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**The Smart Set**  
 We would respectfully call the attention of readers of the Smart Set to our four-page advertisement in the October number. It contains a critical analysis of Indorsements given the Pianola by such great artists as Paderewski, Hoffman, Sauer, Rosenthal.  
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**STRATTON IN SECLUSION.**  
 Pleas From Reporters to Think Over His Father's Will.  
 COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Sept. 22.—The chief development of today in the Stratton will situation was the departure from the city of Isaac Harrison Stratton, the son and heir. Considerable speculation was indulged in as to where he had gone. It being reported that he had returned to Illinois to secure legal counsel from that state. It is stated he has gone only to the Donovan ranch, a few miles south of the city, and that his chief purpose in doing so was to avoid further interviewing by the papers before he shall have made up his mind as to the course of action. It was stated on good authority that he has not yet formed any conclusion whether he will make a contest over the will of his father.

**ELPHANT ON A RAMPAGE**  
 House Broken Into and a Child in Bed Hurled Across a Room.  
 VINCENNES, Ind., Sept. 22.—An elephant on exhibition at the Elks' club here, went on a rampage last night and broke through a window at the home of Clarence Duncan, a candy manufacturer. With its trunk, the elephant upset a bed on which Mrs. Duncan and two children were sleeping, and hurled one child across the room. The elephant then broke down the door of the house before it was subdued by its keeper. Mrs. Duncan is in a critical condition from the fright. The child was badly bruised.

**Appeal to Hay for Armenians.**  
 ST. LOUIS, Sept. 22.—Ardash H. Keleian, president of the Armenian National Union, composed of 20,000 Armenians in this country, has written a letter to Secretary Hay requesting his intervention with the European powers in behalf of the Armenians in Turkey.

**Named to Represent Porto Rico.**  
 SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Sept. 22.—The Republicans have nominated Federico Deteague to be Porto Rican Commissioner to Washington by a majority of 155 votes.

**Fire at Birmingham.**  
 BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 22.—At 2:30 A. M. the building occupied by Louis Saks, a clothier, is burning, and the flames are beyond control of the fire department. The loss will be over \$250,000.

**SLOW AT THE BAR**  
 No Early Relief at River Entrance.  
**DOUBT ABOUT A DREDGE**  
 Cost, About \$400,000; Operation, \$200,000 More.  
**IF JETTIES, DELAY FOR A YEAR**  
 Engineer Board to Inquire Into Cello Project Meets and Goes Up River to Investigate Captain Hart's Plan.

It does not look as if navigation on the Columbia River bar will have relief for a year at least. The Government board of engineers will make its recommendations probably within a month, but they cannot be carried out until next Spring or Summer.

If jetties are to be built at the mouth of the Columbia, construction will not begin for almost a year, and the time till then will be taken up with preparatory work. If a dredge is to be stationed at the mouth of the Columbia, it will not be available for six months or a year. It would therefore appear that navigation is up against it for a good while yet, and even if the bar gets worse this Winter it will have to be left to do as it pleases. A bar dredge could be ordered for about \$400,000, and the operating expenses for two years would amount to about \$200,000 more. It is believed that there is money available from the Government appropriation provided by the last session of Congress. A dredge could be remodeled out of an ocean-going steam vessel in six months, perhaps, or at most 12 months. There are serious doubts whether it would be effective in the heavy swells of the bar and the rough seas which are peculiar to the mouth of the Columbia. At all other places under the observation of the engineers where ocean dredges have been successful there has not been anything like the roughness that prevails at the entrance to the Columbia.

**Engineers Are Reticent.**  
 The engineers decline to reveal their opinion about the efficacy of a dredge, and their opinion will not be announced until they have reported to Washington. They will submit the result of their investigations some time next month. An important question is whether periods of good weather last long enough on the bar for the dredge to do the continuous work that would be necessary. If the dredge operated only a few days, and then had to wait for favorable weather for a long period, its cost of maintenance would be out of proportion to the benefits it would accomplish.

**How About a Jetty?**  
 As to whether the present jetty is to be extended or a new one is to be built from Cape Disappointment, the board is extremely reticent. It is evident that their investigations have showed them the bar is too wide and that the current should be confined to a narrower course. They have gone through all the reports that have been submitted by those in the Government service who have preceded them. It has taken a long time to do this.

**To Look Into Canal Project.**  
 The special board of Government engineers which is to investigate the possibility of Captain Hart's canal project above The Dalles will inspect the line of the canal today. Last night the engineers went to The Dalles, escorted by Representative Malcolm A. Moody and Captain W. C. Langfitt. A special car was placed at their disposal by the O. R. Citizens of The Dalles have prepared for their entertainment. The board is composed of Lieutenant-Colonel William H. Heuer, Major William L. Marshall, Captain Edward Burr, Captain Cass E. Gillette and Captain Charles H. McKinstry. Major Marshall, Captain Burr, Captain Gillette and Captain McKinstry are also on the bar board.

