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THE JETTY STILL THE SUPREME QUESTION.

ORTLAND is growing rapidly and it is amazingly prosperous. It is growing very much more rapidly than many of its best informed people believed would be possible and the growth is being amazingly maintained. It is entirely due to two facts, first, a reawakening of Portland itself and second to the circumstances that the city instead of having outstripped in growth the country, which is the usual history of western cities, has lagged far behind it. No visitor who comes here has occasion to ask, "Why Portland?" The reason for its existence is manifest and self evident. Rather is he led to inquire why, with all the resources back of us and the tremendous natural advantages in our favor, the population of the city has not reached the 200,000 mark instead of 123,000?

But all of that will come in good time. The future of Portland is largely in the hands of the people of the city. vital of them all, in which there has been shown the most clation seem to appreciate. unaccountable lethargy. It is apparent to every citizen - In the public estimation the master builders of the city land's preeminence is most largely concerned.

past has been carefully to avoid discussion as though it good, if not better. were a plague spot to be borne with rather than an obourselves into the belief that something had been done, power to bring about a solution of the question such as flow from it. will meet all possible future conditions.

In a recent seemingly authoritative expression the cost needed to accomplish the purpose of achieving a perfor operating the dredge Chinook it will be seen that conshould unremittingly urge that the necessary funds be work that comes up, however huge and complicated. provided by congress to prosecute this work with the utmost speed consistent with true economy and to carry it should cut our clothes to the cloth. Give the local men a unceasingly forward to completion.

should insist that it be carried out promptly and ef- aroused.

The war now raging between Russia

and Japan is sure to mark one of the

most important epochs in human his-

tory. It is not the work of politicians

or national leaders alone, but is the

result of a combination of far-reaching.

slowly but surely preparing for the re-

and expanding nations. In Manchurla

its 146,000,000 of people, increasing at the rate of 2,000,000 annually, meets China, with its 300,000,000 and its in-

definite power of multiplication. The

immovable. But in this case there is

and unknown power wedging itself be-

tween the two. Japan means both to

too, has a rapidly increasing population,

a half million souls being added annual-

ready overstocked with people.

between the three combatants.

has on the Pacific coast.

resist Russia and to rule China. She,

to her bread winners in a country al-

statesmen of Japan are compelled to do

something with the hope of enlarging

which the sympathy of the well in-

formed will be pretty evenly divided

But as Russia has the appearance of

being an intruder and is so pretty gen-

erally represented, it is important to

take a brief glance at the history of her

movements, in order correctly to judge

of the truth of this impression, and to

determine what rights, if any, she really

Russia has had in Manchurla. As far

back as 1642 Russian explorers and pio-

neers began a movement into the valley

of the Amur river, and by the same

right of conquest by which the western

nations of Europe claimed to be the

owners of America, the Russians claimed

the valley of this great river upon both

sides. The country was then, as it is

now, except where Russian settlers have

moved in, practically a wilderness, oc-

cupied by semi-barbarous and savage

tribes. It was indeed claimed to be

under the jurisdiction of China, and

Chinese soldiers were sent up to con-

for 46 years, when the Chinese arms

prevailed, and in 1689 a final adjustment

the celebrated treaty of Nertchinsk, By

this freaty all the land upon the north

of the Amur river proper, extending up

to the middle of the Sea of Okhotsk.

was recognized as belonging to China.

This is a fact to be remembered by

those who say that the Russians have

never been willing to haul down their

For the next 170 years the pro-

faithfully observed by the Russians.

of the trenty of Nertchinsk were

flag where once it has been raised.

With varying results war was waged

tween the nations was made through

tend for its mastery and possession.

