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Portland, Saturday, Oct. 16, 1909. NEW YORK'S MUNICIPAL CONTEST.

The triangular contest for the Mayorship of New York presents features of very general interest. Whether Hearst's candidacy will help or hinder Tammany, the candidate of Tammany, is a point much in dispute.

But Tammany, though a man of ability and character, is but a figure-head for the other municipal candidates.

It was a shrewd game to nominate Gaynor; and almost certainly he will win. Tammany, in fact, doesn't want him, but he will "pull Tammany through on the main chance."

PROSPEROUS KING COTTON. The cotton market, after hysterical strength for a few days, yesterday settled back a few points, and it is still a matter of doubt whether there was any real cause for so great an advance.

Cotton is a commodity for which the whole world supplies a demand, just as it does for wheat. The latter, however, is of vital necessity for the very existence of mankind, while with cotton there is more elasticity in the demand.

mand, and there is in addition a large crop in Egypt to be reckoned with, and India has a crop far above the average.

THE ESSENCE OF SHIP SUBSIDY. There is no doubt whatever that the United States could build up a merchant marine by a scheme of subsidies and subventions.

First, it would cost nearly twice as much to build the vessels in our country as the like vessels would cost for building in foreign countries.

Now the sole question is whether we ought to tax the country and raise the money to pay for our American shipbuilders, so as to enable them to compete with foreigners, and especially to drive them out of the American trade.

OLD JOHN BROWN. It will be just fifty years tonight since Old John Brown, on October 19, 1859, with some twenty men in his band, captured the town of Harper's Ferry.

It is good luck only that prevented one or more homicides from this stupid and inexcusable prank. Yet there have been a few homicides since that time, and the number of victims to its credit, we cannot get rid of the fool, but we ought to do away with the pistol. Why is any one but an officer of the law permitted to carry or have a revolver?

MAKING NEW RECORDS. Although three holidays interfered with business, the records for real estate transfers and building permits for the first half of October made a fine record.

It was as absurd as it was foolish. He did not wish to lead the freed slaves out from the South to Canada or some other place. He would have enacted the laws of the Haysian revolution over again. To this it may be objected that the negroes were peaceable enough when they were finally set free.

actly the thing which John Brown intended to cause. He expected that it would be held under discipline and confined to the single object of securing freedom; but how could he, a lawless invader, have disciplined his tumultuous troops?

A notable event is the death of William H. Barnhart, a resident of Oregon since 1850, and very widely known in the early affairs of the territory and state.

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NEWSPAPERS AND THE SABBATH

Courteous Reply to a Conscientious Man Who Bars the Sunday Issue. New York Times.

One of our readers, in a letter printed today, voices a personal complaint against the Times, which, though we think it not well founded, yet deserves respectful consideration.

MARK TWAIN ON MATRIMONY. Some Paradoxical Remarks Based on His Daughter's Marriage. Baltimore American.

There is no philosopher, scientist or mandarin who has been more paradoxical truth more skillfully than Dr. Samuel L. Clemens—Mark Twain.

MAGNITUDE OF BASEBALL. Its Seriousness Illustrated by the Present Championship Series. Chicago Tribune.

Even those Americans who do not know a three-base hit from a foul fly—and there are such men—must admit, in the light of the objectiveness which is at the heart of the game, that baseball is truly a National Institution.

Chances for Young Men. Denver Republican. Let young men turn to the skilled trades and the well-financed remunerative employment in a field from which the competition of women will never drive them.

Unexpected Results. New York Herald. Consider what the popular song writer will do with "Hill-Strikes Standard."

ATTACK ON THE CARNEGIE FUND

President Schurman, of Cornell, Plays Irresponsible Dispensers of Money. From the address delivered at the 14th annual meeting of the National Association of State Universities in Boston, by Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell University.

The truth of the remarks our correspondent does not impugn; his only regret, for himself and others, is that all these good things should be uttered on the Sunday paper which should be wholly devoted to the consideration of matters distinctly religious.

HONEST SUPERVISION OF BANKS. Oklahoma Has Demonstrated That the Impossible Can Happen. Indianapolis Star.

Bitter complaint comes from Oklahoma that the bank of that state is disposed to criticize the guaranteed deposits law for its apparent failure upon the first real test.

Overdoing It. Everybody's Magazine. A young Englishman, after he had been in London for a couple of months, began to grow thin.

Woman is Too Quick for Them. Cleveland Plain Dealer. There were three at the little table in a Cleveland cafe, a woman and two men.

Gold Output of the World. August, as estimated by Kaffir houses in London, was \$100,000,000.

Why Shouldn't Aldrich Yield? It is the Republican De Moines Register and Leader which offers the question: Why should President Taft yield to Senator Aldrich on behalf of party unity, and not Senator Aldrich to President Taft?

PRESBYTERY TO BE PUT ON TRIAL

Fostering Heresy is Charged by Higher New York Ecclesiastical Body. New York Herald.

One of the most theological controversies since the trial of the Rev. Charles A. Briggs, of Union Seminary, on charges of heresy threatens to develop from the action of the New York Presbytery last Monday in granting permission for the ordination of the Rev. Archibald Black, one of three candidates for the pulpits, who upon examination refused to subscribe to certain orthodox views expressed on cardinal Scriptural doctrines, such as the story of the Garden of Eden, the Immaculate Conception and the miracles.

It is understood that the dissenters will be present in force to support proceedings in the synod, and the action will be much in the nature of a civil court proceeding. It might be decided by the vote of the lay members, and lay, from every presbytery in New York and New England.

ROYALTY OF AMERICAN FINANCE. Dizzy Estimates of the Quartette's Adam's Wall Street Letter to the New York Herald.

All the great fortunes are now in all-hands. They cannot now safely move otherwise than together. If the public will take the lead, the money will be happy to receive the money, and the public can then run the properties.

England, Germany and More Ships. Chicago Record-Herald. There are statements and industrial leaders in England who do not share the apprehension as regards German designs expressed by the group to which Lord Northcliffe belongs.

American Fresh Pan is Under Ban. New York Tribune. The great American frozen pan received a severe blow from the Montclair, N. J., Board of Education, when it decided to cut that kitchen staple from the list of articles to be purchased for the High School kitchen.

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