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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Whatever one may think of the abstract principle of municipal ownership, nobody can deny that it has gained a following in this country which makes it respectable. It is therefore all the greater pity that the city of Astoria has not found a respectable champion in New York.

PERFECTING RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Cow-Creek Canyon and the Skikyou Mountains have offered great scenic effects for the passenger traffic which the Southern Pacific has been handling between Portland and San Francisco.

THE INDIAN'S STEALTHY FOE.

Vital statistics, as applied to the Indian tribes under the care of the Government, show that the fall-blooded Indians of the United States are scarcely holding their own in numbers.

road down Potlatch Canyon, but expense of operation is so great that it will be abandoned as soon as the Riparia-Lewiston branch is completed.

There is probably still more in the argument that public ownership would stop stock-watering which goes on so merrily wherever there is a public utility in private possession.

WILL ASTORIA GET ABOARD?

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SILHOUETTES.

If Prince Charles, of Denmark, accepts the job of ruling Norway, he will have to tote the title of King Haakon VII. Still he can find consolation in the fact that the Czar of Russia and the Sultan of Turkey have both been called worse names than that.

Those who scout the idea of a life after death should consider the case of Terry McGovern, who has just challenged Battling Nelson for the championship.

Should Hearst be elected Mayor of Greater New York he will probably make Jimmie Montague or Wex Jones poet laureate.

My anticipation of the joys of heaven receives a severe jolt every time I try to eat angel-food.

The Dalles threatens to rival New York as a theatrical center. Both "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "Fabi Roman" have been played there already this season.

The members of the Cabinet seem to be almost as uncertain of their tenure of office as the members of Portland's police force.

Now that Venezuela has quieted down, another outbreak of Tom Lawson is in order.

Admirers of the recent Mr. Tom Paine threaten to erect a monument to his memory. How much honor do they want to heap on him? He already has a cigar named for him.

Sir Thomas Lipton announces that he will make another try for the cup in 1907. Here's hoping he will win it.

I am reserving an expression of my esteem for Witte until I know whether or not he contemplates a lecturing tour.

"Fire Alarm" Foraker and "Steve" Eklins will have charge of the railroad interests in the forthcoming rate fight in the Senate. It would seem that this combination of fortissimo and pianissimo ought to prove effective in protecting both ends of the present scale.

Common Occurrences.

Father—"I see another prominent Methodist is charged with heresy." Son—"Yes. Isn't that what they lynch people in the South for?"

If Russia keeps up its reputation for labor troubles it will soon become the Chicago of Europe.

There was another daring daylight holdup in the heart of New York yesterday. Jerome should organize a Wild East show and tour the West with it.

An Appeal for Aid.

Owing to failure of the American Inn to yield the customary 600 per cent profit, the stockholders in that unfortunate enterprise, who are also stockholders in the Lewis and Clark corporation, besides a number of other ventures, are unable to spare their Ex-position dividends for the purpose of providing a park or a memorial building.

They needed the money so badly that they were willing to pay out their own pocket money to pay out must touch everyone who is charitably inclined.

They are facing the prospect of a hard winter at a time when coal, four, water, gas and other necessities of the like are unusually high.

Therefore, in view of the threatened widespread distress among the F. P. F. this department proposes to take the initiative in raising a fund for their relief, such fund if possible to be equal to the amount which the F. P. F. would have realized had the American Inn secured a sufficient number of victims during the past summer to pay the anticipated 500 per cent on the investment.

DASHES THROUGH CHICAGO.

Harriman and Miss Roosevelt Far Ahead of Schedule Time. CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The special train of E. H. Harriman, upon which Miss Alice Roosevelt is a passenger, arrived in Chicago tonight at 8:25 o'clock, 50 hours and 40 minutes, actual running time, since starting from Oakland, Cal. The train pulled into the Northwestern yards something over an hour earlier than expected.

It was as once transferred to the Belt Line and switched around the city to the tracks of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad at Forty-third street, and from this point was started on its journey east at 9:07 o'clock, having been held at Alameda, which soon degenerated into a riot. A free fight ensued between the police and the crowd.

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STORY OF THE SANTIAGO RIOTS.

After 60 Are Killed and 200 Injured, Troops Restore Peace. WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The State Department today received a cablegram from Santiago, Chile, stating that the reign of terror said to have existed in that city since Monday is passing, and conditions were quieter yesterday. The casualties, however, numbering 21 killed and 100 wounded.

Details of the occurrences of October 22-23, the days on which the disturbances reached their height, show the situation to have been more serious than dispatches hitherto received would indicate. On Sunday afternoon a public meeting of 25,000 people was held at Alameda, which soon degenerated into a riot. A free fight ensued between the police and the crowd.

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