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ACTUAL SALARIES.

It is generally admitted that the president of the United States, the members of the national legislature and other government officials are underpaid, as modern conditions are. It is a long time since the salaries were fixed and of official positions, are certainly inade quate now. The country has grown to a magnitude little dreamed of in th beginning of its history, and it is bu right that these facts be considered I connection with the question of increased salaries. But two popular mis understandsings should be removed. On is that the total income of the chief executive is only \$50,000; the other i that the law-makers of foreign coun tries are so much better paid than those of the United States.

Those who have looked the matter up tell us that the president and the White House cost the country considerably over \$125,000 a year. The president has, we are told, in addition to the \$50,000, \$26,064 to nav for the services of subordinates and clerks. His private secretary has \$2,250; his assistant secretary, \$2,250; his strenographer, \$1,890; two doorkeepers, \$1,200 each; five messengers, \$1,200 each; a steward, \$1800; four clerks at salaries ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500; a telegraph operator and two ushers have \$1,200 and \$1,400 respectively; there are several other positions for which the country pays a salary. In addition, the president has \$8,000 for incidental expenses, such as stationery, carpets, etc. A sum of about \$40,000 is appropriated for repairs, furniture, fuel, etc. These are all respectable sums for a country with democratic ideas of living, but when it is stated that even the King of England finds it difficult to make both ends meet, though his civil list amounts to millions of dollars, one must necessarily ask, how the chief executive of this country can manage to keep out of debt.

As for the salaries of our national legislators, as compared with those of the law-makers of other nations, the Americans are pretty well off. French senators and deputies get about \$1,740 annually. The members of the Austrian lower house receive about \$4 a day, while the Hungarian table of deputies allots a salary of \$1,000 a year and \$325 for house rent to every member. In Belgium members of the chamber of deputies are entitled to \$780 annually and to free travel over the railways; in Holland, to \$800 and traveling expenses. Switzerland is economical, the members of the Swiss National Council obtain only \$3.86 a day, together with the cost of traveling. Prussia gives the members of her chamber of deputies only \$3.50 per day. In Saxony the members of both the upper and lower house of the legislature receive only, \$2.85 a day with mileage. Denmark cuts underneath these figures, paying its legislators only \$2 a day during their presence in the legislature. Japan pays both her peers and her representatives 2,000 yen annually in addition to mileage. Compared with these statistics, the treatment of members of the Congress of the United States is munificent. Every member gets, in addition to his annual salary, twenty cents a mile for traveling expenses, and also a number of perquisites, of which the allowance for stationery alone has been valued at from \$300 to \$350, which is about the amount awarded by way of salary to the

United States for last year was \$96,101,-400, an approximate gain of \$14,000,000 over 1905. In that year the Transvaal's yield was \$101,295,960, with prospects 1906. Australia is third in the general able property destroyed. In the year yield but gives no such expansion promises as the United States and Transvaal. In the past cleven years the gold production of the United States has increased from \$46,830,000, to \$96,-101,400, more than double, while that of the whole world has risen from \$180,000,000, in 1894 to \$346,000,000 in 1905. The production in the United States in 1906 is given as follows: Arizona 3,223,800 California 18,633,900 Idaho 1.093,700 Montana 4.555,800 Nevada 9.815,800 New Mexico 255,900 
 Oregon
 255,900

 South Dakota
 1,369
 900

 Utah
 6,822,700
 0

 Washington
 5,172,200
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Other States 752,800 When it comes to silver Utah makes | recent historic epochs.

a far better showing, her advance last year carrying her almost into first posltion with a gain of 1.240,000 ounces. Nevada also took a step forward in the white metal line with an increase of 960,060 ounces. Our total silver production for 1907 in ounces was as follows:

Califor	nia				1,564,500
Colora	do	les de la		]	2.245,100
Idaho					8,273,300
Monta	18				11,478,700
Nevada	a				6,742,900
New M	fexico				356,200
Oregon			******		100,100
South	Dakota				157,500
Texas			*****		280,100
Utah				1	1,538,000
					367.100
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Total					6,183,500

While Colorado is still at the head of the sliver producing states there is good reason to think that both Utah and Montana will pass her during the current year and drop her to No. 3 on the rolls. 'The increase of silver production in Utah and Montana comes largely out of the copper mines which are expanding in those states much more rapidly than in Colorado, So, look out for Utah to lead the silver procession before the close of 1907.

