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France possesses 1100 mineral springs, of which over 1000 are made use of in France.

The mussels found in Sugar river, Wis, last summer produced pearls having an aggregate value of \$100,000.

The annual amount of sawed lumber of this country, if put upon a train of cars, would constitute a train 25,000 miles long.

One of the latest discoveries of the scientists is that the germs of yellow fever may be conveyed from tropical countries in the plumage of birds.

It has been shown that the life of a fish is very great. Hundreds of fish are still alive in the royal aquarium in St. Petersburg that were placed there more than 150 years ago.

The Pharmaceutical Era tells housewives that they can rid their flower pots of earth worms by soaking the soil with a warm decoction of quassa, wormwood and powdered horsechestnuts. After a few moments every worm will come to the top and can be removed.

Speaker Crisp has appointed McMillan of Tennessee, Catchings of Mississippi Reed of Maine, and Burrows of Michigan as the committee on rules. The speaker is chairman of the committee. The "cear" will not be able to count any quorums under the new rules. He is a back number.

The Democratic caucus committee today has completed its labors in the assignments of minority representations upon the senate committees and will submit its list for approval to the caucus tomorrow. It is impossible to learn definitely the places assigned to any of the new senators, but it is understood they have been well cared for. Kyle and Irby, the alliance senators, are treated as democrats, while Senator Peffer is left to the republicans to care for in arranging their list.

Some of the republican brethren of this state are making a herculean effort to defeat Joe Simon for the office of United States circuit judge. The generally expressed objection to Joe is that he is a monopoly and railroad man. We can not see how this would make any difference for the railroads hold complete domination over the republican party, hence the appointee whom ever he may be will be a railroad man. Railroad influences will not permit any other man to be appointed. Joe Simon is the most distinguished republican leader in the state, and we can not see what these gentry are kicking about.

Jap Minto, Geo Williams, and C B Moores of Salem have caused a pair of blankets worth \$50 to be manufactured at the Salem Woolen Mills which they will send to McKinley as a token of their interest in his physical, or rather political, welfare. This blanket will please McKinley very much, and why? First, on account of the fact that the cost is high. We all remember that McKinley on more than one occasion has said that he despised "cheap clothing." He says a cheap coat makes a cheap man, and of course a cheap blanket would also make a cheap man. He despises cheap things. Of course the class of men that McKinley calls "cheap" can not afford to buy even a coarse all-wool blanket but that does not matter with him. Then, again, while the facts are that Geo Williams who draws a pension of \$75 a month, and Jap Minto who is the "boss" republican of Marion county, and C B Moores who "hangs around" and gathers up many crumbs that fall from republican tables in Salem, have not a single sheep and probably never will, yet they have the temerity to endorse upon these blankets: "From the wool growers of Oregon to Gov McKinley of Ohio." Such is republican politics.

UNWISE LEGISLATION.

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Capitalists in Washington City interested in procuring money from the treasury of the United States to enrich the private owners of stock in the "Nicaraguan canal corporation," have sent out petitions to various parts of the country asking the people to demand that congress appropriate money to assist the canal enterprise. While, no doubt, the canal would be of great benefit to the coast, is it not wrong in principle to take money from the national treasury, money wrung from an already high taxed people, to build up a, or any, private enterprise.

For the government to appropriate money to build up the navy, governmental buildings, and to improve all property owned by it in fee simple, is not only constitutional but is proper and right, yet when the government goes beyond this and appropriates the people's money to aid private capitalists, in the humble opinion of your correspondent, not only unconstitutional, but altogether wrong. The people should be slow in petitioning congress to aid the "Nicaraguan canal corporation," or any other private enterprise. There has already been too much special legislation for the private few and it is certainly time a halt was made along that line. It may be well counted on that if the canal enterprise will pay, as most people think it will, that private capital will build it, without the people's money being used that way. Is it not wrong in principle to say because if some of the money in the national treasury was given to private capitalists that they would build a structure that would benefit us, and therefore the money of the many should be turned over to a few for that purpose? Such a line of policy would afford an opportunity to every capitalist to knock at the vaults of

"Uncle Sam" and say, forsooth, because, I have some money, now therefore, the United States must tax the people to raise a fund for use, that I may use it not to build a structure for the United States but to build up an enterprise that will enrich me individually. A man might with an armed ship steam into the harbor of Rio Janeloro and say to the Brazilians, pay me a half million dollars or I will bombard your city. He might induce them to pay him a half million and afterwards bring it here and build up great enterprises of benefit to us, but would any one say that to acquire money in that way would be right because of a benefit to us? Now, when the money wrung from the people by taxes are recklessly paid out to build up private enterprise is not the government using the people's money for purposes other than governmental—in other words is not such a use of the nation's money illegal and wrong in principle?

For the government to tax the people for any other purpose save and except to raise a revenue to carry on the government economically administered is unconstitutional, and when a tax or tariff is levied, not to carry on or build governmental works and property owned by the government, but to build up and protect private capitalists, then in the opinion of your correspondent, the government uses its powers illegally and unwarranted under the laws of our republic, and is simply assisting in the perpetration of a fraud upon the people by taking the taxes exacted from its citizens under the plea that the money is needed for public purposes, when, in fact, it is diverted to the channels of the capitalists of the country who, by their begging and corrupting our national legislatures have, so far, blinded so many of the people of our country as to create to some extent a sentiment, that the national treasury is a thing to be looted, and that the government of the United States is such a "Great Father" that it should tax one half of the people in order to pay or give to the other half enough to live on. The government of the United States should pay its employes, its soldiers, and those who deserve pensions liberally; it should, as it does, always meet its obligations and take care of its own property and attend to the matters delegated to it by the several states by their power of attorney, viz, the "constitution of the United States," but to appropriate money to build up private enterprise never, no never, was such power given to it. Is the opinion of your subscriber.

Geo. W. Wright.

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