

McDonald, the political boss, whom the police would have defended if in their power, was a victim of the *News*. The result of it all is that the better sentiment of the community has been aroused, the city government is in disgrace, and the course of this fearless journal has been sustained. Had the press of San Francisco possessed enough courage and sense of duty to take a like firm stand against prize fighting in that city, instead of vieing with each other to see which could become the organ of the sporting element, that place would not have sunk so low as to compel the state authorities to interfere to enforce a semblance of decency and a show of respect for the law.

Twice has the WEST SHORE called the attention of the people of Oregon to the fact that if this state is to be properly represented at the World's Columbian Exposition it will have to begin preparations at once. To be sure, at the last moment we can gather a few handfuls of grain, a few wisps of grass and a few boxes of fruit, which, with a dozen or so chunks of ore and about a score of square blocks of wood, will do their duty as representatives of the great state of Oregon; but, however satisfied with this kind of an exhibit we may have been in the past, it is to be hoped there is within the wide limits of the state no one who imagines that a display of that kind will be acceptable in Chicago. It will take time, money and brains to make such an exhibit as will attract the least attention in that grand collection of the products and attractions of the world, and the sooner this fact is realized the better. An organization ought to be made at once for the purpose of managing the exhibit in conjunction with the state commissioners and of properly employing the time, securing the money and enlisting the brains. Bear in mind always that a display to attract attention must be novel, interesting and large, containing features that appeal both to the eye and mind. Such a movement properly begins in the Portland Board of Trade.

Those free coinage republicans who are combining with the democrats to pass a bill against the judgment of their party are going too far, and the unwisdom of their action is shown by the motives actuating their democratic allies. And, too, it is doubtful if those democrats who are pushing this matter for the purpose of securing whatever political advantage may be gained in the west by a veto of the bill by President Harrison, are not overshooting the mark. The people of the United States look upon this question as one too serious to be juggled with for mere political effect, and will have little confidence in those whose actions show them to be ruled by such motives, no matter on which side their votes may be cast. They

will have greater respect for an honest and fearless veto by the president than for an insincere and demagogic juggle by congress.

It is stated, with appearance of truth, that the Great Northern has secured control of the Burlington & Northern, from St. Paul to Chicago, which will give it a complete transcontinental line from Chicago to its Pacific coast terminal points on equal terms with the Northern Pacific and Union Pacific. A line stopping anywhere west of Chicago is incomplete and would do business at a great disadvantage, a situation such a road as the Great Northern would not consent to occupy. Therefore, it may be taken as certain that if the combination mentioned be not made, some equally good one will be made before the line from St. Paul to Seattle shall have been completed.

It may be possible that the republicans will succeed in passing an election law through congress this session, but it will be after a debate as bitterly sectional as any yet heard in those legislative halls. No matter how patriotic the legislators may deem themselves, future generations will look upon such a bill as a purely partisan and political measure, and the judgment of history will be that the true, the generous and the statesmanlike course of the north should have been to let the south solve its race problem without meddling, political interference.

The czar appears to consider the times ripe for once more asserting Russian ascendancy in Bulgaria. The strained relations between England and France may lend him encouragement in the demand he has made upon Turkey for immediate payment of the war indemnity upon pain of enforced collection. The "Sick Man" appears to be in need of foreign physicians again.

There is hardly a city in the United States that is satisfied with its census enumeration. There is no doubt that the effort to have the enumerators accomplish more than was possible in the time allowed them, combined with an insufficiency of pay, has resulted in a voluminous mass of statistics in which no one will place confidence.

Neither the question of the bathing together of the sexes at the sea coast nor Talmage's opinion on the subject is of sufficient importance to be telegraphed over the country.

Mexico's periodical revolution is attracting the attention of the government of our sister republic to the south.