This is not the first contest which

her borders. Altogether it is a case in

other expanding force of immense

problem presented is the old one in

It is the conflict of three great

national expansion of Russia, with

irresistible causes which have been

RUSSIA IN MANCHURIA

G. Frederick Wright in Chicago Record-, and occupied by a garrison of soldiers

mechanics of an irresistible meeting an but presumed upon its being favorable,

The

the 14th of May.

and a Russian flotilis. For the re-en-forcement of this garrison, Muravieff

formed the plan of organizing a few

regiments of soldiers in the province of Transbaikalia, in the headwaters of the

the Amur river, and thence to Kam-chatka. This he did in the summer of

1854. The soldiers partly consisted of

exiles on whom freedom had been be-

stowed. A large number of barges were

built in the headwaters of the Amur.

and the first steamboat that ever floated

upon the stream was launched. The

permission of China to make the transit

through her territory was asked. The

necessities were such, however, that

Murayfeff did not wait for the answer.

and started out upon his expedition on

fortress of Petropavlovsk was re-enforced

disastrous was their defeat, in fact, that

the English admiral committed suicide

from mere chagrin. But Muravieff did

not fail to see that England and France

would renew the attack another year,

and hence set at work to prepare for a

the Amur, which led him to enlarge

had done nothing either to settle, de-

sack settlements upon the north side as

return of his troops in the autumn after

the river should be frozen over. Mean-

Amur river. Here again he was success-

ful, completely baffling the efforts of the

After the close of the Crimean war

north side of the Amur river and on the

nificent harbor of Vladivostok, in about

faithfully observed by the Russians. Portland, Me. This is one of the most mounted Comsacks and other times by Mo Russian boats went down the Amur magnificent harbors of the world, to be mounted Chinese soldiers.

Pacific coast were saved.

by the French and English troops.

Amur, and of transporting them

ficiently. They have a right to demand that the money collected through taxation, and returned to them through congressional appropriations for public works, shall not be squandered in vain experimenting but shall be promptly and efficiently employed to carry out the designated purpose. Furthermore they have a right to know how this money is being used, how the work being prosecuted for their benefit is proceeding from month to month, what percentage of the total has been accomplished and what times one gets little in a loaf-and some the cost has been.

Only by demanding the fullest publicity, only by continual work and watchfulness, can they expect to guard started this year in communities whose their interests and see the desired work carried to completion without needless delay.

GIVE THE LOCAL BIDDERS A SHOW.

Y WHAT singular fatality does it always seem to be arranged that the world's fair money is sent out of the city and state to be spent for such sup-In many directions they are awaking to an appreciation plies as are needed? This is a question that is beginning of its destiny and are doing yeoman service to further the to attract a good deal of attention in Portland-a good good cause. But there is one respect, and that the most deal more attention than the officers of the fair asso-

that, while in almost any event Portland will continue to have a legitimate kick coming in the arrangement which grow, its development into a commanding metropolis is has been made for advertising bids for the proposed bound up in the future history of the utilization of the buildings. Why should it be so arranged as practically to Columbia river. The building of the Celilo canal, the exclude every local bidder? Why should, it not be so armaintenance of an open river and the removal of the Co- ranged that the local builder would have at least an even lumbla bar constitute the preeminent questions which con- show with the builder from any other part of the country? front Portland and in the proper solution of which Port- The Journal is inclined to believe that too little thought is given by the people of Portland to the question of pat-We have already adverted to the fact that the citizens ronizing home industries. We are too much inclined to of Portland have never yet considered the question of the buy an article which comes from the outside rather than Columbia bar with spirit and courage. The plan in the to call for one made at home which, perchance, is equally

But on this world's fair matter we are reaching a point stacle to be removed. Hence we have wasted year after that may be vital. If the local builders are debarred for mail through." year of valuable time and, while we have often deluded whatever reason from bidding on the work, the local workingmen to a greater or lesser extent will likewise be as a matter of fact we have accomplished little or nothing. debarred. If the contracts are let to outside people they Rather have we trusted to our good luck which it must be will undoubtedly bring in with them many of the men admitted has seldom deserted us. But the time has now to do the work. When that work is finished many of come, with the consciousness of what Portland can be, to them will want to stay here and we are at once confronted face the question like men and to do everything in our with a congested labor market and all the evils which

Some consideration should be given to matters of this sort. Local men should not be debarred from building of jetty construction was estimated at \$170 per lineal foot. chiefly because they are local men. They should, indeed, This would mean \$4,500,000 for the five miles of jetty be given special opportunities by making the terms of the bids such as will give the greatest possible number of manent deep channel. After deducting from the funds them a chance to get part of the work. What was done now on hand the amount that would probably be reserved in St. Louis does not necessarily apply with overwhelming force to Portland. There they have the world to draw gress would have to appropriate about \$4,000,000 to com- from. Besides a great city they are within halling displete the work. All those interested in Portland's welfare tance of other great cities and their contractors are men of should unremittingly urge that the necessary speed con- great financial resources who are ready to undertake any

