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OLNEY AND BRITISH POLITICS.

The serious illness of Richard Olney recalls the distinguished part he played in international politics when he was Secretary of State under Cleveland.

It took the ground that even if the Monroe Doctrine had no other effect than to have been explicitly admitted to the code of international law, still it belonged there since "in international councils every nation is entitled to its rights."

The Monroe Doctrine, Mr. Olney argued, deserves recognition because of "those principles of international law which are based upon the theory that every nation shall have its rights protected and its just claims enforced."

For one thing, the commission was composed of men manifestly competent and above prejudice. Such names as Andrew D. White and D. C. Gilman, who were both members, guaranteed its unswerving impartiality while their profound scholarship compelled respect.

Since the happy outcome of Mr. Olney's aggressive Venezuelan policy, nothing of consequence has disturbed the peaceful relations between the United States and Great Britain.

NEW BREAK IN KANSAS.

Density of litigation regarding the ship subsidy question increases as the distance from the scene of actual operations widens. For example, we find the New York Chamber of Commerce, the greatest commercial organization in the New World, refusing to endorse the ship-subsidy plan, while out on the Great Lakes, far removed from salt water, a few shipbuilders and steel trust magnates have worked up a sensational highly favorable attitude to the subsidy.

The same mail which brought to the Oregonian a copy of the Utah-Columbia resolutions also brought a handsomely printed and tinted booklet entitled "The American Merchant Marine; Its Rise and Fall, and Why."

EASIER MONEY MARKET.

The back-flow of gold from the interior to New York has set in full and strong, according to the New York bank statement appearing yesterday. Every year a large amount of money is taken out of New York for payment of January dividends, and as these requirements must be met almost simultaneously with the demand for corn and cotton crop-moving, the drain on the cash reserves of the metropolis is always heavy.

The situation is still somewhat uncertain. There seems to be plenty of money for all legitimate industrial undertakings, but not so much as usual for stock speculation. This has forced a great many operators to abandon the closing-house, and speculative buying was responsible for a portion of the slump in prices last week.

The deposits of the clearing-house banks were \$1,190,694,000, and those of the banks and trust companies not reporting through the clearing-house were \$1,224,097,400. These deposits combined showed a decrease of about \$250,000,000 compared with last year.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS JONES.

A long letter, full of personal malice against the editor of The Oregonian, is printed today. The editor cautions that the letter is not to be published, but the author insists that it be printed.

However, to save the Times some trouble, it will again be omitted. The public is not "aware that Mr. Scott has been a candidate for the United States Senate for a quarter of a century, and is naturally sore and disappointed" for that is not true.

JUST A PRACTICAL JOKE.

The untimely taking off of Chung Sing moves one to ponder upon the practical joker and his doom. Chung Sing thought to divert himself by poking his celestial finger into the eye of a sleeping legislator.

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LOUD-LUNGED DEMAGOGUE.

What is the man that is crowding at party assemblies in Oregon? Come, then over and you will find them machine politicians, of both the "hopeful" and the "has-been" types, members of the Chamberlain-Bourne "gang" that is trying by catchword and demagoguery to win the election.

Let us not hope too much from the conciliatory tone of the Weather Bureau. We have yet thirteen days in which to reckon with the month of the Janus face.

THE GOVERNMENT MAN "FORECASTED."

The Government man "forecasted" clear weather for yesterday and a big rain storm came instead. However, he probably meant it wouldn't snow.

SWEDISH SARDINES IN AMERICAN OIL.

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tions or examples to fit his argument. He tells of a visit to Seattle in 1889, where he found a wheat exporter lamenting because he was obliged to ship his wheat in an old English tub that was condemned forty years ago as unworthy, while "a new steel American vessel has been riding at anchor there for nearly nine months and cannot get a cargo of wheat which it wants for Liverpool."

A LIGHT FOR A NEIGHBOR.

The Seattle Times finds fault with The Oregonian for calling attention to a \$45,000,000 slump in Seattle real estate transfers last year. After claiming a \$35,000,000 item, in which the sale of a transcontinental railroad was involved, the Times says: "Even at that, our real estate transfers show a legitimate falling-off of about \$10,000,000—and we admit it."

The conflicting statements of the press agents and salesmen engaged in marketing stock in various wireless telegraph companies may leave the public in doubt as to the merits of their respective contentions, but there can be no question as to the inestimable value of the "wireless" itself.

The disinterested spectator who gets into the fight with a view of restoring peace not infrequently receives a severe eye-bath, and it is not his efforts. The United States is, of course, big enough and strong enough to do police duty with almost any kind of a disturber; but at the same time there are indications that we might get a lesson in the Nicaraguan disturbance.

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Indiana has placed the figure of General Lew Wallace to stand as one of its celebrities in Statuary Hall, Washington. Governor Oliver P. Morton is the other. Though Lew Wallace is equally entitled to the honor, it is not his name that is being commemorated.

THE HISTORY OF OREGON COLLEGE.

When Corvallis College was no more than a hamlet in the Oregon Territory, it was located in a place that would raise \$20,000 for a suitable administration building, the 2000 people of Corvallis and vicinity with the earnestness of despair, like the Athenians in rebuilding the Parthenon, were ready to contribute for every man, woman and child.

THE PERSONAL SYSTEM IN FOREST ADMINISTRATION.

The loyalty of the Forest Service to Gifford Pinchot is a matter of common knowledge. It justifies even more strongly to the absolutely perverted relation which that service bears to the Government and to the people.

LADY DUFF GORDON, DRESSMAKER.

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PERMANENT HISTORICAL BUILDING.

Let Portland and the Rest of the State Join in the Expense. CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 18.—(To the Editor.)—A recent visit convinced me that the Oregon Historical Society is entitled to quarters more commodious than the rooms liberally furnished by the city and already crowded with documents and historic matter.

Great credit is due the Historical Society and the city of Portland for their generous efforts in preserving historic information before fast fades into fiction and the true history of Oregon is lost forever. But there is so much to the history and pioneer life of Old Oregon that no society and no city can bear the burden of acquiring and caring for the accumulating historic matter of value and interest to every citizen of Oregon.

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THEATRICAL BOSSES DISTURBED.

Houses Lose Money—Near-Actors and Moving-Picture Shows Blamed. Kansas City Journal. According to the consensus of opinion voiced at the theatrical managers' dinner in Portland the other day, the amusement business of this country is in deplorable condition.

A feeling prevails in many quarters that the theatrical people are largely to blame for the present depression in their business. It has been the practice of many managers frequently to gouge the public for prices wholly inordinate when the quality of entertainment is taken into account.

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GOLD PRODUCE FOR THE WORLD.

Total increase for 1909 was \$14,122,753, or 3.2 Per Cent. Engineering and Mining Journal. The different gold-producing countries of the world in 1909 not only kept up the production of the precious metal, but again increased it in a marked degree.

Table showing Gold Production of the World for 1909. Columns include Country, 1908 production, and 1909 production.

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