

WOULD DO AWAY WITH BOOKMAKING

Authorities at National Capital Seek to Abolish Betting At Races.

MOVE EXTENDS TO NEW YORK

Washington Needs Public Utilities Commission—Uphold Pure Food Law—Story of Two Books.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—The spring meeting of the Washington Jockey club, which opens at Fenimore race track on Monday, March 23, marks the opening of the season of running meetings in the United States for the year of 1908. The outcome of the races here is being anxiously awaited in every stable and on every breeding farm, not only in the United States, but throughout the world. The reason for this unusual interest in the Washington meeting is found in the fact that the city authorities are determined to break up bookmaking. For three years past bookmakers have been required to move about among the patrons of the sport and to book their wagers while on the move. Last fall the chief of police of Washington, acting under instructions from the municipal authorities, arrested one of these perambulating bookmakers under the charge of setting up a gaming table. The case was fought by the city authorities on the one hand and the bookmakers' association on the other through the various courts, until it reached the court of appeals, which tribunal a few days ago handed down a decision in which the ground was taken that inasmuch as the offender was not charged with making a regular book, but that on the contrary it was shown that he simply accepted wagers from such betters that accented him in his walks about the city, he did not, therefore, violate the law, and should not be punished.

In spite of this decision the chief of police announces that he will instruct his men to arrest every book-

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maker who may be seen accepting wagers from patrons of the track. It is expected, however, that the tariff-men will endeavor to obtain an injunction restraining the police from interfering with them. If some such course is not adopted, the spring meeting of the National Jockey club will probably mark the end of the racing business in the national capital.

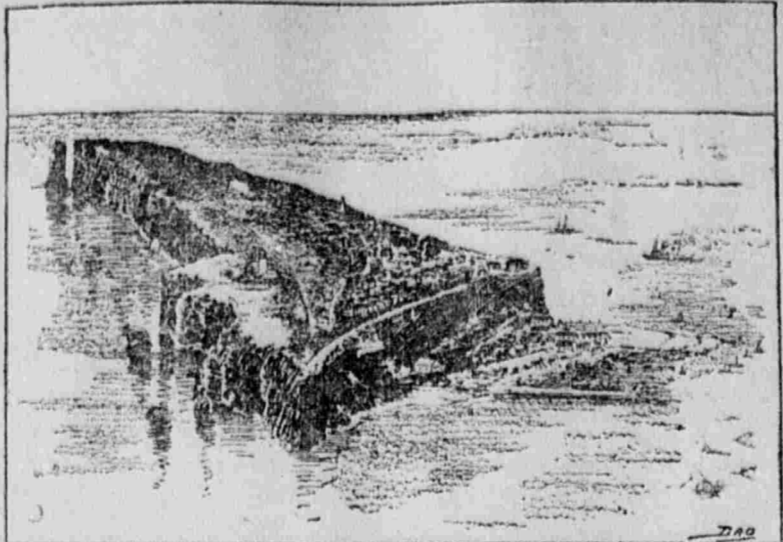
EXTENDS TO NEW YORK

In the meantime, strenuous efforts are being made in New York to secure the adoption of legislation to prohibit betting in any form upon the tracks and race courses in the Empire state. This activity on the part of the anti-race people in New York, combined with the efforts to break up the sport in the District of Columbia, threatens a serious blow to the industry of thoroughbred horse breeding, for, unless wagers upon races are permitted, races will not be run and without the excitement of watching the highest types of thoroughbred members of the equine family contending against each other there will be no demand for the horses themselves for the simple reason that the thoroughbred breed for speed and stamina is practically no value for carriage purposes, not at all for commercial uses, and the demand for saddle horses has grown less year by year in the same ratio that the automobile has increased in popular favor.

NEEDS A COMMISSION

Efforts are being made in Congress to establish in the District of Columbia public utilities commission with powers and duties similar to the two commissions which control the affairs of the public service corporations in the state of New York. Reports from all sections of the Empire state indicate that the utilities commissions are doing a power of good for the patrons of the corporations which control public franchises, and that the public interest is being protected under the eye of the national government there is absolutely no control except when Congress sees fit to enact direct legislation. The street car service on some of the lines of this city is equal to the best of any community in the world. On the other hand the management of some of the other lines seem to pay no regard whatever to the needs of the patrons and as those patrons are absolutely mute, being deprived of franchise, in matters of municipal legislation their complaints receive scant consideration.

