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MANY BIG BILLS STILL IN COMMITTEE.

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consider bills. The insurance bill of Senator Trammell was referred to it April 9, the pure food bill of Senator Crill was given to the committee April 4. Two bills by Senator Beard, relating to regulation of telegraph companies, were committed on April 4. The Judiciary Committee, of course, is the hard-worked committee of the Senate, yet that it no excuse for failure to report bills introduced in the early days of the session so that they may get on the calendar, that the MINORITY of the Senate, OUTSIDE of the Judiciary Committee, can have opportunity for their part of the legislation.

The Senate of 1907 is unique, or at least the fact has never before been noted of a Legislative body being organized with its principal committee numbering sufficient for a majority, as does the Judiciary Committee.

IMPORTANT BILLS NOW ON CALENDAR.

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Senator Jackson's anti-cigarette bill received unfavorable report.

Another bill on second reading, in which many persons will be interested, is that to make tax deeds prima facie evidence of title. This is by Senator West, of the 1st, and got favorable report.

As usual, the Senate is well up with its calendar, having but 23 bills on second reading and 14 on third reading, but this is due not so much to industry on the floor, as lack of it in committee work.

Many bills introduced during the first days of the session have not yet been reported, and a number are of great importance.

TECHNICALLY-EDUCATED MEN NEEDED.

Not Enough to Meet the Demand of the Industrial World—Graduates of the Technical Schools Sought Eagerly by Employers.

Some time ago a large industrial concern of the East sent a representative to Pittsburg with the authority to employ one hundred draftsmen and engineers. The representative was able to secure only forty, and these he had to pay anywhere from fifty to sixty per cent. more than they were then earning to induce them to change.

The incident emphasized the great demand there is for technically trained men in every part of the United States. Not only are their services required—at high salaries—in all kinds of construction work, but they are as much in demand in administrative positions. A large proportion of the men at the heads of the various railroad companies are those with engineering educations, and it is stated on good authority that sixty per cent. of the officials of the steel industry are technically trained men.

Such is the demand for the man with a technical education that a writer in a recent number of a national industrial publication refers to him as the "autocrat of the business world," meaning that he may command almost any salary within reason. The same writer cites the fact that industrial employers are eagerly seeking the graduates of the technical schools, and mentions an instance where one firm wanted to employ the entire graduating class of a well-known engineering university.

No single agency has done so much to give men technical training as has the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa. By the unique methods of this great institution, young men and older men may gain thorough technical training in all the leading engineering trades and professions, without giving up any employment that they may have. In almost all large industrial concerns of America these Schools have graduates working with the graduates of leading universities. The Schools can point to thousands of cases where men formerly working as laborers or occupying inferior positions have, through the I. S. perfected system of training by mail, become engineers, superintendents, managers, foremen, or heads of their own enterprises.

In fact, the International Correspondence Schools make it easy for the ambitious man, in his spare hours, and at small expense, to rise to the level of the high-salaried experts that no man can say truthfully that he lacks opportunity.

A Pugnacious Bard.

An earthquake which occurred in England on Feb. 8, 1750, frightened to death Aaron Hill, the poet and visionary projector. Of Hill's voluminous writings only an epigram or two are now remembered, but he was a pugnacious bard, who so terrified Pope that the spiteful little satirist would only walk abroad with loaded pistols and accompanied by his big Danish dog Bounce. Aaron Hill is one of the many literary worthies connected with the city of Westminster. He was educated at Westminster school, lived in "Petty France" and, after squandering his fortune in schemes for extracting oil from beechnuts and planting vineyards in Essex, was buried in the cloisters of Westminster abbey.

His Life Preservers.

Mr. Hare in his book, "The Last of the Bushrangers," says that in the early days of the Ballarat digging in Australia a police officer was very ill with an abscess of the liver, and the doctors had all given him up. A police magistrate had watched over him night and day, and when all hope seemed to be gone the dying man said to his benefactor:

"My dear fellow, you have been very good to me, and I want to leave you something. I am the only man in camp who has a pair of boot trees. When I am gone you may have them."

The magistrate was very grateful. The next day he went into the sick-room softly, believing that his friend was dying or dead, and took possession of the boot trees, but before he could get out of the room with them the owner, who had been watching him, suddenly started up and called out:

"Come, come, now! Just leave those trees alone. I'm not dead yet!"

The sudden attempt to rise burst the abscess, and he recovered. Years afterward the boot trees used to be shown as "life preservers."

