

ONE DEPARTMENT THAT LOOKS AFTER THE ODDS AND ENDS

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Covers wide Diversity of Subjects

SUPERVISE DOMESTIC RELATIONS OF SEALS

Does Anything from Testing Steel Rails to Mueilage and Fixing Weights

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—About this time every year there comes from the government printing office a host of rather dry-looking documents—annual reports, setting forth the ramifications and results of the activities of hundreds of government officials in every corner of the national territory.

Take for instance the report of the secretary of commerce and labor, Charles Nagel, addressed to the president and first made public tonight.

For example, who in the world east of the Rocky Mountains would have suspected that some seals are married and some are bachelors, or so recognized officially by Uncle Sam?

The question arises, who knows all this? Up on the barren reefs of the Pribilofs there is a band of men called the "Alaskan fur seal service."

So much for the top of the seas. The bottoms do not escape investigation. Down at Woods Hole, Mass., and at Beaufort, N. C., there are two sea-side laboratories, where a set of experts study the mysteries of the deep.

United States, the government deposited in various waters more than 20,000,000 fish.

Winding their way through the tortuous channels in the waters of the Philippines, a group of hardy men from the coast and Keokuk, Iowa, are to be seen in the distance.

On the northern edge of the Canadian States a band of explorers has been sent through the heart of the Rocky Mountains, marking the boundary line of the United States with Canada.

Each aspect of this work comes under some one of the sixteen bureaus of the department. They cover everything. In the bureau of corporations, the proper control of the great industrial and financial forces of the country is the absorbing problem.

Reports on Immigrants. The bureau of immigration shows in bold figures that the longer the stranger stays in the United States the more unlikely he is to go away.

The protecting waves of the wireless telegraph have spread themselves over the sea and formed a life net. Of 282 steamships that carry steerage passengers to and from the United States, half have been equipped with the wireless, and the proportion unequipped is a small figure.

The department has made official tests of maulage, steel rails, soap for use on the Panama canal, silk and many other things. It has established a bureau of standards for honest weights with which some of the states are co-operating.

CORPORATIONS MAY AS WELL GET READY

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It is expected they will be from two causes. The first is honest error and the second is intent to defraud the government. Honest errors will be corrected, but any attempts at fraud will be met with vigorous prosecution.

Just at present events in Nicaragua seem to be gaining a little on that crisis which they have been closing so long.

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TEMPTATION HELD OUT TO DRINKING MAN

CIRCULARS OF LIQUOR HOUSES MAKE VIVID SUGGESTIONS

Help to Keep Traffic in Stuff Going Even in Dry Old North State.

The report of the commissioner of internal revenue dealing with the business of liquor houses in North Carolina up to the end of the last fiscal year June 30 discloses the startling fact that somebody is still doing business at the old or some other stand somewhere in the state.

How can they wonder when such tempting "literature" is sent out by the whiskey houses. It is surprising that a man drinks when the joys of a blotto are sung in the lyrics of a Cogliar?

There is a sample of one sent out advertising a well known brand of Whiskey.

"As ripe old cheese differs from laundry soap, so fine old whiskey differs from the bargain 'punk' sold in cheap places.

"Anticipating the holidays, let this message appear on your mental horizon. The Christmas festival herald with its ensemble of delightful odors.

"Your package of ——— is ready. By ordering now you dodge the suspense and possess yourself of the prize just one day too late.

Incidentally the Bureau for the number of licenses issued for state and county. The report referred to above shows that there are 618 retail dealers in the state and twenty-four wholesalers, which is only 399 fewer than in the last year before the state went dry.

Mrs. Stella Divilbliss, wife of J. W. Divilbliss, died at her home, 23 Depot street, yesterday afternoon about four o'clock after a long illness.

MRS. J. W. DIVILBLISS DIES OF LONG ILLNESS

Additional evidence is seen to show that during all the excitement attending the election, Mrs. Divilbliss's remains were not lost sight of by the railway administration.

J. H. (Common) said he had been for years, and he thought that since 1882, whether his party was in power or not.

REGALIA LEFT FOR FEMINE FINERY

TRAVELERS EXCHANGE SUIT CASES AND APPAREL

Woman Has Left Her Elaborate Outfit of Secret Order and Cannot Wear It.

Somewhere in the good land there is a man in the fullness of his pride to a sad awakening.

One day last week Mrs. Penley while waiting for her train at the depot left her suit case for a moment and when she returned it was gone.

Among the many trappings in the bag was a full set of regalia for some secret order including several cups something like "Dokas" are sent to wear when they go on pilgrimages.

Not is there anything to indicate that staidness is going to be any less difficult this season than it has been for some time.

Watson's Ladies' Cafe and Tea Room, 14 Church St. Next the Skirt Factory.

Everything new, table as good as the best, superb service, will cater to the select, orders taken for parties, banquets and socials, estimates given free.

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The following list of instruments taken in exchange as partial payments on the Artistic Staff and Shaw pianos, are being thoroughly overhauled and each one will be in fine condition, and might suit some purchaser who would like a second-hand instrument at a low price and on easy terms.

- No. 1. Harrison, rosewood case, self play, \$300
No. 2. Stief, rosewood case, \$275
No. 3. Ivers & Pond, mahogany case, \$250
No. 4. Matheson, ebony case, \$270
No. 5. Emerson, walnut case, \$260
No. 6. Kramm, oak case, \$175
No. 7. Kramm, mahogany case, \$175
No. 8. Ayton, ebony case, \$175
No. 9. Giltner, ebony case, \$175
No. 10. Stief, ebony case, \$175
No. 11. Windy, walnut case, \$175
No. 12. Crozier, walnut case, \$175
No. 13. Steiner, square, \$150
No. 14. Newell Bros., square, \$150
No. 15. Emmer, square, \$150
No. 16. Stief, square, \$150
No. 17. Stief, square, \$150
No. 18. Stief, square, \$150
No. 19. Knicker, square, \$150
No. 20. Stief, square, \$150

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PAYING PENALTY OF MOSLEM CRIMES

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 12.—Twenty-six Moslems were executed at Salon yesterday and today in connection with the April massacre.

Great crowds witnessed the execution, and the relatives of the condemned men, together with thousands of others joined in the manifest, tribune of grief.

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Clearance Prices on Tailored Suits and Coats

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\$18.00 to \$20.00 suits reduced to \$11.95
\$25.00 suits reduced to \$17.95
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