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THE LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR.

The real fight over the Lewis and Clark appropriation will, it is now apparent, occur in the house, says the Portland Telegram. It may safely be asserted that the bill, practically in its original form, will pass the senate, but it has before it a wild and tempestuous career in the house. This fact should be looked squarely in the face. There has risen a great prejudice against appropriations of this character and this is emphasized because the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark fair follows so quickly upon the heels of the big grant to the Louisiana Purchase exposition. With this as an excuse and supplemented as it will be by the further fact that expositions have been coming pretty freely since the great Chicago affair, some semblance of excuse is lent to the objections that will be raised. Besides we are on the eve of a presidential election in which the dominant party is keenly interested in keeping down appropriations. The government, too, is not rioting in the enormous surplus which has for the past few years characterized the treasury, thus giving another string to the bow of objections.

All these facts must be realized and met. Every man with an atom of influence at Washington should set it to work at once in the effort to secure an appropriation commensurate to the undertaking. Nearly every one knows a congressman from some other state. He should be deluged with letters making plain to him the importance of the undertaking. As this is a great public enterprise, the time has come for each one to put his shoulder to the wheel and shove. In such an emergency every man's influence is worth something and, until it may be that it can secure for the fair the recognition which is its due. In that event we will have here a fair of which the country will be proud and everyone who now contributes his mite will be entitled to his proportionate share of the resulting praise.

PROGRESS OF AMERICA.

A dispatch from Dresden, Germany, states that a league of industrial capitalists are holding a session to consider a plan of opposing the encroachments of American capital in Germany. One prominent speaker declared that Germany should organize great trusts on American lines, or else the Fatherland would soon be under the yoke of American capital. The Germans say that the splendid organization of the consular service is responsible for the encroachments of American capital upon German shores.

This is a great tribute to the progress of America. Not only is American influence and money extending to Germany, but all over the known world American enterprise has the markets of the world well in hand because it has divined the way to get it.

America is making a business and commercial conquest, not of Germany alone. Other countries can well look to their laurels.

FUTILE POLICE PROTECTION.

The fact that a crank found nothing to prevent him entering a church where President Roosevelt was attending his uncle's funeral a few days since and putting a letter into his hand, is not creditable to those charged with the president's protection, says the Eugene Guard.

Indeed, the incident almost gives an appearance of foolishness to the extraordinary precautions which were taken for his personal security. Seven hundred policemen lined up in the streets through which the president was driven. Night mounted officers, a dozen central office detectives and six

secret service men from Washington surrounded his carriage and there was a large guard at the church. Nevertheless, a man of singular appearance and strange ways, with a bag in his hand, had no trouble in getting immediate access to the president, and might have fired a pistol as easily as he delivered a letter.

People are fond of comparing football games to pugilistic encounters especially when they wish to advocate toleration of the latter and to show that the former is the more brutal, suggests the Portland Telegram. Tabulations for the current year disclose a long list of accidents on the muddy field. There have been nineteen players killed, one boy was driven insane from injuries and thirteen players were severely hurt, some being crippled for life. This is a record of fatalities which advocates of pugilism may attempt to make capital of by producing statistics showing that a far less number of deaths and serious accidents have resulted in the ring during the same period. Those who compiled the statistics of football casualties, however, assert that the injuries occurred almost exclusively to untrained players and that in the big teams there was almost a total absence of serious accidents. The lesson to be drawn from this is that football is no game for the weaklings.

The president's message at the opening of the regular session of congress, was a very fair document, though no one will contend that the author is any literary giant, yet he has a way of putting things that more or less attracts and convinces. His general observations on the subject of land frauds and postal irregularities will be generally read and the people of Oregon will especially appreciate his endorsement of the Lewis and Clark fair and his recommendations to congress for its support. The message is unlike those of the Cleveland administration, which were more or less verbose, or those from the pen of President McKinley, remarkable for their elegant diction. But President Roosevelt is no slouch at stating what he thinks, and his message will be more largely read than the average document of the sort.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Hermann did not obtain a position on the Committee on rivers and harbors, says the Salem Statesman. While Mr. Jones is an influential man and very friendly to Columbia river improvements, the regrettable feature is that his particular interest on harbor improvements will be confined to that river. Oregon has many harbors on the coast line reaching from the mouth of the Columbia to California which need attention and whose improvement is of great interest to many sections of country that are rapidly filling up with industrious settlers. At this juncture especially, it is a matter of vast importance that Oregon should have a representative on the river and harbor committee of the house.

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