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### THE THEOCRATIC PARTY.

THE Theocratic Party, launched in tangible form at Zion City last Monday night, is but the logical sequence of many years of thought and prayer, followed by many years of fearless teaching on the part of the Divinely commissioned founder of that City.

It is but the carrying forward, one step more, of the same fundamental principle which has underlain every Onward Movement of Zion from the very beginning.

God's Messenger to Zion has taught, from the outset, the Rule of God in every department of human life.

He began with the establishing of that rule in the individual, —spirit, soul, and body.

He was met by a pandemonium of jeering laughter and bitter persecution on the part of those who refuse the Rule of God.

Notwithstanding that opposition, God rules now in the spirits, and His cleansing and healing power is supreme in the souls and bodies of tens, yea hundreds, of thousands throughout the world.

The next step was the Rule of God in the home.

Again came the opposition of the rebels against God.

But now God rules in tens of thousands of homes throughout the world where He was not honored before.

The Theocratic principle was then extended to the Church. The Christian Catholic Church in Zion was formed. In it God was to rule in every department of its ecclesiastical life, from the very beginning.

Again there were jeers and sneers and curses from God's enemies, but there was beginning to creep into them a note of fear.

The Rule of God in business and in the school were the next steps in this mighty Theocratic movement.

The attack upon Zion's Financial Institutions and her Industries was bitter and long-sustained, the enemy exhausting every diabolical artifice; but Zion was again triumphant.

The Theocratic principle won, and today Zion has thirty-eight commercial and industrial departments, doing a business of such magnitude as to command the very substantial respect of the financial world. Yet these departments are only in their very beginnings, and even Zion's enemies predict for them the most unprecedented success.

Besides this, Zion has established the Rule of God in the stores, workshops, offices, and warehouses of thousands of people who are in business for themselves in all parts of the world.

Zion has established a College and a large number of junior schools in which God is supreme, and is exemplifying the Theocratic principle in education.

Then came the establishment of a City in which God was to be the Ruler, from the time of the turning of the first sod for the first building so long as the city should remain.

Again Zion was greeted by the contemptuous laughter and sneers of an unbelieving world and a faithless Church, but this time there was no mirth in the hollow laugh, no feeling of assurance behind the forced sneers.

Today, although the first dwelling was begun only eight months ago, that City is an assured success, organized and incorporated under the Laws of the State of Illinois, with between three and four thousand inhabitants.

And now the next steps in the establishment of the Rule of God are in the extension of that beneficent reign to the State and to the Nation.

To that end the Theocratic Party has been established.

This time the world does not laugh.

Its hideous grin of attempted scorn has been frozen on its face by the chilling terror of approaching doom.

The world has seen the successful establishment of the Rule of God in the Heart, in the Home, in the Church, in Business, in School, in the City.

It cannot fail to see that Zion will take the next logical step in that resistless forward march, and establish the Rule of God in the State and in the Nation.

When that time comes, and it is not far away, the wicked usurpers who now occupy the seats of power in the world will be cast out.

Their day will be forever gone, and the triumphant reign of Christ the King of Kings will be ushered in. A. W. N.

### THE WILL OF CECIL RHODES.

CECIL RHODES' last will and testament is as remarkable as was the man himself, and must take its relative place in that monument builded by him.

His wealth, roughly estimated at this time at \$30,000,000, after disposing of some family estates and caring for relatives, has been dedicated to public uses.

It takes the form of a huge endowment fund for the foundation of sixty Oxford University scholarships for England and the British colonies, and nearly a hundred scholarships for the United States, two for each State and Territory in the Union.

These scholarships have a yearly value of \$1,500 and are tenable for three years.

A codicil provides for the establishment of fifteen Oxford scholarships of \$1,250 each, for three years, for students of German birth.

And thus Cecil Rhodes still impresses his powerful personality upon the world. E. S.

# NEWS OF ZION CITY

**WHERE GOD RULES, MAN PROSPERS.**

In Zion City, Illinois, which is in itself the finest illustration of the above motto of the Theocratic Party, that party had its birth on Monday night, April 7, 1902.

It was a historic gathering which met in one of the robing rooms of the new Shiloh Tabernacle on the Temple Hill in that City, and took the steps necessary to the formation of this new Political Party.

It was the first gathering of the citizens and voters of the newly organized and incorporated City of Zion.

It was a meeting of the men who, under God and His Messenger, their General Overseer, had furnished much of the brain and brawn which has gone into the foundations of that wonderful City, the possibilities of which are so tremendous that even the skeptical world looks on with the astonished exclamation, "Whereunto will it lead?"

It was a most unique political convention.

It was a political convention opened with the hearty singing of a spiritual song, and with deep, earnest, and reverent prayer, in which every voter present joined.

It was a political convention in which, while there was the most intense enthusiasm, there was no disorder, no silly shouting, no wire-pulling, no scheming, no lipping of promises to the galleries which were never intended to be kept, no treating of the delegates at some neighboring bar, no passing around of cigars, no tobacco smoke, no spewing of tobacco juice, no profane words, no angry, malicious feelings, no jealousy.

Where was there ever such a political convention held before in the history of this or any other country?

But it was more than negative in its character.

It was a convention in which there was a quiet dignity which became men who were transacting the serious business of a municipality.

It was a convention in which there was an intensity of earnestness and a firmness of determination, and a solemn feeling of responsibility, befitting Christian men, not only in the placing in the field of the candi-

dates for the offices of the City, but in the establishment, then and there, of a political party founded upon the truth "Where God rules, man prospers."

It was a convention in which was manifested a beautiful spirit of brotherly love and kindness, and an exemplification of the apostolic direction, "In honor preferring one another."

There could have been no more auspicious launching of a political party, and especially one established upon such principles, than at this convention of the citizens and voters of Zion City.

One of the most striking features of that convention was the perfect assurance on the part of the intelligent, strong, clear-eyed, far-sighted professional and business

per was made permanent chairman by acclamation.

Three hundred manly voices then made the building ring as they joined in singing "There shall be showers of blessing."

Then the heads of all were bowed in reverence as Presiding Elder W. O. Dinius offered prayer, and all heartily joined, at the close, in repeating the Disciples' Prayer.

Mr. Jasper H. DePew, Clerk-elect of the Town of Benton, was appointed secretary of the convention by the chairman.

Deacon Charles J. Barnard, Judge V. V. Barnes, and Deacon O. W. Farley were appointed by the Chair as the Committee on Platform and Resolutions, and retired to prepare their report. While they were in consultation a number of most earnest and enthusiastic speeches were made.

Mr. E. B. Ellis, Superintendent of Zion Horticultural Department; Rev. W. O. Dinius, Presiding Elder of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, in Zion City; Deacon O. L. Sprecher, Private Secretary to the General Overseer; Elder Cyrus B. Fockler, first Elder of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, in Zion City, and Deacon H. Worthington Judd,

Secretary and General Manager of Zion Land and Investment Association, made brief but eloquent speeches which were very heartily received.

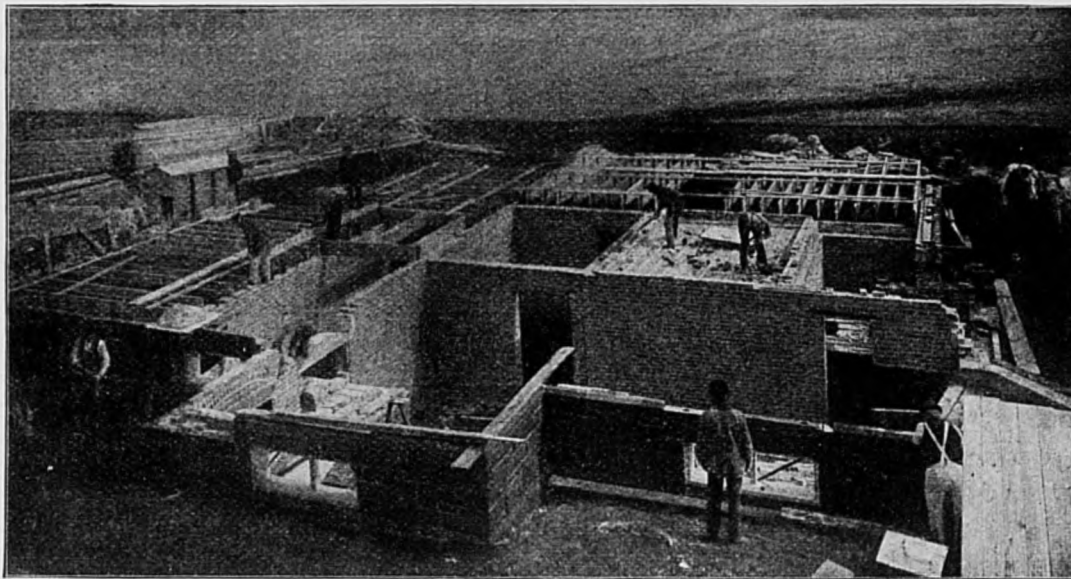
The Committee on Platform and Resolutions then returned to the room and reported the following platform, the reading of which was listened to with most profound attention and expressions of the heartiest approval.