It is not precisely the same in Portland, therefore we fair show, no more, no less, but give them that without The people for whose benefit this work is being done cavil, otherwise a good deal of unpleasant feeling may be

interior. For the route involved the

transport of 100 miles overland and

then of more than 2,000 miles of un-

ertain river navigation to reach Trans-

passing through Siberia. Meanwhile the

Japan humiliated the celestial empire

captured her great fortresses, Wei-Hai-

Wei and Port Arthur, on opposite sides

But, in finally concluding peace with

of the entrance of the Gulf of Pechili

with England as a silent spectator, came

seize Wei-Hai-Wei, although this was

Soon after these occurrences the Rus-

a branch line running from Harbin 700

treaty the president of the railroad was

to the road and to shield it from all

corum on "the lands asigned to the rail-

In accordance with this agreement,

way through a region that hitherto was

inaccessible, and were on the point of

accomplishing their work in the sum-

were trusting the, Chinese implicitly,

created property values amounting to

squads, and were guarded on our way

been unavailing. The clash of arms has

mounted Chinese soldiers.

way and its appurtenances."

Arthur as a naval station.

his plans. He had learned that there miles southward to Port Arthur. They

were no Chinese settlers upon the north also obtained the possession of Talien-

side of the river, that China during the wan, afterward called Dalny, for a com-

170 years since the treaty of Nertchinek mercial port near by. According to this

he went down the river, that they might extraneous attacks, while the railroad

be at hand to render assistance in the company should preserve order and de-

where he had ordered the evacuation of Chinese government was to have the

Petropaviovsk and the concentration of privilege of purchasing the railroad

French and English to interfere with his the Chinese Eastern Railroad company

plans. The russian settlements upon the set to work building 1,800 miles of rail-

the work of diplomacy began, and China mer of 1900, when the Boxer revolution

was induced, for what she thought was broke out. As I traveled through the

adequate compensation, to cede to Rus- whole length of the railroad under con-

sia all of the unsettled region which struction at that time I know from

Muravieff had brought to light on the personal observation that the Russians

east side of the Ussuri, a branch which The immense sums of money siready ex-

comes in from the south where the pended along the line of the road had Amur takes its sudden turn to the north. created property values amounting to

On an elevation in the angle between hundreds of millions of dollars, which

these rivers the city of Khabarovsk were completely at the mercy of the arose, and in a most conspicuous place Chinese, while the lives of the engineers

a statue was later erected to Muravieff, were equally exposed. In the journey

pegotiations Russia obtained the mag- Cossacks and Chinese soldiers in small

latitude 43 degrees, which is that of from one post to another sometimes

the Russian fleet at the mouth of the after the lapse of 80 years.

proceeding with great rapidity.

having closed games and driven the nickel-in-the-slot machines out of busi-

In some Oregon counties the really prominent men hereafter will be eligible voters who are not candidates for

erable trepidation if Portland bridge bonds can be sold only at a large discount instead of a premium

Eugene bakers have raised the price of bread to 5 cents a loaf. This is always the price in Portland, but

Several new fruit canneries will be people believe that on the fruit propo people believe that on the fruit proposition they should save all they can has not been friendly to the Hearst and can all they save.

Again is displayed the power of the

press. The North Yambill Record says: "The little puff the editor of the Record gave Sammy when in town caused him to give much better weights and lower

The Hood River Glacier's motto "It's a cold day when we get left." But from the big batch of local news the Glacier publishes, no very cold day occurs even up there under the moun

Salem believes itself to be now "close up tight," so far as gambling games are concerned, and the Statesman remarks: "The way to keep them closed is to keep them closed, and eternal vigilance is the Whenever they think no one is looking they will open up again."

The North Yambill Record is informed that "there is about 14 feet of snow on the summit of the mountains be tween this place and Tillamook. About day night and Monday morning, com pletely blocking the road, since which time it has been impossible to get the

Vancouver Columbian: The Colum bian wishes to emphasize the fact that his own editorials, notwithstanding any remarks to the contrary. Not even has any person dictated nor spoken to the opposition know it.

