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THE OCTOPUS.

Under the above caption, W. D. Washburn, Jr., a member of the Minnesota legislature has issued a pamphlet in which he presents in a forcible, yet plain and simple manner the far reaching effect of the great railroad combination in the hands of the Northern Securities Company.

The pamphlet is worthy of a wide circulation and we regret very much that demands upon our space prohibits the publication of it in full in these columns. In introducing his subject he says:

"The projected consolidation of the Great Northern Railroad and the Northern Pacific, under the guise of the 'Northern Securities Company,' is a direct blow against the welfare of every state from Minnesota to the Pacific coast. It is a measure which should be resisted by every citizen who desires fair competition and the enforcement of the law."

"It must mean the eventual destruction of lawful competition upon which the welfare of every citizen and every community is dependent. It means the gradual deterioration of passenger service, both as to numbers of trains and character of service. It means the discharge of employees by the companies. It means the strangulation and gradual extermination of all small centers of population between Chicago and the Pacific coast."

"The effects of the consolidation must also be fatal to the small and flourishing towns at all competing points in this and adjoining states. At present these prosperous communities enjoy the trade of their immediate neighborhood. Will they do so when both these lines are under one and the same management? If all freight receipts go into one and the same coffers, will there be any inducement for the railroads to give either fair rates or fair treatment? If there are today two stations and two sets of employees in one town, will they remain there under this consolidation? If today there is good train service and splendid trains, will these things prevail when there is one road and one station? If the consolidation of these roads does not mean the cutting down of expenses, fewer trains, poorer service; if it does not mean the increase of revenues by higher eventual rates what is the object of this gigantic consolidation?"

The task which has been undertaken by the states throughout which these roads operate is a big one but the contest will be watched with close interest. It is sincerely hoped a way may be found to thwart this combination which has been formed for no other purpose but to lay additional charges upon the traffic of the Northwest.

Astoria will hold her municipal election next Wednesday. There are two tickets in the field, the regular Republican and Citizens' ticket. Both present some first-class men. Among the number is Frank P. Carney, for city treasurer, who has been 15 years a resident of Astoria and for twelve years the trusted bookkeeper and cashier of Fisher Bros., which position he still holds, with credit to himself and his employers. Mr. Carney, has been city treasurer two terms, and his work in public office has been as well and carefully performed as that rendered his well-known employers. The people should be glad to secure the services of such a man at any and all times. They always command a premium in private business, and it is not probable that taxpayers and business men will turn them down because opposing political tickets must be made at each recurring election.—Chinook Observer.

The attitude of President Castro, of Venezuela, towards neighboring and foreign nations is most exasperating to state department officials. He stands entrenched behind the Monroe doctrine, and from this barrier huris insult not only at the sister South American

republic, Colombia, but at England and Germany as well. He has been so successful at this sort of game that he has become almost fool-hardy. He appreciates the fact that foreign nations hesitate to employ force while Uncle Sam is looking on, and is equally aware that nothing in the Monroe doctrine gives this country the right or even the chance to properly chastise a mischief-making member of the continental family.

As we suggested, our evening contemporary had an explanation for the ridiculous error in the make-up of its Saturday's issue. It says typographical errors have appeared in the Morning Astorian and therefore it should not occasion any comment if errors appear in its (Evening News) columns. We have long been aware that the columns of the Astorian were freely used in filling out the local news of our contemporary, but we did not suppose the work of copying was carried to the point of perfection that it included the practice of making errors just because the Astorian did so. However, the explanation is satisfactory and we consider ample reparation has been made.

The Populist party has gone the way of many of its predecessors, and has ceased to be a factor in the politics of the country. It was the product of the unrest of the people who were passing through one of the recurrent periods of depression that seems to be the inevitable accompaniment of the march of civilization, and with the return of prosperity it has withered away and will soon be only remembered as an incident in our past history.

The decision of the Supreme Court that the Philippine Islands are American territory will be of great benefit to American ships operating on the Pacific coast. Under our law only American vessels can engage in coastwise trade, and now that the Philippines are American territory none but vessels of United States register can engage in that trade.

