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Portland, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1905. LIMITS OF MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISE. To the municipality the state has deputed certain powers relating to the health, comfort, good order, decency and general welfare of the body of citizens grouped within city boundaries.

public purposes and ownership," and may be legitimately undertaken by a municipality. It is the duty of the citizen to support the municipality in the exercise of these powers.

CHARITY AND HIGH SALARIES. The severe criticisms called out by publication of the annual report of the City Board of Charities seem to be justified in the view of the conspicuous manner in which the amount of funds applied to the relief of the destitute and that which has been absorbed in the salaries of the chief dispenser and his aids.

LICENSSES FOR HUNTERS. In enacting the hunters' license law, requiring the payment of a fee of \$1 a year for each gun, the Legislature made an exception in the case of farmers and members of their families who hunt on their own land.

EXPAND THE COTTON MARKET. President Roosevelt today received a committee report from the recent Southern Interstate Cotton Convention at New Orleans.

STRUGGLE ON STATEHOOD BILL. Friends and Opponents of New Mexico Want to Name Conference. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Whether the Senate conference on the statehood bill shall represent the party that defeated joint statehood for Arizona and New Mexico is the party that is being fought.

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NAVAL ENGINEER GETS HIS PAY. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Justice White today ordered the opinion of the Supreme Court in the case of United States vs. Albert C. Engard, chief engineer of the United States Navy, involving the question as to whether the Naval officer can collect sea pay for shore duty.

WHY CONTRACTS WERE CANCELLED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Secretary Morton, explaining to the House the cancellation of the contract with the Bethlehem Steel Company of December 15, 1903, and the rejection of the bid of that company February 7, 1905, states that the Navy Department is not prepared to have the Pacific works in the Philippines.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LOSSES SUIT. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Chief Justice Fuller handed down the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Northern Pacific Railroad Company vs. Ely, reversing the decision of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington.

PORTUGAL FAVORS CHINESE ENTRY. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Secretary Hay received today from the Portuguese government a formal acceptance and firm approval of the Secretary's note inviting the adherence of the powers to the principle of the integrity of China.

CAN'T COMPEL JUDGE TO ACT. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The case of the Caledonian Coal Company vs. Benjamin F. Baker, Judge of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, to compel him to take cognizance of an action against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States today against the company.

CORTELYOU HOME FROM EUROPE. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—George R. Cortelyou, ex-Secretary of Commerce and Labor, and his wife, were passengers on the steamer Republic, which arrived today from Naples.

DISCUSSING DOMINICAN TREATY. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The Senate committee on foreign relations today discussed, but reached no conclusion on, the Santo Domingo treaty.

STROTTON COMPANY LOSSES SUIT. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—Judge Adams, sitting in the United States Court of Appeals, today handed down a decision in favor of the defendant in the case of the Stratton Independence Company, a limited liability company of London, England, against the estate of William S. Stratton to recover \$500,000, which the plaintiff appealed from the United States District Court of Colorado.

THE SENATE WILL NOT CONSIDER THE bill which finally passed that body and which provides for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state and New Mexico as another, leaving Arizona as a territory.

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