Irrigon (Or.) Irrigator: Up to the present writing there is only one Irrigon and one Irrigator, and no "green growing thing" has yet put in an apsuch attempt out-nip it in the bud, as euvers and encampments.

A dairyman writes as follows to the Newberg Enterprise: "Dairymen will surely reap some benefit from the op-Newberg Enterprise: posing element of the creamery business of Portland as long as it lasts but look out when the scrap is over of milk at 5 cents a quart or ships it to the condensery will not make a success of raising his helfer Building up a dairy by buying cows instead of raising them is poor economy

Things People Want to Know

baikalla and the great military road Scotts Mills, Or., Feb. 17 .- To the colonization of this new territory was Editor of The Journal-Have any of the states in this country granted the right of suffrage to women so that they Thus matters went on until the war may vote at state and national elecbetween Japan and China in 1896, when tions? If so, will you kindly give the dians will be satisfied with either their names of such states and oblige.
A READER.

Four states-Wyoming in 1869, Colo ado in 1893, Utah in 1895 and Idaho in

1896. China, Germany, France and Russia, To the Editor of The Journal-Rum in and advised Japan to withdraw from ors indicate that there is commercial Port Arthur, and to be content with the value to Oregon Grape plants and that Island of Eormosa as her indemnity for they are being bought and shipped in the war. It was not thought best by large quantities, while many farmers these European powers that Japan should get hold upon the continent, lest clearing land and gathering grape-root for medical purposes are squandering valuable assets that should be husit should disturb the balance of power, and lead to the subjugation of China. banded. Now will you inform us re In the meantime France took occasion garding the matter, the variety wanted, His plans were successful. The far-off to strengthen her hold upon southern the value, where they go, for what pur China, Germany to take possession of pose, and to whom we call sell them and in season to repulse a vigorous attack Kiao Chau, on the south side of the ruidance for gathering and preparing Shantung peninsula, and England to them for market. Any information re garding this industry will be thankfully not done until after Russia had obtained received by many from China the concession of Port

FARMERS OF GRESHAM. Oregon grape root is extensively used for medicinal purposes and is worth when there is a demand for it, about 3 sians obtained by treaty permission to similar expedition in the following year. build a railroad from Transbalkalls. But he learned something, in going down across Manchuria to Viadivostok, with cents a pound. Just the root part used, which is then sacked. At the present time the markets have an overstock of root of this description one wholesale drug firm of this city says that it has had a supply of grape oot in its warehouse for the past 10 years which it is unable to dispose of. velop or protect the county. He there-fore took the liberty of establishing Cos-Chinese were to give military protection

To the Editor of The Journal-Will you please abswer through the columns of your paper the following questions

1-Names of each man at the head of each United States cabinet department. 2—Names of each Oregon state officer. 3-How many members in each hous of the state legislature? 4-Names of Oregon senators and con

5-Where is the fish center?

SUBSCRIBER. 1-Secretary of state, John Hay; sec retary of treasury, Lesie M. Shaw; retary of war. William H. Taft; attor-ney-general, Philander C. Knox; postmaster-general, Henry C. Payne; secre tary of navy, William H. Moody; secretary of interior, Ethan A. Hitchcock; secretary of agriculture, James Wilson: secretary commerce and labor, George B

Cortelyou. 2-Governor, George E. Chamberlain secretary of state and auditor, F. I. Dunbar; state treasurer, C. S. Moore; super intendent of public instruction, J. H. Ackerman; adjutant-general, W. E. Fin-zer; attorney-general, A. M. Crawford; chief justice of supreme court, Frank A Moore; state printer, J. R. Whitney.

who, for his great services, was decorated as Count Amurski. Through these bin we encountered at alternate points 2-Thirty senators, 60 representatives. 4-Senators, John H. Mitchell and Charles W. Fulton; representatives, Bin-ger Herman and J. N. Williamson.

> To the Editor of the Journal-Please let me know in syour query columns what holidays if any were legalized by an act of congress.

