IS FIRST JEWISH

Oscar Solomon Straus' Rise From Obscurity Due to Power of Intellect.

HONORED BY GOVERNMENT

Recame Diplomat After Achieving Success in Business and Law and Is Now Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Oscar Solomon Straus is the first Hebrew to enter the Cabinet of a President of the United States. This small, pale, quiet scholar and diplomat of Israel has risen by sheer power of brain and heart to the highest place ever held by one of his race and religion in America. With Benjamin Disraell, once Prime Minister of England, and the head of the House of Rothschild, the man who is Portland's guest today shares the honor of having reached the three highest po sitions held by men of their blood in modern history.

Mr. Straus is Secretary of Commerc and Labor of the United States, the greatest commercial and industrial Nation ever known to history. On his hon esty and judgment and tact largely rests success or failure of the largest corporations of America; the bread and meat, the very life happiness, of nearly every laboring man in this country. His power for good or evil over great corporations, such as the railroads or others directly or indirectly concerned in Interstate or international commerce, is second only to that of the Secretary of the United States Treasury, and his influence on the daily bread of those who work with their hands is second to none save that of the President himself.

Such is the power and position in America of a man who would perhaps long ago have died under the lash in darkest Russia had his life been shaped_differently.

First Recognized by Cleveland.

Nor is President Rosseveit the only head of the Nation to honor this man. President Cleveland in 1884 appointed him Minister to Turkey. At a passing glance this may mean little, but it was at the request of such Christian influences as that of Henry Ward Beecher and of Christian sects who had a Naslons in that land whose doors were nailed shut and whose missionaries were in prison. Jew whose missionaries were in prison. Jew fought with wits against Mohammedan for Christians, and he won, where for years all the diplomats of Europe had failed. Turning, still tireless for others, be they of what race or religion they would, this same small, quiet man, backed with American battleships swinging unessily in the distance, journeyed to Jerusalem. In the city that gave Christianity its religion, this Jew found 400 men of his race in dungeons, and he set them free. Only a few of them were American, all the nationalities of Europe were among them are the control of th

turned to New York City, there to rebuild his broken health, and to write such books as "The Origin of the Republican Form of Government in the United States." "Life of Roger Williams." "The Development of Religious Liberty in the United States," "United States States Doctrine of Cliffenship and Expatriation," and "Reform in the Consular Service."

Called on by McKinley. Another President called Mr. Straus

Another President called Mr. Straus to his assistance when this country was on the verge of war with Spain over Cuba. Mr. Straus had already outlined to President McKinley a pescaful method for the government of Cuba by the United States similar to that of England's over Egypt, when the Maine disaster brought on the war. But the United States was then very near war with Turkey over outrages post the Chiled States was then very post war with Turkey over outrages to Americans during the Armenian troubles. Because Mr. Straus had forced from the Sultan certain definite results that no other diplomat of the world could, President McKiniey sent him back to Constantinople, and once more Mr. Straus won a diplomatic victory resulting in the settlefactory set. tory, resulting in the satisfactory set-tling of all American claims without a shot, where all other ministers

All of Mr. Straus' work for America has not been on foreign shores. He has been a member from the United States to the permanent Court of arbitration at The Hasue, taking the place there of ex-President Harrison when the latter died; president of the New York Board of Trade, president of the National Primary League, president of the American Social Science Associa-tion, vice-president of the National Civic League, vice-president of the International Law Association of America and the moving spirit of the Hepburn commission as representative of the New York Chamber of Commerce.

In 1879 the Hepburn Commission investi-gated the railroad abuses that had grown up through the manipulations of such men as Jay Gould and the Vanderbitts with the result of the forming of the New York State Railroad Commission, which has been copied by most of the states of the Union, and which also resulted in the formation by the Federal Government of the Interstate Commerce Commission. So in a way Mr. Straus has today become the head of what he, perhaps more than any other one man, helped to create.

Various universities have honored him. He holds the degree of L.L.D. from the Universities of Pennsylvania. Washington and Lee, and Columbia University of New York City. Brown University conferred on him the degree of L.H.D.

Was Born in Bavaria.

Mr. Straus was born December 3, 1850, n Otterburh in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany. He was brought to this Germany. country when 3 years old and lived till 1885 in Halbotton, a little village near Columbia, Ga., where his father kept the sountry store. The Civil War forced the family North, where they arrived in New York City penniless. He entered Colum-pla Grammer school, then Columbia Uni-

Mr. Straus is making a tour of the West and left the Sound last night for Portland.

TAKE UMBRAGE AT STRAUS Puget Sound Tugboat Owners Feel

They Have a Grievance. TACOMA, Wash., July 19.—(Special.)—
Incensed at a remark alleged to have been made by Secretary Straus of the Bureau of Commerce and Labor, turboat owners on Puget Sound have called a special meeting of their association to take up certain matters with the authorities at Washington.

