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The movement to have Astoria included in the route of President McKinley and his party in May should be pushed with all possible vigor. It would be of great value to Astoria and the entire Columbia valley region that not only the president but also the various officials who accompany him inspect the government improvements at the mouth of the Columbia and take note of the need for further expenditures and also have impressed upon their minds the superiority of Astoria as the future port of the Northwest coast. The co-operation of the commercial bodies of Portland could probably be secured in extending the invitation to the presidential party.

That great consolidations of capital do not always work to the injury of the workingman and are sometimes in every respect beneficial is clearly proven in an article by Herbert H. Vreeland, president of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company of New York, in the last issue of the Saturday Evening Post. This great railway system is made up of the consolidation of eighteen distinct roads. The new system employs five times as many men as did the entire eighteen roads before the consolidation. The only men who were thrown out of employment were the eighteen presidents of the separate systems and they were all capitalists. The eighteen roads paid their switchmen fifty cents a day and other salaries in proportion. The consolidated company pays its switchmen two dollars a day. President Vreeland states that the new order offers opportunities unknown in the old. Formerly the roads were handed down from father to son as are business houses. Now a man from the ranks is put in charge of the whole and the various departments are supplied with heads from among those who have shown the greatest ability in subordinate positions. The stock of the company is not owned by one man or one family as formerly but by dozens of men who will not tolerate nepotism. Thus, as a result of the formation of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, scores of high positions have been opened for men from the ranks who could never have aspired to such promotions under former conditions.

MANAGING THE ENGLISH ARMY.

San Francisco Bulletin.

The British parliament is not the abode of peace during these days. The spirit of contempt and contumacy is abroad. The other day the commander-in-chief delivered himself of some scathing

criticism upon the management of the war office. Lord Lansdowne took the floor and called the commander-in-chief an incompetent.

This is quite an edifying spectacle for the nation. The trouble is that both were in the right and also in the wrong. The English army has been hampered by the regards of the sovereign for many generations. It was for many years under the mismanagement of a blundering old gentleman who was a relative of the late queen. Then came a change, and England's only general, as Lord Wolseley was facetiously called, was given the command. But he has never been permitted a free hand. The administration was in the hands of the war office, which is the pampered resting ground of gentlemen of distinguished lineage. There has ever been a reluctance on the part of the government to ask for large appropriations for the army. The nation has been wrongly educated to the belief that the navy can get all the money it asks for, but the first hint that money is needed for the army brings forth a clamor that the very bravest do not wish to meet. It looks amazing that a wealthy nation like the English should have supplied their armies with inferior weapons to those which the burghers had. It proved a hideous policy, this penny wise and pound foolish method.

After every disaster there had been the cry that now the English nation will awaken to the realization that the present method of managing the army will have to give way before a practical scheme. The trouble lies in the nepotism that prevails in the service. It may not be very generally known that it is a very difficult matter for any outsider to get into any of the guards regiments. The officers keep the guards as a close corporation. When there is a vacancy some young fellow who is a son of an officer or who has aristocratic connections is given notice and by some occult means he is gazetted. Lord Methuen was one of the brilliant examples of the system. It is also a fact that the men in the British army who have won for themselves great names have not been closely allied to the aristocracy. Lord Wolseley was poor when he joined a West Indian regiment, and his hand work made him famous. Lord Roberts was the son of a general officer and was born in India. Lord Kitchener does not come of a very prominent family. And yet though the nation has the opportunity of comparing these men, the comparison is always in favor of the noble. In fact, the people so quickly wish to forget that a poor man has won a victory that they speedily enable him.

Wealth is the curse of the English army. And the army, too, gives a man a certain position in society. Not every commission carries a distinction. A subaltern in a foot regiment is despised most heartily by an artilleryman, a cavalryman despises both, and the men of the crack corps despise all others who belong to no well-regimented. The army is not joined for serious work by hundreds of young men. The English army man is not a student. The day is far distant when an English commander-in-chief will be able to answer as did the great Motke when asked as to whom would succeed him as commander of the German army. "These are the future generals," and he threw open the door of a room where several men, bespectacled and looking like college professors, were bending over maps and papers. England has maintained an army with an apologetic air, as it were. She alone of all the nations has no conscription. She did not know that the colonies would come to her aid as they did, and what was the result? Some foolish Englishmen snubbed the colonials and their refusals to take advice from important men cost them dear. It is here that the Russians work so differently. Men of a nation who have been incorporated into the Russian empire are raised to high rank. Some of the greatest of Russian generals were pure foreigners, being only Russian by absorption. It strengthens the army. It makes it cosmopolitan. In England the army is a close corporation.

WITH THE PARAGRAPHERS.

What Pat Crowe ought to give up during Lent is himself.—Minneapolis Journal.

Admiral Sampson seems to be the William Waldorf Astor of the American navy.—Annacoda Standard.

The war between coffee and sugar is thought to be ended. Presumably sugar dissolved.—Chicago Tribune.

As nearly as we can make out the allied powers are willing to take about \$2,000,000 more than China can pay, and call the thing square.—Mail and Express.

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Carpenter says in a recent letter that there is tea in China that costs \$24 a pound. It is no wonder that China is so stagnant. When a people get more for a pound of tea than for a gallon of whisky it is easy to forecast that nation's ignominious finish.

A wife's wise counseling entereth her husband's mind and after many days returneth to her in jewels and precious raiment.

Mr. J. W. Patterson, night police at Nashua, Ia., says: "In January I had a very bad cold on my lungs, and used half dozen different cough medicines and prescriptions from two doctors, but grew worse all the time. I finally bought a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and after using two-thirds of it, I was entirely cured." CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

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