A VANISHING ISLAND IN THE GERMAN OCEAN.



The picture shows the present appearance of Helgoland, the rocky islet which England exchanged with Germany for some African concessions in 1890. This island is shrinking visibly under the action of the waves. The present population numbers about 700. The late Richard Mansfield, distinguished actor, was a native of Helgoland.

The proposed commission will if the present plans are perfected, have complete control of all matters pertaining to the conduct of the street railway systems, the gas and electric lighting plants and the score of other public utilities essential to city life. It is the intention of the framers of the measure to relieve the district commissioners of all jurisdiction over such franchises and to make the board of public utilities supreme from whose decision no appeal shall lie. Unlike most proposed legislation affecting the interests of the people of Washington this measure seems to meet with very cordial approval not only from the people but from the authorities also, nor does there seem to be a very strong disposition towards opposition on the part of the corporations directly affected.

UPHOLD PURE FOOD LAW

The police court of the District of Columbia handed down a decision in the so-called Harper case last week which has an important bearing in every city where the manufacture of drugs is carried on. Mr. Harper is a druggist of the highest standing, who is also the president of one of the national banks of this city. For many years he has been engaged in the manufacture of a so-called headache cure which was exceedingly popular. But soon after Dr. Wiley's forces had been organized for the purpose of attacking the food and drug act, samples of the remedy were examined and the analysis showed them to contain poisonous drugs in dangerous quantities. A warrant was sworn out against him, and after three weeks a verdict was rendered which found the druggist guilty and which upholds the validity of that statute. Of course the case will be appealed and inasmuch as it was a test it may even go to the United States supreme court for final review. Should this prove to be the case some years must elapse before the opinion of the highest tribunal will be handed down. In the meantime other cases of like import against the compounders of discolored spirits who make their products in accordance with decision of the attorney general are pending and must be tried, before the authorities of the department of justice and the attorney general can proceed to enforce the law in entirety.

Manufacturers of medicines and rectifiers of liquors seem to rest secure in the belief that they cannot be with all the terms of the law when they changed their labels. But while the department has avoided banners and brass bands in its preliminary steps towards the enforcement of this most important legislation, a force of inspectors is constantly in the field. Samples by the ton are put away on the shelves of the bureau of chemistry and evidence against violators of the law has been accumulated by the team and will be available to the prosecuting officers as soon as a judicial opinion has been rendered which will enable the work of enforcement to proceed without hitch. When that time comes it is more than likely that prosecution will begin in every federal court in the land, and it will astonish the people to find out how much of their favorite liquor, branded as pure rye, old gin, or fine rum, is nothing more than the concoction of highness, flavoring extracts and coloring matter.

AMUSING STORY.

An amusing story comes from New York in connection with a recent publication of two volumes by two very prominent men. Something of a sensation was caused some time ago by the issuance from the press of a book by the Hon. Charles D. Sullivan, Chancellor Day of the Syracuse University, entitled "A Raid Upon Prosperity." That volume upholds some of the biggest corporations in their methods of business and covertly and none the less forcibly, attacks the administration in dealing with corporations and individuals. More recently the Hon. Leslie Shaw, former secretary of the treasury, issued through the same publishing house a volume entitled "Current Issues." He had a number of copies of the volume sent to his office, which, as usual, were wrapped in a folder, on the front of which was printed the title of the book and the name of the author. Mr. Shaw wrote his name on the fly leaf of a number of these, which he sent out as presentation copies to the president, the different members of the cabinet, and some other friends. Then he sent for a fresh supply, and as he proceeded to do a few presentation remarks upon the fly leaves of the second batch, his attention was attracted to the back of the folder, upon which he found in large type a glowing advertisement of Chancellor Day's book. He hastily summoned the publishers on the telephone and demanded that every copy that had been sent to the bookkeeper should be recalled and that new folders should be supplied, which would be free from the objectionable advertisement. But the damage had been done. The president and all the cabinet members of the cabinet have their copies of Mr. Shaw's interesting volume, carrying with it a well displayed advertisement of the "raid on prosperity" by the brilliant chancellor of the University of Syracuse.

THE WORLD'S PEOPLE

Mighty Small Danger Yet of Over Population.

