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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 bar. Second—Open the Columbia river to unimpeded navigation at and above The Dalles. Third—Dig an Isthmian canal.

A COMING COMMERCIAL CENTER.

THERE IS A TOWN called Lewiston in the Panhandle of Idaho, at the confluence of the Clearwater and Snake, that it would be well for the people of Portland to keep in plain view.

The natural outlet for this great section, as well as the profitable outlet, is through Portland to the sea. The water level in this direction and the difficult mountain climbing in the other, settle this question naturally.

The evolution of things there are few centers with which it behoves us to be in closer touch. It would mean much to Portland, but it would mean even more for Lewiston and its tributary country.

PORTLAND'S SUPREMACY FORTIFIED.

THE VISIT of Mr. Harriman had the further good result of assuring the continued pre-eminence of Portland as the grain and flour market of the Pacific coast.

One may see from this the possibilities ahead of Portland and the opportunity to make of it a genuine rival of the great Minnesota mills.

TEDDY WILL NOT FIGHT.

He is willing to finance Hanna at any cost.

Washington Special in the New York World.

There will be no break between the president and Senator Hanna because of Hanna's opposition to the confirmation of Gen. Leonard Wood, or for any other reason now apparent.

The president will stand anything Hanna does if it is not openly humiliating. Mr. Roosevelt is eating humble pie.

The Wood opposition is not considered by the president. He does not look on Hanna's part in the campaign against Wood as anything directed toward the White House.

If Hanna does not ask Heath to retire the president will not make any great outcry. He is not trying to fight with Hanna.

Hanna likes that sort of reputation, the president thinks. He is willing Hanna should have it, and he is also willing to have Hanna use him as the subject of his operations.

Roosevelt will be nominated for president by the Republicans, and Hanna knows it. The disturbances in New York and Ohio and Indiana in the Republican party will not stop that program.

Following this determination the president today asked Senator Hanna over to the White House.

Should Have Made a Preference.

From the Chicago News.

Esau was foolish to swap his birthright for a mess of pottage if he could have traded it for breakfast food.

to do the business now. When the demand increases the scope of that country may be enlarged through better transportation facilities.

With the natural advantages which are ours, it depends upon ourselves to make of Portland the great metropolis of the whole Pacific coast.

STILL FAR APART.

WHERE so much of the so-called news is speculation, so much of it gossip, so much of it delusive rumors sent out through the back stairs of the foreign offices, and so very little of it genuine.

In self defense Japan must bring things to a head as speedily as it can. It must secure definite results from its negotiations. It can not accept vague promises of future concessions.

Russia, on the other hand, is in reality indisposed to make any concessions to Japan. It is playing a game of finesse against Orientals who are masters of that if they are masters of any game.

The world at large can, therefore, do little but idly speculate, though it is quite apparent, notwithstanding the negotiations in progress, that a basis of settlement is still practically as far as ever from being reached.

EACH FOR HIS FRIENDS.

IF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT on the ground of personal friendship sticks to Gen. Leonard Wood despite all opposition he should have no fault to find with Senator Marcus Hanna if that gifted statesman sticks to his own friends, Rathbone and the agile Perry Heath.

The criticism comes, that is the legitimate criticism, from the well-founded belief that through the promotion of General Wood grave injustice is being done in the army and a false standard raised through which those who seek promotion will be brought to realize that the way to achieve their ambition is rather through cultivating the powers at Washington than to honestly earn it through good service.

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THE TRACTION LESSON WHICH NEW YORK LEARNED

George E. Hooker in Chicago Record-Herald.

New York, like Chicago, has been accustomed to accept, without investigation, the claims of its transportation companies, and involving no engineering or technical difficulties.

The fifteen horse car lines, too—mostly subordinate cross-town lines—which are still awaiting conversion to electricity, and some of which are to be converted soon are found to be in nearly every case.

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JUDGE PARKER'S ADVANCED OPINION SUSTAINED BY THE SUPREME COURT

James Creelman in New York World.

The widespread movement in the Democratic party to nominate Chief Judge Parker for president lends a serious political interest to the decision of the United States supreme court upholding the Kansas law regulating labor on public works, which supports the most vigorous dissenting opinion written by Judge Parker since his elevation to the bench of the court of appeals.

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course, interfere with his liberty to hire men for lower wages. So a provision that he must use a certain brand of cement which is not so costly costs more than the cost of the material with his liberty to buy first-class cement at a lower price than the brand named. * * * But it is interfered with only because he assents to the proprietor's wishes and contracts that it shall be an assent to his liberty is not interfered with at all within the meaning of the constitution.

In spite of this reasoning, the court of appeals disagreed with Judge Parker and held the statute and the contract to be unconstitutional.

The opinion just uttered by the supreme court of the United States in the Kansas case bears out Judge Parker's argument regarding the power of a state to fix the terms of employment upon public works. Justice Harlan, who wrote the opinion, states that "it is not the municipalities of a state are the creatures of the state; that work for them is of a public character and does not infringe on the personal liberty of any one. In dealing with the question from the standpoint of public policy Justice Harlan said:

"If it be contended to be the right of every one to dispose of his labor upon such terms as he deems best—as undoubtedly it is—and that to make it a criminal offense for a contractor for public work to permit or require his employe to perform labor upon that work in excess of eight hours each day is in derogation of the liberty of employe and employer, it is a sufficient answer that no one is entitled of absolute right and as of public policy to contract for labor for the state; and no contractor for public work can excuse a violation of his lawful agreement with the state by doing that which the statute of the state under which he proceeds distinctly forbids him to do."

"So also," if he said that a statute like the one before us is mischievous in its tendencies, the answer is that the responsibility therefor rests upon legislators, not upon the courts."

It is expected that the court of appeals will presently make another far-reaching decision respecting the police powers of the state over employe and employer. The owner of a bakery was convicted of having violated the penal statute forbidding the employment of the agents of the state to require his labor for more than 30 hours a week. This was the first conviction under that law. It is contended that it is a health law rather than an economic law. The case is before the court of appeals, and lawyers are looking forward to a decision with great interest.

"The authority of the state is supreme in every part of it, and in all of the public squares and in the streets, the proprietor, for convenience of local administration the state has been divided into municipalities, in each of which there may be found local officers exercising a certain measure of authority; but in that which they do they are not the agents of the state, without power to do a single act beyond the boundary set by the state acting through its legislature."

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Advice to the Lovelorn

By Beatrice Fairfax.

Dear Miss Fairfax: Noting your advice to other young men in regard to their love affairs, I take this opportunity of appealing to you in my trouble. Have been keeping company with a young lady for 18 months, and she has never, neither being of a "fishy" nature, our friendship has been sincere and true, without much show of feeling, she according to her actions preferring my company to that of other men, and I think my chief pleasure in her society.

She is of a sweet disposition, and she interested over me of the drinking curse when it had gotten the best of me. Her interest in my work surprised me on until I have reached a point where a successful career is in view.

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