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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 COWARDLY OUTRAGE.

THERE IS NOT a self-respecting, self-supporting young woman in the city of Portland whose feelings were not scandalized and outraged by a cold-blooded, unwarranted and shocking editorial utterance in the Oregonian this morning.

Here is a raw, unqualified and brutally specific statement which carries with it a reflection upon every young woman of Portland who lives outside the precincts of her own home.

On any score or on any ground the statement is cowardly and indefensible. It gives forth an utterly unwarranted impression of the moral conditions which prevail here.

THE SCHOOL BASEMENTS MUST GO.

A LITTLE WHILE BACK there was much interest in the question of open air recesses for the public schools. A very competent committee was selected to consider this with other questions with reference to the public schools and finally formulated a lucid and practical report which has since been allowed peacefully to slumber in the files.

In the judgment of The Journal no greater outrage could be perpetrated upon growing children than to force them into such unclean, unsanitary and unhealthy surroundings.

To solemnly march a body of children into an ill lighted, cold, ill ventilated and evil smelling basement, to solemnly march them about as though they were on dress parade and all this under the false pretense of a period of recess and recreation is too utterly absurd to talk about.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

England in the Controversy. Portland, Or., Jan. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal.—It would seem that about the most regrettable thing that could likely occur in the far eastern crisis, would be for England, the cause of it all, to escape a good trouncing at the hands of Russia.

they have finally been compelled to give it up as hopeless and submit with what patience they might to an outrage which they knew was having a disastrous effect on their children.

HOW ABOUT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

EVER SINCE the Troquois theatre fire there has been much thought given to a consideration of the safety of theatre patrons, but there has been little or no talk of the safety of the public school children.

In Portland where the schools, with rare exceptions, are built of wood, every school building should receive an expert examination from this point of view.

BEAUTIFY THE CITY.

MAYOR WILLIAMS strongly recommends a clean and beautiful city with which to greet the visitors to the fair.

No more practical suggestion could be made, not only because of the fair, but on the general ground that everything should be done to raise the standard of the city as high as possible.

There is still much to be done in improving the sidewalks in the residential sections. This applies with special force to the sidewalks abutting unimproved lots where, above all others, no excuse should be accepted.

It is significant in view of England's known sympathy and alliance with Japan, that a delegation of England's bishops has been for some time, and are at this moment, in Russia, endeavoring to bring about a "closer attitude" and "community of interests" between the Russian and English churches.

It is Mr. Davis' intention to enter freely into the social divisions of New York. He will meet, pass through, and be with the best of us in Europe. He is having a steam yacht built in Liverpool, so his Kansas City friends believe, and will, upon its completion, make his triumphant entry into the New York narrows on its decks.

The Modernization of China is a Revelation to Diplomatic Eyes

Elisa R. Scidmore in Chicago Tribune. Pekin, Nov. 20.—A figure missed in this new Pekin is Mr. W. N. Pethick, the best known American in China up to his death two years ago.

It was known that Mr. Pethick, while still in the service of Li Hung Chang, had intended to write his biography, and it was judged that the siege and the disillusionment his official friendship had encountered would add much piquancy and many revelations to the narrative.

WANTS A BOLD COURSE.

Senator Cannon Speaks About the Senator Smoot Case. Frank J. Cannon, ex-United States senator and a Mormon apostle, urges Senator Reed Smoot to make a bold stand.

HOW SCIENCE SAVES CATTLE.

From the Review of Reviews. The mortality from Texas fever has been reduced from 75 per cent to 10 per cent by the conservative estimate, through the work of the Texas and Missouri experiment stations.

Practical Discourse.

From the Newark News. A French savant observes that radium paralyzes mice. We thought that science would discover a practical value in the new mineral sooner or later.

Senator Beveridge's Trip Through Russia and Japan

With the war clouds darkening hourly over Japan there is peculiar timeliness in the new book by Senator Beveridge of Indiana, entitled "The Russian Advance," published by Harper & Brothers.

One is impressed with the almost instinctive hatred that animates both nations. Senator Beveridge cites significant episodes that came under his own notice.

The soldiers answered in their customary chorus: "Yes, our colonel, but we are willing to fight again."

For Americans one of the most interesting phases of the situation is the confidence with which both sides are counting upon the support of the United States.

Now look at the Japanese side. Ten years ago Japan conquered China single-handed and won the southern part of Manchuria as its own.

It is a case of life and death for the nation. Japan must have an outlet for its surplus population and a market for its goods.

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