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PARTISAN PROPOSALS.

The bill introduced by Senator Wal-

ton to make the State Land Board

partisan body, oceasions a great deal

of comment. The objections do not

ome merely from members of the par-

ty now in a minority, but from stal-

warts in the ranks of the party in

power. The principle which led a for-

ner Legislature to make the State

boards as well as local boards in cities

on-partisan, is looked upon by the ma-

dority of the people of this State as

sound and in the public interest. To

say that a non-partisan board is not

responsible to the public, is to utter

nonsense; and to argue that it is bet-

ter to make them responsible to a po-

litical party merely, is not to utter

words of wisdom or a sentiment that

It should always be remembered by

any party that obtains control in the

affairs of a State or a nation, that time

and circumstances make great changes;

that the dominant element today may

become the dethroned tomorrow. Meas-

We do not understand that the de-

thereupon. If an attempt is made to

leave the appointment of their mem-

bers open without regard to the politi-

cal status of the individuals, they

might be composed entirely of active

supporters of one political party. But

by constituting them in the manner

now provided by law they are made

actually non-partisan, by the very fact

Of course, we do not expect that any-

thing we may say will affect the minds

of gentlemen so thoroughly imbued with partisan feelings, aims and inten-

tions as are the positive and planning

professional political leaders. In say-

ing so, we do not wish to cast any im-

proper reflection upon their motives or

that they are bi-partisan.

benefit.

will stand the test of sound reason.

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BANK EXAMINERS.

A bill before the Legislature, placing private banks in the same category as State and National banks, so far as official examinations are concerned, has caused a great deal of discussion. A majority of the committee to whom it was referred reported adversely to the measure, but the House adopted a minority report, rendered by the author of the bill, and so it is placed upon its passage. The provisions of this proposed enactment are as follows:

"H. B. No. 3, by James A. Anderson, An act to amend section 2441 of the Revised Statutes of Utah, 1898, relating to Bank Examiner. "Be it enacted by the Legislature of

the State of Utah: Section 1. That Section 2441 of the Revised Statutes of Utah. 1898, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as

"The Governor by and with the con sent of the Senate shall appoint a suit-nble person to be called the Bank Ex-aminer, who shall examine into the affairs of every corporate and private bank, loan, trust or guarantee associa-tion, building and loan association and tion, building and joan association and insurance company, domestic or for-eign, except foreign companies trans-acting business in this State at least once a year, and oftener if the Secre-tary of State shall deem it necessary. He shall examine into the affairs of for-He shall examine into the affairs of for-eign companies at such times as the Secretary of State shall deem such ex-amination necessary, and he shall per-form such other duties as may be pre-scribed by the State Board of Exam-iners or by law."

We have endeavored to learn what valid objection there can be to this

examinations required as to public time the Japanese were planning to exclude all foreigners, as the Chinese We hope our legislators, who appear Boxers are doing today; but, as soon to be a careful body of intelligent men, as the Japs were convinced of the Impracticability of isolation, they will give this matter fair and impartial ensideration, weighing it thoroughly opened the country wide to western in and viewing it from the standpoint of fluences, and rose, in a day as it were, the public interest, rather than from to International prominence. selfish or individual grounds. Private China do the same? Is the wonderful panks, are, after all, in reality, for the history of Japan to be repeated in other casons we have mentioned, quasi-pub-Asiatic countries, and if so, what will to concerns, and should be viewed be the consequence to Occidental asneasurably, if not altogether, in that pirations? That question it would be ight. The bill is designed for the foolish to ignore. Emperor William's general welfare, and appears to be a famous cartoon may have been prophetic, after all.

AGITATION IN PORTO RICO.

Porto Rico is not coming in for much attention in this country at the present time. A short time ago, the Porto Rican representative in Congress made a fervent speech, which was heartily i states, applauded, in favor of the withdrawal of American soldiers from the Island. He told Congress that they were not needed, because the people were loyal and full of patriotism.

