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The tender of the portfolio of state by McKinley to John Sherman, the old Ohio war horse, must commend itself to every Republican.

The Populistic governor of Washington took his seat at Olympia yesterday amid the blare of trumpets and the shouts of his admirers. It remains to be seen what this Moses will do for his people.

It is to be regretted that congress could not find time to take up at once the Nicaragua canal bill. Those who are working for this great enterprise are not discouraged, however, and will press the matter to an issue at the earliest opportunity.

The recent arguments presented before the senate by Senator John H. Mitchell, of Oregon, must be convincing to the dullest mind, that any great development on the Pacific coast can only be brought about by the consummation of the Nicaragua canal scheme.

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this kind in Illinois. The Illinois Central railroad is owned outright by English stockholders. It is one of the richest dividend-paying properties in the country, but the dividends go across the Atlantic. Moran's funding bill provides a sensible solution of the Pacific railroad difficulty, though perhaps it does not go quite far enough, and perhaps the nine directors appointed by the government might become so lax in their duties as to bring about a state of confusion and loss of money in the management of the properties. These are details that can be provided for in the future. The bill itself is the best solution of the entire question yet presented.

OUR MARINE CHARTS. The high state of perfection reached by the United States hydrographic office is fully attested in the following editorial from the issue of the Liverpool Journal of Commerce, just received: "The report of the United States hydrographer, Captain C. D. Sigsbee, U. S. N., to the bureau of navigation, for the financial year ended 30th June, 1896, which has just reached us, is one of the most interesting of annual official documents. America does not possess a fleet of surveying ships. Curiously enough, her coast survey work also does not come under the direct control of the hydrographic office. Yet it must be freely confessed that navigators of every nation are grateful to that department of the state located at Washington, for carefully compiled charts, sterling sailing directions, monthly pilot charts of the North Atlantic and North Pacific, weekly hydrographic bulletins, and other items of the highest value to navigators and others. At the branch offices at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Savannah, New Orleans, San Francisco, Portland, and Port Townsend every assistance towards safe navigation is afforded to shipmasters under every flag by the officers of the United States navy and the nautical experts responsible for the working of the branches, which are in close touch with the head office at Washington. During the past financial year a new departure has been made which promises well for greater convenience of the commercial public. Maritime exchanges and private firms have given suggestions as to the kind of nautical and shipping information which is of value to commercial men, and the United States hydrographic office will soon be able to answer any question of this nature."

Uncle Sam is doing good work, in a scientific manner, for the benefit of the mariners of the world and his charts have been found reliable. The branch offices on the Pacific Coast have had many difficulties to contend with indigent to a new country, but the work of the officers here stands the test of time.

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