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Portland, Monday, Feb. 20, 1905. Limits to Right of Combination: So far as capital is concerned, the Nation has spoken through its laws, interpreted by its courts, and has declared that when combining laws can be used to restrict the operation of natural laws, they shall be restrained or put out of existence.

How They Get the Money: Those who wonder why the Legislature makes such heavy appropriations should consider the situation that confronts them as soon as they reach the State House. From the opening of the session until its close, there are scores of men and women urging appropriations for this purpose and that.

Growing Prestige of Gulf Ports: The Gulf ports continue to show enormous increases in export trade, while New York, which by long years of supremacy in the shipping market has been the late Princess Angeline to the Seattleties. The old woman clung so closely to the traditions of her race that she mingled but little with the whites, but she was never unfriendly to them.

Culprits Not to Blame: "I'd Kiss Her Again," He Said to the Judge. "What's the 'siteration' for votes dis year?" "What's almost yelled the Judge, beginning to understand the drift of the conversation, said to the defendant.

Most Popular Names: Kansas City Journal. British census reports of family names give in England and Wales 23,000 Smiths, 22,100 Joneses, with Williams, Taylor, Davis and Brown following in order.

Church Built by Government: One of the most interesting buildings now under construction in this country is the chapel of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. In its general character the building is something like a Greek cross. The main floor is a circle 83 feet 4 inches in diameter, with a transept increasing the width on the main floor of the building to 102 feet.

Character of Piano: The girl next door says her piano is an upright, but it sounds as if it were dead to honor and lost to shame.

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Forestry Protection Needed: Frank H. Lamb, a prominent timberman in Washington, is at Olympia endeavoring to secure the passage of a law for the protection of timber from forest fires. Among a large number of measures of questionable merit which ambitious lawmakers are endeavoring to place on the statute-books, this much-needed law stands out clear and bright in advocacy of the measure, which he desires to have enacted.

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Keep at It, Mr. McCusker: Mr. McCusker is discouraged; but the reformer who is inspired by the true spirit must accept the objections of a hostile public with philosophical calm. The public Mr. McCusker has been contending with prefers dirty streets to clean, unattractive buildings to eighty, and a defiled landscape to an undisturbed vista of green shrubbery, shapely trees and close-cropped grass.

Practical considerations are upsetting political ones in the Mediterranean. With reference to the sale of American agricultural machinery in Cyprus, Consul Ravndal forwards the annual report of the Agricultural Department of the Cyprus government. The author of the report wisely says: "I must confess that from a political point of view the great success of the sale of the Cypriot reaper comes not so much from the continuous, monotonous thrup of the thrashing machine, and that the utterance of the words 'reaper' and 'thrashing machine' and the whirling and dizzying motion of its parts cannot inspire the artist like the rattle of the cannon during the thrashing battles over the corn."

Mr. Armour is said to have secured the services of some of the men who aided him in the overthrow of Joe Leiter's great wheat deal, and has them rustling wheat to be used in bursting the boom which John W. Gates has started in the cereal. Mr. Armour may be right in his present course, but if he should, it will be unfair to award too much of the credit to the men who aided him in his Leiter deal. Conditions are vastly different this year from those in existence seven years ago.

The State Senate insisted upon having four days to devote exclusively to the consideration of House bills, and yet was not able to dispose of the mass of work thrown upon it by the House. Had the Senate yielded to the request from the House that the old limit of ten days be restored, it would have been fifty or more House bills left without final action thereon.

The trans-Pacific steamship rate has been cut to \$4 by tramp steamers offering such a large amount of tonnage in Pacific waters, it is not improbable that the tide tramps now, as so often in the past, will make the rates, which must be met by the regular liners. The law of supply and demand, whether it is applied to ships or the cargoes which they carry, is bound to make its presence felt sooner or later, wherever the highway is open to carriers of all nations.

The local-option people regard their law as the Republicans do the tariff—they admit that it should be revised, but they want it revised by its friends. And, like the Republican majority in Congress, they will not revise it if they can help it.

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