The question as to the number of human beings that ever lived on this globe is, of course, unanswerable, authorities on this subject differ so widely, says a writer in the New York Herald, that the Bible places the date of creation at about 4,000 B. C. Latter-day geologists figure anywhere from 10,000 to 100,000 years, and John Piske, one of the most eminent authorities, gives good reasons for supposing human beings to have existed for half a million years.

Today we estimate the earth's population at 1,500,000,000—a very generous estimate. One-half of this population is female. Experience teaches that there are three generations in every century.

From these slender data it is but a simple mathematical calculation in progression toward the first year in which the first pair of human beings appeared on earth. Upon this hypothesis the year 6,000 B. C. brings us down

to about 3,000,000 people. If we except, and from this point retrace our steps to the presten day—say 1900 A. D.—we arrive at the conclusion that a total of 72,000,000,000 human beings have been born to date, of which number only about 1,500,000,000 are alive today.

Had every individual body been preserved in a casket measuring on a average 62x2 feet, all could have been buried in Oklahoma's area of 38,700 square miles, and a liberal allowance of space for paths and driveways been made, the caskets could have been dropped into Lake Superior without endangering the inhabitants of its shores on account of a possible tidal wave. The present living population of 1,500,000,000 persons can find standing room on Staten Island, in New York harbor.

In the state of Texas you could place each man, woman, and child 70 feet apart, giving each 4,900 square feet of land—room sufficient for house, cattle, and vegetable garden. Within the limits of these United States each living human being today could have 65,000 square feet, or they could be placed 255 linear feet apart.

The next time you hear anybody "squeal" about the "overpopulation" of this country, tell him that you can pack the whole lot—1,500,000,000 people—in a box measuring 2,000 feet each way.

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FATE OF UNIFORMS.

Many Once Worn by Crack European Regiments Sold to African Monarchs.

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They do not only do all the old clothes of this country find their way here, but the firm has established agents all over the continent, and weekly large shipments of the most miscellaneous garments you can name are received. The Prince of Old Clothes from his representatives on the continent. In one corner you will see the discarded garments of some crack French regiment, the next pile will consist of jackets lately worn by the Kaiser's soldiers, and lying alongside of them will be thousands of dress suits purchased from the leading German tailors.

But the showy military costumes and the piles of frock coats you see in the shop one day will be gone the next. Indeed it is surprising how quickly the goods are disposed of. It is here where the romance of the whole business lies. Mr. Hyman is not only the Prince of Old Clothes, but he may well be called the customer to the dusky monarchs of Africa. The goods are sent abroad in huge bales, each bale containing from 200 to 250 articles. From 300 to 400 bales are sent as a rule every month.

They go into all parts of the world—Africa, Asia, India, China and far-away Japan. They are eagerly bought up by native traders, who sell them in the oriental bazars. From the bazars they find their way into the far interior of the country, and explorers and travelers have often related how they have met a native king in Central Africa wearing a costume that put them in mind of a life-guardian's uniform minus, perhaps, the belt and braid in the neck. The king, of clay, but nevertheless much prized by the owner.

Explorers and travelers often call at the old-clothes establishment and secure a quantity of showy wearing apparel. They find it makes ideal presents for native kings and chiefs. Said one well-known traveler to the proprietor the other day: "There is nothing like a showy military coat to get a black king to allow you to take your party through his country."

"I have visited most of the great oriental bazars where our clothing is sold," said Mr. Hyman, "and I have watched with much amusement our goods being purchased by the natives. I have seen the blacks of Africa solemnly walking about with European waistcoats buttoned up behind instead of in front, and even men wearing the Kaiser's costume. I have seen enormously big fellows wearing garments that for the life of me I could not imagine how they managed to get into them, and afraid when they thought to take them off some of the stitching must have given way."

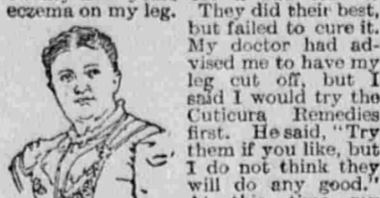
Curiously enough, the showy costumes worn by the lord mayors of London do not find such a ready market abroad as the ordinary tunic of a private soldier. This is probably on account of its price. After his nomination the lord mayor has to purchase his official costume—a magnificent rigout of silk stockings, buckled boots, gold-laced coat and cocked hat—which cost about \$200. At the end of his term of office he disposes of it to the second-hand dealer. The official costumes worn by London's lord mayors for the last twenty-five years have been purchased by Mr. Hyman.—The Pitts.

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