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It appears that General Eagan uses very decent language—on compulsion.

General Eagan's edition of "What I Think of Miles" (revised) has been issued.

Chicago has a ten year old horse thief. This indicates a new generation of her present breed of aldermen.

So many movements are on foot to organize a savings bank in Asheville that it is safe to assume that the city will soon have one.

A young woman whose shrill voice disturbs the trained choir in a fashionable New York church indignantly refused to accede to the request that she stop. This seems to be a case of a bird who can't sing but will sing. But who will attempt the gigantic task of making her stop singing?

The Gazette's Raleigh correspondent states that no bill for the repeal of the 6 per cent interest law has been introduced, and that the talk on the subject among members of the legislature is against the repeal. He says that "unless the business men push the matter the question may not come to a vote." What is everybody's business is nobody's business, and while nearly every interest in this state is suffering from the injurious effects of this law it is doubtful if the legislature will be moved to take any action regarding it. To our thinking it is a somewhat more important subject for consideration than the erasure of Jim Young's name from a cornerstone. The Wilmington Messenger stated the truth when it said on Saturday: "The unfair, unjust 6 per cent interest law on money should be repealed. It is strictly class legislation. Money should bring its value when lent as it does when put in groceries or shoes or clothing or railroads or cotton mills. It is an unjust war against women and children with moneys lent upon which they live."

The report of experts who have made an examination of the accounts of the penitentiary has at last brought to light some facts regarding the scandalous misgovernment of the institution and the gravity of the problem that faces the state. The total liabilities in eight amount to \$110,181, with plenty more just around the corner. "There seems to have been no such thing as individual ledger balances kept between the institution and its creditors," the experts declared the only method adopted being a system of monthly calculations and the issuance of vouchers for such accounts as may have been rendered and approved." The as-

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sets amounting to \$13,854 including \$35 in cash and \$9,014. F. B. Arendell, who is in charge of the central prison at Raleigh, with reference to this report says that "of the \$9,014 of individual accounts included in the assets, hardly more than 25 or 30 per cent can be collected. I estimate the total indebtedness at \$110,000 or \$115,000, over and above the assets included in the committee's report." Governor Russell in his message stated that the management of the penitentiary had not, as he was informed, been able to secure labor contracts for the convicts except to a very limited extent, and the institution has been compelled to rely mainly upon the production of cotton "as the money crop with which to realize the payment of its expenses." How the affairs of the institution have been allowed to drift along with an indefinite understanding as to their exact status and little effort at reforms shown by the governor's statement, when taken in connection with the disclosures that are now made: "It was contended by the management during the year 1898, that the institution was self-supporting. This was denied by the succeeding management, who contended that it was not self-supporting in that year, and never had been. An experienced accountant had been employed by the prison board, who reported that the institution for the years 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896 ran behind more than \$100,000." The shiftlessness in keeping the accounts of the penitentiary doubtless is a type of the mismanagement that has extended to all its affairs by which public funds have been squandered.

QUESTIONS OF LEGISLATION.

James H. Merrimon—I am opposed to the bill to limit the number of peremptory challenges to jurors to be allowed defendants in capital cases to eight. The number allowed by common law was thirty-five, one less than three complete juries, and this was the number allowed in this state until changed by the revised code, to twenty-three, one short of two full juries. The revised code went into operation on the 1st day of January, 1886, and since that date the defendant in a capital case has had the right to challenge twenty-three jurors "without assigning any cause, and as many more as he can assign good cause for."

What reason can be given now for reducing the number that did in exist in 1886? That the law was a wise one may be quite conclusively presumed from its long and uninterrupted use. I might give many very strong reasons why the law should not be changed. Nothing is more common than to have a juror passed by the state to the prisoner, say that he had formed an expressed opinion that the prisoner was guilty. But this is not always held to be a good cause of challenge. If the juror will state on his oath that he is satisfied he could give the prisoner a fair trial, notwithstanding his previously formed and expressed opinion that he was guilty, in the absence of any other cause of challenge, the defendant could get rid of such a juror only by a peremptory challenge. I have never seen a juror whom I would be willing to trust with my client's life, if he had formed and expressed his opinion against him. Men are apt to think themselves capable of doing justice even against their preconceived opinions, but prisoners on trial for their life in ninety cases out of a hundred would do well to let such men go by a peremptory challenge if they can't be got rid of any other way. I do not believe the bill will pass and I am sure it ought not to. I will not consume your space by discussing the subject further at this time.

MAINE MEN START TO CUBA.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 16.—The First Maine artillery, 480 strong, went on board the transport Ogdan late this evening and will sail for Havana early tomorrow morning.

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Postscripts.

The "new south" now means more Rico.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

In an address at Radcliffe the other day it was stated that the swimming tank at the new gymnasium has a capacity of 50,000 gallons.—Boston Herald.

Special postage stamps are to be used in Cuba while the island is under military rule. These are lively times for the philatelists.—New York Evening Sun.

As the very outset, the new military governor of Cuba will have the advantage of General Blanco's previous plans to guide him as to what not to do.—Chicago Record.

Between the tuggings of rival Orleanist and Bonapartist factions it wouldn't be at all strange if poor France sought to drown her sorrows in Bourbon.—St. Louis Republic.

It cost the United States \$513,860 to send home the Spanish army at Santiago. But it is a cheap way to get rid of an enemy and ought to be indorsed at the czar's peace congress.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Connecticut proposes to prohibit golf playing on Sunday. The state is to be congratulated on having reached a point where there are no worse offenses to claim the valuable time of its legislature.—Washington Star.

It is said a process has been invented by which eyes may be colored to suit the taste of their owner. It differs probably from the old process of coloring eyes in direct opposition to the taste of their owner.—Boston Transcript.

There is a movement in England to erect a monument to Washington in Westminster abbey. The Washingtons were a sterling old English family and turned out well when transplanted to the new world.—New York Times.

Things are bound to progress wherever Uncle Sam holds his flag. An English and an American syndicate are squabbling over a street car concession in Havana. It was not worth a moment's contention until the United States took control of affairs.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

General Schofield spoke words of common sense and expressed the opinion of every general who has ever commanded the army when he declared the army should have one head and he should command the staff departments. Our present system breeds staff irresponsibility.—Philadelphia Press.

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