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successful in investigating all as he was with the best matter, light consumers may as well get out the tallow candle in anticipation of an advance in oil prices.

WORK FOR DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE. Yesterday's meeting was wanting neither in numbers nor enthusiasm. The general assembly at the opening session in the Marquam Theater showed representation of every district in the state, and of well-nigh every interest.

The address of welcome by Governor Chamberlain expressed the hearty conviction that full advantages would be taken of the exceptional, unexampled opportunity of the Exposition. But the speech of C. V. Galloway, superintendent of the state exhibits in agriculture and horticulture, justified the introduction it received from Tom Richardson.

Mr. Richardson appealed to the various counties, in organizing their exhibits, to expend their main strength on the best possible show of chief products of the county; this not only as the path of wisdom, but of honesty. Not displays of phenomenal growth or beauty, but of average excellence, should be the rule.

Visitors will be impressed with exhibits which they shall see duplicated in the journeys they will be urged to take through the state. What use to show them a special exhibit, labeled as from some special district, which they cannot verify? A point well taken by one speaker was that, whereas in previous expositions the Fair itself was the goal of the journey, in the case of the Lewis and Clark Exposition the Pacific Coast in general and Oregon in particular will be the goal of Eastern visitors.

Exposition visitors to Chicago, to Omaha, to Charleston, to Buffalo and to St. Louis have sought amusement and instruction, without gaining well-defined notions as to the new environment in change of life occupation and methods. Is it too much to believe that this new possibility will suggest in the minds of many thousands who are to come here?

The visit to the Exposition will be the ostensible reason for the long and costly journey, but the wish to verify what has been spread broadcast, of the attractions of this great and favored region, is the underlying cause. There is strong reason to believe that railroads will grant frequent and cheap excursions to all accessible points in Oregon. Daily trains at a dollar fare for the round trip was the suggestion eagerly accepted by the meeting.

The advice to our country friends, so frequently urged by The Oregonian, was strongly noted—to see that cities and towns of the state are clean, neat, swept and garnished, and that farmhouses be painted, fences straightened up, outbuildings repaired, orchards, yards and gardens put in order. Efforts under this special stimulus effort will be made which, otherwise, in too common Oregon fashion, we should put off to a more convenient time.

A blessed Fair this will be to many a country home if these good things shall come to pass. The general spirit of co-operation between widely separated parts of the state and diverse interests, now so generally in evidence, was referred to again and again, with deep satisfaction. Indeed, the farther this spirit goes and the more deeply it penetrates, the greater benefit to all will be realized.

The family feud, which is such a prominent feature of life in the corn, cracker and moonshine districts of Kentucky, is attracting some attention in California. Three brothers have already been killed, from one family, near Bakersfield. The murderer of the latest is in the hands of the Sheriff, and as some laws are enforced better in California than in Kentucky, this particular feud may die out at the end of a rope.

The Oregonian is sorry its defense of Senator Mitchell and of Representative Hermann is not better appreciated by "Veritas," the unknown author of the following letter: "A Daniel come to judgment." Let me congratulate The Oregonian on the able and brainsy in his remark that shrewdly the Oregonian is a fit type of the historic "Bottom."

The Wisconsin Legislature has passed a law making it a crime to "tip" a waiter, or any other individual, whose remuneration is supposed to be supplied by the customer. This law, if it comes into force throughout the United States, would materially reduce the profits of the Pullman car owners.

Production of rice in the United States has nearly doubled within the last five years. It has increased from 25,000,000 bushels in 1899 to 47,000,000 bushels in 1904. The increase has been largely upon the lands on the Gulf coast in Southeastern Louisiana and the adjoining territory in Texas. The average crop was 720 pounds to the acre.

Three Montana "ward heelers" have begun suit against the Amalgamated Copper Company. The suit is alleged to have been contracted in behalf of the Republican party for the election last Fall. Political influence in Montana has been on a purchasable basis for so long that politicians probably think it time to get a legal opinion on its actual value.

The world moves. A jury of white men in Mississippi have acquitted a negro charged with criminal assault on a white woman. More or less risk is usually attendant on the establishment of a remarkable precedent; hence it is not surprising to learn that the Judge advised the discharged prisoner to get out of town on the first train.

Judge Parker advises the Democratic party to get back to the old moorings and Mr. Bryan advises it to get back to the people. The Dallas (Texas) News wishes some man of authority in the party would advise it to go ahead.