## PLATFORM OF THE THEOCRATIC PARTY.

The citizens of the City of Zion, Lake County, State of Illinois, being assembled in their first Convention, held in Zion City, on the night of Monday, April 7, 1902, for the purpose of nominating the first officers of their City, do so on a Theocratic Platform, and desire to set forth their position and their reasons for the formation of this new party in political affairs of the United States of America, in the manner following:

First—We declare our loyalty to the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America.

Second—We affirm that both the Constitution



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March 19, 1902.

men and tradesmen, that the party which, under God, they there gave form to, would speedily sweep the earth.

It was the Assurance of Faith.

There was nothing visionary, nothing chimerical, nothing impractical, nothing improbable about that convention.

Another striking feature of that convention was the speeches of acceptance of the candidates nominated.

From the candidate for Mayor, down through the list to the nominees for Aldermen, all spoke in tones of deep thankfulness to God, of unswerving determination to discharge the duties of their offices, if elected, wholly and only for Him and in His fear.

There was no mistaking the intense Theocratic character of that convention, of the men who composed it, and of the men placed upon its ticket.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock in the evening by Mr. Ira E. Pontius, and Deacon Richard H. Har-

and the Laws are capable of amendment and improvement in a Theocratic direction; and we simply propose to advocate the making of such alterations in the manner provided by the Laws of the United States.

Third—We declare the motto of our party to be the unalterable and unassailable truth that

WHERE GOD RULES, MAN PROSPERS.

Fourth—Our object is, therefore, the establishment of the Rule of God in every department of Government, by the free will of the people.

Fifth—We declare our conviction that the Holy Scriptures, which contain the Ten Commandments, and the inspired Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, constitute the principles of all righteous government for the individual, for the Nation, and for the whole World.

Chairman Harper then gave an opportunity for a discussion of the platform.

The first speaker was Judge V. V. Barnes, Solicitor-General of Zion.

The Judge spoke with great earnestness and power, and yet with eloquence and felicity of expression. He discussed particularly the first, second and third planks of the platform. His address was received with loud applause and Amens.

When he had finished, Deacon Charles J. Barnard spoke briefly of his joy and thankfulness to God for the realization of the long-hoped-for time when a party in which God should be first and last should be organized, and his belief in the triumph of that party in State, National, and International issues at no far-distant day.

The platform was then adopted exactly as read, by the unanimous vote of the convention.

Deacon H. Worthington Judd then read the following certificate of the organization and incorporation of the City of Zion:

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } James A. Rose,  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE. } Secretary of State.

*To whom these presents shall come, greeting:*  
WHEREAS, A certified copy of the record of the proceedings of the County Court of the County of Lake duly authenticated in the matter of the organization and incorporation, on 31st day of March, A. D. 1902, of the City of Zion, in the County of Lake, has been filed in the office of the Secretary of State on the second day of April, A. D. 1902, under and in accordance with the provisions of "An Act to provide for the incorporation of cities and villages" approved April 10, 1872, in force July 1, 1872, and all Acts Amendatory thereto, and

WHEREAS, It appears from the recitals in said record that the provisions of the said Act have been duly complied with,

NOW THEREFORE, I, James A. Rose, Secretary

of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said City of Zion is a legally organized and incorporated city under the laws of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand, and the Great Seal of State. Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield, this the fifth day of April, A. D. nineteen hundred and two, and the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-sixth.

JAMES A. ROSE,  
Secretary of State.

Presiding Elder W. O. Dinius and Messrs. L. W. Kilburn and Frank M. West were appointed by Chairman Harper as a Nominating Committee to place before the convention the names of candidates for offices in the City of Zion.

They returned in a few minutes and submitted the following report:

For Mayor—Richard H. Harper, 2716 Edina Boulevard.

For Clerk—Jasper H. DePew, 2803 Elijah Avenue.

For City Attorney—V. V. Barnes, 2600 Elizabeth Avenue.



ZION LACE INDUSTRIES, FROM THE SOUTHWEST.  
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For Treasurer—Albert C. Held, 3012 Elijah Avenue.

For Police Magistrate—Joseph H. Lamond, 2912 Gilgal Avenue.

FOR ALDERMEN.

Peter T. C. Leise, 2718 Edina Boulevard.

Ira E. Pontius, 3022 Emmaus Avenue.

Jason M. Preston, 3211 Gabriel Avenue.

John G. Hauck, 3002 Enoch Avenue.

James Dunlap, 2912 Enoch Avenue.

Robert A. Schultz, 2301 Elijah Avenue.

On motion of Deacon Charles J. Barnard, and in response to a call from him, the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and the first ticket of the Theocratic Party was placed in the field.

Deacon Charles J. Barnard, Deacon R. W. L. Ely, and Mr. A. S. Lasley were appointed by the Chair, as the First Central Committee of the Theocratic Party, to arrange for the election which will be held in the office of Zion City Livery Stable on Wednesday, April 23, 1902.

The nominees of the convention then made brief but earnest speeches of acceptance, thanking the convention for the honor conferred upon them, and promising their best endeavors to fulfil in a worthy manner the duties of their offices, if elected.

The convention then arose and joined in the singing of the Doxology, after which the Benediction was pronounced by Elder F. L. Brock.

ZION CITY is crowded with home seekers and home builders.

There is not a day in which new families, or their representatives, do not arrive and begin either to look about for lots or to build upon lots already purchased.

Excavations are being made, foundations are being laid, and hundreds of new dwellings are going up in every part of the City. It would take an exceedingly active and discerning man to keep an accurate census of the population of Zion City from day to day and week to week.

One never quite becomes accustomed to the amazing and unprecedented fact, that without any artificial and collapsible "boom," an incorporated City, with from three to four thousand inhabitants, a great industry and several minor industries, stores, shops, schools, and other institutions, has sprung up, upon the rolling prairies upon the shore of Lake Michi-

gan, within the short space of eight months.

This fact is all the more amazing, when it is remembered that this City has attained its present success in the face of many apparently insurmountable obstacles, and the bitter and malicious opposition of a false pulpit, a lying press, and many relentless enemies occupying positions of power.

One's astonishment increases when one learns that the citizens of this City are, almost without exception, members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and intensely loyal to God, to their General Overseer, and to each other.

Never before in the history of all the world was there ever such a City.

That City is the result of the Active Embodiment of a Living Divine Faith.

Hence it stands peerless and a marvel in the eyes of an apostate church and the skeptical world, both of whom have lost that Living Faith.

But it is no less a source of wonder even to those who know something of the Power of Faith; for it is the work of Him whose name is called Wonderful.

Forecasting the future from the past and from the present, the minds of those who have heard and understood the Message of Elijah the Restorer begin to comprehend, in some measure, the portentous possibilities, and crucial position of that City in the days which are immediately upon us.

ZION LACE INDUSTRIES Factory Building now lacks but a very few finishing touches to complete its exterior.

The bricklaying on the tower at the middle of the west front, and on the mending building, is now done.

The roof is being placed upon the mending building, and upon the last of the middle sections of the main factory building, and carpenters are framing the finale of the tower. This tower is a graceful piece of architecture, built of red pressed-brick like the rest of the factory, and trimmed with white stone. Built into the front of the tower there is a large stone bearing the legend, carved upon it,

"ZION LACE INDUSTRIES."

The complete equipment of bleaching machinery has now been removed from the bonded warehouse in Chicago and placed in the bleachery, where the experts and their assistants are busily engaged in setting it up and preparing for its work.

A force of experts and machinists is also engaged in setting up the finishing frames, the wafers, and the large pipes for steam heat and drying purposes in the finishing room.

All haste is being made to prepare this important building so that the great quantity of lace which has already been manufactured can be bleached and finished ready to place upon the market.

MANAGER HARGRAVE, of Zion City Power, Plumbing, Heating and Lighting Association, is superintending the construction of the great concrete foundation for the engine and generator at the Zion City Central Electric Power House.

This foundation, when complete, will be a block of concrete of about ten feet in depth, and broad and long enough to accommodate both engine and generators.

This block will contain several carloads of crushed stone and cement, and will be of such ponderous weight that the great engine will be as if set upon a huge rock, thus absolutely preventing all vibration.

The boiler plant and furnaces are now in readiness, so that it will not be long ere steam for the bleachery and finishing

room of Zion Lace Industries will be furnished from this power house.

SUPERINTENDENT JOHN G. HAUCK, of Zion City Brick Yards, is now planning to build a permanent kiln for the firing of brick. This will enable him to burn the brick much more evenly and satisfactorily, and to regulate much more closely the exact amount of heat to be applied to the brick while in the process of firing.

A kiln containing about 100,000 splendid brick has recently been finished, and the brick are being delivered, and a new kiln to contain about 200,000 brick is being built.

