremacy is only to be obtained by a nation having coaling stations and supply depots that are needed by modern ships. I think that an American must feel a little sense of shame and be distressed as he looks about him and sees how European powers are in possession and ownership of what may be termed our outposts. We neither own nor do we control any of the islands of the sea. England has the Bermudas, which lie on our threshold, and every European power, no matter how small, owns islands in the Caribbean Sea from Cuba on the north to the lower Antilles, and yet these islands are the entry ports of the Gulf of Mexico, the commerce of which, especially to Central and South America, should be ours. In the East, the result of the China-Japan war, will be a change of national conditions that will open in the Orient new markets, and yet we do not own an island between our Pacific Coast and Asia. Had Harrison been re-elected, Hawaii Island would today, I believe, have been a part of the United States, and in the annexation of the Sandwich Islands what has been the purpose and aim of American statesmen for nearly half a century would have been accomplished."

The country shows in a general way that there has been great shrinkage in the values of live stock. Few people, however, realize to what extent the depression has affected the meat supply of the United States. Consequent upon the depression in values there has been a startling decrease in numbers. The returns to the department of agriculture, recently compiled, show that there are now fewer sheep in this country than has been the case since 1880, fifteen years ago. We now have 42,000,000 sheep. Ten years ago we had 50,000,000. In 1892 we had 52,000,000, and the decrease since that time has been rapid. The hog census shows a smaller number in the country than at any time since 1883. The number of swine now is 44,000,000. The largest census of hogs was in 1892, when the maximum of 52,000,000 was reached. Since then the decrease has been marked every year. But perhaps the most significant feature of this census is what it shows about cattle. The number of beef cattle in the country is smaller this year than it has been since 1887. The decrease since 1892 has been 3,500,000. The decrease in twelve months has been over 2,000,000. Live stock experts have been telling the people that the meat supply was running short. But the country was not prepared for such a rapid decrease as this. There are now only 34,364,216 beef cattle of all ages in the United States. Reports to the department from Great Britain show that the decrease in sheep and cattle has been even greater in proportion to the total than in the United States. The department experts argue that one of the earliest indications of returning prosperity is bound to be an appreciation in the values of live stock.

Governor McKinley's Florida utterances on the money question have the ring of a man who would rather be right than be president. But when he says "If the Republican party should declare for free silver I would decline to be its candidate, and I would quit the party forever," he does the very thing most likely to make him that candidate and also president. McKinley's stock has gone up one hundred per cent in the market of presidential probabilities.

In the light of Mr. Stanton's statement when he went away from here that if he came back it would be to build the railroad and he would bring his family with him, his message to the Occident Hotel yesterday, ordering apartments for himself and wife, may be taken as somewhat significant.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of James W. Melson, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, properly verified, to J. A. Eakin, my attorney, at his office in Astoria, Oregon, within six months from this date, March 1st, 1898.

ELEANOR MELSON, Administratrix of the estate of James W. Melson, deceased.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Hearing of objections if any there be, to the final account of the administrator in the estate of G. K. Grimes and Son, is set for eleven o'clock forenoon of March 26th, 1898, by order of the Judge of the County Court of Clatsop County, Oregon, February 26th, 1898.

E. M. GRIMES, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Hearing of objections, if any there be, to the final account of the administrator of the estate of G. K. Grimes is set for eleven o'clock forenoon of March 30, 1898, by order of the Judge of the County Court of Clatsop county, Oregon, February 26, 1898.

E. M. GRIMES, Administrator.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed executor of the last will and testament of I. W. Case, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them duly verified, within six months from this date, at Astoria, National Bank.

D. STUART, Executor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed administrator of the estate of John O. Hendrickson, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them properly verified, with vouchers, at the office of John H. and A. M. Smith, Astoria, Oregon.

JOHN W. HOLMSTROM, Administrator.

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