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THE SENATE BILL.

A correspondent asks if the bill passed by the United States senate regarding bonding privileges at Wrangel can become law without being dealt with by the house of representatives.

The introduction of this measure is the strongest possible argument for the immediate construction of a railway from the Stikine to a British Columbia port.

ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS. In the nineteenth Psalm occurs this remarkable language: "Before the mountains were brought forth or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the

world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction and sayest return ye children of men; for a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is passed and as a watch in the night.

The authorship of the remarkable paragraph is attributed to Moses. The assumption is that it is very ancient. It seems to be something more than a compilation of vigorous figures of speech.

A few centuries ago, we might almost say a few score years ago, it would not have been possible to appreciate the full force of these words, of this idea that man has been swept away like grass before the scythe of the mower.

This ruined civilization was in many respects greater than our own. Recently an effort has been made to restore, by drawing, one of the old Mayan temples. The Mayans are the Central American race of whose early history we know practically nothing at all.

How about the reference to the mandate of the Almighty for the return of races, that have seemingly been swept off the face of the earth? There are modern historical incidents which fit such a suggestion, and conspicuously so is the case of our own race.

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mental stamina that came from long centuries of civilization, which other centuries of wandering had not eradicated. They were a "returning" race, and they have returned to some purpose.

There is not lacking other proof of vanished civilization than that above given, or other evidence of the return of races to the enjoyment of prosperity.

The Seattle Times is waging a splendid fight for the proper inspection of steamships in the Northern trade. It boldly charges that the inspectors at the Sound ports are not doing their duty.

REFERRING to the new Canadian regulation compelling foreign vessels carrying passengers out of Canadian ports to submit to the same inspection as is applied to British vessels.

A few years ago the people of Seattle were welcoming the advent of the Canadian Pacific and they have advertised to the world the fact that this gives them a competing route to the East.

THE Montreal Herald denies that there was any secret about the Stikine-Teelin railway contract. It says every one knew the government was going to aid in constructing a railway.

THE Oregonian ridicules those persons who are trying to make a fuss about the raising of the British flag at the summit of the White Pass.

The Post-Intelligencer calls the new order in council requiring foreign vessels carrying passengers from Canadian ports to be subject to the same inspection as British vessels.

THE provinces have almost always been in opposition to the Dominion government, and it is beginning to look as if Sir Wilfrid Laurier is to have the experiences of his predecessors.

"ROSLAND has put more poor prospectors on their feet than any other camp in America." So said a Roseland man to the COLONIST last night.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

"How beautiful is the snow," he said, "as white, so pure, so universal. It falls alike on rich and poor; it turns the beggar's hotel to a dream of glistening beauty."

"Your office must be mighty popular," said Ethel to the coroner. "I hear they are about ten candidates out agin ye."

Lincoln Freed the Slaves. These were the happy days for those slaves who were tortured and suffered at the hands of their fellow men.

JOHN ROOD A VICTIM. Seized With Spinal Meningitis at Skagway and Now a Patient at the Jubilee.

Friends and business acquaintances of Mr. John Rood, cannery proprietor and steamboat owner of Lowe Inlet, will learn with extreme regret that he is lying at the point of death in the Jubilee hospital here.

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FORTY-FIVE FRIEND FARRE. He Primed the Comm ington but is Rep the Govern. The Minister of Justice to Transfer at W Undoubted.

Liquor Policy for Yu Declared-Senator Takes the O. (From Our Own Correspondent) OTTAWA, March 5.-The assembled-to-night after a day.

ALBERNI FARM. Better Facilities for Reaching sired-An Unused Tim cession. ALBERNI, March 3.-A m Alberni Farmers' Institut in the court house, Alberni yesterday.

The programme then drew attention to various grievances, and a long ensued on the boat service Victoria, the advisability of creamery, and other local matters.