

THE JOURNAL'S PLATFORM
A Trifinity 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.

AN EXAMPLE TO AVOID.

THE PRESENT chaotic condition of affairs in Colorado is arresting the thoughtful attention of the whole country. Business is paralyzed, the state is divided into two warring camps, deadly enmity is being engendered between neighbor and neighbor, there is murder, assassination, outlawry, highbanded military aggressions, prostitutions of the courts and invasions of private rights that must inevitably lead in the direction of utter contempt of the law.

Politics is largely to blame. The state is cursed with a species of politics based in demagoguery which debauches the suffrage, perverts the elections and which uses the machinery of the law for the basest and most selfish purposes. In the great labor struggles which have so frequently marked the history of the state there has been wrong on both sides. Each side has endeavored to maintain its ascendancy by force and cunning. The elemental question of right or wrong of the controversies was quickly lost to view in the hysterical struggle for supremacy. Nearly everybody who could reach the ear of the public had a private axe to grind and was much more concerned in accomplishing his purpose than in allaying trouble. One element for political reasons played for the good will of the labor organizations; another for the good will of the employers, and between the two justice was entirely lost sight of and those who wanted peace were too often driven elsewhere to find it.

In natural resources Colorado is one of the most marvelous states in the whole union. Despite the blighting handicaps under which it has suffered it has made phenomenal advances in material affairs. But in one respect it has made no advance, indeed it has retrograded alarmingly. That is in the matter of conducting its public and corporate affairs. The principle there seems to be to fight upon the slightest provocation and never by any possible chance to do anything except in the hardest and most dangerous way. The outlook for the state, not alone because of the serious labor troubles now in progress there, but because of the spirit which has been engendered in the passing years, is vitally serious. It is a time which demands the most patriotic action by those people who have the best interests of the state at heart. Unless there shall be a coming together of the warring elements upon the basis of their mutual interests, each determined to settle their differences not by the strong arm of force, but by a due recognition of the just claims of the other, all of this backed and sustained by a powerful public sentiment, Colorado alone of all the states in the West is destined to meet alarming setbacks in its material progress as well as in its population.

AN ADMIRABLE REPORT.

ONE OF the most practical and common sense reports ever filed in Portland is that just presented by Dr. Cardwell, Mrs. Blumauer and Dr. Hutchinson. In a sense it is revolutionary, but the line of cleavage brings it into close accord with the best educational experience of the country. The physical side of the training of the children in the public schools is not receiving the attention it deserves. As the years have gone by we have drifted farther and farther away from the principles which are considered so essential elsewhere until now the thing which above all others that the school authorities seem to resent is the least shadow of liberty to the growing little ones. With rare intelligence and at the same time with commendable repression the committee presents its report which is the result of personal investigation made in a spirit of judicial fairness. We desire particularly to direct public attention to the feature of the report which treats of the school grounds. The whole tendency of the invest-

THE MARTYRED MILLIONAIRE.

From the New York World.
Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., fears that "the modern tendency is to forget the duty we owe to the Lord in the struggle to advance ourselves in a worldly sense, to accumulate riches or acquire a position of power."
This admirable young man is surely worthy of our deepest pity. He presents a truly tragic figure, a noble soul yearning for practices which it can but preach; a lofty spirit proclaiming precepts for happier young men to profit by; a generous heart bestowing the priceless gift of righteous counsel without a thought of self. And all with the sickening certainty that the bright path he points out to men more fortunate can never, never be pursued by him.

He can paint in glowing words the headnote of poverty, but while his eager hearers can buy steel he can but groan in spirit and draw dividends. He can alluringly depict the blessedness of humility; but while his zealous auditors can remain a Bible class, he must, with sobs of desperation, join in manipulating markets to bring the heads of rivals to the dust.