Prisoners of Clothes.

"I never saw a man whose old clothes fitted him when he got out of prison," said a jailer. "He may come into my custody wearing a suit that is a model of the tailor's art, but when he goes out those clothes hang all askew. Sometimes the prisoner grows fat, sometimes he grows lean, but if he neither takes on nor loses flesh he seems to undergo a many physical changes during confinement that the clothes he wore are a decided misfit. It is the same way with hospital patients. Not all pennies leave a hospital in a state of exaction by any means, yet they and their clothes seem to sever friendship during illness, and the old suit never is well again."—New York Sun.

Accidents.

The wind whirled a man's hat high in air, and in his frantic leap for it he butted into another man, and the two together banged into a fine plate glass window, cracking it from top to bottom. The plate glass insurance company, after making good the damage, demanded payment of the two men who had broken the window. But these two men consulting a lawyer and learned that, since the window had been an accident pure and simple, they were not liable in any way.

"People often pay for such accidents," the lawyer said, "but they are very foolish to do so. There is no law in the world to make them pay a cent."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Worried Woman.

Mrs. Meek—Of course I am worried. As a dutiful wife I can't help feeling so, for I am sure my husband is keeping something from me, and I shan't be content until I know what it is. Mrs. Freak—My husband is keeping something from me, too, and I am worried because I know what it is. Mrs. Meek—Indeed! What is it? Mrs. Freak—It's money.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Dr. Johnson and Servants. Dr. Johnson used to retire to a garment library over his chambers without letting his servant know where he was when he wanted to study without interruption rather than tell the servant to say he was not at home. "A servant's strict regard for truth," said Johnson, "must be weakened by such a practice. A philosopher may know that it is merely a form of denial, but few servants are such nice distinguishers. If I accustom a servant to tell a lie for me, have I not reason to apprehend that he will tell many lies for himself?"

Cautious.

In the village of Poitou a woman fell into a trance. After the Poitevin custom, she was wrapped in a sheet to be carried to the cemetery, but as the procession was passing through a narrow road a thorn of the wayside pierced the sheet, wounded her so that the blood flowed, and she awoke. Fourteen years later the woman really died and again was borne toward the grave. As the procession passed through the narrow road the husband called: "Not so near the hedge, friends! Not so near the hedge!"—St. James' Gazette.

The Most Ancient Books.

The most ancient books are the writings of Moses and the poems of Homer and Hesiod. The earliest sacred writings of the Chinese are called the Five Kings, king meaning web of cloth or the warp that keeps the threads in their place. They contain the best sayings of the best sages on the ethics—political duties of life. These sayings cannot be traced to a period higher than the eleventh century B. C. The "Three Vedas" are the most ancient books of the Hindoos, and it is believed that they are not older than eleven centuries B. C. The Zendavesta of the Persians is the grandest of all the sacred books next to our Bible. Zoroaster, whose sayings it contains, was born in the twelfth century B. C. Moses wrote his Pentateuch fifteen centuries B. C. and therefore preceded by 300 years the most ancient of the sacred writings.

Why Iron Ships Float.

A battleship floats for the same reason that a cork does—that is, because it is lighter than water. This may seem odd at first, since the battleship is built of steel plates, heavily armored with steel and heavily loaded with big guns. But a battleship, like all other ships, is hollow, and, with all its weight, it is lighter than the bulk of the water it displaces. Every boat sinks just far enough in the water to displace a weight of water exactly equal to its own weight.—St. Louis Republic.

The Largest Book.

The largest book yet printed is a colossal atlas of engraved ancient Dutch maps. It takes three men to move it from the giant bookcase in which it is stored in the library of the British museum. This monster book is bound in leather, magnificently decorated and is fastened with clasps of solid silver richly gilt. It is unlikely to be stolen, however, for it is nearly seven feet high and weighs 800 pounds. This, the largest book in the world, was presented to King Charles II. before leaving Holland in 1680.—London Standard.

A Cannibal Feast.

Dr. John Gibson Paton, the missionary, told in his autobiography how depressed he was when he first arrived in the New Hebrides in 1858. The natives were in their war paint and nakedness. A fight was going on, and five or six men had been killed. His native servant, who went out to procure water for tea, came back without it. The savages had cooked and eaten the dead bodies at the only available spring, had washed the blood into the water and had bathed in it. The missionary drank cocoanut water for a good while after that.



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