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THE JOURNAL'S PLATFORM ATrinity 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.

ANOTHER BIG HOTEL NEEDED.

WE ARE NOW in the midst of what should be the dull season in the hotel business, yet with the prospect of 3,000 visitors to attend the national meeting of the stock growers the question of how to comfortably accommodate them is really a serious problem.

Among the immediate requirements of Portland is another first class and well equipped hotel. That should be built without any reference to the particular needs of the fair, but for the purpose of caring for the constantly growing number of visitors and transients and to accommodate those who attend the national conventions which, in the very nature of things, will increase in numbers as time goes on.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL ON A MODEST SCALE.

THE FITTING UP of a room in the upper part of the city jail for temporary quarters for a city emergency hospital is a long move in the right direction and City Physician Zan is to be congratulated.

NONE SO POOR.

IT IS DIFFICULT to imagine what Colombia will do in the now absolutely certain event that Secretary Hay's final note will prove unsatisfactory.

RED CLOUD.

The Famous Old Indian Warrior is Rapidly Nearing Death. Red Cloud, once famous as the "terror of the plains" is dying in a little tepee near Pine Ridge agency.

terms proposed to it were extravagantly out of proportion to Colombia's just claims. Nevertheless it rejected them with insolence, on the theory that whatever terms it might propose this government could not deny.

WHERE THE ANNUAL AGREEMENT WORKS WELL.

A MEMBER of the Master Builders' association, in the course of an interview yesterday, assumed that an annual agreement between the builders and employers would not work for the reason that there is too great a difference in capacity to produce good work among the men.

A plan of this sort if successfully tried in one trade or series of trades is apt to work well in another trade, although there are local conditions as well as trade conditions which must be taken into consideration.

The youth and inexperience of the new secretary was the chief objection raised in Rome to his appointment as secretary of state.

Rafael Merry del Val was born in England, where his father was the ambassador of Spain. His mother is not of English birth, as I have seen frequently stated in the papers.

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A VEER PEHINT CHRISTMAS.

W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Tribune. 'Tis a veer pehnt Christmas undt all der childrens iss keebing so shy like a mouse: Dey vatch py der windows to see ven I come.

Striking Pen Picture of the Youngest Man Ever Appointed Papal Secretary of State

W. E. CURTIS' Rome Letter in Chicago Record-Herald. The appointment of Monsignor Rafael Merry del Val to the post of secretary of state, the most important in all the organizations of the holy see, created a profound sensation, for several reasons.

The objection to Mgr. Merry's appointment as nuncio was communicated to the Vatican by Count Szeszen, the Austrian ambassador to the Vatican, who is now laboring under the painful embarrassment of finding the gentleman to whom he objected at the head of the foreign department of the holy see.

Mgr. Taliani, the papal ambassador to Vienna, was also used as a medium for communicating to the Vatican the protests of Austria against Cardinal Rampolla's election as pope and Merry del Val's appointment as nuncio.

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Dalny, Manchuria's Machine Made Town, Loses Boom, But is Being Strongly Fortified

Eliza R. Selmore in Chicago Tribune, Dalny, Manchuria, Nov. 15.—The Manchurian landscape differs in no respect from the Korean, and we might as well go northward as southward on this north shore of the Yellow sea as at Dalny, the far away.

The same bare brown hills, with outcroppings of brown rock, the same yellow brown soil and sparse vegetation, already thinned and dated by autumn, met us on the land side.

Where the Japanese camps were in 1894 permanent Russian barracks have been built, and on all the heights are evidences of the recent construction of batteries and land defenses.

As we warped in beside the sea wall only Chinese were in sight—hundreds and thousands of coolies, in blue cotton clothes, many engaged in every public works and harbor improvements.

Thousands and thousands of coolies have come over from Shantung to work until frost time, and as many thousands are gathered in from Manchuria districts, and for public works and improvements on a great scale there was such a showing as here at Dalny.

A muddy road, dried in ruts, bordered on either side with double rows of acacia slips, led for a mile to the first houses of the city.

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From the Philadelphia Record. Col. A. K. McClure, the veteran editor, who is now the prothonotary of the supreme court, loves dearly to tell a joke he once overheard concerning his old friends, the late George W. Childs.

From the Boston Advertiser. Cardinal Estlin and Cardinal Vincenzo Vanutelli were urged for the office. They are among the most active and prominent men in the sacred college, and are supposed to hold views similar to those of the new pope upon the question of church policy.