This most pitiable young man sees hovering just beyond his grasp the very objects of his soul's desire. He who might have hoped to drink deep of the subtle joys of leisure to studies in the world where real estate is rising above its topmost figures, William R. Hearst, the proprietor of the New York Journal and a candidate for the presidency, has bought a block of land on the corner of Eighth avenue and Broadway, fronting on Central Park for \$20,000,000. It covers 16 New York lots, which are only 25 feet front by 150 feet deep. The block is 200 feet square. The price is \$75,000 a lot. Hearst intends to erect a lofty office building on that block, from 15 to 20 stories in height. The building will cost him nearly \$2,000,000. Hearst's new building will be five miles from Wall street,

REAL ESTATE IN NEW YORK.

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igation made clearly manifest to the committee that a grave injustice was being done the growing children in keeping them housed up and under restraint during the periods of so-called recreation, in gloomy basements which under the very best of condition never reached a very high state of sanitation. The committee pronounces strongly in favor of open-air recreation grounds whereon the children may romp to their hearts' content and under circumstances where the benefits to them will be self evident. The absolute need of such ground is made apparent with longer recesses and a freedom from rigorous restraint under which the children can receive to the full the physical benefits which they should enjoy.

This was an investigation undertaken purely in the interests of the well-being of the children. It is manifest on the face of it that there was no intention to exploit facts; that what was desired was to ascertain facts and from these to draw conclusions which might result in practical benefits to the school system. As we have said the work is admirably done and should not only arouse the serious interest of the school authorities, but of every citizen who is interested in the well-being of the children of Portland.

KISSING GOES BY FAVOR.

THERE was never a time when Oregon stood more in need of friends at court than during the present session of congress. It is after appropriations at a time when the party in power is about to face another presidential election and for reasons that are obvious is fully determined to keep the sum total of appropriations down to the lowest possible notch. Oregon desires appropriations not only for the maintenance and extension of the great river work now in progress, but also an unusual and extraordinary appropriation for the Lewis and Clark fair. It is a time, therefore, to cultivate friends and to avoid unnecessary antagonisms.

If one has no favors to ask he need not go out of his way to oblige anybody and he may even step on protruding toes that line his pathway. But when certain favors are essential to his well-being he is apt to use a little policy and to carefully avoid arousing antagonisms which may hamper or even hamstring him in the accomplishment of his designs.

The Journal is moved to offer this little hint to our congressional delegation, going no farther and saying no more, but the purpose of it, we think, will be perfectly apparent to everybody who has remarked recent outcroppings of feelings and attacks on high government officials.

REAL FINANCING.

IN A topheavy organization like the steel trust there were necessarily many high priced officials who were perhaps more ornamental than useful. The original purpose seemed to be to provide for these at any cost and so-called money was being made by the cord through the simple process of re-incorporation with bigger inflations the situation presented no great difficulties.

But when the water was squeezed out of the stock and when the demand for the manufactured product began to shrink it became a simple business proposition like everything else and the individual who failed to render his quid pro quo was naturally expected to walk the plank.

But the new owners of the steel trust, that is Rockefeller and his associates, has suffered not at all in the frightful shrinkage. The other fellows, big and little, have held the sack while that thrifty coterie has gobbled in the control at perhaps less than its actual value. Not satisfied with that big bargain, not satisfied with the substance while the other fellows perforce took the shadow, not satisfied with eliminating all high-priced men but their own, they enlarge their scheme so as to exploit every one of the employees that they can reach. Cuts to include 150,000 employees and ranging from 5 to 20 per cent, will go into effect on January 1 and Mr. Rockefeller may again be credited with another triumph in financing in which he catches things coming and going and wreaks tribute from disaster, on one hand, and weakness on the other.

MR. SPEAKER WOULDN'T BOW.

From the Washington Post.
When the secretary of the senate appears at the head of the center aisle of the house with an official message, Speaker Cannon's backbone becomes as rigid as a ramrod. It is a matter of fact that in the extra session, when Mr. Cannon was still new to his job, and was taking lessons in the etiquette of the chair from his elbow man, as all new speakers must do, the senate's secretary of supplies, Rogers, is called to the speaker's aid. One of the doorkeepers' assistants announced him formally, as usual:

"Mr. Speaker! A message from the senate," at the same time making the customary profound bow.

