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THIRTEENPENNY DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ETON TO-DAY.

Many quaint and ancient customs obtain at Eton College, the famous Buckinghamshire school founded in 1440 as a nursery to Cambridge...

There is an old tradition at Eton to the effect that the bequest really provided that half a sheep was to be given to each scholar...

The Dominican Republic's national holiday, commemorating the beginning of the struggle for independence in 1844, will be celebrated to-day...

Port au Prince, the Haiti capital, has a population of 60,000 and its two daily papers have a combined circulation of less than 7,000.

Kaiser Wilhelm and Kaiserin Auguste-Victoria will celebrate to-day the thirty-second anniversary of their wedding...

NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO AMERICA 54 TO-DAY IS THE "BABY" OF CORPS.

Although he will celebrate his fifty-fourth birthday to-day, Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, the new British ambassador to Washington...

Sir Cecil was born Feb. 27, 1859, and was educated at Eton and Oxford. He entered the service of his country as a clerk in the war office...

As a linguist Sir Cecil will have few equals at Washington, as he speaks nearly all of the foreign languages...

WHAT IS POLITICAL VALUE OF LOW TAX RATE?

There was no occasion for the perturbation in official circles over the tax rate. The shuddering was all unnecessary. The people of Bridgeport are not stupid.

The citizens are concerned about what they GET for their money. They want a dollar's worth for a dollar, of things useful, convenient, or necessary to make a comfortable city...

They do not want to be told that they have a fifteen mill tax rate, when the person conveying the information means that they are to have a fifteen mill tax rate plus thirty mills of indebtedness...

It is not an offense upon the part of the city government that it has a tax rate of sixteen and a half mills, if the matters for which the rate is laid are things that the city ought to have.

It is an offense, if the city is deprived of what it ought to have in order to keep the tax rate a mill less, in order that somebody may make a better run for office.

It was easy enough to eliminate the half mill, if it was desired to do so. It was only necessary to repeal the ordinance, adding fifty policemen to the force.

This is proof of the executive estimate of the comparative political value of a lower tax rate, and several hundred prospective policemen hustling for votes.

At the last minute schools were cut, and many other items. No provision was made for the deficiency which as the city auditor indicated, arises from the over estimate of revenue a year ago.

It was only by the insistence of a single member of the tax board that this surplus was not absorbed into the ravenous maw of the administration policy of "a low tax rate at any cost and bonds whether the voters want them or not."

BAD BILL KILLED.

The bill to create the board of contract and supply by charter amendment, which would fix it upon Bridgeport for an indefinite period, came to its end in the House yesterday...

Mr. King, house chairman of the committee, in explaining briefly the report upon the bill, said that it had once been submitted to the people of Bridgeport and that they had defeated it by 1,500 votes.

It may be that the board of contract and supply is a good thing. There is no evidence at present to prove that it is. It is operating under ordinance. It will be continued if it gives good results, and will be discontinued if it does not.

END OF SIXTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

The Sixty-Second Congress is about to come to an end. It has a week of life, and much work ahead of it. The supply bills are for the most part not in. Some of them may go over to the next Congress.

The Sixty-Second Congress hasn't had a profitable career. Its services have been of weak accomplishment. It principally serves to point the error of keeping the legislative establishment of the nation so that the men entrusted with the affairs of the people do not take control until months after their election.

One government should succeed another more speedily. When the people elect new men to have charge of affairs it is not wise that the government should long continue in the hands of those from whom the people have removed it.

INSTRUCTOR ATTACKS YALE MORALS IN PLAY

New Haven, Feb. 27.—In a four act play just published and entitled "The Ice Lens," George Frederick Gundelfinger, an instructor in Yale, attacks the morals of college men.

The play pictures the insignificant, despised tutor struggling through college and eventually surpassing the rich man's depraved son, who comes out of college a moral and physical wreck.

PROTEST TO WILSON AGAINST BRANDEIS

Trenton, Feb. 27.—Governor Wilson has appointed Charles L. Swann his personal stenographer. The young man has occupied the position with Wilson as Governor.

KOCHERSPERGER DEFENDS COURSE OF NEW HAVEN CO.

Vice President H. M. Kochersperger of the New Haven Company, Hartford Railroad, issued a statement yesterday, brought forth by Rep. Lynn W. Wilson's bill of particulars, denying that the managers of the New Haven Company are in the habit of buying road property...

"The average market price for New Haven stock in the year 1906 was \$197 a share, but it should be borne in mind that the New Haven stock was selling at a price based upon the then business conditions, which not only affected it but all other stocks.

"We cannot expect miracles even from the great New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company, especially at a time like this, when all of their facilities are crowded to the utmost.

"In 1899 the amount of taxes paid to the state of Connecticut by the New Haven company and the companies then operated separately, but which have since come into the system, was \$1,090,997; in 1912, the company paid \$1,522,835, an increase of \$431,838, equal to forty per cent.

"When it is considered that the lines (Rhode Island line) have a length of 320 miles of single track, serving the second largest city in New England; that the earnings are increasing; that the property has been put in excellent condition...

"The first investiture of the members of the college of cardinals with the red hat, as the insignia of their dignity, took place 687 years ago to-day.

"The charges that Lieut. Becker, under sentence of death in Sing Sing in New York, said Mayor Gaynor to the legislative committee taking evidence looking toward the framing of remedial legislation in the vice and graft situation here.

"The mayor insisted that graft was not general but was confined to two or three districts and possibly two or three men.

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MAYOR GAYNOR DENIES POLICE CRAFT GENERAL

New York, Feb. 27.—"There is no better police force in the world than the force under Commissioner Waldo in New York," said Mayor Gaynor to the legislative committee taking evidence looking toward the framing of remedial legislation in the vice and graft situation here.

ARCTICS

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