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AN UNBANSHEED AGENT.

One of the views of our political system is illustrated by the report that the Indian agent whose inefficiency caused the outbreak at Pine Ridge, and who was removed on that account, is now being pressed for reappointment with good prospects of succeeding. It is manifest that if he is reappointed it will be solely to satisfy the political exigencies of the two South Dakota Senators. Senatorial needs which call for starving the Indians, and provoking costly Indian wars, are very expensive; but they are entirely in harmony with the political theories that place practical politics above integrity and efficiency in the administration of public affairs.

LOOKS LIKE A PRIZE PUZZLE.

Now that we have got the decisions which were to make the way clear for the city, it becomes necessary to retain a large corps of Philadelphia lawyers, including the Supreme Court Justices, to construe the decision. Beyond this divergence of opinion as to whether curative legislation can enable the city to do otherwise than what the language of the decision says it has got to do, namely, pay for "all work done and to be done as the law now stands," another puzzle is presented with regard to the effect of the decision, on heads of departments and police magistrates.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

PRESIDENT ELLIOT, of Harvard, is said to be in a bad way. He has a cold and a headache and is unable to attend to his duties. He is expected to recover in a few days. MRS. EDWARD CLARK, assistant counsel for Sir George Cumming, has been learning to play baccarat as a preparation for the approaching trial. She is reported to be able to give experts a good lesson in the game already. MARION CRAWFORD, the novelist, has served a legal notice upon the managers of the opera against the production in Paris of "La Mare" on the ground that the story is taken from her work, "The Master." M. Ripstein denies the contention.

not make satisfactory arbitrators. There are plenty of other statesmen in Europe who have nothing to gain by acting as arbitrator, and when the time comes, the appointment of any one of them will give more satisfaction to both parties than will the appointment of the ex-Chancellor.

PRESIDENT ELLIOT ON FINANCE.

Presidential comment has been provoked by the fact that President Eliot, of Harvard, took occasion in an address to the business men of St. Louis to urge the incalculation of sound economic views, especially on the subject of finance. While some of the Western expressions of opinion find fault with the President for urging views which would be antagonistic to the trend of popular opinion, Eastern journals unite in saying he was quite right in seizing the opportunity to create opinion in favor of a stable and sound currency.

THE COMPLAINT IS MADE BY MINISTER REIC.

The complaint is made by Minister Reic that people in France are unable to secure official documents concerning the World's Fair. This suggests the possibility of Promoter General Handy doing some promoting in a way to demonstrate that he is useful as well as ornamental.

HON. A. S. HEWITT IS URGING THE ADOPTION.

Hon. A. S. Hewitt is urging the adoption by all the States of a system of uniform taxation. He is especially anxious to have the States adopt uniform laws in relation to the inheritance of real estate. He is also anxious to have the States adopt uniform laws in relation to the inheritance of personal property.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE HIGH WATER.

In the illustration of the high water in Pittsburgh last month, although belated, are interesting. But the determination of our teeming contemporary, *Harper's Weekly*, to name the largest avenue of our city "Penny Vanavava," warrants the remark that the name of the founder of this Commonwealth was William Penn, and in naming a street after him it has not been deemed necessary to add the "sylvania" as applying to the least sylvan streets in the State.

INSURANCE MEN HAVE ANY AMOUNT OF ASSURANCE.

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DEYOUNG WITHDREW IN FAVOR OF FELTON IN THE CALIFORNIA SENATORIAL FIGHT.

DeYoung withdrew in favor of Felton in the California Senatorial Fight. He is now in California and is working for Felton.

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