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GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

The formatin of the Northern Securities Company and the consolidation of practically all the transcontinental lines west of the Mississippi river under one management and control has again revived the agitation of the question of government ownership of railroads and removes one of the strongest arguments advanced by those who oppose such a policy. It has been contended by the advocates of private ownership that competition between the several different railroads operating transcontinental lines would give to the public the lowest rates and best accommodations compatible with an intelligent and profitable management of those great interests. This theory has been proven a fallacy by the policy pursued by these public carriers who have at all times imposed upon the traffic all it would bear, and it is morally certain that the object in combining all these lines under one management is to remove what little competition has hitherto existed between them and enable them to arbitrarily impose greater burdens upon our transcontinental commerce.

The San Francisco Bulletin sums the situation up tersely in a few words. It says: "The concentration of the great railroads of the United States in the hands of one company means the subordination of the business of the country to the interests of the owners of the road. It means in effect, that a dozen railroad owners and their associates will have the power to tax the 75,000,000 who own no stock in the roads. A very small percentage of rates over and above rates that would pay a fair profit will add millions to the wealth of owners of the roads. This combination of railroads may be grand from a spectacular point of view, but it is a painful surrender from the people's point of view."

The operation of this great system under the control of the Northern Securities Company will be watched with a critical eye by the masses of the people. It will be a practical illustration of the contention of the believers in government ownership that these separate interests can be conducted under one management. From that conclusion it is only a short step to the conviction that the best management from the standpoint of the public is that of the general government. It may be therefore that this gigantic railroad pool may in the end prove a blessing.

The capture of Colon by the armed forces in insurrection against the Colombian government renders not only proper but also imperative the landing of American troops at the point. This is in one sense intervention. But it should be kept clearly in mind that it is not intervention under the Monroe Doctrine, or under possible interpretation of that great principle of national policy. For a little more than half a century we have stood in a relation to this particular strip of foreign territory not held by any other power. The Monroe Doctrine has nothing to do with our guarantee of peace and order on the Isthmus of Darien, so far as may be necessary to insure free and uninterrupted transit between the oceans. Their natrual obligation was assumed in return for certain important concessions made to us by the government of New Granada, afterward the United States of Columbia. The obligation would be the same if the Monroe Doctrine did not exist.—New York Sun.

One of the most important questions before the new congress will concern the commercial relations of the United States to Cuba. The Cubans are very earnest in urging that the United States make concessions which will give the Cuban tobacco and sugar a preferential entrance into this country. They argue that without such a concession the Cubans cannot be commercially prosperous. Not only would reduced duties on sugar and tobacco give the United States practical supremacy in the Cuban markets, but it would so benefit the Cubans that it could properly be regarded as a part of the duty which the United States owes to the Cubans. But should those who antagonize any concessions to Cuba succeed in preventing them, they will simply give new strength to the demand for the annexation of Cuba, which is already very strong.

It is gratifying to notice that since the signing of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty our English friends have begun to take a more sensible view of the matter and are seemingly reconciled to the building of the Nicaragua canal under the exclusive control and ownership of the United States. This is evidenced by the tone of the leading papers of England in commenting upon Secretary Hay's speech at the New York chamber of commerce dinner last week, in which he made a forcible and clear declaration regarding the Monroe Doctrine.

It is quite probable that a new department of the federal government will be created soon to be known as the department of commerce and industry. The department of agriculture was the last one established and that valuable and important branch of the administration has now been in successful operation since President Cleveland's first administration.

The New York elections commissioners are thinking of asking for at least two amendments to the election law. They want increased discretionary powers with reference to deciding against palpably spurious nominating petitions.

MODERN SURGERY SURPASSED.

"While suffering from a bad case of piles I consulted a physician who advised me to try a box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve," says G. F. Carter, Atlanta, Ga. "I procured a box and was entirely cured. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is a splendid cure for piles, giving relief instantly, and I heartily recommend it to all sufferers." Surgery is unnecessary to cure piles. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure any case. Cuts, burns, bruises and all other wounds are also quickly cured by it. Beware of counterfeits.—CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

UP-TO-DATE STORIES.

"The literary craze that is sweeping over the country is producing some queer results among those who are anxious to be considered literary," said the bookseller. "Yesterday a woman was in here looking for 'The Creases,' and I sent her away satisfied with 'The Crisis.' The same day a gentleman asked if I had 'Dry Am I.' I gave him 'D'ri and I,' and he departed with what he had been looking for.

"But the other day I was fairly stumped when a party came in and asked me if I had 'Wait a Minute.'

"'Never heard of it,' said I.

"'That is funny,' he answered; 'it is being talked about, and I am anxious to read it.'

"I looked over all my book lists and satisfied myself that there was no such book in existence, and he went away disappointed, and with the impression, I fear, that I was not keeping what I take pride in—a first class book store.

"The day following, however, he came back smiling, and asked for 'Tarry, Thou, Till I Come.' He had taken the precaution this time to write the title down."—Atlanta Constitution.

HE KEPT HIS LEG.