News from San Juan, however, is to the effect that there is an anti-American spirit in the island. One of the repsentatives in the Island legislature is said to have broken out recently, and was cheered to the echo when he declared that "Porto Ricans should ask for their liberty with their heads held up, and not grovelling on the ground." Other bitter speeches were made before the passing of the memorial to the United States Congress demanding greater liberties. Delegate Medina of Mayaguez says that American rule is more tyrannical than that of Spain. and that Porto Rico will never be content until she is free.

ures that are solely and evidently in The Porto Ricans demand statehood, the interest of a faction of the combut their ideas of statehood seem to be munity do not meet with general farather Spanish than American, for they vor when they are understood, as they talk of statehood under the "protectoproceed from a narrow and contracted rate of the United States. The United estimate of the purposes of govern-States, they suggest, shall have no pow. ment. Framers of laws should stand er to interfere in the internal or exon broad and liberal ground, and proternal government of Porto Rico beceed along the lines of consideration yond the appointment of a civil governfor permanent and universal public or for the island, and this appointment shall be made by the President of the United States. The state of Porte sign of the measure under considera-Rico, they further suggest, shall take tion is to exclude entirely representano part whatever in the affairs of the tion by the minority, but it is claimed United States besides placing its milthat the bi-partisan principle that has itary, naval and other resources at been established in this State may not our disposal in time of war. They alproperly be deemed non-partisan. This, so think the state of Porto Rico should however, is a mere play on words. The only sure way to establish such boards be empowered to make its own treatles with foreign powers, and to maintain as are required for the management of an army and navy of its own. This is some State matters so as to be nonpartisan, is to give both prominent poevidently a species of statehood, for which there is no provision made in the litical pariles equal representation Constitution.

> The gentlemen who are advocating such views whether in or outside the legislature, bear watching. In all probability they are thinking of the advantage it would be to themselves, to have a national treasury, and the control of the expenditures. For that is, generally, the goal of South American political agitations. Let Porto Rico aim at American statehood, and not at a kind under which the people may become the prey of rapacious agitators.

"Never kick a man when he is down," doesn't go in football.

The weather is doing "the uncertain

ifference?

villation.

was sent him that they had nothing to

say. The public will appreciate this

Yesterday the Electoral College con-

ferred upon Theodore Roosevelt the

degree of President of the United States

and upon Charles W. Fairbanks the de-

gree of Vice-President of the United

Military authorities are giving more

attention to what a pugilist would term

'in fighting," that is, hand-to-hand

contests with the sword, bayonet, and

the like. How one war upsets the the-

orles based on the lessons of another

kind consideration.

States.

war.

north latitude when young, and developed into the biggest white bear in the country. This shows how much colder Chicago is than the polar regions.

THE DIVORCE BUSINESS.

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For a while divorced restrictently restricted the fashionable vogue. For a while divorced couples followed the fashion of immediate return into new matrimonial partnerships, but the latest divorce fad is for the man and woman to "marry over again." This is a novelty which will doubtless find is a novelty which will doubtless find imitators among the newly rich. In the last case of this kind the woman made proper terms with her husband in re-quiring him to pay \$33,000 to the man who in east-side parlance would be called her "gentleman friend." This man and his wife were divorced, and he preferred marrying another pre-viously married woman rather than the one who already owed him \$83,000. When one reads the accounts of these kaleidoscopic matrimonial affairs the "Mormons" seem decent and respect-able by comparison. able by comparison.

dent of Western Reserve University explains why he answers in the affirm

might be practically improved between "The Political Economist and the Pub-lic." William Roscoe Thayer considers "Biography" as a branch of history, and states his reasons for believing that there is likely to be a revival of interest in that department of litera-ture. Philip F, Bayard, a son of the late Senator Bayard, tells of "Condi-tions in Morocco," G. P. Brett sug-gests remedies for the dire poverty of the masses in our great cities. The de-partment of World Politics contains communications from London, St. Petersburg, Paris and Washington.— Franklin Square, New York.



