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OUR RELATIONS WITH PANAMA

President Roosevelt's message to Congress, dealing with the Panama affair and the status of the canal situation, is perhaps one of the best public documents emanating from the white house since the assassination of the lamented McKinley.

To those critics at home who have assailed the integrity of the administration in its efforts to secure construction of the isthmian waterway the president makes vigorous response.

Upon the refusal of the administration to submit to the palpable hold up attempted by the coterie of irresponsible muckrakers comprising the Colombian government and the determination of the people of Panama to cut loose from the Bogota grafters who sought to traffic at the expense of the isthmus, the political situation suddenly changed.

Mr. Roosevelt's message is complete in dealing with the matter. He shows that our government never once contemplated improper intent, nor had we even the remotest influence in the revolution.

The president takes occasion to declare the need for reference to the matter in a public manner, but explains that he is anxious to set right those unthinking persons who usually believe all that is detrimental and ignore that which is beneficial.

THE TILLAMOOK BAR.

The people of productive Tillamook county have ample cause for complaint because of the failure of the government to improve their harbor.

there, which would reach immense proportions with proper depth at the harbor entrance, has been almost paralyzed.

The improvement of Tillamook bar will entail only a nominal outlay, and it is the duty of Congress to make provision for the work at the present session.

The government owes Tillamook county a duty, just as it owes a duty to the people whose homes have been built in the Columbia river basin.

MR. BRYAN'S TOUR.

Mr. Bryan has had the time of his life in Europe, says the San Francisco Call. Everywhere our ministers and consuls abroad have extended to him every personal and official courtesy.

It is gratifying that he has not had to seek out our diplomats. They have sought and found him and have taught abroad proper American respect for our public men regardless of party affiliations at home.

Mr. Bryan himself has done what his countrymen expected of him. He has sustained himself well in a new atmosphere and has appreciated the fact that home politics and partisan divisions are not to be talked about abroad.

Mr. Bryan has been on the go, and it is probable his dress suit has seen more wear and tear in the last four weeks than his swallow tail had undergone in the previous four years.

But, after all his experiences, just as he left London for home Mr. Bryan declared that his heart is true to Polk, whose other name is free silver.

This will somewhat disappoint those of his countrymen who have confidence in his versatility; but he remembers the chloride of sodium experiences of Mrs. Lot, and refuses to look back or turn.

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ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD

Table with columns LEAVE, PORTLAND, ARRIVE. 7:00 a.m. Portland Union Depot for Astoria and Way Points. 11:10 a.m. 9:40 p.m.

Table with columns LEAVE, For Portland and Way Points, ARRIVE. 7:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 10:30 p.m.

Table with columns LEAVE, Astoria for Warenton, Flavel Fort Stevens, Hammond and Seaside, ARRIVE. 7:40 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 10:45 a.m.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC

Table with columns Time, Card of Trains, PORTLAND, LEAVE, ARRIVE. Puget Sound Limited, 7:25 a.m. 9:45 p.m. Kansas City-St. Louis Special, 11:10 a.m. 6:45 p.m.

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