### SENATE BILL NO. 4.

The State Senate has just passed bill which provides that any person serving a life sentence at the penitentlary upon conviction of assault with intent to kill or do great bodily injury, shall suffer death. It is a very unusual measure and deserves most careful consideration. If a life prisoner who makes an assault on an officer, and seemingly upon a fellow convict, with intent to kill or do great bodily harm, deserves the death penalty, then why should not the same penalty be imposed upon any prisoner, no matter whether his sentence is for life or for one year, who makes such an assault? Would such an assault be any more vicious when committed by a life term man than by a short term man? Not who commits the crime but the crime committed should determine the measure of punishment. On this principle rests the whole structure of criminal law. To be logical, the death penalty should be imposed upon all who make an assault with intent to kill or do great bodily harm, whether those making such assaults be in the penitentiary or out of it. There is no getting away from that

must be regarded as vicious legislation. THE KINGSTON VISITATION.

The bill that the Senate has passed

proposition.

According to observations made after

Herculaneum and Pompell, in the year 63 of our era and down to the present time, history has recorded many visitations by which thousands of lives for a greater showing than that for have been blotted out and much valu-

742 over 500 towns were destroyed in Syria, Palestine, and other parts of Asia, with immense loss of life. In 1456, 40,000 persons perished at Naples. In 1531, 30,000 persons were buried under the ruins of Lisbon. During the 17th century, 30 towns near Naples were destroyed and 70,000 persons were killed. In the 18th century Jeddo, Japan, was ruined and the loss of life was estimated at 200,000. Lisbon was practically wiped out in the year 1755 and about 50,000 persons perished in a few minutes. In the 19th century many cities and towns were visited by earthquakes. Aleppo was destroyed with 20,000 inhabitants. Many towns in Peru and Ecuador were wiped out. Japan had an earthquake and seismic wave in which our 20,000 perished. But this century has opened with a record 

#### COAL AND GLASS.

The statement has gone out, somehow, that a glass manufacturing company decided not to locate its plant here because of the high prices of coal. It may be true that coal could be sold to the public considerably cheaper, at a handsome profit, but it is also true that if anybody has advised prospective locators of factories here, not to come because of the exhorbitant price on fuel, they have done an injustice to the city that would be benefited by the establishment of factories in its vicinity.

The fact is that the kind of fuel used by factories, and for industrial purposes generally, is not the coal that costs \$5.25 a ton, but so-called slack, and this, we understand, can be bought at the mines for \$1.25 a ton. The freight would have to be added, but the price at the factory would be considerably less than \$3.00, and the managers of the factory referred to were alleged to have stated that with \$3.00 fuel, they would not hesitate to locate here. Let them come, then.

#### Up-to-date hotels have a bill of contents with the menu.

A grand jury would rather find a "true bill" than a roll of bills. Ten days of good skating would be a nine-days wonder to the boys.

Will Judge Brown resign? It is a case of "get out," and no mistake.

Will Chairman Shonts receive such an excortation for resigning as Engineer Wallace did? There is no popular election of senators but some of the senatorial elections are very popular.

By his senatorial victory Senator Bailey has proven once more that Texans are good fighters. 10 001-0

Street car riding is almost as good as a gymnasium for developing boys, it makes them such "strapping" big fellows,

The car shortage seems to be greater in winter than in summer. It may be because cold contracts and heat expands.

The debate in the senate on the Brownsville affair has passed the hysteria stage. This is a matter of congratulation.

Boston is suffering from more than hue law Sundays. The country, it seems, is treating Boston with Jocose familiarity, and the nome of philosophy is become the but of "newspaper sar-casm, travelers' wit and clubhouse an-ecdote," "It is time," says the Tran-script, severely, "for Boston to be taken seriously again." The sacred codfish is in no mood for mirth.

# THE GRIP.

Baltimore American. The grip is not simply a bad cold, and The grip is not simply a bad cold, and this fact is worth knowing. It resem-bles a cold in some respects, and colds are often wrongly diagnosed by the vic-tims ats grip. The grip is a malady which has laws of its own, both as to origin and progress after development. According to the doctors, it must run its course—"there is no special temedy that can directly destroy the infection. that can directly destroy the infection, no drug that can kill the bacillus or neutralize its toxin." This also is worth knowing. The main thing is to nurse with care and give the system the best possible aid in its efforts to throw off the poison

#### COURAGE OF THE FIREMEN. Hartford Courant.

Hartford Courant. The one redeeming feature about the numerous and costly and largely un-necessary fires in this country is the heroism shown by the men employed to fight them. The beroic work thus done is so much the regular thing that it has become fairly commonplace in the public estimation and thus loses that tribute of admiration which it so re-peatedly deserves. The soldier gets his chance to dare all for his flag once in ten or twenty years, but the fire-man gets his chance every few weeks. The fireman takes his chance, too, with a methodical courage and modest una methodical courage and modest un-selfishness that stand quite apart from the usual considerations governing human conduct in times of peace.

#### JUST FOR FUN. A Miscalculation.

Kinodrome

10-20.