The American Smelting and Refining Company, which several months ago secured control of all of the smelting plants in Mexico, is to have strong competition, companies having been formed to erect and operate six large and independent smelters in that country.

Croker has declared that he will return to England in the near future, and it is presumed David Bennett Hill immediately took up the strains of "I don't care if he never comes back."

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Rev. Arthur Hughes, canon of the Church of England cathedral in Hamilton, Bermuda, is dead at St. Luke's hospital, New York. He was 84 years old. He had been ill for several months from cancer.

The London Times and New York Times announce that the progress of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava's convalescence after his recent severe illness is very slow. He is still confined to his bed during a considerable part of the day.

Herbert Wallace, who served as trumpeter in Torrey's Rough Riders during the Spanish-American war, was instantly killed by the premature explosion of a shot in the Copper King mine at the Sliding Wyoming yesterday. The dead man was a native of Wyoming.

Austin Parker Baldwin is dead at his home in New York after an attack of acute bronchitis lasting only a few days. Mr. Baldwin, who was born in 1834, had lived in New York nearly half a century. He was well known in steamship circles as head of Austin, Baldwin & Co., agents for Baldwin Bros., American and European Export Company, and of the Allan-State Company.

A sensation has been caused in Paraguay by the attacks made by the Chilean delegates at the Pan-American congress against Senor Baez after the latter had read his essay on "Arbitration." The press requests the government to recall the Paraguayan delegates now studying at the Chilean military academy. All of the papers attack Chile, even El Pais, the official organ which is perhaps the most official.

There is considerable indignation among the people in one of the restive sections of Orange, N. J., over the fact that the local health authorities have arranged for a temporary isolation hospital for smallpox patients in the middle of one of the streets which, though deemed to be the city has not as yet been opened to traffic. Attempts to locate the smallpox hospital in several other sections of Orange having failed owing to protests on the part of the residents and injunction proceedings.

A case that is interesting St. Louis physicians is that of J. H. Daniels, a patient at the city hospital, who is convalescing from an operation of the heart. Daniels is a negro roustabout on the steamer City of Chester. He was stabbed in the heart at Chester, Ill., and Dr. H. L. Stetert, superintendent of the city hospital, where Daniels was taken 24 hours after being cut, sewed up the wound, taking several stitches, and the patient is now well on the road to recovery.

Advices from the Orient state that several new Chinese members of the Korean ministry were recently removed. Chief among them was Major General Pok, minister of foreign affairs, who was absent in Japan attending the Mikado's army maneuvers. His undying was brought about by 13 Youngik, leader of the Russian-French party, who pointed out that Pok was exclaiming Japan's cause too warmly as shown by his granting Japan a large ground concession at Masampo and his withdrawal of the veto on grain exportation at Japan's behest.

TIMELY TOPICS.

The only way to fool the bandits would be to decline to be captured. No American woman who stays at home will ever be subject to danger from them. The American woman in this country can derive her only information concerning the bandits of Bulgaria by reading, and there would be nothing to read if the other American woman were not seized of a fear for saving the souls of a distant people while there are souls within easy reach in need of the same operation. Of course, the bandits ought to be killed, but to accomplish the desired result requires more than a woman armed with traps and made brave by a comforting sense that she is performing a duty.—Tacoma Ledger.

The needs and claims of irrigation will be set before this congress with great earnestness and completeness. For years the subject has grown in importance and the necessity of federal action has become more obvious. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements on Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and thought it fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all. Digests your food. Cures all stomach troubles. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

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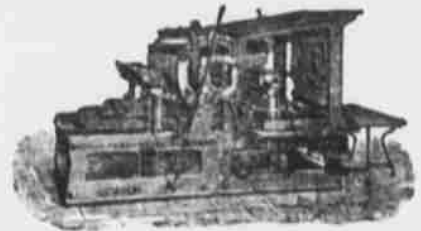
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