As the excavation in the clay-pit continues, and the diggers go deeper and deeper, it is found that the quality of the clay improves, so that, when the top clay has been removed from the pit and the finer bottom clay is being used entirely, the quality of the brick will be even better than in the hard, smooth, excellent article which is now being manufactured.

GREAT PROGRESS HAS been made in the construction of the large office annex to the Temple Cottage. It is hoped that the building can be gotten into condition for occupancy by the first of May, or perhaps even before.

Good progress has also been made in the building of Shiloh House, the General Overseer's residence, at the corner of Shiloh Boulevard and Elisha Avenue. The beautiful red brick walls, with their white stone trimmings, are beginning to show well from the boulevard.

A LARGE FORCE of carpenters and painters is engaged in completing the construction of the interior of Shiloh Tabernacle, which will be ready for the beginning of the long-anticipated series of Divine Healing meetings, to be conducted upon the Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, by the General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie, Tuesday afternoon, April 22.

On the evening of the following day, April 23, which will be the first municipal election day in Zion City, a special assembly of the citizens of Zion City and a number of members and friends of Zion from Chicago and other cities will be held in Shiloh Tabernacle. At this assembly, the newly-elected officers of the municipality will be introduced to the people.

THE POSTOFFICE fixtures of Zion City Postoffice have been put in place and thoroughly renovated.

They are very neat and serviceable, and will be well adapted for the purpose of caring for Zion City's postal business for a time, but there is no doubt that the

great growth in the population of Zion City within the next year or two will necessitate the use, not only of much more extensive fixtures, but also of a larger building than the one now occupied.

The railway postal service has put up the cranes for the exchange of mail at Zion City from the fast trains, and the exchanges will be arranged for within a very short time. It is not thought that the system of exchanging mails by the use of cranes, however, will continue long, as the amount of mail will very soon necessitate the stopping of the trains.

CONTRACTS HAVE been let for the structural iron work of the east wing of the Zion Educational Building, at the corner of Twenty-seventh Street and Enoch Avenue, facing Shiloh Park, and this wing, and perhaps the west wing, will be completed by next September. The building will at that time be occupied by Zion College, which will be removed from Chicago.

The Zion City Junior Schools will find accommodations in smaller buildings erected in various portions of the city.

ZION CITY STREET CONSTRUCTION Department has large forces of men and teams at work on Shiloh Boulevard from the Chicago & North-Western Railway tracks to Lake Michigan, and on Twenty-seventh Street. Both these important thoroughfares are being temporarily macadamized, pending the laying of the permanent pavement.

Plans have been made, and will be very shortly carried out, for the construction of a Fire and Police Station on Elijah Avenue, south of Twenty-seventh Street, and for a large Administration Building, for the municipality, on the east side of Shiloh Park.

SPIRITUAL WORK at Zion City continues to be very greatly blessed, and one of the largest of the regular Lord's Day services ever held in Zion City was conducted by Elders Dinius and Brock at the temporary Zion Tabernacle in Zion Lace Industries Building Lord's Day afternoon, April 6. A. W. N.

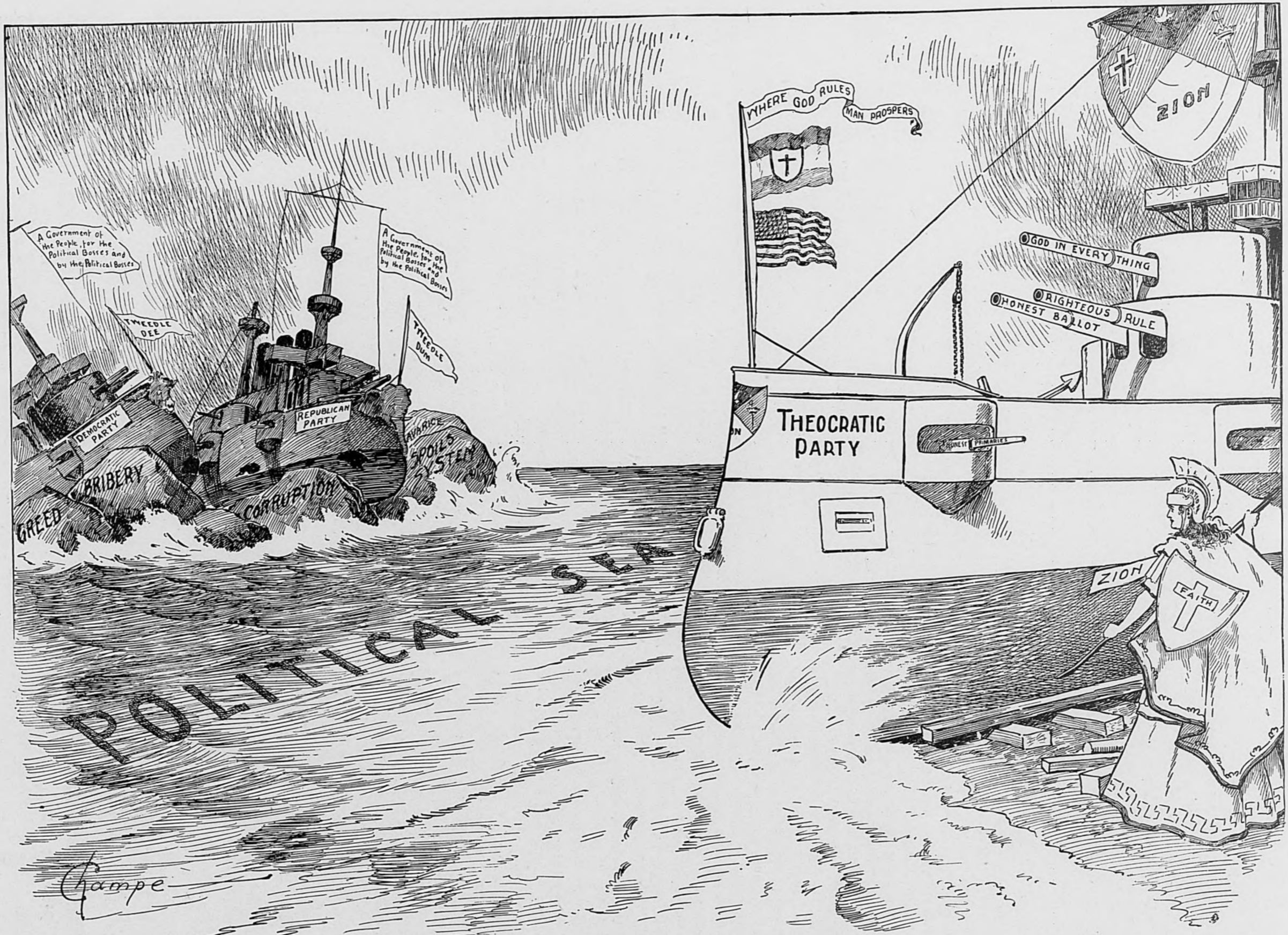
#### Notice to Teachers.

All members of the Christian Catholic Church who are teachers and desire to teach in Zion Schools next year are requested to send in their names and addresses to the undersigned, and make formal registration at once, for such positions. No charges for registration. *Do not delay.*

Yours for our Master's cause,  
JOHN H. SAYRS, Superintendent,  
1254 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.—*Romans 10:17.*

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ZION LAUNCHES THE THEOCRATIC PARTY.



# The Week in Congress

THE week in Congress has been marked by the passage of the oleomargarine bill and a prolonged discussion of the proposed Chinese Exclusion Act, by members of both Houses.

## Oleomargarine Bill Passed.

By a vote of thirty-nine to thirty-one, the Senate adopted the bill placing a tax of ten cents a pound on oleomargarine when colored in imitation of butter, and a tax of one-fourth of one cent on the uncolored article.

The bill places under the provisions of the police powers of the States and Territories all oleomargarine, butterine, process, renovated, adulterated, or imitation butter or cheese, or any substance in the semblance of cheese or butter not the product of the dairy and not made of pure unadulterated milk or cream.

It also provides for a special tax upon manufacturers of process, renovated, and adulterated butter of \$600 a year, and every person who sells these articles is considered a manufacturer. Any person carrying on a business without paying the tax is liable to a fine of not less than \$1,000, nor more than \$5,000.

This bill has now been passed by both branches of Congress, but, as the House measure was amended by the Senate, the measure will now go to conference, where the difference will be adjusted.

As a rule, the dairying States voted for the bill and the States where dairying is not carried on extensively voted against it.

## Chinese Exclusion Bill.

While both branches of Congress had under consideration measures excluding his countrymen from the United States, Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister, was openly disconsolate, but exceedingly quiet.

In the Senate the principal speech was made by Mr. Mitchell of Oregon, who took a firm stand against the admission of Oriental labor.

Mr. Mitchell expressed the belief that the constitutionality of the proposed measure could not be challenged successfully. "It is in line," said he, "with the overwhelming sentiment of this country. It is not, when viewed from the proper standpoint, in conflict with any existing treaty stipulations between the United States and China. Even if it were, this could be urged only as a policy objection and not one that for a moment would go to any lack of power in Congress under the Constitution to enact a law."