"It is proper at this point for the speaker to bow," whispered Mr. Cannon's elbow man.

"Bow?" returned the speaker in a rebellious semi-tone, and adding one of his famous epithets of four letters. "I wouldn't bow to the d-d senate, and I won't bow to you either."
Therefore, instead of bending gracefully, Mr. Cannon stood perfectly upright, and he stands that way whenever the senate deigns, in the fashion prescribed by hoary precedents, to inform him and the house officially what it has been doing.

PROOF SUPERFLUOUS.

From a Washington Special.
Representative Russell of Texas took a crack or two at Colonel "Petie" Hepburn in debate the other day. He told the story about how he had been claiming that the increase of the national wealth from 18 billions in 1850 to 85 billions at the present time was due to Republican policies.

NEWS, GOSSIP AND SPECULATION FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Washington Bureau of the Journal.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Sometimes about the first of February, it is expected, Governor Taft will arrive in Washington to take up the work of the war department which will at that time be laid down by Secretary Root. Quite the reverse of types is exhibited in the governor from that exemplified by the present secretary of the war department. The latter is a man of ice, the former a very human man of flesh and blood. His trip to the Philippines testifies to his method. It might be said that Secretary Root has stamped on every square inch of ground in the archipelago. Not the remotest or least important of the provinces has escaped him. He has gone through them all without ceremony, and tending a glass before the Spaniard and the native, and leaving behind him, even among the proud old Spanish hearties a touch of his own easy, hearty democracy. Down in the province of Bulacan he found a stiff old ex-captain of volunteers, checked with spots of gray, a don from the books of old romance. As the most important personage of the province he came out to meet the governor in all his bravery, and doubtless, expected the Hon. William H. Taft to be dazing in gold lace and silver braid. The governor appeared in white duck, and greeted the stately president of Malolos with a jolly handshake. After a sharp inspection, he passed on his way, but shortly afterward to Don Jose Sarapio a commission as governor of Bulacan. On the day of his induction into office, Don Jose appeared in simple white duck, and a roar for the ancient splendor immediately assailed him. "It is no longer customary," he said, and he shook hands after the fashion of Governor Taft.

Gen. Rafael Reyes, the representative of the Colombian government, who has recently arrived in Washington, has one of the most delicate and difficult diplomatic assignments in the world. He is a distinguished man, a descendant of the Criqueiros who reigned in "El Dorado" before the Spanish conquest. He is about 50 years old, a man of wide education and magnetic personality. In Colombia he looks like a rebel leader, a strong man. He has been minister to Paris, London and Mexico, and in his own country he has been mentioned several times for the presidency. He won his title in 1888, when, with a small army, he raised himself against his own estate, he cut down the rebel chief at the Isthmus of Panama. Neither by inclination nor education is he a soldier, but he possesses marked ability to command, and greater personal courage.

Dr. Thomas Herran, the Colombian charge d'affaires to this country, was born a diplomat. His father who was minister to this country from 1848 to 1853, brought him to this country when he was three years old, and it may be said that Dr. Herran has lived his life among the diplomats. Upon his graduation from Georgetown college he went to London as private secretary to the Colombian minister, and in 1890 he came back to Washington as secretary of the Colombian legation. With his fascinating wife he was one of the most interesting people in the diplomatic circle. At his home in Medford, Colombia, Dr. Herran has extensive tanneries, and takes an active interest in that industry. Not long ago he sent his son into Pennsylvania to make a practical study of American tanning processes.

