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repeated. The President's recommendation, backed by unanimous public opinion, almost made a breach in the holy walls of the Dingley tariff, that city of refuge for trust robbers and privileged pirates.

Mr. Cannon came nobly to the rescue, as he always does when a measure is proposed to benefit the people and injure the "interests." Mr. Cannon will never be caught napping when the welfare of a trust is at stake.

When the welfare of the public is under discussion he becomes suddenly deaf. He knows the ordinary of standpatism headed off the repeal of the paper trust's profitable duty by asking why the United States courts had not prosecuted the trust and punished its officers.

Mr. Cannon must have smiled to himself when he asked the question. He knows and everybody else knows just how much and how little the courts can do to break up a trust which has a duty to fortify it.

What can be done is absolutely nothing. The Department of Justice reports that as yet no incriminating evidence has been discovered against the paper trust, but Mr. Bonaparte will go on "investigating" and perhaps in a generation or two he may find something.

Thus Congress will not act because the Department of Justice has not done anything, and the Department of Justice has not done anything because it can't.

Meanwhile the consumer is ground between the upper and nether millstone and the paper trust laughs and grows fat.

MR. CAKE AND MR. CHAMBERLAIN. Since the people in the Republican primaries have declared that they want Mr. Cake for United States Senator, it would seem the clear duty of Mr. Chamberlain to withdraw from the race.

There is no need of Mr. Chamberlain's withdrawing from Mr. Fulton's seat. The people have made known that they regard Statement No. 1 the most important issue. Any persons who may now try to subordinate that issue to party questions are not true to the people.

Had Mr. Fulton, foe of Statement No. 1, been elected, Mr. Chamberlain's loyalty to the people and hostility to the bosses would have forced him to run.

cessation of what James J. Hill termed "ghost dancing," the public, which is now seeking call loans at less than 1 per cent or sending money to Europe, where 3 1/2 per cent civic bonds are oversubscribed 2000 per cent, will again turn to new railroad securities for which loans are needed.

We thus have abundant opportunity for safe and profitable investment, and also plenty of available money. With these two most prominent factors in the restoration of good times already in evidence, it is hardly probable that the return of confidence, the remaining element necessary in the reconstruction of our prosperity, will be long deferred.

THE RECALL. The proposed constitutional amendment known as the recall is one of the initiative measures which should be voted down by the people of this state at the coming general election.

It may be conceded that there are at times cases in which it seems desirable that the power to recall a public official should exist, yet reflection leads to the conclusion that adoption of this amendment would be productive of more harm than good.

Mr. Chamberlain has had and probably will have again, public servants so unfaithful that the people would, if they had the power, demand their removal under the provisions of a constitutional amendment such as that proposed.

But simpler remedies no less effective can and should be provided, without necessitating the trouble and expense of a special election.

The constitutional amendment known as the recall provides that, upon petition of 25 per cent of the voters, any public officer may be recalled, and upon filing of such petition a special election must be held for the purpose of electing or removing the offending incumbent or some other citizen shall be elected to fill out the term.

Upon the ballot at such election may be stated in 200 words the cause for the recall, and in another 200 words the defense of the official. The cost of the election must be borne by the taxpayers in general.

It will be said by the promoters of this measure that it is intended as a sort of last resort against unfaithful public servants, and that appeal to this power would rarely be had. Such, also, was one of the arguments in behalf of the initiative and referendum, but experience has shown that the direct-legislation power has been much abused.

The people of this state are now striving to devise ways of removing the defects and imperfections of the initiative and referendum and the direct primary, and until they have solved the difficult problems involved in this task no new and practically untried feature of popular government should be introduced.

SHAKE-UP IN POLICE FORCE

Tacoma Department to Have New Officers Under New Chief. Tacoma, Wash., April 20.—(Special.)—Tomorrow at noon Chief Maloney hands over the keys of the Police Department to new Chief Duley.

Maloney's resignation was accepted by Mayor Campbell and Walker was ready with at least a fair start of the new force. Several of the detectives and patrolmen will not be changed for the shake-up.

Needham and Read have both had considerable police experience under former administrations. McCoy was a sergeant under Mayor Campbell and Walker was sergeant for a year or so under Wright's first administration.

Gustav Beutlich was appointed harbor-master of Tacoma today by Mayor-Read. John W. Linck to succeed Captain Robert M. Montfort, who has served in that capacity for the past four years.

DEADLOCK IN TACOMA COUNCIL

Fight Prophesied Over Election of President for Body. Tacoma, Wash., April 20.—(Special.)—The outlook is that the new Council will open with a deadlock to-morrow.

The fight is over the selection of a president. Two candidates are in the place, J. B. Hawthorne and E. A. Lynn, and it is said each man has eight votes. Mr. Hawthorne has been elected by the council as successor of President Doud for one year.

Soon after the recent election a secret caucus of the newly-elected Council members was held at the city hall. It was decided that the new members would insist on knowing what committee places they were to be given.

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HOUSEBREAKER GETS 15 YEARS

Punishment Meted Out by Judge McBride in Clackamas Court. OREGON CITY, Ore., April 20.—(Special.)—John Funkhouser was this afternoon sentenced to serve 15 years in the penitentiary for breaking into the Williams home, at Clackamas, several weeks ago.

Judge McBride imposed a sentence of five years for the same offense on a man named Clark and John Howell, charged with stealing chickens, but they were paroled pending future good behavior.

FUNERAL OF ACCIDENT VICTIM. Many Attend Burial of Cottage Grove Young Man. COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., April 20.—(Special.)—The funeral of Allen Johnson, son of W. C. Johnson, a prominent business man here, was held at the home of the bereaved mother.

HORSETHIEF HAS WHITE HAIR. Aged Man on Trial at Pendleton. PENDLETON, Ore., April 20.—(Special.)—The unusual spectacle of a white-haired old man before the bar of justice on the charge of horse-stealing is now being witnessed in this city.

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ALASKA LAWYER GOES BLIND. SEATTLE, April 20.—A cable to the Post-Intelligencer from Skagway says: "While on his way to his city to examine title of the waterworks plant, J. A. Hellenial, a well-known attorney of Juneau, was stricken blind."

LEAPS FROM STEAMER'S DECK. VANCOUVER, B. C., April 20.—Charles Best, clerk, committed suicide last night by leaping off the deck of the steamer Queen of the North, en route to the Gulf of Georgia from Vancouver to Nanaimo.

Advertising Talks

HOW ALEXANDER UNTIED THE KNOT. BY HERBERT KAUFMAN. Alexander the Great was being shown the Gordian Knot. "It can't be untied," they told him; "every man who tried it fell down."

But Alexander was not discouraged because the rest had flunked. He simply realized that he would have to go at it in a different way.

Every day a great business general is shown some knot which has proven too much for his competitors, and he succeeds because he finds a way to cut it. The fumbler has no show so long as there is a brother merchant who doesn't waste time trying to accomplish the impossible—who takes lessons from the failures about him and avoids the methods which were their downfall.

The knottiest problems in trade are: First—The problem of location. Second—The problem of getting the crowds. Third—The problem of keeping the crowds.

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