Mr. Quay gave notice of the following amendment as an additional section:

"That nothing herein contained shall be construed to exclude Chinese Christians or Chinese who assisted in the defense or relief of the foreign legations or the Pe-Tang Cathedral, in the City of Peking, in the year 1900."

No opponents of the general principle of exclusion appeared, but members were divided in their support of the two bills presented. Messrs. Hitt of Illinois, Perkins of New York, and Adams of Pennsylvania supported the majority bill, and Messrs. Clark of Missouri, Kahn of California, and Naphen of Massachusetts spoke for the minority substitute.

Senator Platt of Connecticut, who led the opposition, proposed a substitute for the measure extending until December 7, 1904, the provisions of the existing law, which will expire next month.

## Consuls to Be Classified.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs has made a favorable report on the bill providing that those who enter the consular service in the future shall pass a civil service examination.

The bill also regulates the salaries of the different classes, Consul Generals of the first class being \$6,000, the second, \$5,000; Consuls of the first class, \$4,000, second class, \$2,500; Vice Consuls of the first class, \$1,800, second class, \$1,500, and third class, \$1,200.

The bill also provides for the appointment of twenty-five consular clerks, with salaries of \$1,200 each.

All fees received by any officer of the consular service must be paid into the Treasury, and the salaries of these officers will be their only compensation.

Authority is given the President to appoint a Board of Examiners, consisting of five persons, who will examine applicants for consular positions.

The subjects of examinations for admission to and promotion will relate chiefly to the duties and work of the consular service.

## Ship Subsidy Stops in House.

Since the Senate passed the Ship Subsidy Bill, lawyers and business men have examined it more closely than they did while it was open to changes and additions. This closer examination has gained no supporters for the bill, more especially by reason of additions made to it at the last moment.

The amendment offered by Senator Hanna and adopted just before the vote

was taken on the passage of the bill provides that: "Nothing contained in this act, or in any other act of Congress, shall be construed to prevent any citizen or corporation of the United States or of any State from contracting for, acquiring, holding, or operating any interest in one or more steamship lines engaged in foreign commerce."

This amendment, against which Senators Allison and Spooner cast their votes, was adopted without debate.

This opposition is especially marked among the Western Representatives of the House, and it is now declared impossible to get the bill up for consideration during the present session.

There is a feeling, also, among the Republicans of the House in regard to the coming Congressional elections, and strong efforts will be made to postpone any further action on ship subsidies on account of its effect on the campaign. The Democrats have already disclosed their intention of making this an issue next fall.

## Minister to Cuba in Diplomatic Corps.

It appears almost certain that the new Minister to Cuba will be chosen from the list of officers of the United States diplomatic service. President Roosevelt is credited with saying that he wanted for that important place a man who had made a good record as a diplomatist and, if possible, one who combined diplomatic experience with a knowledge of the Spanish language.

The President is giving a good deal of consideration of the matter, and the fact that he has before him the record of half a dozen men who have represented this country abroad bears out the idea that he has made up his mind to confine his selection to that class. The President will probably make his selection from the following list of names:

William Woodville Rockhill of Maryland, Director of the Bureau of American Republics; Francis B. Loomis of Ohio, Minister to Portugal; Herbert G. Squires of New York, Secretary of Legation at Peking; Herbert W. Bowen of New York, Minister to Venezuela; and Henry L. Wilson of Washington, Minister to Chile. These names have been under consideration and are the only ones that were not eliminated immediately.

## Root to Review Rathbone Case.

The President has decided to have Secretary Root review the testimony given in Cuba in the trial of Rathbone, Neely, and Reeves, the postal officials

recently sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for alleged frauds while in office. General Wood has been directed to forward to Washington as soon as possible a complete transcript of the record of the trial of these men.

This action has been taken as the result of representations made to the President in behalf of Major Rathbone by Senator Hanna. There is considerable doubt in the minds of some officials as to the criminal intent involved in the charges against Rathbone. It is held that the alleged frauds were due more to Rathbone's carelessness and looseness in the administration of the postal service than to any complicity with Neely to defraud the Government. Secretary Root doubts whether Rathbone was guilty of anything more than negligence of office. In view of the circumstances, it has been thought well to have the evidence reviewed by the Secretary of War. This will include a review of the trial of Neely and Reeves. Meanwhile the attorneys of the three convicted men will press their appeal before the Supreme Court of Justice of Cuba.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Representative Patterson, of Tennessee, introduced a bill to abolish slavery in the Philippines and to invalidate the treaty between General Bates and the Sultan of the Sulu Islands.

The majority and minority reports on the Hepburn Pure Food Bill were presented to the House. The majority report says that the measure represents the views of all persons and associations seeking effective pure food legislation, and that the necessity of such legislation is shown by the vast number of adulterations and debasements on the market, most of them being imposed upon poor people. The measure, the report adds, is in no sense paternalistic, but merely protective, the same as the laws against counterfeiting and forgery.

The Brannock Bill to punish anarchy and assault upon the President or State officers was passed by the House. The bill provides that any one who kills a President of the United States or any officer in the line of succession shall be electrocuted and his body be cremated or disposed of in some secret way. Life imprisonment is provided for the assault upon these officers with intent to kill. The bill did not receive a dissenting vote.

The Senate bill to promote the efficiency of the revenue cutter service passed the House by a vote of 135 to forty-nine. The opponents of the measure fought it to the last. At the end they attempted to filibuster, but were swept aside by the

overwhelming majority in favor of the measure.

After a rigid inquiry by a special committee of the House to inquire into the charges made by Niels Gron in connection with the Danish West Indies negotiation, it has been brought out that there is nothing in the charges made by Gron, and that Christmas had little or nothing to do with the negotiation of the treaty with Denmark as far as the United States was concerned.

It is generally conceded that the Root Army Bill is dead, at least for this session. It is doubtful, indeed, whether the Senate Military Committee will further consider the measure.

President Roosevelt has directed Attorney General Knox to make an investigation of the beef trust. His attention has been called to the absolute control which this trust has upon the meat supply of the country, raising and lowering prices at will, and he has determined to proceed against it under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law if it can possibly be got at.

A commission composed of high officials of the Treasury and the Postoffice Departments, appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster General, will soon begin an investigation of the merits of the post-check system of currency. The bill providing for the adoption of the post-check system has been pending before the House Committee on Postoffices and Postroads for some time, and last week was referred to the Postmaster General for his opinion.

Senator McMillan made a favorable report, by direction of the Committee on Fisheries, on the bill to authorize the establishment of the biological station on the Great Lakes at some point in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, or New York.

Senator Cullom presented to the Senate an elaborately bound petition from the business men of Chicago, praying for the negotiation of a reciprocal trade agreement with the Dominion of Canada. The petition bears the signatures of about 15,000 business men, among whom are Marshall Field & Co., Alexander H. Revell & Co., Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., Mandel Bros., Foreman Shoe Company, Swift & Co., Armour Packing Company, Schlesinger & Mayer, as well as representatives of every line of business in Chicago, including the banking and financial institutions.

Representative Mann, of Chicago, in a speech on the floor of the House, resented the charges made by Architect Henry Ives Cobb that Congress had been niggardly in its appropriations for the Chicago public building, and the further charge that the delay in completing this

structure was due to the negligence of Congress in failing to appropriate the necessary funds. He said the charges were without foundation, as there has always been an unexpended balance on hand and the architect had authority to make contracts in advance and to make his plans whenever he saw fit. As a result, an investigation will be made by the Appropriations Committee, as to whether the Government is imposing penalties upon Contractor Peirce for failure to complete the work within the time specified in his agreement.

#### Appointments, Changes, and Resignations.

The President has appointed Brigadier General R. P. Hughes a Major General, and Colonel Isaac D. De Russy, Colonel Andrew S. Burt, and Colonel M. V. Sheridan to be Brigadier Generals in the regular army, to fill existing vacancies caused by retirements.

It is understood that it is the President's desire to promote his Secretary, George B. Cortelyou, to a Cabinet place should the Department of Commerce Bill become a law.

Robert B. Armstrong, the well-known Chicago newspaper correspondent, has accepted appointment as private secretary to Secretary of the Treasury Shaw.

James R. Garfield, of Ohio, son of the former President, has accepted the place on the Civil Service Commission made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Rodenberg, of Illinois.

It is understood that the President has decided to appoint Henry White, of Rhode Island, Ambassador to Italy, to succeed George V. L. Meyer, of Massachusetts, who has placed his resignation at the disposal of the President. Mr. White is the present Secretary of the United States Embassy in London.

The name of Bellamy Storer, of Ohio, United States Minister to Spain, who is now in this country on leave of absence, is under consideration by the President for appointment as Ambassador to Germany, to succeed Andrew D. White, of New York, who is expected to retire from the diplomatic service on November 7 next, when he will reach the age of seventy years.

Henry Clay Evans, it is understood, does not care to go to Havana, and it is, therefore, probable that the President, in the fulfilment of his promise to Mr. Evans to appoint him to an office as good as that about to be evacuated by him, will offer him the Spanish mission.

