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WORK OF THE PRESS.

Public opinion created by newspapers justly presenting the facts daily being more and more recognized as a potent factor in public life. The most remarkable case that is prominently before the people of this country just now is the forcing of Alger from President McKinley's cabinet. In France we have the case of the displaced Jew, Captain Dreyfus, whose case was first exposed by only one newspaper. The injustice of the case was shown up, and the work was so completely done that the whole nation was aroused. His sentence was modified after the new trial, and now the force of the press has compelled the ministry to grant a pardon. We have a case in point nearer home, in that of James Knox, of Tacoma. He has been recommended for the position of United States shipping inspector by the senators of his state, by the Pierce county legislative delegation and by the big banks of Tacoma, but the influence of the Tacoma press has made his appointment impossible, and now his manager, who has said "the people be d--d," is thinking of going into the newspaper business.

The upheaval and overturning of the Salem municipal government last year is probably the most noteworthy case near at hand. Here we have a city that for more than a decade had been in the control of one political organization, which predominated by two to one. The managers turned up their noses at every friendly criticism and suggestion until those complaints became unfriendly, and were made to such an extent that they gained the consideration their merit deserved. The result is too well known. The old regime was overthrown, and the popular idols of a generation were shattered. In our school district, where the party in power was even stronger than in our city, having a majority of three to one, there have been two backsets. The political bosses had become so arrogant that no explanation or apology was considered necessary. They assumed that this most sacred of public trusts was private property, and dealt with it as such. The facts of their conduct were given to the public in the press. The bosses simply said it was the attempt of blackmailers to "pull the leg" of candidates. The dance went on. The people acted, and the result was complete. Conditions were reversed and the bosses were turned down three to one.

These instances are sufficient to emphasize the fact that public sentiment is king. Public opinion is molded and reflected by respectable journalism as by no other force, and for this reason, if no other, the institution of free speech and a free press is regarded as the most potent factor in our national existence. As long as these elements exist and are

CHICAGO DRAINAGE.

Is Discussed in an Interesting Editorial Letter.

Electric Lights, Schools and Churches—The Social Problem and the Churches.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 18.—We spent the past week visiting the field museum on the old World's Fair grounds, the art institute on the lake front, lunched with some friends at the auditorium, visited the big department stores, and wound up with three days in the manufacturing district on the west side.

CHICAGO DRAINAGE is still an unsolved problem. No living soul can tell which way the river runs here. They are no longer rivers. They never were rivers in the sense that we have rivers on the Pacific coast. The original Des Plaines river was no more than a kind of connecting canal between the marshes a few miles inland from the lake. The marshes are filled up and built up, but the canal remains, a cesspool for the city's filth and excreta, poisoning the soil and the air. The air is blackened by smoke, gases and stenches. A rain precipitates it to the earth and only a hard cold or hot wind produces any effect upon it. The new drainage canal that extends from the stock yard district southwest across the state is to be opened this fall and it is an untried experiment. But skill of engineers and modern science will solve the drainage question.

JOURNAL X RAYS.

A Spokane poet, without any false prudery in his composition, perpetrated the following:

Since Mary sold her little lamb
A high gear bike to buy,
For company she takes along
Her pretty calves so shy.

They travel with her as she spins
Along the road so fast,
While sheep's eyes, by the gay boys, at
The pretty calves are cast.

She dresses them in red and black—
Sometimes in golden brown—
Delighted are the boys to see
Those sportive calves in town.

"What makes my calves so please you boys?"
"Said Mary, blushing red,
"It is because," the boys replied,
"You keep them so well fed."

WHILE Mr. Bryan's wit is ever ready, while making his unanswerable argument against trusts before the Chicago conference on the use and abuse of trusts, Saturday, he referred to the wide open incorporation laws of Delaware and New Jersey, when a person in the audience inquired: "Delaware and New Jersey are both Democratic states are they not?" Mr. Bryan's answer came in an instant: "They were not '94, 1896."

Here is a case of evolution reported by an exchange: A girl named plain "Mary" at her birth dropped the "r" when she became Miss May. As she began to shine in a social way she changed the "y" to "e" and signed her letters Mae. About a year ago she was married, and now she has dropped the "e" and it's just plain "Ma."

The Eugene Guard calls attention to the fact that out of a dozen arrests for violation of the bicycle ordinance in Salem not one was a lady. Mrs. Campbell still takes off his hat to the Salem ladies.

Every once in a while some Oregon editor will tell how cheap Oregon farmers can raise wheat. They even put it as low as 30 cents a bushel, yet you never hear of any of these fellows selling out and joining the wheat refiners.

The kindest kind of feelings must exist now between American meat men and the Johnny Bulls, as our best beef is now selling for less in London than it is in New York City.

Ten thousand New York Irishmen are offering to help the Boers lick Johnny Bull. Yet some people want to know what an Anglo-American alliance means.

The recent carter trust recently organized will no doubt "squeeze" some of the small concerns quite tightly.

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It is said to be nip and tuck between the state fair and the M. E. conference, with the odds in favor of the latter.

CHICAGO SCHOOLS

opened this week and at each school house floats a flag from the liberty pole on the day it opens and every day of school. St. J. Andrews, who lost the presidency of a New England college because of his bimetallic views, is in control. Economy is the rage. A week has been cut off each end of the school year. School books are a great deal cheaper than in Oregon. It is a hard fact that all other books are the same price in Oregon as elsewhere. Here are a few prices in Chicago: 1st reader 15c, 2d reader 25c, 3rd reader 30c. 4th reader 4c, elementary arithmetic 30c, elementary geography 25c, grammar school geography 40c, etc. Of course, no one but a text book monopolist will say that Chicago would use inferior textbooks, or that the schools are inferior.

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THE STREET GRADERS

are a regular feature of State street at night. The finest retail section is beautifully paved, has no street cars, hacks run on noiseless rubber tires, and the buildings are brilliantly illuminated by thousands of electric lights. At places flags flash in the national colors. At other arches of colored lights span the street. At the Rothchild department store corner there is a pillar of lights ten stories high and about eight feet in diameter—there must be ten thousand incandescents—a most impressive spectacle. This street is thronged with thousands at night. The stores are all closed but the orators open up early.

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