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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho,—Fair.

INEXCUSABLE IGNORANCE.

Yesterday's despatches tell us that the George Washington University, situated at the national capital, is to be made a very distinctive and distinguished temple of learning, and to preserve, and make manifest, a peculiar racial and temperamental quality of erudition that shall mark its scholars as typically American; and incidentally, that the regents are casting about for an extra \$400,000 to help this adaption along.

With even the fear of ridicule before us and the charge of inexcusable ignorance, we are compelled to confess we never knew of the existence of such an institution, save for a vague and remote recollection of the incipient steps taken long years ago to found just such an establishment. And we cannot relinquish the matter without suggesting that we are not alone in our hopeless uninstruction, but that it is pretty nearly universal in the country where it should be best known.

However, there being such a college, and such a purpose, we endorse the idea, and trust the good men in charge may be overwhelmingly successful in their quest, and that some day the great school will be as well known as any of the universities of America, if not far better. Now, we feel better!

YARROW'S DECLARATION.

Organizer Yarrow, of the World's Workers, declares that the mill hands in the lumber industry of the whole Pacific coast are closely knit in the present tie-up at Portland; that there is a voluminous program laid out in this behalf that means total paralysis of the lumbering interests of the coast, from Victoria to the Mexican line. This sounds big enough in all conscience, and there may be some truth in it; but we are inclined to believe there is some hot-air about it. When a champion gets to the front with a dare and a claim, he generally makes the things as vast as he knows how, and that is the present attitude of Mr. Yarrow. He is a new champion in this particular field, and the organization behind him is an unknown quantity here. It has been repudiated by the American Federation of Labor, and kindred associations in this country and is of purely English origin and purpose; and the American workman generally desires to be led by his compatriots, rather than by a foreigner.

And, another thing that shall contribute to the failure of the present movement, is that it does not come at a time when labor is suffering in any sense of the world; there is an abundance of work in the field subject to agitation, and a month's deprivation upon the mere hypothesis of striking just because he can strike, is wholly un-American and does not last long. We believe an agreement will be reached in this big premise and that Mr. Yarrow will be coolly, but peremptorily, set aside when the hour comes for its application and observance.

KEEP BUSINESS FAITH.

When a man in business gives out, through the medium of the local press

The "Speed Limit" in Reform.

By WADE H. ELLIS, Attorney General of Ohio.

THEY tell us that all the reforms accomplished during the last three or four years will be UNDONE. I don't believe the pendulum will ever swing far enough back to make insurance steals a virtue or adulterated foods a favorite prescription for the sickroom or railway rebates and discriminations a sacred right OR CORPORATE GREED AND LAWLESSNESS A PROTECTED INSTITUTION OF SOCIETY.

But if anything is going to make the pendulum swing back it will be the mistaken zeal of some of those who are trying to make it swing TOO FAR FORWARD. The pendulum of public opinion is just like any other pendulum—the farther you shove it in one direction the farther it will go in the other WHEN YOU LET GO. I say, therefore, let us beware of the ultra radicals who would right all the wrongs at once. Let us rather see to it that some of them STAY RIGHTED. Let us bag the game we have down before we shoot again.

A BREAKNECK GAIT IS JUST AS FATAL TO VIRTUE AS IT IS TO VICE. I SHOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SPEED LIMIT RESPECTED ON THE RACE COURSE OF REFORM.

Men's Wages and Dividends

By J. G. PHELPS STOKES, Millionaire New York Socialist.

INVESTMENTS are not, as a rule, made to protect property ALREADY POSSESSED, but to add to that property through appropriation of some portion of the wealth PRODUCED BY OTHERS.

Stockholders receive dividends produced by the labor of others without so much as lifting a finger to render reciprocal service. Dividends do not simply fall from heaven or materialize from thin air. They consist in every case of WEALTH CREATED BY HUMAN LABOR, and there is no justification in taking them from those who have produced them unless fair compensation is given in return.

The position of nearly every stockholder is analogous to that of AN AUTOCRATIC SOVEREIGN who levies taxes upon his people regardless of consideration of the relation which his income bears to the burden sustained by his people.

FOR MANY YEARS THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF DIVIDENDS AND OTHER UNEARNED PROFITS APPROPRIATED WITHOUT REGARD TO RECIPROCAL SERVICE HAS APPROXIMATELY EQUALED THE ENTIRE WAGE PAID FOR SERVICE TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN INDUSTRY.

a plain statement in which the public is interested and expects to see it adhered to, it is very bad policy for the man making it to forget it, or neglect it, or transcend it. It not only brings him into disrepute, but it reacts upon the paper that heralded it at his request and suggestion. There is nothing like keeping faith. To do less fractures the best character in the community and, oftener than not, utterly discredits it for all time. A man may say things privately and ignore them and their significance afterward; but when he tells the public anything, in the public prints, he is bound to make good. Unless he does it, he has made a sacrifice he cannot retrieve in many a long year. It is not only wrong; it is absolutely silly!