Frank Sargent, President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, has been tendered the position of Commissioner General of Immigration. Mr. Sargent has accepted the offer.

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# NEWS OF THE WEEK

## CHICAGO.

The saving of lives from wrecked ships is made more speedy and certain by a device invented by Captain W. L. Andres of the Jackson Park Life-Saving Station. The new invention, which makes possible the prompt shooting of a life line over a wreck, no matter how dark the night, was tested last week. The old cannon is used, but instead of the old style projectile a sort of steel rocket is fired. During its flight it leaves a long, bright trail of colored fire, which will make it easy to get the exact range of a wreck after two or three attempts. Several other improvements on the present system are made.

An entirely new valuation has been put on the capital stock of public utility companies in Chicago by Judges Grosscup and Humphrey, of the United States Circuit Court. The Judges practically resolved themselves into a Board of Assessors. Their figures for the valuation in 1900 are forty per cent lower than those fixed by the State Board of Equalization as a result of the mandamus of Judge Thompson of the Sangamon Circuit Court. As a result the \$2,728,371 taxes which the seven corporations interested were expected to pay for that year will be reduced accordingly.

Count Matsukata, former Premier of Japan, who is making a trip around the world to study modern methods of finance, arrived in Chicago last week. While Tanetaro Megata, Director of Revenues of Japan, who is in the party, declares that the visit of Count Matsukata to America and Europe is only for the purpose of observation, his primary object is understood to be the completion of the arrangements for a loan to the Japanese Empire. The first negotiations were carried on by the Marquis Ito during his recent visit to London.

The Legislative Voters' League, in its report, finds that of the fifty-seven members of the Illinois General Assembly from Cook County who will retire next fall, thirty-seven are bad, five are indifferent, and only fifteen can be recommended for reelection. Of these fifteen only two are Democrats. The degrees of badness vary from absolute unfitness to minor offenses which, in the opinion of the League officers, render the perpetrators ineligible for a return to work at Springfield.

Chicago's Police Court system may be a piece of legal machinery with no legal power. Lawbreakers who are tried before these Courts by the scores every day

are sentenced by magistrates who, if present conditions are not altered, may be found to have no legal right to adjudicate cases. Should enforcement of the law bring this result the 1200 prisoners in the Bridewell would stand in the light of serving sentences illegally imposed and nothing could bar their release. Statements to this effect were made by Justices of the Peace who have studied the legal tangle closely as a result of the problem Mayor Harrison is facing in appointing a successor as police justice to the late Justice M. R. M. Wallace.

Mayor Harrison and the City Council now stand opposed on the traction franchise extension problem. As a result of the heavy vote in favor of municipal ownership, the Mayor asserts that he will veto any franchise extension ordinance passed before the State Legislature passes municipal ownership legislation for Chicago. The Legislature will not assemble until next winter. The Council, however, has gone on record demanding that the Traction Companies present propositions for new franchises by April 15.

Foreign Consuls resident in Chicago have begun a concerted movement to protect their subjects from the great corporations. The Governments of Europe have inaugurated strict laws prohibiting the sailing of large parties of emigrants, and in this country the Consuls are to watch for immigrants, report their arrival, the method of bringing them here, and the purpose for which they were brought.

Disbarment proceedings against Alexander Sullivan, the attorney for the West Chicago Street Railway Company, convicted of conspiracy, have been begun. The petition, signed by State's Attorney Deneen, has been sent to the Clerk of the State Supreme Court at Springfield, and the motion for disbarment followed.

Dr. Carl Sundbeck, who is in America on a special mission for the Swedish Government, arrived in Chicago during the week. Dr. Sundbeck's tour of the United States is undertaken for the purpose of promoting closer relations between Swedish-Americans and their fatherland.

The dead body of a two-year-old child was found wrapped in a new blanket under a wood pile in the basement of a tenement-house at 432 West Ohio Street last week. There were no clues to its identity.

Forty-two thousand children are unaccounted for in the school enrollment of Chicago, according to Dr. Cornelia De

Bey, a member of the Industrial Committee of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs. The statement was made to the Hull House Women's Club, and attracted much attention. A school census is being taken, and the result, it is believed, will show that there are many more children under fourteen years of age than can be accounted for in the schools.

The retail clerks of Chicago are to abandon the early closing movement. In its place they are to substitute a minimum wage scale and a nine or a ten-hour day. Chicago is to be made the center of a fight that is of more than local significance. Should the clerks succeed here they will carry their campaign to other cities.

Unable to pay the rent for his house because his last dollar had gone to pay his mother's funeral expenses, Henry Perkins and his wife were compelled last week to stand in the street while a constable from Justice Wolff's Court threw their household furniture out of the building at 2316 Wabash Avenue.

Before June 15 the barren tract of land on the lake front between the Art Institute and the temporary Postoffice will be a park radiant with flowers. Fountains will play and trees will cast a shade for those who take advantage of the retreat. A large force of men have already begun work there.

The prevalence of scarlet fever is again alarming Health Department officials, 644 cases having been reported in March, as against 156 for March, 1901. To the negligence of parents, relatives, and undertakers is ascribed the great increase, according to the physicians in the City Hall.

In an explosion at the Illinois Steel Company's mills two men were killed. Several other men who were working near the scene of the explosion narrowly escaped serious injury. The accident was caused by a tapping hole in the bottom of a blast furnace burning out.

The old City Council marked its last business session by unanimously passing the Burlington Track Elevation Ordinance, which requires the raising of eighty-eight miles of track of six railroads.

One death and three persons injured in as many street car accidents was one day's record in Chicago last week.

Eighteen victims of "bock beer mania" appeared in the court for the insane dur-

ing the week past. Eight of the victims were adjudged insane and committed to an asylum for treatment.

#### UNITED STATES.

E. O. Eubanks, the Assistant State Auditor of Illinois, has been looking after the claim of that State growing out of equipping troops for the Civil War. The claim of Illinois amounts in round numbers to \$500,000, and the Assistant State Auditor is trying to ascertain exactly what is necessary to be done in order to secure the payment of these claims. Senator Cullom, accompanied by Mr. Eubanks, called on Secretary Shaw and the Auditor for the War Department in connection with these claims, which have been held up so many years. They learned that the Government has done all in its power to pay the funds to the State, but that for two or three years no progress whatever has been made because the Government officials were unable to proceed pending the receipt from the State authorities of vouchers and affidavits showing the right of the State to the money claimed. The Government does not dispute the amount of the claim made by Illinois, but it requires that conclusive evidence be produced which will show that the State is entitled to all its claims.

The question of whether or not members of a labor union have the right to decline to work with nonunion men and to order a strike to have such right respected was decided in the affirmative by the Court of Appeals in a decision handed down in the case of the National Protective Association of Steamfitters and Helpers and Charles McQueed, appellant, against James M. Cummin and Patrick J. Duff, as treasurer of the Enterprise Association. The Court was divided in its decision, the prevailing opinion being written by Chief Judge Parker and concurred in by Judges Gray, O'Brien, and Caight. It is dissented from by Judges Bartlett, Martin, and Vann.

The St. Louis Exposition will be postponed until 1904. At least that is the "general impression" in the Missouri city, according to former Senator Thomas M. Carter, who visited Chicago last week. Mr. Carter is President of the National Commission of the St. Louis Fair. The directors of the Exposition are expected to take action soon on the proposition to delay the opening of the exhibition for one year. After they have voted in favor of the proposition they will request the National Commission to formally ask Congress to postpone the event.

Sensational developments have arisen in the Alaskan boundary question which

may cause dangerous friction between the United States and Great Britain, and the boundary dispute may be settled in favor of the United States almost immediately. The Alaskan boundary question has been troublesome for years and prolific of much friction between the two English-speaking nations. The present situation grows out of the receipt by the State Department of reports that a monument erected by Russia to mark the boundary between Alaska, which, until 1867, was a Russian possession, and the adjacent British territory, has been arbitrarily removed by a Canadian official surveying expedition. In view of this, Secretary Hay, by direction of the President, has ordered a personal investigation to be made by a commission of American officers to ascertain the truth of the sensational information.

A decision affecting every parent in the land has been handed down by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. It returns a sixteen-year-old boy, Dan Miller, of Austin, Texas, to the custody of the military authorities to stand trial by court-martial for desertion, declaring the military law paramount and reversing the opinion of the District Judge, who had granted the habeas corpus applied for by the parents on the ground that the lad was a minor. The decision holds that the parents of the prisoner lost by reason of the enlistment of their son their right to his custody. Recruits may enlist who are between the ages of sixteen and thirty-five. If under sixteen they shall not enlist at all, but if over sixteen and under twenty-one years they shall not be enlisted without the written consent of parents or guardians.

