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No better demonstration of the possibilities which lie stored in the money vaults of Portland has ever been given than the unprecedented accomplishment of that city in raising practically all of the \$100,000 subscription asked for the Lewis & Clark celebration in one day's canvass by the subscription committee. It is an accomplishment of which our neighbor on the Willamette may well be proud and will cause every webfoot in the state to brace up, take the kinks out of his back, put both shoulders to the wheel and help to push this enterprise to a successful issue.

In Mr. Hay's admirable exposition of American diplomacy at the chamber of commerce banquet there is assurance for the future as well as congratulation for the past. In outlining the foreign policy which President McKinley pursued with so much advantage to the country the Secretary of State left no room for doubt that the same wise course would be followed under the administration of President Roosevelt. As Mr. Hay made clear, the guiding principle of that policy has been the cultivation of international good will and friendly foreign relations. Among its achievements are the "open door" to Oriental markets, the saving of China from spoliation, the negotiation of reciprocity treaties for the promotion of our commercial interests, and finally the agreement for an isthmian canal "for the use" by the words of Secretary Hay, "of all well disposed peoples, but under exclusive American ownership and American control."

of late years the commercial interests of the United States has taken great interest in the question of the character of our consuls in foreign countries and are now fully aware of the importance of that branch of our government. Their agitation of the improvement of this service has had a good effect and it is now generally well settled that in following these important positions in the future, only special qualifications will be considered. This sentiment is aptly expressed by the Marine Review which says: "No men should be sent to a consular post who is not specially fitted for his task, and who cannot impress those with whom he comes in contact with the integrity of the private and national character. Indeed the work of the consul is of such a special nature that it should not be regarded as a patronage."

The American Chemical Society will meet in Philadelphia the last two days of this year in the Harrison Laboratory Chemistry of the University of Pennsylvania. Sessions will be held on the mornings of December 29 and 31, and in the evening of the 30th. Both afternoons will be spent by the delegates in visiting several of the larger chemical, metallurgical and other industrial establishments. The plans of the Midway Show company, Orange Shipyard, Baldwin's engine works and the Atlantic Refining Company will be among the features. About the delegates are expected to attend the meeting from all parts of the country, and about forty papers on subjects relating to chemistry will be read by leading chemists. The convention will close with a banquet and entertainment on New Year's Eve.

Yesterday morning we stopped our press in order to give to our readers

the story of the loss of the lumber barge Whiskey and the drowning of the crew. News of the disaster did not reach us till 2:25 A. M. after which Captain Abies had to be located, the story reported, put in type and sent to the press. This was accomplished by the Astorian force in less than three-quarters of an hour and our readers had the news while they lay in their beds. The Astorian prints this news while it is hot.

The Astorian is issued this morning with a new dress and presents an appearance very different from the one which will be appreciated by its readers. We are bound to assure our readers that in point of news and mechanical execution it modern appliances can accomplish this result.

Ex-Senator Henry C. Davis, in a report to the Pan-American Railway Commission, strongly advocates the construction of an international railroad connecting all the nations of the continent. He estimates the cost of construction at \$200,000,000.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

David Nagel has been found by a health officer to be the holder of a passport for Richard Croker.

Edgar A. Sells, general manager of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad is dead at his residence in Chicago at the age of 66.

General Manager J. M. Harbert of the Denver & Rio Grande denies the report current in Pennsylvania that the Switchmen's Union of North America had reached an agreement with the Denver & Rio Grande road.

A motion for a new trial was overruled in the case of Solomon Horoma, the witch killer, at Paris, Tex., and sentence was passed on him to be hanged the 14th of February. An appeal will be taken.

The fear that the president's message may take strong grounds against combinations of capital has affected speculation and the recovery in foreign exchange has renewed anxiety lest gold exports would be resumed.

Robert Shaw of Chicago, who made the automobile record between New York and Chicago last May, called yesterday morning for Paris to start on the longest automobile trip on record. It is his intention to travel through France, Spain, Italy, Germany and Austria, covering a distance of three miles.

The situation in the northwest is not changed for the better since the Vienna correspondent of the London Times and New York Times believe that the military will be unable to occupy the new Austrian-Austrian-Hungary, which is a vital question affecting the expansion of the state.

The Chinese are preparing to make a vigorous fight against the extradition of the Geary, excluded by a proclamation has been issued by the Chinese government prohibiting every Chinese in the United States to contribute to any of the efforts to defend Geary.

James Hale, father of the late John Hale, died at his home in Brookfield, N. H., last week. He was 81 years of age. He was a prominent citizen of his native state and was a member of the Massachusetts legislature.

The special committee of experts appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to make a thorough investigation of the cases of venereal disease has just made a report to the body asserting that not a single case of syphilis has resulted from injection of vaccine virus. Every one has been due, in fact, to the atmosphere and sanitary conditions which have prevailed during the last six weeks.

A dispatch to the Herald from London says a sensational discovery will which excites some has been made, the Hon. Sir John Lubbock, member of the House of Commons, has discovered a fossil of the human hand, which is the first of its kind ever found in the world.

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HEALTH AND BEAUTY

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