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Suggestions to Mr. Shonts for improving the New York Subway service: More straps; compel passengers seated to keep their feet under the seats; oxygen bags for weak passengers when the air gets crowded; armour suits to protect the ribs in a crush; charge fat men two fares. We could think of more cars, but what's the use!

The Fifty-Ninth Congress spent a billion eight hundred million and some dollars. All right! What do we care for a little thing like a billion! If we get used to spending such sums we won't mind it so much when the government owns the railroads and everything.

Of course we don't care particularly and we're not at all jealous, but we'd like to inquire casually how Pittsburg got into such direct communication with the sun that it has a brain storm every time the sun has a new spot.

Lawyer Kaffenburgh has the consolation of knowing that the New York supreme court is not working in conjunction with the bartenders' union and that all the bars are not closed to him.

The Russians have brought their shillelahs to the Duma and they're inviting the czar to "tread on the tail of me coat!" They're, apparently a healthy lot and yet they're clamoring loudly for a strong constitution.

The dissatisfied and defeated man does one of two things—founds a new church or a new political party. Mr. Hearst has chosen the least of two evils.

As far as we can see the Canadian Sunday has only one thing to commend it, American yellow journals are barred from sale.

The Missouri legislature having re-

covered from the smallpox and resumed, the members are vaccinating each other with bowie knives.

For every senator that resigns to make a living ten thousand patriots arise who are certain they can do it in Congress.

The value of teaching the children in the schools the fire drill before the fire breaks out has again been demonstrated.

If steel is still the barometer of trade the big orders now flowing in show that spring is just beginning to open.

If the police will not stop gambling they might at least close up the dynamite joints in New York.

There is a new magazine for the blind. These careless dynamite magazines are only for the deaf.

If General Booth had his way and had the money we would all be perfectly happy.

Reading went up so fast that the friction burned up several short accounts.

It would be a great boost for the woman's hotel to call it Blenheim Castle.

The czar doesn't have to eat a Welsh rarebit to dream these nights.

Don't Complain. If your chest pains and you are unable to sleep because of a cough. Buy a bottle of Ballard's Hoarhound Syrup, and you won't have any cough. Get a bottle now and that cough won't last long. A cure for all pulmonary diseases. Mr. M. J., Galveston, Texas, writes: "I can't say enough for Ballard's Hoarhound Syrup. The relief it has given me is all that it is necessary for me to say." For sale at Hart's drug store.

CONSIDER NEW PLANT.

NEW YORK, March 12.—No decision, it is said, has been reached by the United States steel corporation, regarding the plan to construct a steel plant at the head of the great lakes. The plant, it was learned yesterday, is simply being investigated. W. T. Corey, president of the Steel Trust, has appointed a corps of men to investigate and report to him. The finance committee will consider the proposal in a few weeks.

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THE SPANISH ESCURIAL.

It is a Marvelous Specimen of Ancient Architecture.

The Escorial, the palace of the Spanish king, an architectural marvel, formerly described as the "eighth wonder of the world," is now seldom spoken of even by those who are ready to go wild over much less pretentious structures. The cornerstone of this "Spanish St. Peter's" was laid by Philip II. in 1563, but it was 302 years (1865) before the monstrous building was pronounced finished. It was built by Philip in fulfillment of a vow to "erect the finest monastery in the world" should his forces be successful in their great battle with the French. That battle was fought at St. Quentin on Aug. 10, 1557, St. Lawrence day, and in order to honor that saint as well as to fulfill his vow the king had the foundation of his great memorial laid off in the shape of a gridiron, the implement of torture upon which the goodly Lawrence is reputed to have suffered martyrdom.

To those who have never visited the Escorial the size of the gigantic structure is beyond comprehension. It is 740 feet from north to south and 580½ feet from east to west, the square towers at each corner rising to a height of over 200 feet. Within this monstrous building are the king's palace, a cathedral, a monastery of 200 cells, two colleges, three chapter houses, three library buildings, five large halls, six dormitories, three hospitals and over 3,000 other rooms. In order to make St. Lawrence's gridiron complete, the building is built in quadrangular form, with seventeen rows or ranges of monstrous stone structures crossing each other at right angles, these forming the gridiron's ribs, the handle being a wing 470 feet in length. The church, which is a part of this vast pile of masonry, is 364 feet long, 230 feet wide, with a dome 330 feet in height. It is estimated that the building cost \$50,000,000.

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