Lost for four days and five nights in a huge snowbank on the Great Northern Railway, with no means of communication, with the passengers rioting for food, or sobbing from their sufferings with the arctic cold, and with the worst blizzard the Northwest has known in years howling, a through train was found on a siding in a waste of Dakota prairie on April 2. Two of the passengers became insane from their sufferings and from want of food, and one, a Professor in the University of Washington, tried to kill himself. The rescue was made after the passengers and trainmen had almost abandoned hope. An electrician on the train, working for an entire day, contrived to rig up a rude telegraph instrument, and, climbing a telegraph pole, he tapped the line, and, after much work, sent out an appeal for help.

Just at the close of Easter services at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, a terrific wind, rain, and hailstorm burst upon that vicinity. One church was wrecked, the

roof falling upon the congregation, starting a wild panic. More than a score were injured, and six of these probably will die. In another church the side was blown in, the stove overturned, and the cooler members of the congregation fought fire while trying to stop the panic. One boat was overturned in the river, more than forty houses were unroofed in the city, and hundreds of factory chimneys were blown down, and great loss resulted. In Nashville, Tennessee, also, the storm did damage resulting, it is believed, in a loss of \$4,000,000, while twenty-two lives are known to be lost. Flood warnings were issued by the Weather Bureau for the Cumberland River, and frost warnings for Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Northwestern Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

There are strong signs that the police force of New York is about to be regenerated. Contrary to expectations, the reform has begun at the bottom and not at the top. The first signs that the organized blackmail system was disintegrating came when a score or more of policemen connected with the West Thirty-seventh Street Police Station got together and agreed that they would no longer perjure themselves as ordered by their Captains by reporting no violation of the excise law. The plan, as practiced, was for the Captains to tell their men to allow saloons to keep open on Sunday, but to report no violations. The saloons made their arrangements with the Captains, who got the blackmail paid.

Traffic managers of railroads in the territory between New York and Chicago and St. Louis, and of the steamship lines plying on the Great Lakes, have reached an agreement which establishes a new flour and grain freight rate from the West to the Atlantic seaboard, and which, it is expected, will prevent the demoralization of rates, and the complaints of small shippers about preferences and discrimination in favor of large shippers. The agreement was reached at a meeting held in Buffalo. G. P. McKain, Commissioner of the Lake Line Association, presided. There were present authorized representatives of the central traffic lines, the trunk lines, and the lake lines.

Mayor Grainger, of Louisville, Kentucky, has received a letter from Mr. James Bertram, private secretary to Mr. Andrew Carnegie, saying that just as soon as the General Council adopted a resolution pledging the city to maintain the public library and a site was selected, \$250,000 would be paid to the city to establish the library.

Governor G. W. Dukes, Chief of the Choctaw Nation, has addressed an appeal

to Thomas Ryan, acting Secretary of the Interior, asking aid for 10,000 destitute citizens of the Nation. The Governor says: "I have to report to you a very grave condition of affairs among the Choctaws. Many of the people are poverty-stricken, and some of them are actually starving. Appeals have been made to me to aid them, some begging food. Without authority or means to act otherwise, I feel it my duty to seek relief for them at the hands of the Department."

Upon request of Secretary of State Rose, of Illinois, Attorney General Hamlin has furnished an opinion on the subject of investment companies which seek to do business in the State under the foreign corporations act. The decision is to the effect that the business done by these concerns brings them under the head of banking or loaning companies, and that they cannot take advantage of the foreign corporations act to transact business in Illinois.

Governor Head, of Louisiana, has reported to the State Department at Washington that in his opinion the British Government is maintaining a military camp within the territory of the United States. The camp in question is the one located a few miles below the City of New Orleans for the transshipment of horses and mules to South Africa, there to be used by the British soldiers in the war against the Boers.

While making a coupling April 1, at the railway incline at Brookport, Illinois, brakeman Frank Whalen was crushed to death and George Whitehouse fatally injured. As the same train was passing through Metropolis three hours later Arthur Hutchinson attempted to get on the caboose and missed his hold. His right arm and shoulder were crushed and it was thought he could not live.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review for the week says: "Labor controversies continue to be the only seriously disturbing events in the industrial world, and, while many disagreements have been promptly settled, others have appeared to interrupt production and make manufacturers conservative about new undertakings."

Councilman Maysenberg, of St. Louis, convicted of bribery and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, has been denied a new trial, and his motion for an arrest of judgment overruled by Judge Douglas and sentence passed upon the prisoner. The defendant filed notice of appeal to the Supreme Court.

The Census Office has issued a preliminary report regarding the manufacture of tobacco in the United States, which shows the number of establishments to be 15,252,

an increase of thirty-one per cent over 1890. The capital invested is \$124,089,871, an increase of twenty-nine per cent. The average number of wage earners is 142,277, the wages amounting to \$49,852,484, an increase of twelve per cent. The total value of the products, including custom work and repairing, is \$283,076,546. The miscellaneous expenses are placed at \$79,496,422, an increase of 111 per cent over 1890.

The Virginia Constitutional Convention, after nine months' consideration, has adopted a suffrage clause to the Constitution. It provides for a temporary understanding clause for two years and a poll tax and educational qualifications. The effect of the plan will be to admit every white man to the registration lists and keep off a large part of the colored vote.

At the hundred and third session of the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened during last week, a formal resolution was offered calling for action by Congress looking to the amendment of the Constitution of the United States so as to permit the passing of a law to provide for national prohibition. It was referred to a committee.

The New York Chamber of Commerce has invited H. R. H. the Prince of Wales to visit this country and attend the opening of its new building next October. While no acceptance has been received from the King's son, it is believed he will come to America, and after the New York exercises are over make a tour of this country *a la* Prince Henry.

It is officially announced that the Marconi company has sold its United States rights and patents to an American company, with a capital of over \$6,000,000. The contract under which the Dominion Government pays a subsidy of \$80,000 for the erection of a Marconi station on the coast of Canada has also been signed.

James Early, a negro eighteen years old, who was convicted in Edenton, North Carolina, of assaulting Pearl Perry, a sixteen-year-old girl, and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary, narrowly escaped lynching as he was being hurried out of town, only to be shot aboard the train by an enraged passenger.

Navigation opened the first day of April, the regular insurance on vessels going into effect. The ports at Sault Ste. Marie, Escanaba, Michigan; Oswego, New York; Alexander Bay, Erie, Duluth, Cleveland, Detroit, and Holland report the opening of regular navigation.

Marconi is not to have exclusive control of the wireless telegraphy as applied to marine work. The American Wireless

Telegraph and Telephone Company have begun at the Highlands of Navesink the construction of a tower for the reception of messages from incoming steamers. In order to build the tower, which will be 130 feet high, and is to have a base of forty feet, the company was obliged to purchase eight acres of land from the estate of Edward Hartshorne.

Walter Allen, a negro charged with attacking Miss Blossom Adamson, a fifteen-year-old girl, in Rome, Georgia, last week, was taken from the jail by 4000 men, who battered down the prison doors, and hanged him to an electric light pole in the principal portion of the city.

A corps of Southern Pacific surveyors and engineers has just completed the survey for the new tunnel through the Sierras, which will be one of the longest in the world. According to the records of the survey, it will be five miles and 800 feet in length.

Under the name of the Allied People's Party of the United States, a new political organization has been formed in Louisville, Kentucky, composed of reform elements opposed to the Democratic and Republican parties.

Mrs. Esther Morris died in Cheyenne, Wyoming, last week, aged eighty-eight years. Mrs. Morris was the first woman Justice of the Peace in Wyoming, having been elected to the office in 1869.

The law passed by the last Legislature of Wisconsin imposing a tax of ten cents a ton on ice shipped out of the State, was declared invalid in a decision handed down by the Supreme Court.

Lyman J. Gage, former Secretary of the Treasury, has been elected President of the United States Trust Company. He succeeds John A. Stewart, who resigned on account of ill health.

Philip P. Mitchell, aged fifty-three years, and five of his children were burned to death in a fire that destroyed his home in Prosser Hollow, Pennsylvania, during the week.

Nineteen miners—perhaps more—were killed by an explosion in the Nelson mine at Dayton, Tennessee, on March 31.

#### EUROPE.

An association entitled the National Service League has just been formed in London, under the Presidency of the Duke of Wellington, with an influential committee, for the purpose of promoting the enactment of a law making naval and military training for national defense compulsory on all males. A manifesto issued by the League dwells upon the inadequacy of the reserve of trained men and the decline in recruiting. It declares that the

Nation's only safety lies in the adoption of the compulsory principle, which, incidentally, will give a sense of duty and discipline to hundreds of thousands who lack it, and improve the deteriorating physique of the urban population. The League proposes that drill shall be obligatory in all schools.

A commission of commercial experts, which has been working with the Government statisticians, has fixed the total values of Germany's foreign trade for 1901 in the following terms: Imports, 5,709,000,000 marks (\$1,427,250,000). This is a decrease of 333,000,000 marks (\$83,250,000) from the total of imports for 1900. Exports, 4,512,000,000 marks (\$1,128,000,000). This is a decrease of 240,000,000 marks (\$60,000,000) from the total of exports for 1900. The imports from the United States increased by 21,500,000 marks (\$5,375,000) during 1901, compared with the previous year. The exports to the United States decreased 54,000,000 marks (\$13,500,000) in 1901, as compared to 1900.

