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THE HISTORICAL METHOD.

The following, signed "A Reader," whom we take to be a Roman Catholic Father, appears on the editor's table: As often as the editorial writer deals with Holy Scripture and its exegesis he seems to lose all his wits. To his recent editorial "Something Better," he proves that the poor fellow never read Holy Scripture.

THE STANDPATER.

Many a man who has been proud to proclaim himself a "standpater" will be surprised one of these days to get on the tariff revision bandwagon. The standpater policy has never been a wise one in politics or anything else.

PICTURE POSTALS.

The tendency of the great rank and file of the American people to pursue an idea until it becomes a fad, and make a fad a nuisance, is witnessed in the excitement which picture postals have been pushed. Conceived in the legitimate and laudable purpose of bringing absent friends in touch with the beauties of a distant landscape, or of the advantages that one section offers over another for homebuilding, for business or for special industries, the picture postal has grown into a fad, a craze, and has at last come to be a menace of indecency, of which the local authorities and the Postal Department have been forced to take cognizance.

young sturgeon, halibut, sole, black pompano, mackerel, bluish and tarpon. When these reach the traveling stage they can find in the overabundance of suckers and carp in the Willamette ample food supply. By all means let our streams be stocked with the choicest of the ocean's inhabitants.

SERVICE UNDER THE FRANCHISES.

It is beyond doubt that one of the causes why the cars have been run at so high speed on the streets of Portland is the impatience of the public with slower locomotion. Every passenger wishes to "get there" as soon as possible, and the management of the streetcars is responsive to this demand.

But there is something to be said on another side of the question. If the management would put on more cars, then it would be necessary to run them at high speed. Probably, however, it would be objected that this would increase the expenses of operation beyond the power of the company to pay interest on the bonds. It might, indeed, the overcapitalization on the franchises is very heavy. This is a legacy to the city from the "first families," who made the city charter, fixed up the legislation, hypnotized or otherwise prevailed over the Municipal Council, capitalized on the franchises in one of the wondrous ways of frenzied finance, and then sold out the whole undertaking for sundry millions, imposing on the city a heavy burden of debt.

THE EFFECTIVE BIRTH RATE.

An official in the statist's office in Melbourne, seeking to reconcile the decreasing birth rate of Australia with the steady growth in the native adult population, has brought out cleverly the difference between a total and an effective birth rate. He has instituted comparisons between the vital statistics of the various European countries.

WALL STREET IS LEARNING.

The New York stock market seems to be rallying from its protracted depression, and there is a growing disposition on the part of many leading financiers to cease bewailing the unpleasant situation which their own folly assisted in creating and to turn their heads toward improving matters.

GENERAL GREELY AND THE ARMY CANTINE.

In the annual report of Major-General Greely is given an opinion of the Army canteen, from the viewpoint of the soldier in close touch with garrison life, and of the commander who has an intense and abiding interest in the personnel of the Army and the moral as well as the physical welfare of the common soldier. Having made a systematic and extensive examination of the causes of desertion, and of minor but still grave delinquencies in the ranks, General Greely has been led to the belief that small pay and the abolition of the Army canteen are chiefly responsible for these disquieting facts and conditions.

THE SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN VOTE.

Has Influential Representation in National Party Conventions. New York Press. In his speech at Lexington, Ky., Secretary of the Southern States Association, Mr. W. C. C. Tozier, who is under the influence of President Roosevelt some of the Southern states "could be led into the Republican column in November, 1908, and Louisiana has had two or three or four times more representation in the National Convention of the party than any other state."

cesses which the great prosperity of recent years has had in its wake had been permitted to continue unchecked, before long a situation would have developed probably far more difficult and serious than the crisis through which we are now passing.

This view of the situation carries with it special weight from the fact that it was given by the financial partner of one of the men whom the President has pursued more relentlessly than any other. But Mr. Schiff is too intelligent to resort to any petty tergiversations. He states that the crisis through which we are now passing is the result of tremendous railroad, industrial and commercial development that has required the use of capital largely in excess of our ability to supply it.

GOVERNOR HUGHES AND HIS BOOM.

If the People Want Him for President, They Will Call Him. Brooklyn Eagle (Ind. Dem.). The Albany correspondent of the Herald says that the Republican politicians who are advancing a movement for the nomination of Governor Hughes for the Presidency are in despair. They have succeeded in constructing a good-sized "boom" for the Governor. And yet the Governor will do nothing. He is on the eve of making a tour through the state.

TAKE MORE MONEY FOR BUSINESS.

Attitude of the Country's Banks Toward the Commercial World. Philadelphia Inquirer. The unquestioned fact is that in spite of the volume of money in the country it is exceedingly difficult to borrow it for the needs of business. What the average man interested in the state of trade throughout the country. Do the ordinary currents of business reflect the conditions at the speculative centers? To answer this question a Chicago bank sent out queries to 30,000 business men and corporations all over the country, and the answers are important.

DEBAUCHING INDIANS.

Debauching Indians has long been a pursuit followed upon the frontiers of civilization by degraded white men. The Government, through the Indian Bureau, has made and is making honest and strenuous effort to stop the abuses and to bring about a better civilization, but with scant success.

AMERICAN AGENT OF THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD.

The American agent of the Trans-Siberian Railroad has arranged for a special car to convey Secretary Taft from Vladivostok to St. Petersburg. This is not due to the size of the Secretary, but to his importance in other directions, and there is accordingly no doubt that the car will be a most comfortable one.

COMPING AT THE STATE FAIR.

Oregon State Fair Public Bureau. One of the pleasant features of the Oregon State Fair has always been the camping life in the oak grove just outside the fair grounds. The number of campers now is making arrangements with prospective campers now. He stated that 500 camping sites had already been spoken for.

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Grapes are very plentiful. Thompson seedless and Sultanina grapes are 10 cents per pound or 40 cents per box. Tokay and Malaga grapes are particularly good. Plums of various kinds cost about 20 cents per basket. There are quantities of Damson plums, and a few blue Damsons at 5 cents per pound. I saw some particularly fine red Hungarian prunes that would be splendid for preserving, and some good Italian prunes, too. The early Crawford peaches are practically over, but later varieties are seen at 25 cents to \$1.25 per box. Pears cost \$2 per box, but I did not see any particularly fine ones. Oregon watermelons are in, the price being about the same as last week. There was a very good supply of nice tomatoes at about 75 cents per box. Even if you do not care to eat tomatoes in the ordinary way, it is well worth while to lay in a store of home-made tomato sauce, which may form the foundation of many soups and sauces in the winter and will make highly palatable dishes out of simple inexpensive foods such as rice, beans, spaghetti and cornmeal. Tomato conserve has the additional virtue of requiring a smaller outlay for cans; it is especially useful in the kitchen, but can be satisfactorily kept in odd bottles if the supply of jars is running low.

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