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to us that there is a wide difference between requiring an inspection of ordinary business affairs such as mercantile, industrial, manufacturing and other private enterprises, and the carrying on of banking businesses, which, although to some extent are private concerns, yet by reason of receiving in trust the money of numerous depositors, become in a degree public institutions, because the public entrust them with the care of their savings. There is a wide difference between purchasing articles, whether at wholesale or retail, and putting money for safety in a private bank. This distinction, we think, will be clearly seen by every thinking individual who considers it.

As to the second objection, it would apply equally to public as well as to private banking concerns. People who have deposits in State or National banks might offer a protest against official inquiries into the amounts of their deposits, just the same as if the money had been placed in a private bank. If it is improper in one case, it is improper also in the other. If it is right for a bank examiner to find out how much money has been placed on deposit by individuals in a public bank, it must be equally right for him to learn the same thing in a private bank. However, we do not understand that the purpose of the bill is to make a public matter of people's private affairs in either instance.

There have been a number of failures of private backs in Utah during its brief history, and it is claimed that the troubles, and losses, and in some cases ruin, that have been the consequence night have been largely averted, if the affairs of those institutions had been investigated by a bank examiner in the same way that the affairs of the public banks are investigated. We look at this matter from the standpoint of the public welfare. People generally are unfamiliar with the laws relating to this subject, and are not aware of the exemption of private banks from the examination which it is now proposed to require. People who deposit their savings in such institutions, as well as those who flo a regular banking business with them, should receive that protection

heir acts. They naturally think that anything which is for the strengthening and continuation of their party in fluence upon the State, is and must be for the public benefit. So that what ilmē. they do is not as selfish as might appear on the surface. All the same, that which is done simply for partisan purposes cannot be said to reach the high-Mitchell. er level of sound statesmanship, and may recoil to plague its promoters.

JAPANESE PROBLEMS.

The current number of the North American Review contains an interesting article on "Japanese Problems, written by Count Okuma, formerly prime minister of the Mikado. He endeavors to correct the common impression that Japanese civilization dates from the visit to that country, less than 50 years ago, of the American admiral, Perry, which impression he characterizes as erroneous. The civilization of Japan, he says, commenced 1500 years ago, with the introduction of Indian and Chinese ideas, which were absorbed

by the Japanese and by them given a distinct national form. The writer explains how the western ideas were adopted and applied to the army system, to navigation, to sanitation, to finance, to education, transportation, and other interests. The vast expense involved in the reformaion of Japanese institutions and methods to conform to modern types vas a heavy burden, which was borne almost exclusively by the Japanese themselves, but a stage has been reached, he thinks, when foreign capital is much needed in Japan, especially

with a view to the development of the callways, and it is not unlikely that, with a view to attracting capital from outsiders, the law relating to foreign ownership of land will be changed. Yount Okuma expects the development to continue. He says:

"It was found necessary to make new laws to meet the new conditions, and commercial and civil laws were ex-amined and codified. National and loal administrations were introduced of European models, and the necessary aws made. Many banks were estab laws made. Many banks were estab-lished, some with government subsidy, others by private enterprise. Rallways were constructed and many other works instituted. The lack of trained Japanese to direct these new institu-tions accessitated the employment of foreigners for some little time. As soon as possible, many young men were sent to foreign countries to learn the various businesses and fit themselves to take the place of foreign helpers. Sometimes as many as a thousand such students, would be dispatched in a year; on their return, they would grad-ually assume all the positions possible in the Japanese institutions. Thus, by this method, the country is now able to supply all the men necessary for the conduct of its own affairs. During the last twenty years, great changes have taken place, but the consummation has not yet been reached; and, since the root has been well planted, there is more than the expected promise of a great and luxuriant growth from it." great and luxuriant growth from it." The article is especially interesting

The polar bear, which for twenty-four winters has capered and basked in the because it shows that Japan, forty zero breezes in Lincoln Park, Chicago, years ago, virtually stood in civilizazoo, was frozen to death the other from the law which is afforded by the tion, where China is today. At that night. He was captured in 80 degrees

