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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.

AN ENGLISH REPORT THAT INTERESTS PORTLAND.

ALFRED MOSELEY, an Englishman of means, has for several years been engaged in a practical study of the shortcomings of the British manufacturers. They were manifestly falling behind in the race, while the American manufacturers were just as manifestly forging ahead.

The first report attracted much merited attention on both sides of the water but Mr. Moseley was not entirely satisfied. If the American workingman was better educated and more intelligent than his British brother, why was this so and how was the result attained?

The shrewdness as well as soundness of these conclusions will be manifest to every one. The responsibility which rests upon the public schools is therefore heavy and the question which each American community must ask itself is whether its schools reach the highest practical standard.

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garten commencement of their education. It is not at all likely that they do this for any reason other than the belief that their children can be better educated at the private schools than at the public schools.

Whatever is to be done should, therefore, be done now, for it is now the foundation must be laid for that standard of excellence which we hope in the immediate future to attain.

A FULL PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT.

THERE IS some danger that the plans for a full paid fire department may be defeated through a species of petty politics which disgraces the city. For a city of this size it should be considered ridiculous to be obliged to debate such a question.

The insurance risk is high in Portland—exorbitantly high. Yet there is justification for it so long as our fire department in organization and equipment falls so far short of the prevailing standards.

In the consideration of such a question as this, there is no place for petty politics and those who introduce it should be marked for vigorous public reprobation.

NOW FOR ADJOURNMENT TONIGHT.

IT IS QUITE APPARENT that all the time required to do the legitimate work of the special legislative session will be the three days originally suggested by The Journal when the necessity for a special session was made unavoidable by the decision of the supreme court.

If its record is maintained and it adjourns within the three days limit at midnight tonight, without attempting anything in the line of freaky or half-baked legislation, it will have earned the praise of the public.

HE WAS MAKING BOOKS.

Stewart Edward White, the author of "Conjuror's House" and "The Blazed Trail," comes from Grand Rapids, and has, of course, many friends there who wish him well and follow his success with satisfaction.

BEAKY FRENCH.

From Harper's Weekly. A certain editor in a country town not far from New York is not so intimately acquainted with the French language as he might be.

What America Owe to a Free Press and Free Public Schools.

From the San Francisco Examiner. Mr. Alfred Moseley is an Englishman who has been making a careful investigation with a view to determining the reasons for America's greatness and her commercial, educational and mechanical supremacy.

The boys and girls of America read the American papers. They are board schools of such inferior character that they practically mean a denial of proper education to the children of the poor that attend them.

The free press and free schools in America make the American mechanic citizen with his boy and his girl, and they teach him to search for better implements or more information.

LIVELY KEYSTONE POLITICS.

Governor Pennypacker's Candidacy for Supreme Court and Its Effects. Philadelphia Correspondence New York Sun.

The candidacy of Gov. Samuel W. Pennypacker for a judgeship of the supreme court of Pennsylvania, if carried forward to a nomination by the Republican state committee, will make the politics of this state interesting during the coming months.

VALUES OF FOREIGN COINS.

Table listing values of foreign coins and currencies, including Argentina, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, etc.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

Truth may rise though crushed to earth, but somehow lies don't get crushed. It seems an awful lot worse to jump out and turn on the heat than to stay in bed and keep cool.

PRIVATE ALLEN'S LATEST.

Allen was halting Governor Dockery of Missouri. "Dockery," he said, "I understand you were not very fierce on the 'wah' of the 'wah'."

Thousands Leaving Italy Every Week, Yet the Country Is Prosperous.

William E. Curtis' Roma Letter in Chicago Record-Herald. The Kingdom of Italy is prosperous and is gradually developing in every direction. Manufacturing has increased in a remarkable manner.

The silk industry is also flourishing in Italy. The latest census shows that more than 600,000 people are engaged in raising silk worms, and that 170,000 are engaged in the manufacture of silk.

Other branches of agriculture are equally prosperous, notwithstanding the enormous immigration from the country, which is still increasing at an alarming rate.

SECURITIES AND INSECURITIES. STALL FOR LADY CONSTANCE.

Did Justice Peter S. Grosscup of the United States circuit court, that whom a higher authority upon corporate law could hardly be cited, exaggerate the facts when he said to the Chicago Merchants' club:

Who Arranged for Fessie's Arrival.

The announcement that Lady Constance MacKenzie would arrive here on a certain date has led to an amusing mistake. A telegram informing R. J. Kieberg of Santa Gertrude ranch of Lady Constance's proposed arrival came from a North Texas ranchman.

Noting to Kick About, Maybe.

Nothing to kick about, maybe. From the Albany Democrat. The engineers didn't even mention Yaquina. Some people like to be mentioned, even if it is to be kicked. The engineer might at least have kicked.

Unthought Veneer.

From the London Truth. There is an unsatisfactory dearth of candidates for commissions in the infantry regiments of the German army, and there are at present vacancies for 300 subalterns. The cause of this reluctance to enter upon the military profession is the enormously increased cost of living in the army.