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practical political powers rather than to the regulation of railroads. That it would be the same in Washington there is no reason to doubt. The railroads would not be permitted to dominate any commission that might be named, and who has observed the political life of the state since the time of admission doubts that, first or last, they would succeed, and that, upon the basis of this success, their hold upon state politics would be riveted for an indefinite time.

THE BLUNDER OF THE CENTURY.

Senator Mitchell pronounces "the attempt to build the canal at Panama the blunder of the century." Senator Mitchell's view is sustained by Lewis M. Haupt, a civil engineer of great distinction, in an article contributed to the July number of the North American Review, entitled, "Why Is an Isthmian Canal Not Built?"

OUR DEBT TO THE BOERS.

Earl Roberts, in a recent public address, said: "The result of battles in the future, so far as we can now see, will depend on skillful sharpshooting." This great change in modern tactics is concentrated upon the experience of the Boer War. At Magerfontein 4000 Boers with thirteen guns repulsed the attack of 12,000 British with thirty-one guns.

AN EPIDEMIC OF UNREST.

The labor situation in Chicago on the first day of August was strenuous to the extreme. Boiler-makers and their helpers numbering about 2300 men walked out early in the day. Their tollers readily found an excuse for the strike in the form of a long pay because wages had become more expensive and the result more uncertain through the increased power of the demand.

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COTTON FOR UNCLAD MULTITUDES.

After long, thorough and careful investigation of the subject, the Department of Agriculture finds that the substitution of cotton for wool for clothing within the past quarter of a century has become world-wide, and, by making them cheaper, has greatly increased the amount of cloth manufactured and used for clothing.

HAWTHORNE PARK.

The committee upon which devolves the duty of selecting a site for the Lewis and Clark Exposition has taken the wise precaution to consult with men who have experience in other exhibitions of similar character, and has been advised to select a central location, and one where no difficult transportation problems will complicate the dispatch of the work of preparation.

HE WOULD SMOKE.

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SEATTLE KICKED OUT BY FACT.

Saturday Evening Post. Senator William P. Frye is an ardent lover of the sport of fishing. Once, after his return from his summer's outing, he met the celebrated naturalist, Agassiz.

A PLAN FOR COURTESY.

Girl's Realm. We have lost the old flowery forms of politeness, and now we never waste "thank you" on a fellow creature who is not of our own immediate tribe.

LIGHT-HEARTED LONDON.

Today. A London crowd is the most good-humored crowd in the British islands. It is impossible for a man born and bred in London, with an average eye for the quaint side of life, to be misanthropic.

YOUNG MEN SHOULD MARRY.

San Francisco Bulletin. When a bachelor sees a young married man in a street car on Sunday afternoon with the wife at his side and a baby in his arms he is moved, sometimes, to make a solemn vow of perpetual celibacy.

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MILLIONS OF BUFFALO.

Outing. In the 40s, when the American Fur Company was in the heyday of its power, there were sent from St. Louis alone in a single year 100,000 robes.

THE ROSARY.

Robert Cameron Rogers. The hours I spent with thee, dear heart, from the dawn of dawn to the dusk of day, I count them over, every one apart, my rosary.

GIVE ME MORE LOVE OR MORE DISDAIN.

Thomas Carey. Give me more love or more disdain; The terror of the frozen snow Brings equal ease unto my pain.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Unwept, unburied and unburned—Tracy. We should like to know who prayed for him in Colorado. Some Eastern speculators are feeling their oats and some are not. The salt war is said to have been caused by somebody's being too fresh.

Republicans of New York after all are not under great obligation to their Flat who did them what they would vote for Roosevelt in 1904. They knew it already. Unless Hanna himself tells us what he has done for workmen, nobody is likely to tell. The day for blowing the trumpet unto Hanna is when he himself blows it.