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LET'S HOPE IT'S TRUE

COUSIN LAM HALL, in producing a drop of thirty cents in the tax rate to be fixed next December. It will come about, he says, through an increase in the value of taxable real estate and through the existence of unneeded bond issues.

MR. DENBY'S INGENUOUSNESS

SECRETARY DENBY'S impatience with historical precedents and traditional investigations reveals his unfamiliarity with the penalties of political office. Inability to calmly hold is acquired by most administrations after the day of retirement arrives.

Josephus Danby, though listed as an amateur on several occasions, was professionally impetuous to criticism. It is not known that he lost any quantity of sleep over the recurrent hubbub about the American administration of Haiti.

SILESIA IS A TEST

THE Polish question in Europe, it has been pointed out by D'Annunzio's flame adventure. While the general similarity in the cases so far as principles are concerned, their practical aspects differ widely.

WHAT ABOUT PEACE GARDENS?

DURING the war years when expressions of patriotism were in vogue, the peace gardens were a thing to be seen in every town.

MR. BRYAN IN THE SOUTH

IT IS in response to a decree of Providence that William Jennings Bryan, tireless advocate of self-determination for those who agree with him, and unflinching champion of the laws of freedom and human brotherhood, has taken up a permanent residence in Florida with a view to a nomination from that state for the Senate?

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THE BILL PROHIBITING FEDERAL JUDGES

THE bill prohibiting Federal judges from accepting outside employment while on the bench might have greater force if its personal application were less marked. The point on the Dial is too pointedly Landis.

THOUGH WHAT BORAH TELLS OF PANAMA

THOUGH what Borah tells of Panama tells is evidence of a wish to embarrass the administration, it does not follow that the wish will be realized. Mr. Knox might tell him something of what is likely to happen.

LADY ASTOR'S FAME AS A JESTER

LADY Astor's fame as a jester is becoming her reputation as a thinker; in the which she shares the injustice served on the part of greater publicists. The average run of mankind cannot see wisdom apart from solemnity.

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