LEONORA JACKSON

Newell Dwight Hillis. Orpheus Club Concert.

Miss Wise-Of course, Goldie Roxley knew the count was worthless when she accepted him, but he proved to be just twice as worthless as she thought

Miss Ascum-Why, how was that? Miss Wise-She thought she was go-ing to get him for a million, but he cost her two millions.-Philadelphia Decase Press.

#### A Weak Heart.

"They tell me Bad Bill's dead," said Alkali Ike. "Is that right?" "Sure," replied Cactus Cal; "shot plumb through the heart." "Well, I ain't surprised, then, His heart always was weak."--Philadelphia Press

Press.

She-Do you believe in metempsy-chosis? He-Naw; I don't take no stock in any but reg'lar prescriptions.-Baltimore American.

She-Do you like a gored skirt? He (diplomatically)-That depends on whose skirt is gored!-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Brown-I let Smith have \$10 this morning, and it's a safe bet that I'll never get it back. Green-Why, isn't he good pay? Brown-Oh yes; but I owed him the \$10 for nearly a year.-Chicago Daily News.

Art master (who has sent for a cab, pointing to horses)—What do you call that? Cabby—An 'orse, sir. Art Mas-ter—A horse! Rub it out, and do it again'\_Bunch again!-Punch.

Wiggs-What has become of that fellow Bjones, who used to run a clipping bureau? Is he still in the same line of business? Wagg-In a way, yes. He's a barber now.-Philadelphia Record.

"There's a blessing in defeat as well as in victory," said the philo-sopher. Yes, answered the disappointed candidate, "There is nothing like de-feat for keeping a reformer from back-silding."—Washington Star.

"Why don't you try to make your-self agreeable?" asked the reproving friend. "My dear," answered Miss Cay-enne, "the desire to be agreeable is what has spolled my disposition. You can't make yourself agreeable to some people without saying things about others."--Washington Star.

some people are so alarmed over the country's great prosperity that Mr. Jigley-The other day I saw quite an interesting educated pig-, Miss Pert-Oh, of course, I suppose-, Mr. Jigley-Don't say it! You were going



second place in our yield of silver. For a considerable time Colorado has led all gold producing domains of the United States. That honor, however, blds fair, in the very near future, to be transferred to Alaska. Jointly they In 1906 added more than \$43,000,000 of the precious metal to the country's wealth. story of the disaster: alifornia, for so long the golden wonder of all mankind, is now No. 3 in the list. But its mighty total since the disrovery of gold on the Pacific coast in 1848: still stands, and doubtless will, for many a day, unrivaled. Little dreamed the boys of the Mormon Battalion who uncovered the glittering particles at Sutter's Mill race in that eventful year, that between then and now, California would produce \$1,450,000,000, approximately one-eighth of the world's production since Christopher Columbus discovered America, And yet that is what the records show.

Director Roberts' estimate also discloses another interesting, not to say instructive fact, and that is, that Nevada, a few years ago heralded and jeered at, as the "Rotten Borough," has pushed forward to fourth place, about half the production credited with to California. Alaska's increase over the year previous is \$6,328,000, the higgest jump for 1906. Nevada comes second with \$4,500,000.

The aggregate production of the

the Kingston earthquake, the stricken city is sinking under the waves. That was the fate of Port Royal, situated opposite Kingston, which was destroyed in 1692. It appears that the lime rock upon which the foundations of the city rested, had been undermined by the sen, and that, as a consequence, Kingston was destroyed when the under-

mined stratum broke. A description of the destruction of Port Royal, based upon the account of an eye-witness is still preserved. It is quoted by a contributor to the New York Evening Post, and is interesting reading at this time. Under date of August 9, 1692, the old record says:

"Yesterday the lords of the admiralty received an express from Plymouth, brought by a sloop from Jamaica, that on the 7th of June last, about 11 in the amount awarded by way of salary to the members of the Greek chamber of dep-uties and to the members of the second branch of the Swedish diet. But, for all that the time has come for a reasonable raise in the salary of the men in the service of the people. **WHERE UTAH STANDS.** It is interesting to note where Utah stands under official and authorita-tive estimate in the matter of metal production. It is observed, for in-stance, from figures furnished by Di-rector of the Mint Roberts, that while we rank sixth in the amount of gold given to the world last year, we take second place in our yield of sliver. For ncell dally sits on shipboard to pre-it what they can of robberies, and the decision of differences occavent ed by these distractions; as also to consider of a convenient harbour, &c., for building a new towne."