Turboat owners say they are required

Tugboat owners say they are required to do things wholly unnecessary in the way of manning and equipping their vessels. Yesterday a deputation was sent to wait upon Secretary Straus and discuss the matter with him. Secretary Straus was under the impression that the representatives were assistant representatives were assistant



Department of Commerce and La-

United States marine inspectors, and when the subject of owners' interests was approached made a remark from which they inferred that the ow interests were not to be considered.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ISSUES PAMPHLET.

Contains Many Facts of Interest to Intending Settlers and Is Profusely Illustrated.

"Oregon, the Land of Opportunity," an been issued by the Portland Chamber of Commerce. The opening pages are de-voted to a general comparison of Oregon with various other states. Under the heading "Commercial Fruits," some interest-ing facts, not generally known, are given regarding the various kinds of fruits raised in this state, together with esti-mates of yield and prices paid compiled

from authentic data.

The booklet also contains considerable were among them, yet this lover of all mankind secured their freedom.

Showered with the thanks from both church and state from both sides of the Atlantic this same quiet man returned to New York City, there to rebuild his broken health and to well.

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> facts regarding the lumbering industry as a whole is fully a quarter of a cen-of this state will be found as interesting to the Oregonian as to the outsider. The of this state will be found as interesting to the Oregonian as to the outsider. The state has today more than 300,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber, conserva-tively valued at about \$4,000,000,000. The mills of Portland turn out 2,000,000 feet of lumber per day. The hemlock of Oregon is radically different and superior to any other known hemlock. This timber is shipped to all parts of the country and to

China, Australia, the Philippines, England and South Africa.
Several pages of the booklet are devoted to a description of Portland and its re-sources and activities, which will be of especial interest to the homesseker,

A table of wages, compiled from the re-port of the State Labor Commission, gives the wages paid to workers in the various trades. Two pages are also devoted to tables of the public and school lands of the state and Government lands available for purchase and homesteading under the United States land laws.

A list of the commercial bodies of the state are also given. The folded map of the state, which is attached to the back cover, is of sufficient size to show the smallest communities, and is of especial value for the reason that on the reverse side has been printed an exhaustive list of facts regarding the state lands. This information will do away with the large amount of letter-writing which the Chamber of Commerce. has found necessary in answering the countless questions relating to the state

ive design in three colors in poster style of a group of forest trees. The book is profusely filustrated in effective halftones of natural scenery, views of or-chards, wheat fields, forests, stock farms, lumber mills, fish canneries and irrigation systems, together with cuts of Portland public and commercial buildings and pri-

public and commercial buildings and private dwellings.

The presswork, typography and index are excellent shd the book is an example of the best workmanship in printing and book making. It is the result of the combined efforts of the officials of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, who have exercised the utmost care in its compilation.

HIBERNIAN PICNIC SUNDAY

Children of Emerald Isle Will Gather at Cedar Park.

With the National colors and a liberal display of "the green," Cedar Park is being attractively decorated for the an-nual picnic of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which will be held on those grounds tomorrow. The order found it impossible to procure a suitable steamer con

Other Cities of Pacific Northwest Still Unheard of on the Continent.

H. J. HEFTY TELLS OF TRIP

Ploneer Architect Content to Pass Rest of His Life Here-Gives Opinions on Needs

"In Europe Portland is the bestknown city of the Pacific Coast, San Francisco alone excepted," said H. J. Hafty yesterday. Mr. Hafty, though native of Switzerland, has lived in Portland for the past 25 years and is known as one of the leading architects of the city. The past year he has been touring Europe, but has "come from half way round the world to spend the rest of my days in the finest city in America," as he said yesterday. "Wherever I went in Europe, the year

Wherever I went in Europe, the year.
I have been gone, I of course, registered from 'Portland, Oregon, U. S. A.,'
and everybody knew where I was from.
Seattle is unknown across the water;
even the name has never been heard
over there where Portland is well
known. The Lewis and Clark Exposiknown. The Lewis and Clark Exposi-tion is the reason; that fair did this city more good out over the world than the people here realize. But odd as it may seem, the reverse is true as be-tween Portland and Seattle in the east-

ern part of this country.

"But one thing is sure, this whole section of the Pacific Northwest is the place that people, both in Eastern United States and all over Europe, are looking to as the most promising spot looking to as the most promising spot on earth. Instead of trying to push this section they kept me busy answering questions about it. 'How much does it cost to get there?' What does it cost to live there?' 'How much is house rent?' And so it went every day for almost the entire trip.

Left Here a Year Ago.