ROBERT A. STEINEGGER. There is no national holiday, not even the Fourth of July. times appointed special holidays. The a hundred judges in the country who Fifty-third congress in its second sess are as able as Alton B. Parker, but no sion passed a law making labor day a one thinks of any of them as a candidate public holiday in the District of Co- far president. . . What does Parlumbia, and it has recognized certain ker stand for Up to the present mo-

NATIONAL CAPITAL GOSSIP

movement has assumed proportions from Hungary, and 8,177 from Galicia. which astonishes older Democratic wheel horses of the house and senate and it ow seems clear that the leading candidate is the young man from the city Canada will be as American as any of of New York. It has just developed our western states. here that from a private canvass made by leader Murphy of Tammany Hall in the city of New York and close by districts, that Hearst was by far the most popular candidate advanced in the Empire state. The Tammany congressmen n the house of representatives during the past week have indicated their willingness to get on the Hearst band wagon presumably from intimation received from headquarters to the effect that when the situation had been canvassed the leaders of the organization in New York city have concluded that if they desire to maintain their prestige they must follow the drifting current. boom said to a representative of this "I have just returned from a trip

oped. Whether it is because of the activity of his literary bureau or not I say, but I am now free to confess that if his strength increases from this on to the time of the convention, he cannot be beaten. I am one of those who believe that Mr. Hearst is too inexperienced and untried in political office to trust to him the destines of a great nation like this, but at the same time if ne is selected by the Democratic convention I shall loyally support him. The laboring men of my district, both Republicans and Democrats, are working at every point for him, and I believe that it will be necessary in the event of another and more experienced receiving the nomination for the head of the ticket, to nominate Mr. Hearst the second place in order to keep the following which he has gathered around him in the Democratic column. In this connection it is noticeable that Mr. Hearst has disappointed many memdraw him out on the floor of the house. He has preserved a discreet silence ever since he became a member of congress and is gathering around him a host of political followers who will, his friends assert, stand him in good stead at the proper time.

strength which Mr. Hearst has devel-

fairs has agreed to incorporate in the editor about our policy. When the edi- army appropriation bill an item of \$250,tor needs any assistance he will let the 000 to continue and complete a military wagon road in Alaska from Valdez to Fort Egbert or Eagle City. Also an item of \$331,580 to complete the construction and extension of the submarine telegraph line from Sitka to Fort Liscum. The committee is conpearance to establish an opposition sidering the proposition to establish paper. Anyhow, we would freeze any four or five permanent camps for manit were—by publishing the Irrigator proposed will be located under direction daily, or two or three times a day if of the general staff of the army and points have been recommended in California, Maryland, Texas, Wisconsin and Washington.

> Chief Joseph, the famous warrior of the Nez Perses tribe of Indians, is making his annual visit to Washington. comes here every winter to appeal to the president and congress for the settlement of a claim of his tribe. Because of Chief Joseph's leadership, in the Nez Perces war, he and 250 other Indians of his tribe were deprived of their allotments of land. They have been tryas their share of the land or its equivalent in money. They have been appealclaiming that they were not bad Indians before 1877, and have been peaceable and well-behaved ever since.

As Chief Joseph had been a brave warrior, and a good citizen since he laid down arms, the president was inclined to sympathize with him. The 250 Inportion of government land or its value in money.

The bill granting right of way for pipe lines through Indian reservations has passed both the house and the senate, and has been referred to a conference committee to adjust some minor differences.

This bill authorizes the secretary of the interior to grant right of way for oil and gas lines, and its enactme recommended by him. Many oil leases holds that he has no authority under ex isting law, to grant a right of way for the building of pipe lines on Indian reservations these leases are not being developed. By the terms of many of the leases with the government compar ies and persons are required to drill wells, and yet they are unable to market their product. The bill now in conference is general and under it any company or person can build a pipe

A remarkable fact has just been developed through the publication by the state department of an extract from a report of United States Consul Lee Bergholz of Three Rivers, Canada this is that emigration from the United States is increasing at a rapid rate into Canada. From January 1 to October 1, of the last calendar year, Canada received 114,744 immigrants and of these 34,721 were American citizens. This is against \$55,997,942 in the corresponding more than the total population of Nevada at the last census and about one January alone the exports of iron and third of the population of Wyoming, and several other states. Of the remaining 114.744 who entered ganada, 23,562 were from England, 7,598 from Scotland, 2,330 the seven months ending with January, from Ireland, 4.031 from Russia, 2,904 1904.

president's act in proclaiming a day of Thanksgiving makes that day a holiday only in the District of Columbia and the territories, and in such states as provide

To the Editor of The Journal-Please answer through your paper what race William Randolph Hearst is a native of. A FRIEND OF THIS PAPER.