The canal board met yesterday on the sixth floor of the Worcester block at 10 A. M. It adjourned about noon and came together again about 2 o'clock. The canal was a very secret one indeed, so secret that not a single breath of it got outside the close-fitting door. The engineers will spend today inspecting the ground over which the canal is proposed. At Celilo Falls they will examine the problem of the canal and look on the Washington shore. This canal is to be about 400 feet long. Below Celilo Falls, between Big Eddy and Old Meas-house, a distance of about 5000 feet, is to be a second canal. At the head of this canal the river is only 180 feet wide. Above are rapids, and the plan is to make them navigable by means of a dam at the narrows, which would reduce the turbulence of the rapids. The engineers will determine whether this dam should be built and whether it would withstand the mighty rush of the river. Between Big Eddy and The Dalles the river is already navigable.

**PORTLAND PAYS OUT BIG SUM.**  
 Not Less Than \$1,300,000 for Columbia Improvement.  
 The Government engineers detailed to investigate the Columbia bar and the Hart's canal project have expressed surprise that Portland has made so good a channel to the sea with such little assistance from the National Government. At the meeting which they held with citizens last Saturday they were informed that Portland had already expended fully \$800,000 of its own money on the waterway. They were told that this compar-



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tively small city had practically maintained a channel so that the products of a region as large as New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland combined might have outlet to the markets of the world. This intelligence awakened their admiration as well as their surprise.  
 But the fact is that \$800,000 is only about two-thirds of what Portland has expended on the river. Up to September 1 the Port of Portland Commission had disbursed \$1,075,356.38. By the end of this month it will have paid out \$60,000 more. The commission was created by the Legislature of 1891. Before that time the channel had been kept open by the regular city government and public-spirited citizens, who subscribed money for the work. Before 1891 Portland spent in round numbers no less than \$200,000, according to the authority given yesterday of several citizens who were in close touch with the work. Henry Hewitt says that figure is approximately correct, and R. L. Durham says it is not far from the real amount. It appears, therefore, that Portland has put not less than \$1,300,000 into its channel. If there are 300,000 people in Portland this sum means \$13 for every man, woman and child in the city.

**BOAT TO DREDGE COLUMBIA BAR.**  
 Captain Sanford Was in Seattle Trying to Secure One.  
 SEATTLE, Sept. 22.—Captain James Clark Sanford, of the Engineering Corps of the United States Army, was in Seattle today, trying to make arrangements for a boat to be used in dredging operations on the Columbia River bar.  
 Captain Sanford was very reticent about the nature of the work to be done on the bar, but it is understood that operations will be commenced in about two months. He wants a light-draft boat, drawing from 12 to 14 feet of water.  
 Captain Sanford was to have met Captain E. E. Cain, of the Pacific Clipper Line, to see about a steamer and an oil bulk to be used by the Government, but Captain Cain was unable to keep the appointment, and Captain Sanford left for Portland this afternoon. Captain Cain will probably take the matter up with Captain Sanford by letter and learn just what kind of a vessel is desired.

**Romanians Will Ignore Powers.**  
 LONDON, Sept. 22.—In a dispatch from Vienna the correspondent of the Times says he fears there is little doubt that the Romanians have resolved to accept the consequence of setting at defiance the signatory powers, and the public opinion of the civilized world, and continue the persecution of the Jews, in order to compel them to seek asylum abroad.

**OREGON MOVING UP**  
 Postal Receipts Show Big Increase for Year.

**PORTLAND'S GREAT SHOWING**  
 Its Business Gained \$35,000 of the \$58,000 Credited to the State—Several Washington Presidential Offices Go Down Hill.

**OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU,** Washington, Sept. 22.—The gross postal receipts of the Presidential postoffices of Oregon and Idaho for the last fiscal year show a marked increase over corresponding receipts for the year previous, and in Washington the advance is phenomenal. For 1901 Oregon's total gross postal receipts from Presidential offices was \$404,340, and for 1902 it reached \$462,104. Washington's receipts have advanced from \$608,572 to \$729,236; and Idaho's receipts from \$112,749 to \$135,672.

