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the capital, or any of the state's institutions. It merely presents statements that everybody in Oregon knows to be true; and it supposes that if the people of Oregon wish to remove the capital to a place more convenient to them and more agreeable to them, they have a right to do so.

THE GATEWAY OF TRAFFIC.

From Seattle we have it that absolute necessity of construction of the line for the Great Northern and Northern Pacific lines, which have been at the Columbia River, is demonstrated daily by the congestion of traffic on the Cascade Mountain divisions of those roads. They can no longer handle their traffic over the heavy grade. Short trains only can be operated; the cost is heavy, and blockades ensue.

SYMPATHY DUE TO THE STATE.

There are no true sympathies to be wasted on the offender; no excuses to be made for the offender. This unhappy State of Oregon is the sufferer. Let sympathy be reserved for her; and all excuse that can be made, let it be made for her.

OVERPRODUCTION OF OCEAN TONNAGE.

London Fair Play, the recognized organ of the foreign shipowners, continues to berate the shipowners who are now letting contracts for new tonnage even though the builders' rates are exceptionally low. The London fair play, which has been in existence for some time, is pointing the fact that, while the slight advance in ocean freights indicates a revival of business, there is not yet enough traffic in sight to offer employment for the big fleet of ships that have been in idleness all over the world for the past two years.

JUST THE FACTS.

The Oregonian never has said that Portland wanted or wants any of the state institutions, or the capital, either. But it has said that the convenience of the people of the state, and the welfare of the institutions of the state may, in the opinion of the people, call for removal of the capital and institutions of the state to the central city, the city most easily reached from every part of the state.

OREGON TOWNS AND THE FAIR.

The Oregonian printed yesterday an interesting and valuable symposium on the Lewis and Clark Exposition and its benefits to the entire Pacific Coast. The Governors of Washington, Idaho and California bore cheerful witness to the fact that their respective states had, by their prominent participation in the Fair, been large gainers thereby; and one and all expressed cordial appreciation of the enterprise, liberality, skill and intelligence of the people of Oregon in providing so fine an opportunity for the whole Coast to unite in one magnificent undertaking to show the world what we are, who we have, and what we hope to be and to have.

SILHOUETTES.

Let us hope that England will honor herself by giving Sir Henry Irving a place in Westminster Abbey. I miss the pictures of Sunny Jim on the billboards. There are so many varieties of the Gloomy Guy nowadays that the sight of our friend of the breakfast fodder would be quite refreshing.

DRUNKARDS IN THE CENSUS.

Not less than 400,000 persons were arrested for drunkenness in the 17 largest cities of the United States in 1903. This total, starting almost in the remotest west, means that, on the average, 1096 arrests for intoxication were made every day of the year, and 46 every hour of the day.

LITTLE ROCK TO PRESIDENT.

In deciding to visit New Orleans at the time originally appointed and make his way to that city the end of his Southern tour, the President has done the kindly, wise and the manly thing.

BUYING A PAPER IN SCOTLAND.

Professor George E. Herr in Boston Watchman. The American custom of glancing over the morning paper comes to me at breakfast with you, and I find it no simple thing always to get a morning paper. On coming down to breakfast this morning, I found a note pinned to the door that said: "Where can I get the morning paper here in Edinburgh?"

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ment. One device suggests or calls for another. The great printing press that was a marvel of human genius and mechanical effectiveness five years ago is insignificant beside that which was set up last Summer in the basement of the Oregonian.

The police of different cities regard drunkenness differently. That explains the remarkable variations in the number of arrests made during 1903 in 175 large cities and towns, printed in another column. No other way can the figures for Seattle and Hartford, for example, two cities of about the same size, on opposite sides of the continent, be reconciled. In Seattle, one arrest out of fourteen was for drunkenness, and in Hartford two out of three. Not even the most enthusiastic admirer of Seattle will, we imagine, pretend that the difference represents the immensely greater degree of general sobriety to be found in Seattle than in Hartford.

MILLENIUM.

When Mount Tabor is annexed to Portland: when the beef trust is put out of business; when the Cello canal is built; when General Killebrew is reduced to the ranks and George Chamberlain elected President; when the Philippines are free; when the north bank road is built; when the insurance investigation ends; when the Rough Riders have all been given off-ice; when Russia becomes a republic and the girl in our block gets lockjaw so she can't sing corn songs—then will the wicked cease from troubling and the weary be at rest.

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