"I left here a year ago over the Canadian Pacific and first went to Paris. Then Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Germany; then back to New York City, then Washington, Denver, Salt Lake—and home to Portland. And nowhere did I pass through as good a city as Portland. Let me compare it city as Portland. Let me compare it in piecemeal, first with Europe, then with other American cities:

In European cities the buildings are thout elevators, except the first-class stels. Office, studio and apartment hotels. hoteis. Office, studio and apartment houses, five, six and even eight stories high, have nothing but stairs. Now these are not old buildings with which Europe is, of course, choked, but the new ones that have just gone up, most of them having been built, by the way, with millions on millions of American dollars left there by American tourists. The building laws are not as strict as The building laws are not as strict as they are here, and more wood is used than even here in the Pacific North-

they are here, and more wood is used than even here in the Pacific Nortiswest. The brick and stone work is not as good, and here is something that will surprise you, the taste, the architecture is not as good.

"Take in Italy, for instance, the century-on-century old home of art; the modern Italian has not the architectural taste taht has the American, as is proven by the results in the buildings themselves. The old Italian art is dead. In such things as steam heating, fire escapes, and all that goes to make a building convenient to live in. Europe

The guides report that there is more snow on the summit of Mount Hood at the present time than there has been at the beginning of any season in the past five years. One guide said that the open and outfit he used last Summer are under fifteen feet of snow, and he does not think they can, be got at this who have climbed the mountain have reached the summit. The party in question was obliged to descend because of a severe storm. is exceeded in America only by New

Gotham's Fine Buildings.

"It is a self-evident proposition that right today the finest buildings in the world, the finest that the world has ever seen in every way, size, safety, beauty, convenience, and permanence are going up in New York City. Europe has nothing to equal them. The best way to make a resident of the United States a good American, and to make him realize that he lives in the best country on earth, is to let him make a long tour of Europe. Their railroads do now equal ours. The finest railroads in the world are the New Fork Central and the Pennsylvania systems.

"The scenery of Switzerland is magnificent, but that seen from the car windows of the Canadian Pacific, the Denver & Rio Grande, the Santa Fe

Denver & Rio Grande, the Santa Fe along the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, and last, but not least, that seen right along this Columbia River, is not only as good as anything in all Europe, but better. The famous Rhine is a ditch compared to the Hudson and the Columbia from Portland to The Dalles exceeds the Hudson. It is the finest river scenery in the world.

"Now as to climate: Italy for centuries has been famous for her climate. Italian skies," Italian climate, are proverbs in literature and history for hundreds of years. But I tell you that Italy has not as good a climate as Portland. This is not boasting or boosting," It is a cold fact. I have even heard Italians admit it, with poor relish it is true, but they had to, those who had been here in Portland for any length of time, especially in Summer, and who had gone back to the old country. Winter in Italy is delightful, of course, but no better than here; but the Summers are hot, depressing and unhealthy.

Oregon Climate Ideal.

"Summers in Switzerland are like Summers in Portland, but in Winter there they have from six to eight feet of snow for six months of the year, and here we have roses all Winter. Portland climate is simply this: 'Italian Winters and Swiss'

"As for business conditions, I found that things are in excellent shape all over both Europe and America. Everybody is busy and everybody has money on both sides of the water. But there is a pres-

sides of the water. But there is a pres-sure all over Europe and in the East in America to 'go West.'

"The Pacific Coast is again attracting the eyes of the world, as it did during the gold excitement in 1849. All Europe and America is talking about the chances to get rich out here. And people will be coming here by tens of thousands for years to come.

bernians. Which will be held on those had grammer school, then Columbia University, where he was graduate from the law school in 1871 with such men as Stuyvesant Flah. Brander Matthews and R. Fulton Cutting. He entered the law firm of Hudson & Straus, later Sterne, Straus at Thompson, but later, because of poor health, gave up the law and entered the importing business with his brothers laided and business man, Mr. Straus long ago abandoned both, at heavy financial losses to himself, to serve his Nation, first as a diplomat abroad where others talled, later in the Cabinet chair of Secretary of Commerce and Labor in the National Capitol, to which he was appointed by Fresident Rooseveit December 17, 1965.

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Portland today because of the lack of such a hotel. The Waldorf-Astoria would pay better in Portland right today than it

pay better in Portland right today than it does even in New York City.

"It is conceded that the finest hotel locations in Europe are along the Swiss lakes. There land sells for 100 francs (that is, 35) a square foot, or at the rate of \$50,000 per lot-of 25 by 100 feet. Yet I tell you that in all Switzerland there is not a finer location for a hotel than right back here on our Portland Heights. Now add to this the Columbia River scenery within an hour's ride and the seashore only two hours away when the railroad is built to it, and where in Europe have you anything to equal it?

