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THE JOURNAL'S PLATFORM

A Trinity of Events Which Would Make of Portland the Mightiest City of the Pacific Coast.
First—Deepen the Columbia river.
Second—Open the Columbia river to unimpeded navigation at and above The Dalles.
Third—Dig an Isthmian canal.

Even such is time, that takes in trust our youth, our joys, our all we have, And pays us but with earth and dust; Who, in the dark and silent grave, When we have wandered all our ways, Shuts up the story of our days; But from this earth, this grave, this dust, My God shall raise me up, I trust!

MAJOR LANGFITT'S OPPORTUNITY.

THERE IS ONE MAN who can now more largely influence Portland's destiny than all other men combined. That man is Major Langfitt, the government engineer in charge of the work at the mouth of the Columbia.

The responsibility for this work and for spending the money which the government has given rests with Major Langfitt. Under his supervision the work of building a jetty was begun last summer.

That contract if completed at all was done in a technical and unsatisfactory manner and could only be regarded as completed on the basis of a heavy rebate in the amount and size of the stone furnished which it was within the power of the government engineer, to grant.

It is for Major Langfitt to say whether conditions even worse than those which prevailed last season are to prevail next or whether the situation is to be taken firmly in hand and whatever the best interests of the work and the purposes for which the appropriation was made be done without loss of time.

GET TO THE POINT.

Orison Sweet Marden, in Success.
We have our living to make, and it takes considerable of our time to do it.
The accompanying card concerned me when I went into a New York business house recently, and drove its lesson forcibly home.

BADLY POSTED POLITICIANS.

From The Dalles Times-Mountaineer.
Some Portland politicians are speculating if Hon. M. A. Moody of this city is going to be a candidate for state senator for the ninth district at the forthcoming special election to elect a successor to Congressman Williamson, whose seat in the senate was made vacant by reason of his entering congress.

public attention should be concentrated and the commercial bodies should not rest content until it has been placed in the best shape for speedy practical solution.

AN IMPORTANT COMMISSION.

THE APPOINTMENT by the president of an executive commission to inquire into the status of forestry, irrigation, land laws, the uses of the public domain and other Western questions, and to recommend what course should be taken either through executive action or by legislation best calculated to serve and promote the interests involved, is sufficiently wide in its scope to draw forth a great deal of invaluable data.

Such a report should not alone be valuable in the East, where it is difficult to get the Western point of view or rise to an appreciation of the peculiar conditions which confront this section, but it will be appreciated in the West itself, where we do not always rise to an appreciation, in their broad significances, of the questions which face us and are too apt to be unduly influenced by the local conditions which surround us.

BEHOLD, THE FARMER!

WE HAVE HEARD much pessimistic talk lately about the concentration of our population in the cities and the abandonment of farms throughout thrifty New England, but Secretary Wilson sounds a note for the humble farmer which fairly thrills with pride and glitters with gratifying fact.

We hear much of the great manufacturing enterprises with a billion and a half capitalization and the extraordinary things they are doing. They somehow fill the public eye until such concrete facts as these are brought forth and then the American farmer takes the place which rightfully belongs to him, which is at the head of the heap.

A USEFUL CITIZEN.

The Descendant of Napoleon's Brother as a Reformer.
From a Sketch of C. J. Bonaparte in Leslie's Monthly for December.
It would be useless to attempt a chronicle of Mr. Bonaparte's writings and other activities. He belongs to most of the good-government organizations of the country, and has been the president of several of them.

WHEAT ADVERTISING WILL DO.

From The Salem Statesman.
A gentleman from the Silverton called on one of the staff of the Statesman yesterday and in discussing advertising, stated an instance of how continuous, consistent and persistent advertising tells. Two men were sitting in this visitor's office.

Misery Has Company.

From The Washington Post.
When a general alarm is received at the New York police station now the officers are left in doubt as to whether a riot or a fashionable wedding is in progress.

THE KING OF SPAIN IS KINGLY IN ALL HIS WAYS

William E. Curtis' Madrid Correspondence in the Chicago Record-Herald.
Everybody speaks with admiration of the kingly dignity and self-possession shown by King Alfonso on the 31st of May last, when he made his first appearance before the cortes in the character of a sovereign of Spain.

There is no question as to the kingly qualities he possesses or as to his good intentions and high aspirations. It is pity that he cannot be relieved of the narrow influences that surround him and go out into the world.

STANDARD OIL.

A Few Reflections on Rockefeller's Achievements.
To give edge to the nipping air eating into the coal pits of those not fortunate enough to own standard oil stock we are told that the regular quarterly dividend of Mr. Rockefeller's company will be \$12 the share, payable December 15.

LAND STATISTICS.

Over One Half of Umatilla County is Yet Government Land.
From The Pendleton East Oregonian.
During the last year, from March, 1902, to March, 1903, there have been 175 claims proved up in this county, and the indications are that a still greater number of government deeds will be issued between the later date and the first of the coming March.

RESERVATION FIGURES.

Out of the land open to settlement must come the reservation tract, which contains 248 square miles, or about 15.7 per cent of the land in the county. Nearly all of this land is capable of being farmed, and all of it can be used for grazing, so that there need not be an idle acre in the tract.

ROCKEFELLER-MORGAN "DIVVY."

From The New York Press.
Scores of stories are being told in the financial arena about Morgan and Rockefeller. Many brokers declare there has been a "divvy" between them rather than a freeze-out of one party by the other.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

A maid will marry anything; a widow wants a man.
When a man takes whisky for medicinal purposes he pays whooping big doctor's bills.

Too Serious by Half.

From The Kansas City Star.
A man in Kansas City who started for Topeka yesterday took a sudden notion to jump from the wagon and kill himself. There is really no sense in anybody taking Topeka quite so seriously as that.

BONDS MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL

Raymond's Washington Special in the Chicago Tribune.
Although it has been generally understood that there will be no extensive financial bill passed at this session of congress for political reasons, there nevertheless is a strong desire to make certain alterations in the existing law governing the conduct of national banks.

WHO DIETRICH IS

Born in Aurora, Ill., Fifty-eight Years Ago.
From The Kansas City Star.
Until Senator Dietrich, who has been indicted for bribery in his home state, received the nomination for governor on the Republican ticket in May, 1900, he was practically unknown outside of his home town.

PLEASSED OVER IT.

Lincoln, Neb., Cor. Kansas City Times.
Joseph S. Bartley, ex-state treasurer of Nebraska, ex-convict, having served a term in the penitentiary on account of his memorable shortage of \$800,000, is expected to be a candidate for reappointment.

THE MOTHER-LOOK.

W. D. Nesbit in the Chicago Tribune.
"An one whom his mother comforteth."—Isaiah lxvii, 13.
You take the finest woman with th' roses in her cheeks.

World a Playhouse.

Bert Huffman in the East Oregonian.
The world is a playhouse for overgrown boys.

Long Day.

From The Louisville Courier-Journal.
Professor Schuman of Cornell is reported to recommend 11 hours for study, two for meals, three for athletics, for recreation and the remaining eight for sleep.

James Lane Allen's Fortune.

Austin (Tex.) Special.
James Lane Allen, the novelist, has become a millionaire through a chance investment of a few hundred dollars in the Texas oil field.

Advice to the Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.
Dear Miss Fairfax—I have been keeping company with a young man of 21 about two years and a half ago we had a quarrel and while in my temper I insulted him.