> On the 13th of August, the same year, the record again takes up the

year, the record again takes up the story of the disaster: "We have this further account from Jamaica of the terrible earthquake there, which in less than 3 minutes hald levell the greatest part of the houses in Port Royall, and destroyed most of the inhabitants. The letter sayes, I cannot sufficiently represent the terrible circumstances that attend-d it; the earth swelled with a dismal humming noise, the houses fell, the earth opened in many places, the graves gave up some of their dead, the tomb stones ratiled together; at last the earth sunk below the water, and the sea overwhelmed great numbers of people, whose shreiks and groanes made a lamentable eccho; the earth opened both behind and before me within 3 foot of my feet, and that places do to preserve me by the help of a brick wall and shed, which sunk me in so low in the earth that I could not reach the top of it; from thence I got to the top of a high house, and waked upon the timbers and rafters of broken houses till a ships boate took me in; the mountains are miserably shattered, the rocks are broken, the houses all the island over are taid flat, excepting some few, as I can hear of."

From the time of the destruction of

one might fancy it was suffering from elephantiasis.

That an umbrella maker was accepted as the first juror in the Thaw murder trial shows that it will probably be more or less "shady."

Sir Ashton Webb, the eminent English architect, admires American skyscrapers. It is easily explained. In England they have no sky, only fog.

Tents have been sent from Havana to Kingston for the use of the homeiess. The first American attempts at charity in Jamaica were tentative and were not appreciated.

Governor Swettenham says his reference in his letter to Rear Admiral Davis to a tramp pillaging the house of a New York millionaire was merely a jocular parallel. His idea of what constitutes jocularity does not seem to be the generally accepted one,

President Roosevelt is enthusiastic over the good results obtained by school boys with the subtarget machines which the public schools athletic league has installed in ten of the largest high schools of New York. Bring a child up in the way he should shoot and when he gets old he will not miss the mark,

An illustrated book issued by the Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer describes the various resources, developments and future prospects of that great state. Descriptive illustrated articles by prominent business and professional men of the state are features. of the book, and everything pertaining. the progress and development of the state and its citles is covered in detail. The book contains 160 pages, printed on a high-grade calendared book paper, with special art cover in There are over 150 new photocolors. graphic illustrations, and in mechanical and typographical appearance and attractiveness the book is a work of

### PARIS' BIG RAILROAD STATION.

London Globe. London Globe. There is now being built at Juvisy, in the outskirts of Paris, a station which it is believed will when finished be the largest in the world. At Juvicy all the lines meet of the Paris-Lyons-Marseilles and of the Orleans systems, about 30 pairs of rails being inter-laced. From this point radiate the lines which carry traffic to southern France, to Italy, to Spain and to Por-tugal. The new station covering all these rails is to be built on the latest principles. principles

## THE SACRED CODFISH KICKS.

New York Tribune. We read with pain and grief that

to say you suppose I looked in the glass, weren't you? Miss Pert-Not at all. I don't consider you interesting or educated.-Philadelphia Press.

#### RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

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ble: "The First Presidency's Christmas Greeting," Presidents Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder and Anthon H. Lund; Prophecy Fulfilled," Samuel L. Ad-Prophecy Fulfiled," Samuel L. Ad-"Messages from the Missions," "The Gospel of Wealth;" "Notes:" "In Lighter Mood;" and "Events and Com-ments," Edward H, Anderson,-Salt Lake City. Lake City.

Lake City. The new number of The American Magazine-the February number-is perhaps, the best one issued so far by he new editors. Miss Tarbell's L'incoln article is one of the great stories of the year. Josephine Daskam Bacon be-gins her new series, "We And Our Ser-vants." The first article contains enough vital opinion and lively satire to keep the average family discussing the servant problem for a month. Frederic C. Howe reveals some astonishing facts about "Graft in England." Dr. Leonard Keene Hirshberg tells all about "Can-cer, the Unconquered Plague." W. G. FitzGerald reports the discovery, in South Africa, of a diamond three times bigger than any ever before found--a diamond bigger than a baseball. "The Interpreter" this month talks about Lincoln--a talk which the critic shrewd-ly auspects is from the pen of F. P. Dunne, the creator of "Mr. Dooley," al-though it is unsigned. Fiction in The American Magazine is growing better. This month the story-fellers are O. Hanry, Cyrus Townsend Brady, Portor Emerson Browne, Frances Wilson, Jes-sie Anderson Chase, Frederick L. Cowles and Mrs. L. H. Harris. F. Mar-ion Crawford and David Grayson pro-ced with their scrials. The poets are:

ceed with their serials. The poets are: Harry H. Kemp, Walter Prichard Eaton, Leola Snow and William Her-bert Carruth.-141 Fifth Ave., New York

The Outing Magazine for February is an ideal mid-winter number. Its ar-ticles are filled with the wholesome, open-air spieit that is always associat-ed with the Outing Magazine. Its ed with the Outing Magazine. Its pictorial features, as ever, are note-