"From what I have seen and heard over Europe and America, east of here, during

"From what I have seen and heard over Europe and America, east of here, during the past year of constant traveling, I expect to see at least 1,000,000 people in Portland within the next 20 years. What Portland needs above all else right today is new blood. And the new blood is already coming. Outside money and people that have made other cities are going to come sweeping in here, and the Portland



people who remain asleep will suddenly wake up, like old Rip Van Winkle, to find themselves strangers in their old me, with the chances of a lifetime gone rever. Nothing can hold Portland

TOM RICHARDSON TELLS OF VISIT TO CLOUD CAP INN.

Hardships of Journey Thing of Past Since Establishment of Automobile Line.

Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial Club, returned to Portland Thursday night after an enjoyable outing at Cloud Cap Inn. Mr. Richardson says this resort is found to grow in favor, as most of the difficulties that have heretofore hindered its deelopment have been removed. The trip can be easily and comfortably made, and the hardships of the old route are a thing of the

The ride to and from Hood River, Mr. Richardson says, is through the heart of the fruit district and affords the visitor a splendid view of that known section. Automobiles run to point within four falles of the inn. motor succeeded in covering the entire distance, the four miles representing an incline of 200 feet.

Discussing the return trip, Mr. Richardson sald:

"On my return I visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wallace, formerly of this city, who now live on their ranch in the Hood River Valley. Certainly modern farming is a delight. Telephones connect all the farm homes with the town of Hood River, and there are electric lights in the poultry-houses, stables and out-buildings. One almost forgets that he is

not in the city.

"Of course, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are expert horticulturists now and know all there is to be learned about farming, but easionally borrow from each other. The first day of Mr. Wallace's residence at Meadowbrook farm a neighbor came in and wanted to borrow a potato planter, apologizing for making such an early request. Mr. Wallace informed him he was welcome to it, but explained that he did not know just where the different articles around the farm were kept, and was pleased when his borrowing neighbor assured him that he knew where the planter was.

planter was.

"By watching him, Mr. Wallace learned for the first time what a potato planter looked like, and by keeping up this method he finally got acquainted with machinery—or the names of it—used upon a modern farm. Mrs. Wallace, in her department of the work had sin her department of the work had sin been department. in her department of the work, had sim-ilar experiences, but she has long since found out that you can't make hens lay until they get ready, and a good many other things that come only

"Most of the farms throughout the "Most of the farms throughout the Hood River Valley are named, and many men of wealth are buying places there. The story of the advance in values during the last five or six years is most interesting, particularly so when the comparisons are made upon a specific place of land.

of land.

"R. P. Loomis, of New York City, one of the largest apple buyers on the continent, has just purchased land in Hood River Valley, and the people of B. Steinbach, Malcolm A. Moody

J. Thorburn Ross and F. W. Baltes, of Portland, are among the guests at Cloud Cap Inn

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by the members of organized labor in this | for Europe, to attend the second annual

RESTAURANT.

been a prominent champion of organized labor, to make the principal address. Plans are being formulated by commit-tees representing the Federated Trades Council and the Building Trades Alliance for the greatest labor demonstration ever witnessed in Portland. If it is possible to secure the grounds, the exercises will merchant and philanthropist, has sailed be held on Multnomah Field, otherwise the demonstration will take place at some other location within the city limits, as it is not proposed to hold the exer-cises out of the city.

So far as returns have been received from the different unions to which the subject was submitted for a referendum vote it is more than likely that the labo organizations of the city will decide for a monster parade. At last night's meet-ing of the Federated Trades Council 1990 when they first located there a few years ago, after Mr. Wallace had given up the wholesaie drug business in Portland, a good many comical things happened. The fruit-growers in Hood River Valley occasionally borrow from each other. The imposing, but representative of the labor-ing people of the city.

It is the intention of the committees in

charge of the arrangements to make the event one that will not be forgotten soon



the freedom of Nature in Rose City Park, but every other advantage, such as school, good companions, moral surroundings, and an atmosphere that inspires character. What the mother tries to instill into the child, smidst the surroundings so common in the heart of the city, is a simple matter in Rose City Park. It behooves the father to co-operate with the mother by providing both of them with the best influence of alla home of their own. You have no idea what advantageous arrangements you can make with us for the erection of a home upon your lot. Get the lot; get it in the right location and then build a home.

HARTMAN & THOMPSON Bankers, Chamber of Commerce.

Off to Attend Milk Congress, NEW YORK, July 19 .- Nathan Straus,

Address

Milk Congress to be held in Brussels, from September 13 to 16. Four hun dred scientists, medical experts philanthropists have indicated that they will be present.

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