On his father's side he comes of South Carolina stock; on his mother's side he is descended from the Randolphs of Virginia. After the revolutionary war his ancestors went to Virginia and later to Missouri, where George Hearst, father of W. R. Hearst, was born.

Springwater, Or .- To the Editor of The Journal-Please be so kind as to inform me of the legislature of Iowa has given the official vote cast for its governor on November 3, 1903, and what the

Sullivan, Democrat, 159,708; Cummins, 228,798; plurality, 79,090; total vote, 417,952,

What Does Parker Stand For? From the New York Sun. It does not follow that because

man is a good judge he will make good president of the United States. Congress has at is safe to say that there are at least

Washington, March 2.-The Hearst from Italy, 2,419 from Sweden, 2,020 If this rate of American emigration into Canada is maintained for a decade with the natural increase which will

> A member of the general staff of the United States army is of the opinion that the war between Japan and Russia will be a prolonged struggle. This offi-Manchuria and Korea and Japan, and is well qualified to form a reliable opinion of the relative strength of Japan and

Russia. He says:

that Japan has control of the ocean, Russia cannot conquer her. She cannot invade Japan. She cannot prevent her receiving supplies. On the other hand, Russia's army will watch and hang on as long as life is in its members. If the army is out off from Russia by the destruction of the great Siberian railroad it will still fight. It may be de stroyed, but that will not conquer Rus-"I have just returned from a trip sia. Japan can never conquer Russia. She can give her a setback in the east, she can worry and harass her, but Russia will come back with strength and vigor. Her resources are as inexhaustible as our own. Her people are as des-Japan perate and patriotic as our own.

will find her strength taxed mightily. "If the powers do not intervene the war will last for years. As it now stands, neither nation can be conquered by the other. The bitterest animosity actuates the people of both nations in Will the nations be their struggle. drawn into the conflict? is the question that is agitating the minds of many. This will not be the case unless causes for interference arise that are not now discurnible.

The four American army officers detailed to join the Japanese field forces and get to the front in order to observe and report everything of military interest during the war between Russia and Japan for the benefit of the American army have started for the front. These four officers who will act as the eves for our army in the Japanese campaign are Colonel Enoch M. Crowder of the general staff, Captain John M. Morrison, 20th infantry, Captain Peyton C. March of the artillery, and Joseph E. Kuhn of the engineers corps. These officers represent the pick of the service, each man having earned a splendid reputation for hard work. They are all comparatively young men, and their which will develop during the war.

The Mikado after considerable pressarmy officers, and they are traveling as fast as they can to Japan. Their status They go as miliis thoroughly defined. tary attaches and will be the guest of the Mikado. They are, of course, noncombatants, and have left their side arms behind. They report to the commander in chief of the Japanese army, who will make proper provision for their subsistence and comfort. He will see that they are assigned to good quarters, that horses are at their disposal, and that the best in the way of commissary supplies, transportation facilities, etc., are provided for them. He will also impose whatever restrictions on their movements and writings that he may deem proper. He may censor what writing he permits, or give to his army guests free rein in this regard. The attaches are supposed to keep strictly out of the war game, and for them to offer advice, to give a warning, or drop ing ever since to get what they regard a helping hint would be a violation of international ethics.

Russia at first declined to allow officers to accompany her army, but at last has consented, and through Ambassador McCormick, Secretary Hay has been officially notified of Russia's action, although the officers will not be allowed to take the field until April 15th of the Russian calendar.

The officers who have been designated are Colonel J. H. Kerr of the general staff, Captain Karl Reichman, 17th infantry; Captain George D. Gatley, artillery corps, and Captain William D. Jud-The three former are at present in Manila, but will so time their departture as to arrive on the scene of hos tilities at the date set. Captain Judson at present is in Washington, but he will leave very shortly, going direct to St. Petersburg, from which go to join the Russian forces.