Following are the receipts of the principal offices of Oregon in 1901 and 1902:

Office	1901	1902
Portland	\$28,465	\$22,554
Astoria	12,138	12,250
Baker City	12,159	12,588
Vendocler	11,304	12,965
Salem	18,821	21,222
The Dalles	9,700	10,444

Arlington is the only Presidential office in Oregon which fails to show an increase. The receipts in Washington for the same years were as follows:

Office	1901	1902
Seattle	\$398,521	\$444,222
Tacoma	78,811	88,376
Spokane	97,516	118,321
Everett	15,750	22,807
North Yakima	11,223	12,970
Olympia	11,924	12,073
Vancouver	5,992	10,000
Walla Walla	17,970	20,250
Whatecum	16,473	22,142

Idaho's receipts were as follows:

Office	1901	1902
Boise	\$25,574	\$23,935
Pocatello	11,043	13,438

Republic and Cosmopolis, in Washington; Grangeville, Montpellier, Silver City and Wallace, in Idaho, all show retrogression.

Cabinet officers, are quietly advocating an extra session of Congress after March 4 for the purpose of taking up questions that are prominent in this campaign, including the tariff and trusts and reciprocity treaties. It has been suggested by more than one Cabinet officer that a semi-official announcement of this kind should be made.

Secretary Root will talk on the Philippines this campaign, notwithstanding he has said that it is no longer an issue. He will bring out the fact that the Democrats devoted over 100 pages of their campaign book to the Philippines, and have then practically abandoned the issue because their position was unpopular. Secretary Root's political speeches will be devoted to showing how the Democratic party has opposed everything that has been done in the Philippines, and that it has been wrong all the time.

**MISS GILFREY'S WEDDING DAY.**  
 Portland Belle Will Be Married to—  
 ARMOR WARD in London, Oct. 16.  
**OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU,** Washington, Sept. 22.—The marriage of Miss Sara Gilfrey, of Portland, Or., to Mr. Armor Ward, of New York, is announced to take place at St. Margaret's Westminster Abbey, London, October 16. The honeymoon will be spent automobiling in England. Miss Gilfrey is the daughter of Henry H. Gilfrey, Reading Clerk of the United States Senate.

**BARD OUT OF DANGER.**  
 Recovery of Senator Is but a Matter of Time.  
 LOS ANGELES, Sept. 22.—Physicians in attendance on Senator Bard announced today that the patient is now out of danger and his recovery a matter of time.

**May Be Forced to Resign.**  
 NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Although Senator Bard has passed the critical stage of his illness and is recovering from typhoid pneumonia that for one week has kept him in the shadow of death, it is feared by his friends, says a Tribune dispatch from San Francisco, that he may be forced to resign, as the physicians will, it is believed, object to his taking up his duties at Washington during the Winter. Congress meets more than a month before the California Legislature, and it would be necessary for the Governor to appoint a Senator for this interim.

**No Change in Death List.**  
 BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 22.—It seems almost impossible to ascertain accurately just how many deaths have occurred as a result of the panic Friday night at the Shiloh Baptist Church. The number appears to be not less than 104, and may reach 106. No additional deaths were reported today. Donations, almost entirely from white citizens, amount to \$70 so far, and the fund is being used to bury such dead as have not been buried for lack of money.

**MUST HELP CUBA**  
 Roosevelt's Strong Plea for Reciprocity.  
 OUR DUTY NOT YET ENDED  
 President Addresses Spanish-American Veterans.  
 DAY AT DETROIT A BUSY ONE  
 Citizens Vie With Each Other in Honoring the Chief Executive—He Acts as Escort to Miss Clara Barton at Soldiers' Meeting.

Today the President will visit Indianapolis and Fort Wayne. In Indianapolis three or four hours will be spent, and the President will attend the third annual encampment of the Spanish-American War Veterans. The party will be entertained at luncheon at the Columbia Club. One hour will be spent at Fort Wayne late in the afternoon, and Milwaukee will be reached during the night.

DETROIT, Sept. 22.—President Roosevelt's two days' visit to Detroit came to an end today, at the conclusion of a banquet tendered him in the Light Guard Armory by the Spanish War Veterans, the opening of whose third annual reunion he attended this morning. It was a brilliant event. Nearly 800 men sat at the tables on the floor of the big Armory, and the galleries were crowded to their utmost capacity by handsomely gowned women and their escorts. The Armory was decorated in green and white, and electric lights were everywhere.  
 When the President rose to begin his address, which was the first of the evening, he received an ovation. The men on the floor stood up and cheered again and again, while the clapping of hands from the gallery was like the crackle of musketry. The President, after speaking of Michigan's important part in the Spanish-American War, said:  
 "The war itself was an easy one. The tasks left behind us, though glorious, have been hard. You, the men of the Spanish War—you and your comrades in arms who fought in Cuba, Porto Rico and in the Philippines, won renown for the country, added to its moral grandeur and to its material prosperity; but you also left duties to be done by those who came after you. In Porto Rico the duty

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