A saloon-keeper of Albany is arrested for keeping open on Sunday. This is enforcement of law. Several candidates for Portland's Mayorality have promised enforcement of law, but have not told what laws they would enforce.

If Mr. Harriman is at the mercy of mightier railroad magnates, maybe his timidity in the Pacific Northwest is not the most cause and petitions for needed railroads should be sent to other giants.

the flag of truce under which they are proceeding, the country can do nothing. Out of the very complicated rate situation, the Senate Interstate commerce committee may succeed in evolving a plan by which competition can be maintained, and at the same time can remain stable. Unfortunately, it is not clear that the isolated North Pacific can secure any relief from the monopoly now restricting its growth and diverting its business to California.

Canadian lumber manufacturers are making a vigorous protest against the unrestricted importations of American lumber into the Western Provinces. Effort will be made to have an import duty levied on all American lumber crossing the line. Cheap lumber is of great assistance to the thousands of new settlers who are now rushing into Western Canada, but it is unsatisfactory to the mills. The American lumber manufacturers who insist on a heavy tariff on Canadian lumber sold in the United States could not in fairness object to the Canadians indulging in a little reciprocity in this particular line of business.

One-fifth of the inhabitants of New York, according to the New York Sun, are of the Jewish race. That is, there are 800,000 Jews in the City of New York. The population distinctively Christian is about two-fifths of the whole. But the Protestant percentage is becoming less, the preponderance of the additions being of Roman Catholics and Jews. In these directions there is constant and steady movement. In 1880 only 1 per cent of the population was Jewish. Now it is 20 per cent. This exceeds even the Roman Catholic increase.

Representative Comerford, of Illinois, who made sensational charges of corruption against his fellow-legislators, failed to substantiate them when expelled as a re-elected by his sympathetic constituency, will not find the Springfield atmosphere entirely congenial. The other members manifested their contempt for Comerford by remaining seated when he was sworn in. So the honors are even. Comerford knows what the Legislature thinks of him; the Legislature knows what the voters think of them.

The New York Times, an organ of the Cleveland-Parker Democracy, refuses to be comforted over the situation that the Chicago election has created or threatened. It says: "The property that private capital has actually created and brought into being by the expenditure of money and brains in its (Mayor Duggan's) opinion been 'wasted' and is wrongfully withheld from the public. When once it is entered upon this theory has no other substitute than to become robbery, and the man who keeps and seeks to profit by the fruits of his own toil, his own intelligence and his own expenditure is a thief."

Out of the East continue to come rumors of the retirement of Mr. Harriman from his present position of power in the railroad world. If a successor shall be selected for Mr. Harriman and Portland shall have any voice in the matter (of course Portland will not), it would like to have a man as good at fulfilling promises as at making them. If Harriman had possessed this charming trait, we would today have rail connection with Central Oregon and also with the Clearwater.

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No Middle Partings of Hair. Pittsburg Dispatch. At the meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Donora, today the Rev. W. S. Danley proposed this resolution: "Whereas satisfied asses are no longer to be tolerated in the ministry; Therefore Resolved That all persons who are discouraged; that the ministers be instructed to no longer part their hair in the middle."

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Davy Jones is enlarging his morgue. In view of the approaching meeting of Togo and Rojstevensky.

If Rockefeller has any human nature in his money-making machine he won't offer more money to any of those who look askance at his gold.

Dr. Osier has brought out a new phrase. Addressing a body of medical students at Philadelphia, he declared that most men commit "mental suicide" after leaving college. What with mental suicide, race suicide, and just plain suicide, the nation is in a self-destructive way.

Revised proverb: Don't look a gift dollar in the face. Sarcasm flourishes like a green bay tree in the letters of Governor Chamberlain and Judge Burnett, and sarcasm makes letters interesting reading for those whom it doesn't like. It is said frequently that nobody can write a letter nowadays, but a standing exception must apparently be made of Oregon's governors. Mr. Geer and Governor Chamberlain may not be able to write those gossipy letters which delight the recipient, but they are masters of the art of writing "open" letters.

Seattle's city authorities object to the Igorrotes eating dogs, not because of sympathy for the dogs but because of jealousy of the Igorrotes' pleasure, as Macaulay said of the Puritans and bear-baiting.

