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MORE FACTORIES

It is predicted that 1910 will witness the establishment of more new manufacturing enterprises in the Northwest than ever before. All cities and towns realize that they need payrolls to increase their well-being. Many of them are planning active campaigns to get factories.

Senator Piles' announcement that he will not be a candidate for re-election and that he will support Judge Thomas Burke to succeed him, was foreshadowed in this paper last week and caused no surprise, although some had believed that the withdrawal would not be announced until the Christmas recess of congress.

The Northwest is vitally interested in the tariff matters that will be taken up at the national capital this winter. It is understood that the customs schedules affecting Canada will be revised. The latest tariff act authorizes the president to apply maximum and minimum rates, wherever he finds discrimination against American wares.

Government reports show that Alaska was second in gold production in 1908, among the states and territories of the United States. It yielded yellow metal valued at \$18,858,800, or two-and-half times as much as we paid for the district in the sixties.

Cups offered by J. J. Hill at the recent Dry Farming Congress at Billings, Mont., for the best community displays of products raised without irrigation in Washington, Oregon and Montana, were won by Wilson Creek, Wn., Des Chutes, Ore., and Eureka, Mont.

Newspaper people throughout the Northwest will remember J. W. Cole, the good natured and courteous man who validated the press passes, issued for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle last summer. Just after the close of the fair, Mr. Cole was stricken with an illness which resulted in his death last week.

The man who thinks all his own actions are perfect and all those of other people imperfect stands alone in his opinion.

ALL SECTIONS UNITED

In the discussion of improvement of the inland waterways of the United States, the fact that the old time policy of sporadic appropriations for special objects, not regarding the character or the value of the stream improved, is especially noticeable. The reason, though obvious always, was not given its just weight in the times when appropriations for waterway improvements went by favor and were looked upon in the light of favors.

The policy of inland waterway improvement is now in the stage when unity of action on behalf of the adoption of the policy and the abandonment of the project, will command success. There is no longer question of the value of the improved inland waterway to the trade and commercial interests of the United States. That value is on the Pacific coast no less than on the Atlantic.

All sections, and all parts of sections of the country, with each state of the forty-six having its special treasure of mine or field or factory, are now as one in the demand for the adoption of that comprehensive platform—"A Policy; not a Project."

There will be some lively questions coming up in the next session of congress which will assemble in Washington in a few days. Senators Cummings, LaFollette and Beveridge, with other western senators, are going to be heard from Senator Cummings believes in free trade with Canada.

It is said that Mr. Bryce, has been recalled to England. Some millions of Americans will regret this recall if it is true. Mr. Bryce is more of an American than many of our native born. It would be a profitable transaction to exchange him for the recently anglicized American multimillionaire.

Vice is ever alert to poison the mind and to destroy the character of young people. At least an equal vigilance should be displayed in storing their minds with that which is wholesome and in safeguarding their lives.

ONE EDITOR APPRECIATED

From a newspaper man's standpoint, Lyndon, Wn., seems to be the ideal place to live and Dan Cloud is the luckiest of all editors. The local commercial club has just voted him substantial evidence of its appreciation of his efforts to boost that locality, through the columns of the Tribune.

The Taft administration is preparing to punish the republicans insurgents. A Washington City dispatch to the Sioux City Tribune says: "Following the meeting of the cabinet yesterday, it develops that Maurice D. O'Connell of Port Dodge, Iowa, who for twelve years has been solicitor in the treasury, is to be retired without unnecessary delay. Some time ago it was given out that Mr. O'Connell would be retained, but it is now certain that he is to go.

Atchison, Kansas, is the central point of four states, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, that have on numerous years produced a corn crop of a billion bushels. According to the Globe, a newspaper of Atchison, the government estimate of the past year's total crop in the United States is 3,757,916,000 bushels.

Did you ever pass a hat in a small town for the relief of an afflicted family? You go to the merchants and they pungle up well. The leading property owners resident in the town will generally come through. The farmer in with a load of produce will chuck in a heavy plunker or two.

Dr. Osler, who recently issued the dictum that men over forty-five had outlived their usefulness, has now made the somewhat stale discovery that the white man cannot thrive in the tropics, and this in the face of the fact that Medical Director Grogan has a thriving white population in the erstwhile worst pesthole of the tropics and that they have lived there for four or five years with a death rate less than that of New York.

When we are viewing some stately pile of buildings with its grand staircases, marble halls, and exquisite furnishings it is not so much of its temporary occupants we think. Rather do we think of the men who dug the foundations, who put stone upon stone, who carved and sculptured with artistic skill and whose honest toil gradually appeared the fabric which commands the admiration of men.

A prominent actress recently left the stage, as she said, to wash babies and darn stockings. The question is will she draw? And it has been suggested that she be given silk stockings to darn with footlights and appropriate music; but this is a problem for the management.

A good authority has recently said that working women are more virtuous than those who live in so-called higher spheres. There is no doubt of it for work promotes virtue and many other qualities while idleness gets people into all kinds of mischief.

The members of the congressional committee who have been inspecting canal operations at Panama as a diversion of their junketing trip are disposed to recognize the good administration giving Col. Goethals liberty to go it all alone.

It is not the man who never makes a mistake that wins the greatest success, but the man who refusing to be discouraged by his mistakes learns wisdom from them and thereby reaches at last the goal of his ambition.

Illness deteriorates character, but true work makes it and builds it up. It creates the atmosphere in which the virtues grow, and it gives to life the necessary discipline and strength.

Now that the safety of Mr. Astor is assured it is recalled that his tragic temporary disappearance was almost eclipsed another recent episode in his career.

Dr. Cook has disappeared from public view and his supporters are anxious as to his whereabouts. Perhaps he has just run down to discover the south pole.

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