The largest total of exports in the history of the country for a similar period was reached for the seven months which ended January 31. For the month of January alone they were \$38,213,352, while the highest January record on any former occasion was for 1900, when they reached \$35,586,940. The largest inrease was in manufactured copper, of which the exports in the seven months ending with January, 1904, are reported at \$31,552,577, against \$22,514.843 for the corresponding months last year. Refined mineral oil is next in the list of manufactured articles showing an increase in export values, being for the seven ending with January, 1904, \$42,-029,461, against \$35,324,067 in the corresponding months of last year. Iron and steel stand next in the list of manufactured articles showing an increase in exports. The total value of iron and steel exported in the seven months ending with January, 1904, is \$59,125,780, months ending with January, 1903. For steel are \$8,171,738. Agricultural implements also show an increase in exports amounting to a little over \$2,000,000 in

From Lincoln to Taft. From the New York World. Secretary Taft, still fresh from his our far colonies, thus expressed himself:

"The greatest mistake that could be

made at this time would be to give the Filipinos their independence, or even mention a time when we are likely to give them their independence. Abraham Lincoln, also in his day man of some force in public policies and Republican councils, once ventured the opinion that no man was good enough to govern another man without that

> A Favorite of Portune. From the Atlanta Journal

other man's consent.

Strange is the fortune of Theodore Roosevelt. A death, totally unexpected, made him president of these United States of America. Now another death, likewise beyond the bourne of those things which are within the ken of the prophets, has removed from his path the greatest impediment to his nomination for another term of the presidency.

> Did They Earn It? From the New York Press.

Harry Payne Whitney's private for-tune was \$2,500,000 before the death of his father. His wife, Gertrude Vander-bilt, had a dowry of \$1,000,000, and when her father died inherited \$7,500,000. This

Small Change

A great many people are indisposed to "stand pat" on the tariff and trust is-

Russian names look this far away as if they might be profitably utilized in an

The number of officials to be chosen is small in proportion to that of those who desire ardently to be called.

Who says the president is not friendly with Russia, when he appoints a man named Grunsky canal commissioner?

Would it be a case of lese majest for a Republican club to name itself the Lincoln, or the McKinley, or the Hanna, or the Mitchell, or the Simon, instead of the Roosevelt club?

A Chicago man has paid \$22,000 terest in five years on a loan of \$4,000. This beats the record of some building and loan societies that operated in this part of the country during recent years A highwayman who incidentally com-

tana the other day by due process of law, which is nearly as notable an exception to the rule as the lawful punishment of a negro rapist or murderer down Because Hon, Binger Hermann has not formally announced his candidacy for

mitted a murder was hanged in Mon-

representative is not a cause for anybody to doubt whether he desires the nomination or not. When Mr. Hermann doesn't want an office he will want little or nothing more "here below." Democrats are short-sighted who supoose that they can make much valuable

colitical capital out of the Roosevelt-Washington luncheon incident. Whether wise or not, or whatever its motive, it will not hurt the president appreciably in any state that he could carry under Secretary Hitchcock, it is announced

from Washington, is not pleased at the president's change of front in the Roseburg land office case, and is still personally opposed to the re-appointment of Booth and Bridges. But the president knews that Hitchcock for other is not popular in the west, and this is the year for playing politics. President Smith, head of the Mormon church, acknowledges that he has five

wives, with all of whom he maintains marital relations, and all of whom have given birth to children, aggregating 13 in number, since 1890, when it became unlawful for a citizen of Utah to live polygamously. But it was Smoot, a onagomous Mormon, not Smith, who was elected senator. County School Superintendent Nowlin

of Umatilla county, criticizing the management of the Pendleton public schools, leclares among other things that 'calisthenics, basketball, football, theatricals, gymnastics, athletics, etc., are occupying too much time." However it may be there, this is certainly true in many schools and colleges, and edu-cators are to be commended for declaring the fact.