Dr. Ernst Lieber, the Centrist leader in the Reichstag, is dead. Dr. Lieber was the leader of the Centrist party, which consists of Roman Catholics. That party holds the balance of power between the Socialists and the Conservatives; and the Emperor, in order to secure what legislation he wished from the Reichstag, was generally forced to give Dr. Lieber whatever concessions he desired in the interests of his Church. It is common talk of late in Germany that, though a Protestant country, it is ruled by Rome, and it was due to Dr. Lieber that such is the case.

At Moscow last week twenty-six persons, mostly students, were arrested for disregarding the regulations of the Governor General and sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from one to three months. The University students of St. Petersburg estimate that twenty-five of their comrades have been sent to Siberia.

After an all-night session the Chamber of Deputies, at 5 o'clock on the morning of March 30, completed the budget by a vote of 367 to eighty. The Senate the same afternoon formally fixed the election for the new Parliament for April 27. The new Parliament will assemble on June 1.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Tageblatt* says a revolt of the inmates of a prison at Vladikavkaz, Capital of the Province of Terek, against ill-treatment, was suppressed by armed troops, and many of the prisoners were severely wounded.

The British steamer *Holyrood*, Captain Benton, from Portland, Maine, March 15, for London, has sunk after colliding on

March 27 with the Leyland Line steamer *Bernard Hall*, Captain Cassentine, from Liverpool, March 26, for Barbadoes, Trinidad, and Galveston, Texas. The crew of the *Holyrood*, numbering twenty-eight men, boarded the *Bernard Hall*, which has arrived at Queenstown with its bows staved in.

In addition to the recent orders for three fast cruisers, the English Admiralty has placed orders with Clyde shipbuilding firms for a battleship of 16,530 tons, with a speed of eighteen and one-half knots, and a first-class cruiser. The orders thus far placed with Clyde builders amount in value to \$16,250,000. The Laird and Armstrong Companies will each build a third-class cruiser.

Telegrams from Liverpool say that the Elder-Demster Company announces that it is willing to carry sugar from Kingston, Jamaica, to Avonmouth, England, free of charge, in order to help the West Indian planters tide over the period until the sugar bounties are abolished and to cultivate trade between Jamaica and England.

General Camieu, former Chief of Police, who was directly responsible for the execution of Leon Gabriel, a French citizen, who fired a revolver at him on March 22, and who was dismissed at the request of the French Government, took refuge at the French Legation at Port au Prince, Hayti, and later sailed for Willemstadt, Island of Curacao.

The London & Southwestern Railway steamship *Alma* ran down and sunk the British ship *Cambrian Princess* in Southampton water the morning of April 1. Eleven of the crew of twenty-two of the *Cambrian Princess* were drowned.

The new Parliament Buildings at Berne, Switzerland, constructed at a cost of \$1,600,000, were opened last week with ceremony by the Federal Council and Federal Assembly. Addresses were made by President Zeemp and others.

A report comes from Moscow that while M. Irepoff, the Chief of Police, was receiving visitors a woman, who is said to be a governess, tried to assassinate him. She drew a revolver and attempted to shoot the Police Chief, but the weapon missed fire.

Large numbers of Haytian refugees are arriving at Kingston in consequence of the political upheaval in Hayti. They say the situation is serious and that trouble is certain to occur soon.

A report from Vienna says that Mohammed Rechad, the Sultan's brother and his presumptive successor, is dead. The report says foul play is suspected.

England's War Office has definitely ordered an airship, to carry from five to

seven men. It will be built from the design of Mr. Barton and will be 200 feet long and weigh 10,000 pounds.

#### PHILIPPINES.

There is a slight increase in the number of cholera cases in Manila. Up to date there have been 142 cases and 110 deaths. Several of the latter have occurred on the ships in the harbor. The Filipinos and the Chinese conceal in the fields those of their countrymen who fall victims and desert their dead in the houses. Hundreds of them, panic-stricken and in ignorance of the sanitary and medical measures taken to stamp out the epidemic, continue to escape into the provinces in spite of the rigorous quarantine restrictions of the Board of Health. Several prominent Filipinos have organized district offices in Manila for the purpose of quieting the fears of their compatriots and spreading knowledge of proper sanitary precautions.

The Manila Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting last week, attended by every member, voted to cable an appeal to President Roosevelt for immediate action on the currency question. Business is nearly at a standstill, it is stated, because of the hoarding of gold coin and the depreciation of Mexican silver. The ratio of exchange of \$2.27 Mexican for \$1 gold, fixed by the United States Philippine Commission for the ensuing quarter has caused an immense loss of business and a great increase in the local prices of necessaries.

In the trial of Major Waller and Lieutenant Day before the mixed court-martial on the charge of having executed natives without a trial, several witnesses gave conflicting testimony as to the number of executions. Private McGee, of the marine corps, testified that twelve men were shot, eleven on one day and one the next day. When called upon to clear up certain points of his testimony McGee refused to answer, on the ground that it might incriminate him.

Manila gave a hearty welcome to the steamer *Peru*, the first of the monthly Pacific liners. Acting Governor Wright, in toasting the enterprise, advocated the early removal of the commercial barriers between the Philippines and the United States.

The authorities have discovered widespread violations of their oaths by many prominent natives in the Province of Tayabas, who are joining hostile societies. It is likely that Acting Governor Wright will personally investigate the situation.

#### CUBA.

Andrew Carnegie is disposed to give \$250,000 for a library in Havana, provided the city will guarantee \$25,000 a year and

give a site for a building. The City Council has decided that it will give a site and will do what it can towards providing the \$25,000 a year, but the law does not allow the municipality to bind succeeding ones in matters of annual endowments.

On April 1, the Supreme Court ruled that ex-Director of Posts Rathbone, under sentence of ten years' imprisonment for postal frauds, was entitled by the provisions of the postal code to be admitted to bail pending his appeal. The Court fixed the amount of his bail at \$100,000 cash, as asked for by the fiscal.

**CHINA.**

The Government has decided upon mining regulations under the terms of which concessions may be granted to foreigners in any part of China. These regulations provide that the Government shall receive twenty-five per cent of the profits, twenty-five per cent of the output of diamonds and other gems, fifteen per cent of the output of gold, silver, and mercury, ten per cent of the output of copper, lead, and zinc, five per cent of the output of coal and iron, besides export and likin duties.

The Chinese Minister at Tokio has sent a strongly worded dispatch to Peking, in which he advises his Government to prohibit Chinese students from coming to Japan, declaring they would imbibe revolutionary ideas there. It was recently announced from Peking that fifty-six Chinese would soon enter the military school at Tokio.

The Board of Foreign Affairs says that 200 civilians were killed in the late rising at Ta-ming-fu. Probably more were killed, as great severity is the rule among the Chi Li authorities.

**HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.**

Bishop Willis of Honolulu, who has held that post under the Anglican Church for thirty years and refused at first to resign when the islands passed under the control of the United States, has resigned, and has accompanied his resignation by an open letter to Bishop Dudley of Kentucky, chairman of the House of Bishops, in which he asserts that he was treated with discourtesy.

**CANADA.**

In the referendum vote on the liquor act the province of Manitoba has gone strongly against the enforcement of prohibition. The vote in the City of Winnipeg was: For prohibition, 2425; against, 5993.

**No Free Silver.**

The provision in the Philippine Bill for the coinage of a special Philippine dollar and the fact that any one may bring silver

to the mint and have it coined into these Philippine dollars has led many persons to believe that the Senate has adopted free coinage of silver outright for the Philippines.

This, however, is a mistake.

The Philippine dollar is simply so much silver bullion minted by the United States to determine its fineness and weight.

The United States assumes no liability for it and it is made a legal tender in the Philippines as a Philippine dollar only.

It will not be legal tender at its bullion value in the United States.

Neither does the United States guarantee to redeem the coin in gold or greenbacks.

It will therefore be readily seen that the Philippine dollar will be worth no more when coined than in bullion.

This money is expected to take the place of the Mexican dollar, which is poorly minted, of varying weight, and with an uncertain amount of alloy used.

E. S.

**Time to Buy Coal.**

Now is the best time for the thrifty householder to lay in a supply of large egg or chestnut coal for next winter's consumption. Prices have gone down to the lowest point of ebb tide. If the plans of the Anthracite Association work, and they have worked in the past, the price will begin increasing after this month until it reaches high tide in the winter.

Local dealers said that the reduction to buyers would be twenty-five or fifty cents a ton. Twenty-five cents, they said, is the reduction made, but some dealers have been selling higher than others, and in those cases the reduction will be greater.

In the East a reduction of fifty cents a ton is announced. The officials of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway made this announcement in Philadelphia a few days ago.