The clash between the senate and house which has been one of the features of the special session, serves to the Republic a lesson in the art of unbusiness. It is agreed on all sides that both the house and senate acted in a childish manner, but this does not straighten out the complications which grew out of the failure to act in harmony. There are three prospects that the strife will end in a compromise. Ex-Senator John B. Henderson of Missouri sends regrets, stating, "Compelled to be absent in St. Louis on that day."
Senator Cockrell of Missouri sends regrets, saying he is compelled to be before court as a witness in St. Louis on that day.
Senator Frye of Maine, president pro tempore of the senate, sends regrets on account of acceptance of prior invitation to dine with secretary of state same evening.
Senator Gibson of Montana sends regrets by reason of ill-health; unable to be out.
Senator Warren of Wyoming sends regrets; reason, compelled to be in Cheyenne on that day.
Senator Kittredge of North Dakota sends regrets on account of prior engagement to spend Thanksgiving with his parents in New England, hence will be absent from the city.
Senator Cullom of Illinois declines by reason of acceptance of prior invitation to dine with secretary of state same evening.
Senator Dietrich of Nebraska declines by reason of absence from the city.
Senator Millard of Nebraska declines by reason of acceptance of prior invitation to dine with secretary of state.
Senator Allison of Iowa declines by reason of acceptance of previous invitation to dine with secretary of state.

DOMINANT TWENTY-FOUR.

A Small Party of Men Who Control Vast Interests.
Serenio S. Pratt in the World's Work.
One twelfth of the estimated wealth of the United States is represented at the meeting of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation when they are all present. The 24 directors are:
John D. Rockefeller, Marshall Field, J. P. Morgan, V. H. Woodruff, Henry C. Frick, W. E. Corey, A. H. Healy, Charles Stebbins, P. A. B. Widener, James H. Reid, William Edenhorn, E. C. Converse, J. Pierpont Morgan, H. H. Rogers, George W. Perkins, Norman B. Ream, Charles M. Schwab, C. A. Griscom, Danford Clifford, Robert G. Bacon, Nathaniel Thayer, James Gayley.
They represent as influential directors more than 200 other companies. These companies operate nearly one half of the railroad mileage of the United States. They are the great miners and carriers of raw materials. These companies are such industrial trusts as the Standard Oil, the Amalgamated Copper, the International Harvester, the Pullman, the General Electric, the International Mercantile Marine, the United States Realty & Construction, the American Linedred. The leading telephone system, the traction lines of New York, of Philadelphia, of Pittsburgh, of Buffalo, of Chicago and of Milwaukee, and one of the principal express companies are represented in the board. This group of men controls the life insurance companies, two of which have assets of \$700,000,000. In the Steel

Educators Stirred Up With a Live Wire

The "smelling committee" made report on the condition of the public schools to the board of education last evening and in general described the sanitary conditions as bad. In brief the committee shows that many buildings lack proper sewage and ventilation systems; some are not provided with enough playgrounds for out-of-door exercise; short recesses are condemned as well as the basement lunch rooms. Ample door basements for recesses are described as being inimical to the health of the pupils and all in all the statement describes the situation as an offense and a menace to both comfort and health. The committee consists of Dr. Max Cardwell, secretary of the city health board; Dr. Wood Hutchinson, secretary of the state health board and Mrs. Blanche R. Blumauer of the Portland Federation of Women's clubs. The report says in part:

"The fan system of ventilation is unquestionably, from a purely sanitary point of view, the best that has yet been devised, but even the best is capable of improvement. Briefly summing up the situation, as it appears to the committee, the oldest and middle-aged class of school buildings in the city will have to depend upon doors and windows as a means of ventilation. If the number of children in each room could be reduced from 40 (or 50 or even more as is now the case) to 20 or less, that system could probably be carried out quite effectively and without causing discomfort or danger to any of the individual children. In the present overcrowded state of the rooms this natural method of ventilation can hardly be made thoroughly adequate. Through it must be frankly stated, that in the experience of the committee, the air in the rooms ventilated by this method was really fresher and better than in some of the rooms ventilated by artificial means solely. 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