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PORTLAND, MONDAY, AUG. 12, 1907.

DELIVERY FOR THE RAILROADS. The Standard Oil Company has not been merely a robber of the public; it has also robbed the railroads through which it has robbed the public.

transacted. Help of the Government to abolish the conditions that make rates possible, and even force the railroads to grant them, should be a boon to the railroads as well as to all legitimate business.

FOR AMERICA'S GOOD. Now comes the sorrowful news that John W. Gates, the most spectacular gambler that ever invaded the Wall-street shearing pen, is to leave the United States forever and take up his residence in England.

The regret over their leaving and taking up permanent residence in Europe is due to the deep-seated belief in the European mind that these men are typical Americans.

The American gentleman who believes in the best of the country on earth does not tarry long in the ruins of the Old World, and the European thus falls to get acquainted with the typical American, who is a credit to his race.

A LAY SERMON. In the opinion of a visiting evangelist, lately spoken in this city, that which is needed for turning the world into ways of righteousness and peace is less babbling about religion and more righteousness living, less confusion of tongues and more simplicity of speech.

NO FAREWELL TO ROOSEVELT. Few occasions are offered these days for utterances from the White House, and it would seem that the accumulation of thoughts should promise something unusually rich when the next public address shall be heard.

lacked force. He is not to retire from politics; hence one need not expect the quiet, admonishing tones that were heard when Washington delivered his farewell address. There will be no farewell about it. Whoever may be the next President, Roosevelt will still be the greatest and most influential American citizen.

THE WIRELESS WONDER. The local Weather Bureau, through its wireless station at North Head, yesterday received a message from a Government transport over 500 miles southwest of San Francisco.

Quantrell, the guerrilla, has been discovered again, this time up on the far end of Vancouver Island, on the shores of Quatsino Sound.

The shifting current at the mouth of the river has worn a channel on both sides of the old breakwater placed at the mouth of the Willamette many years ago.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, has just paid \$150,000 for a farm on which three oil wells have begun spouting.

It is not necessary to place much credence in the assertion that the closing of so many gambling joints will bring a lot of persons to go to work. Never fear that these habits of gambling-houses, turned loose on the labor market, will cause any depression therein, thereof or thereabout.

too tired from the strenuous exertion of the occasion, will report for duty Tuesday morning, September 3, glad in their hearts that it is over.

An auto dealer rushing to the defense of the infant prodigy who drive big cars through our crowded streets assures the public that there are a large number of these juvenile chauffeurs of both sexes, under 18 years of age, who are perfectly qualified to handle automobiles.

Merely to give a few samples, No. XI declares it a grievous error to hold that "inspiration does not extend to the Bible as a whole, but only to the Gospels and the epistles."

It is easy to see that the new syllabus is directed against dangers already existing within the church, not as in the case of the syllabus of Pius IX.

It is, of course, the spirit of free inquiry and rationalism that affected former opinions about the Bible, which the syllabus really condemns.

When General Manager O'Brien meets Harrison at Salt Lake this week he may do something toward neutralizing the influence of Stubbs et al, by pointing out Portland's situation on the map.

THE NEW PAPAL SYLLABUS. A "Catholic" Yet Discriminating Article on Its Contents. New York Evening Post. Those who have read of the excitement caused in 1864 by the syllabus of modern errors, issued by Pius IX, must wonder a little at the indifference with which the similar "Decree of the Holy and Universal Inquisition," just published by Pius X, has been generally received.

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PUZZLING QUESTIONS FOR EDITORS. Some of the Trials of the Overworked Country Scribes. Pilot Rock Record. It not infrequently happens that the country editor is appealed to to settle disputes arising over the proper pronunciation of the names of well-known public officials—the name of the present Postmaster-General, the name of the Secretary of the Treasury or other members of the Roosevelt cabinet, in which changes are so frequent.

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STANDARD OIL'S PENALTIES. Tremendous Fine, but a Tremendous Offender. New York Evening Post. "Gentlemen," said Matthew Arnold, "when he appeared before the Income Tax Commissioners who had assessed his profits from literature at \$500 a year—'gentlemen, you see before you what you have often heard of, an unpopular author. It is a plea of an admiration which the Standard Oil Company might well make. Fined \$25,000 on Saturday, on Monday it is buffeted by another Government report, showing once more that it is an oppressive monopoly, forcing the people to pay exorbitant prices for a necessary of life. One good newspaper friend of the Standard hastened to allege that it could not pay a fine of \$25,000, and proposed to do business.' The unfeeling Commissioner of Corporations, however, produces figures this morning to prove that it had made net earnings of about \$2,000,000 in the past twenty-four years, 'and possibly much more.' Quite a comfortable margin for incidental fines! Yet these and advance reports are not really so significant as the general rejoicing with which all such attacks upon the Standard are received. 'Gentlemen, you see before you a highly unpopular Standard.'

Granting that the verdict of the jury against the Standard was well and truly found; that no vitiating error, was committed in the trial, the case seems to me cannot be two minds. It seems to me, about the justice of applying the maximum penalty known to the law. The amount of earnings is tremendous, but it is inflicted upon a tremendous offender. It is no exaggeration to say, as Secretary Garrison reported as saying this morning, that the Standard has for years conducted itself as if it were above the law. It has snatched its fingers at the punishments laid down in the statutes. They were too little for it. It would think twice before damming a corporation with such untold millions at command. Now, to have men of that size, of that power, of that audacity, to round turn, is undeniably a good thing. It makes for social justice, and so far social content. It helps people to believe that the law is not a mere formality. People will believe that it is, in intent at least, even if Judge Landis should be reversed for error. Enough, of course, that the Standard would embitter many against the courts.

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