Local dealers said that large egg would be quoted at \$6.50 a ton and chestnut at \$6.75, a decrease of twenty-five cents in each case. It was admitted, however, that dealers in the outskirts of the city had been selling as high as \$7.25 a ton, so that the reduction, if prices were equalized, would be greater.

This rate will prevail only during the month of April. On May 1 there will be an increase of ten cents, and the same increase will be made on the first day of June, July, August, and September until the old price has been reached.

**Important Data on Labor Situation.**

The quarterly bulletin of the New York State Department of Labor shows that for the last quarter, ending January 1, 1902, the decreased idleness in the build-

ing, clothing, and baking trades was noticeable. In New York the number of buildings completed was 4027 in the fourth quarter of 1901, as compared with 270 in the corresponding period of 1900, and the estimated cost of buildings for which plans were approved in the last quarter of 1901 was \$31,000,000, as compared with \$22,000,000 in 1900. Immigration at the port of New York has been increasing. The number of arrivals in the fourth quarter of 1901 was 93,628, as compared with 74,432 one year ago and 83,265 in the preceding quarter of 1901.

The people from Southern Italy retained the lead by contributing twenty-six per cent of the immigration, the Hebrews following with eleven per cent, the Germans with ten per cent, and the Poles with nine per cent.

The first large scale system of pensions for superannuated employees in New York State has been established by the Metropolitan Street Railway of New York City. At the age of seventy years employees will be retired on pension, those who have been in the service of the company twenty-five years receiving twenty-five per cent of their wages, and for thirty-five years' service a pension amounting to forty per cent of their wages.

**Who Is Your Alderman?**

The following figures show the results of the election Tuesday, April 1, for Aldermen of the various Wards in the city:

| NEW CITY COUNCIL.             |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Wards.                        | Plurality. |
| 1—John J. Coughlin, D.....    | 2,605      |
| 2—Thomas J. Dixon, R.....     | 3,680      |
| 3—William S. Jackson, R.....  | 1,664      |
| 4—William E. Kent, D.....     | 191        |
| 5—Robert K. Sloan, R.....     | 212        |
| 6—William Mavor, R.....       | 2,805      |
| 7—Bernard W. Snow, R.....     | 1,976      |
| 8—John H. Jones, R.....       | 1,162      |
| 9—Henry L. Fick, D.....       | 80         |
| 10—Edward J. Novak, D.....    | 1,043      |
| 11—Charles J. Moertel, R..... | 487        |
| 12—V. E. Cerveny, D.....      | 807        |
| 13—L. P. Friestedt, R.....    | 1,888      |
| 14—William T. Maypole, D..... | 728        |
| 15—Albert W. Beilfuss, R..... | 1,356      |
| 16—Stanley H. Kunz, D.....    | 913        |
| 17—William E. Dever, D.....   | 1,744      |
| 18—Michael C. Conlon, D.....  | 1,312      |
| 19—John Powers, D.....        | 3,523      |
| 20—Nicholas R. Finn, D.....   | 412        |
| 21—John Minwegen, D.....      | 1,198      |
| 22—M. H. Dougherty, D.....    | 314        |
| 23—Ernst F. Herrmann, D.....  | 1,369      |
| 24—G. K. Schmidt, R.....      | 1,011      |
| 25—A. D. Williston, R.....    | 2,750      |
| 26—W. C. Kuester, R.....      | 891        |
| 27—H. W. Butler, R.....       | 288        |
| 28—Walter J. Raymer, R.....   | 751        |
| 29—Thomas Carey, D.....       | 2,079      |
| 30—J. J. Bradley, D.....      | 400        |
| 31—P. J. O'Connell, D.....    | 46         |
| 32—Joseph Badenoch, R.....    | 2,057      |
| 33—Ernest Bihl, R.....        | 1,785      |
| 34—Jonathan Buxton, R.....    | 189        |
| 35—Thomas M. Hunter, R.....   | 1,443      |

Of the 204,379 citizens who voted for the Aldermanic candidates, 150,591 also voted the referendum ballot on the proposition of the city taking over the Traction Companies, giving it a majority of 98,607. On

the municipal ownership of Gas and Electric Lighting Companies 143,637 voted, but the majority here was 104,743. The proposition to do away with delegate conventions and choose party candidates for office by direct vote at the primaries received the least attention of all, the vote cast for it being 140,943; but the majority was the largest, reaching 109,221. The number of voters who did not take trouble to express themselves at all on these matters ranged from 53,778 on the traction question to 63,336 for the primary vote.

Municipal elections held in many Illinois towns and cities show the sentiment of Illinois is strongly Republican, although in many cities and towns party lines were wiped out and independent and "citizens'" tickets scored successes over the candidates of the leading parties.

Town officers were elected also in the seven towns inside of Chicago, but they will never qualify. The citizens, by an overwhelming vote, adopted the proposition to abolish these now useless offices, and what is believed by many to be the first step toward a consolidation of all the various taxing and other governments inside the city, was successfully accomplished.

Although but 69,281 of the 204,379 citizens who voted for Aldermanic candidates marked their ballots on the town proposition, the majority in favor of abolishing these governments was 50,315, the vote standing 59,798 for and but 9483 against.

**Object of Irish Land Bill.**

A great deal is being heard about the Irish Land Bill, recently introduced in the House of Commons by the Chief Secretary for Ireland, George Wyndham, yet few people understand the object of the bill.

In introducing the bill, Mr. Wyndham said its object was to amend the Land Purchase Law. The Government could not ignore the problem owing to the acute crisis in agriculture, which was now at a standstill, and in view of the fact that there was an alarming decrease in the advances for the purchase of land, owing to the unwillingness of the land owners to sell.

The main provision of the bill authorizes the Land Commission to take over the whole or any part of an estate whose owner is willing to sell. The Commission will then resell it to the tenants, but the assent of three-quarters of the number of tenants is necessary before the Commission will undertake to transfer any part of an estate. The landlord may himself repurchase part of his estate, not exceeding one-fifth of the total area, from the Commission, thus becoming a tenant purchaser, in case he desires to continue to

reside on the estate. The bill does not provide for compulsory purchase. All the transfer arrangements are in the hands of the Commission and are simplified as much as possible.

The bill provides that cash, not exceeding \$15,000,000 to be outstanding at any one time, may be advanced to the Commission by the exchequer, thus enabling purchases to be made on a vastly larger scale than ever before.

**American Wheat Acreage.**

American farmers seeded last fall 32,000,000 acres of winter wheat in excess of that which they reaped in the summer.

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A painstaking survey of the present wheat situation indicates that nature has made amends in the last four weeks for the earlier drought, and that the imperiled wheat prospects are to a great extent restored.

Kansas has lost 1,000,000 acres of the 5,883,000 acres with which it started the season, and Oklahoma, Texas, and Kentucky also have lost. The condition for all these States is low, Kansas being given only 70, as against 105 last year.

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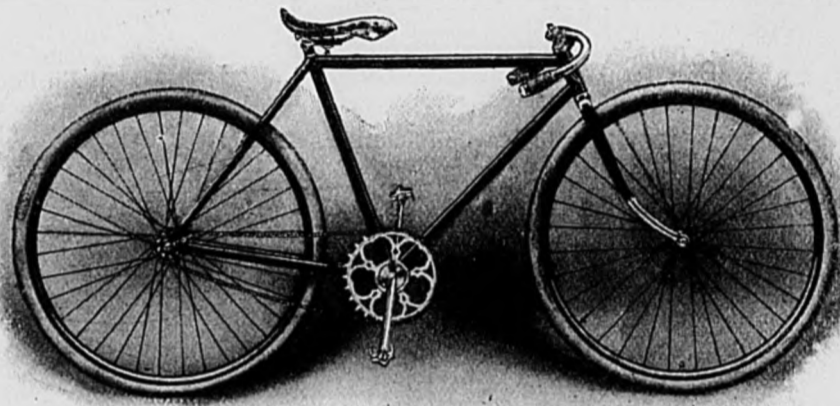
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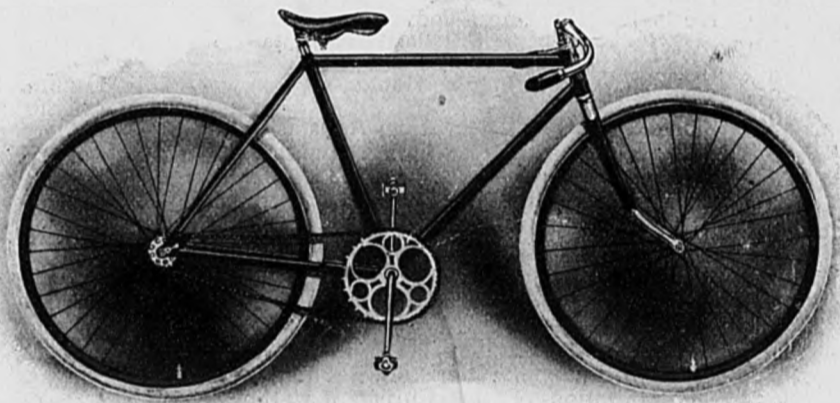
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