A trust is a terribly bad thing, but a pool is an excellent thing. Photographs are developed in the darkroom, but countries in the daylight. Colorado can produce other things than bears and bobcats. Potatoes big enough to feed a regiment are now reported from that land of mines and strikes. By the way, what are these bobcats which President Roosevelt is shooting? Is a bobcat the same as a tomcat—an abbreviation of Robert and Thomas?

Burgess Charles H. Pennypacker, who is a relative of Governor Pennypacker of Pennsylvania, recently declared that "the pathway to hell is through a church choir." Governor Pennypacker might give up his efforts to muzzle the press, and try to muzzle his namesake.

Writing to the New York Herald, an observant man calls woman the nation's alarm clock. The schoolboy is roused out of bed by his mother, and when he becomes a married man he expects his wife to awaken him in time to go to work. The writer of the letter asks if woman requires less sleep than man, but that is not the way to explain the matter. She doesn't like to see man serenely slumbering, so she wakes first for the joy of dragging the poor fellow from his comfortable blankets.

Colonel du Faty de Clam, whose bill-of-fare name did so much for judicial parallelism, recently declared that "the graph-writers during the Dreyfus affair, is about to marry a Parisienne. We shall have to look up the files for a few assorted jests in readiness for the wedding day."

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HEIRESS WEDS NOT DUKE BUT COACHMAN

Niece of Andrew Carnegie, Secretly Married a Year Ago, Brings Home Baby From Europe, and Mother Refuses to Meet Her.

Andrew Carnegie's niece was to have married a duke; at least such was the plan of her mother, the widow of Carnegie's millionaire brother. But a year ago the duke married the mother and she and the two went abroad at Uncle Andrew's expense. Last week the pair brought home a baby.

The mother is horrified and has issued a family tabu. But Uncle Andrew says he would rather see a niece of his marry a poor, deserving man than a "worthless duke" and has received the pair in his house and set them up in life.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Nancy Carnegie, favorite niece of the Ironmaster, was married nearly a year ago to James Hever, an old-time coachman, who is now employed by her mother at Homewood, Pa., and later a riding master in this city and Newport. The pair returned from Europe Sunday with their infant daughter, who was born abroad.

All of the family met the steamer but the unforgiving mother. Carnegie has received the news with a heavy heart and offered to support them if they will stay away from her home in Pittsburgh, but probably Carnegie will do better for them. The sturdy Scotchman says that he would rather have "a sober, moral, well-doing" poor man as a husband for his favorite niece than "a worthless duke." It appears that the widow, who has been married with the Pittsburgh Hevers, has been moving heaven and earth to capture a title for her daughter since she was a bridemaid at the Yarmouth wedding.

The groom is said to be a decent person of good Irish stock. He is of different religion from the Carnegies and has a child by a former wife of his own class. The bride is absolutely unknown, being against him except that he has spent his life in faithful domestic service of the kind harshly described as menial. His father was the greatest heretic in the country until Andrew Carnegie had a daughter, and is still rich beyond ordinary aspirations.

The wedding was a quiet affair. Mrs. Carnegie's presence alone was a matter of surprise. "My niece and Mr. Hever were married in New York city a year ago. It is true that the wedding was a quiet affair."

No Objection to Union. "I myself, you see, was abroad at the time, and none of my niece's immediate family was in town. But the slightest parental objection to the union. Mr. and Mrs. Hever sailed for Europe immediately after the ceremony and have performed and only returned a few days since. Mrs. Carnegie—that is to say, my wife—and Nancy's sister and two brothers met her at the pier.

They are all delighted with the marriage. It was a true love match, and the pair are ideally happy. Mr. Hever is an honest, sober, industrious young man, and would infinitely rather see my niece married to a poor but deserving man than a worthless duke."

Here Mr. Carnegie interrupted himself long enough to insist— "I don't get it. Be sure to get that in. 'Worthless Duke' is good. 'We want no rich men in the Carnegie family.' The dispenser of libraries condescended to me. He was riding on the water at Newport, and it was there while he was teaching her to ride that my niece fell in love with him. Mr. Hever was at one time, I believe, in the employ of

Lord—Lord Somebody-or-Other in England—for the life of me I can't remember the name."

Married Nearly a Year Ago. It was in May of last year that Mr. and Mrs. Hever were married here. The bride's family belong to the Protestant Episcopal Church, while the bridegroom was a Roman Catholic. The marriage was performed by a Catholic priest. Since that time a little daughter of Mr. Hever by a former marriage, who was being reared in a convent, has been taken out and has become a member of the new family. Mr.