Twelve years ago J. W. Sullivan, of Hartford, Conn., scratched his leg with a rusty wire. Inflammation and blood poisoning set in. For two years he suffered intensely. Then the best doctors urged amputation, "but," he writes, "I used one bottle of Electric Bitters and 1½ boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and my leg was sound and well as ever." For Eruptions, Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Sores and all blood disorders Electric Bitters has no rival on earth. Try them. Hart's Drugstore will guarantee satisfaction or refund mony. Only 50 cents.

The recent burning of the large bathhouse at Long Beach is having its effect on insurance companies and the further investment of capital in suburbs and summer resorts. This is due to circumstances, the time when the first occurred, and general and particular facts developed by observation and examination of the premises before and since the fire, which compel insurance companies and the public generally to believe that the fire was started in that part of the building most accessible for an incendiary, and from which he could quickly escape and cover his tracks. It is now almost impossible to get insurance on any kind of seaside property, and a large number of risks have been cancelled on North Beach. This week an application for $1000 insurance on Hotel Flavel, Or., was turned down. Insurance companies and capitalists are afraid of the firebug. It would be well for the people at Long Beach to make a thorough investigation of the cause of the bathhouse fire if they desire the further investment of outside capital and continuance of summer business at that point on the beach. Insurance companies have not enough at stake to cause them to spend money in detective work and the punishment of firebugs. They will simply cancel policies and desert the place, and intending investors will do likewise. There have been too many fires in the past three years at Long Beach to inspire anything but suspicion and insecurity.—Chinook Observer.

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She—Did you dance, Mr. Skiggleson? He (modestly)—Well, my tacher said I did when I left the academy, but those ladies I have danced with since express a different opinion."—Detroit Free Press.

W. J. Shively, Batesville, O., speaking of Banner Salve, says: "I used it for piles and it has done me more good than any salve I have ever used, and I have tried a great many kinds."—Hart's drug store.

"Is there any message from my poor husband?" asked the widow. "There is," replied the medium, "and it's hot stuff."—Atlanta Constitution.

G. H. Hausan, Lima, O., engineer L. E. & W. R. R., writes: "I have been troubled a great deal with backache. I was induced to try Foley's Kidney Cure, and one bottle entirely relieved me. I gladly recommend it to any one, especially my friends among the train men who are usually similarly afflicted."—Hart's drug store.

We should feel greatly obliged to the Muse if she would tell us how to become a rich poet.—Puck.

DON'T LET THEM SUFFER.

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The little prince who will be king of Portugal has been making a tour, and grew so tired of the fulsome speeches fired at him that he refused to listen to more. He deserves to be a king, all right.—Tacoma Ledger.

George A. Points, Upper Sandusky, O., writes: "I have been using Foley's Honey and Tar for Hoarseness and find it the best remedy I ever tried. It stopped the cough immediately and relieved all soreness." Take only Foley's.—Hart's drug store.

London is complaining of an increase of pauperism. Possibly this is because the returned heroes can get so little on their medals.—Tacoma Ledger.

Adolph Blumer, Grand Mound, Ia., writes: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in my family and think it is the best cough cure on the market. I would not be without it in my home, as there is nothing so good for coughs and colds."—Hart's drug store.

When it comes to tackling his new problem in the Minnesota legislature, James J. Hill will be glad that he is able to prove that his first name is really Jim.—Brooklyn Record Union.

FOR HOARSENESS.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken a word above a whisper for months, and that one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. Be sure you get Foley's.—Hart's drug store.

An excellent interpretation of the phrase "a person of independent means" was given in a case tried recently. In Ireland, the judge said, it frequently meant "a person with no means to depend on."—London Globe.

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The spectacle of unfaithful Tammany placeholders trying to hang on by the skin of their teeth to civil service rules which they have so often ridiculed and sneered at is too ludicrous for words. They are gone hopelessly.—New York Tribune.

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Seymour Webb, Moira, N. Y., writes "I have been trouble with my kidneys for twenty-five years, and had tried several physicians but received no relief until I bought a bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. After using two bottles I was absolutely cured. I earnestly recommend Foley's Kidney Cure." Take only Foley's.—Hart's drug store.

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The great medical school is, after all, the school which can take the raw country lad and put such a front on him that nobody will ever think of calling him "Doc."—Puck.

A PHYSICIAN TESTIFIES.

"I have taken Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and have never used anything in my life that did me the good that did," says County Physician Geo. W. Scroggs, of Hall county, Ga. "Being a physician I have prescribed it and found it to give the best results." If the food you eat remains undigested in your stomach it decays and poisons the system. You can prevent this by dieting but that means starvation. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you eat. You need suffer neither dyspepsia nor starvation. The worst cases quickly cured. Never fails.—CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

"Pooh! My papa wears evenin' clothes every time he goes to parties." "That ain't anythin'. Our minister wears his night clothes every time he preaches."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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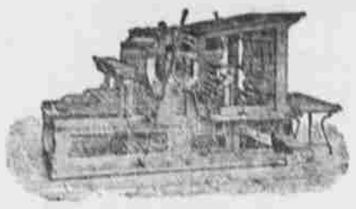

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