A man died this week in a New Jersey almshouse who was 132 years old, and who had used tobacco 120 years and liquor from youth until he was sequestered in the poorhouse. not prove that the use of tobacco and liquor is conducive to health and long life; only that this Jerseyman phenomenally tough. And if he had been

Evidence in regard to Senator Smoot's religio-political status is being taken in Washington, but judging from all accounts some other senators are more proper subjects of ethical inquiry than Smoot. If he were a Democrat, his church affiliation would probably serve as a sufficient excuse in the minds of that religious body, the senate, for his expulsion; but since he is a straight Republican he may stick.

POLITICAL POINTERS

Heppner Gazette: As the Republican congressional convention approaches it becomes more and more apparent that there is little or no opposition to Mr. Williamson in Morrow Merrow county delegation will be solid for Williamson.

Salem Journal: Binger Hermann's friends in Marion county are numerous. He has made speeches here in many campaigns. At least two generations of Republicans between Mr. Her-mann and the younger aspirant will feel like standing by the old stage horse. As Marion goes, so will go the nom-ination. This county must virtually decide the welfare of the party and the people in this important contingency,

Salem Statesman: Mr. B. L. Eddy of Tillamook is the same man who stated in a debate during the senatorial contest during the last legislature that a certain candidate for United States senator was not the choice of the people of his district for that position, though that candidate had received about two hundred more votes for senator than Mr. Eddy had for the legislature by the same people on the same day. Of course, Mr. Eddy lost his head in that contest, besides being swept off his feet, also, through the glamour of the "organizabut it is pertinent to remark that if he can't read his own mind any better " than he can regularly declare election returns, nobody yet has any idea what office he may be a candidate for when the state convention meets.

Advice to the Lovelorn BY BEATRICE PAIRFAX.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a man of 45 winters and am in love with a maiden of 20 summers. We are angaged and expect to be married in the spring. Is it proper that I call on her more than five times a week. I myself think three times a week plenty, but she will not listen to it. Now I love her dearly, but she seems to doubt my love, and when I ask her what proof she wished. she said I might deed over some of my property to her. Now I love her dearly, but I also think a great deal of my property. Should she not wait until we are married before she made such a request? Now as my life's happiness depends on the answer to this inquiry. please help a man in great trouble and you will have the lifelong friendship of Yours truly, CYRUS NOBLE.

Call as often as she wants you to If it gives her pleasure to be in society you should be glad to concede that much. Deeds to property as proof money has been well invested, so that that much. Deeds to property as proof Mrs. Whitney's fortune is at least \$10,-00,000. Harry Payne's \$22,500,000 from should she want your land before you lumbia, and it has recognized certain ker stand for: Up to the plant of time, notwithstanding his promposes, but with the exception noted there inence as a candidate, nobody seems to make a comfortable bunch of money, rect line of inheritance after marriage? rect line of inheritance after marriage?

river, and the vast territory occupied compared only with that of San Fran-by its basin was wholly left to the in-cisco and of Rio Janeiro, and was so Professor Wright concludes: But the fluence of China. Then, as an unex-far south that it was free from ice offerts of Russia to ward off an attack pected result of the Crimean war, a new the larger part of the year. Naturally by means of ample preparation have chapter in history was begun upon the the Russians at once set about fortify-Pacific coast. Anticipating that the ing this. Its hills were crowned with come. It is one of the great conflicts French and English would attack the forts, dry docks were established, the of the ages which has so long been

Russian settlements upon the Pacific Pacific fleet was enlarged, and Viadi- going on between the white and yellow coast. Muravieff, the governor of east-vostok was for 50 years, and is now, an races. Russis, which shielded western erp Siberia, took measures of defense intense center of Russian activities on Europe from the invasion of the Mongol most important the Pacific coast, where her soldiers Tartars changes in the political geography of were gathered and her fleet protected, Jenghiz Khan in the thirteenth century, the whole region. At that time the and where a new door was opened for is now deciding the question. Hussian stronghold upon the Pacific commerce to reach the interior of Ruscoast was at Petropaviovsk in Kam-sia's Asiatic dominions. But still it was permanent hold upon any available por-At that time the and where a new door was opened for is now deciding the question whether a chatks, where a fine harbor was fortified a long and thresome route to reach the tion of the Pacific coast of Asia,