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WITH WHOM IS THE CITY DEALING?

BUSINESS MAN who sold valuable goods to s stranger on credit, without any inquiry as to the buyer's responsibility or even his name, would be upon as a fit candidate for a lunary commission when this happy-go-lucky style of doing business is pted by the city council it seems to be regarded as a atter of course. The council seems to have the habit of inting valuable rights and franchises to persons whose ntity is absolutely hidden under the guise of a "cominy," created for the occasion and without any tangible The real bidders hide themselves behind these dummy companies, thereby escaping personal liability for the performance of any obligations which accompany the

This practice was illustrated recently in the bids for the parbage franchise, when the identity of the bidders was pletely unknown. All of the bids were presented by -called companies, formed merely for the purpose of ening the men back of them. Another case of this nd has come to light in connection with the public arket franchise. This franchise, which imposed upon antee important obligations, was bestowed upon Union Market company, a concern whose person appears to have been carefully kept from the knowledge of the public and of the councilmen. The company failed to perform the obligations imposed upon it, and after being in default for several months its rights were finally transferred to the Union Market association, a corporation whose incorporators do not even find a place in the city directory. It is said that this latest holder of the hise is backed by men of means and this may be true, red beyond all reason. But be that as it may, no one hastened if the city had been dealing with son re felt an individual obligation to carry out the terms of

re is no good reason why the council should not know ery instance with whom it is dealing. It is grossly lantern methods justify suspicion and those who

with a man in the dark, where his own business was business prudence. Is there any good reason why city are at stake? It ought not to be necessary to hire a detective in order to learn the identity of an applicant for a municipal franchise.

LAUNCHING OF THE NEBRASKA

HE STATE OF WASHINGTON, and all the Pa-

applause. When Moran Brothers decided that they could not build the ship at the contract price without money, the business men of Seattle said: "You must build it; how much more money must you have?" Morar Brothers figured that they could safely undertake the work if guaranteed \$100,000 more than the government price, and the people of Seattle at once raised that amo of money, and the battleship was built there.

This is a characteristic exhibition of "the Seattle spirit. It is this spirit that has sent Seattle forward by leaps and The building of this battleship has caused the distribution of a great amount of money there; it has added much to Seattle's fame; it has brought the builders into the front rank in their business, and it has demonstrated that such great jobs can be done in the Pacific north So Portland congratulates Scattle, and Moran Brothers and hopes that the Nebraska will be the equal in every respect of any battleship of its class in Uncle Sam's

VALUE OF SMALL COLLEGES.

NDREW CARNEGIE was and is a man of ex-ceptionally broad and keen observation, and of what he says on any subject that he has studied is worth considering. Commenting on the gifts of Dr. D. K. Pear-sons of Chicago to small colleges, Mr. Carnegie recently "I agree with you, the small poor colleges are most in need. It has become the fashion to give to the principal universities; these do not get too much, but the less

ions than any one would have been by giving many times the amounts to the great colleges. He insists that the and he has proved his faith by his works. Many a man now eminent or successful in public or profession and training and influences of these smaller co of the larger and more noted institutions.

Among the recipients of Dr. Pearsons' bounty are tw acific northwest institutions, Pacific university at Forest them have no right to complain if their motives Hundreds of men and women are broader, better, more intelligent, useful and successful, because of the oppor-tunities afforded them in these colleges. These schools of them have learned this rudimentary les-prudence. Is there any good reason why put it into practice where the interests of those whom he has helped.

ALASKA TALK AGAIN.

PORTLAND-ALASKA steamship lipe is again terprise that has been too long neglected, or when started cific northwest, join today in congratulations to not sufficiently supported and stood by. The outside route Seattle, and to the enterprising and successful from Fortland to southeastern Alaska points is no longer of shipbuilders who occupy the cepter of the stage and is less difficult and dangerous than the inside route to in today's performance there. Taking it for granted that those points from Seattle. The Alaska trade is very large if the battleship Nebraska will fill all the contract require- and valuable, and will continue to be so. It has long ify is, and be a complete success, its construction places seemed that that trade should not be monopolised by the who made it possible to build the ship there, in an en-sition, but not enough to keep Portland business men out viable light, and renders them worthy of approval and of that field, if they will persist in their efforts.

MISS ASTOR'S CHOICE

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From the Argonaut.

"Cockaigne" writes from London that is unblushingly turned into a surname-than created nearly so great a sensation in London society as was expected. "I have often heard people wonder," he writen. "who Mr. Astor's daughter Pauline would marry, and make guessees as to her dot, and all that. I have heard people any that a she could easily get a royal grince. I don't mean a trumpery Italian or German specimen, but a gentile of the English blood royal. So that you see when the announcement was mele, and Clayington and the general question went round: "What is known as a good one. No halo into the control of the fight of the control of the fight of the fight

Bender-Clay commanded a company of these warfors. Now, the household cavairy, although called life guards and horse guards, and not 'the guards' as they are known and spoken of in England. It is only the foot guards who are that. However, the household cavairy, is full of swells and titles among its of ficers and it is a smart thing to be in it. But there is this to be said. No man of any position in England society at all would dream of claiming any social in the He guards, or had been. It have seen or had been. It have early only the found of the state of the speciety what I have seen done in Captain Spender-Clay, who was a triend. Hitherto spender-Clay commended the life guards. Or had been, it has been been done in Captain Spender-Clay, who was a triend. Hitherto spender-Clay case. A dosen times I have need done in Captain Spender-Clay who was a triend. Hitherto spender-Clay case. A dosen times I have need done in Captain Spender-Clay who was a triend. The life guards. That all you know of him? Yes. Grunt from other party. The dute of Rouburghe knows what in the life guards. That all you know of him? Yes. Grunt from other party. The dute of Rouburghe knows what in the life guards. I have need done in Captain Spender-Clay was a triend. The triendship could be done of him. Then there is the name.

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or 'Viscount Astor of Maidenhead,' which get nearer every year. I have spoken plainly in this letter, believing the Argonaut to be a cut above the toadying papers who call everything lovely because it is—Mr. Astor."

Calvin.
Farmer Sorry, Howard, but I trade with you today. Them for are givin' two'n-a-half.



Small Change

It is not believed that Oregon as yet offers sufficient inducement to Mr. Stat-fens to visit it.

The trouble with George Meredith's 16-year scheme is that for many married people it is too awfully long.

The great majority of the people of Portland demand the elimination of the saloon boxes. Keep that in mind. The Russian naval commanders seen to realize that Admiral Togo is anxious ly desiring some more exercise.

If the admission were marked down to S cents on woman's day the St. Loui fair managers might swell the attendance

Davenport's cartoons suggest that he has perhaps unwittingly bunkeed the Republican national committee and some newspapers.

It is nearly time for the annual raise in the price of milk and cream; but in the joyous springtime the dairymen for-get to pull the price down again.

Bastern Republican papers are accusing Parker of facing both ways. But perhap he is trying to view Roosevelt both as trustbuster and a trust servant.

A jury has decided against Dowle in a lawauit involving \$55,000. But what does he care, when he can pray down a shower of dollars from the skies?

The story that candidate Davis advised Washington not to cross the Delaware is campaign canard; he was not old snough to know what was going on.

The emperors of Russia and Japan will pay about as much attention to the request of the peace congress as two mad fighting bulls would to the cooing of a dove.

DAIRYING IN ORRGON.

Emma Seckie Marshall in Sunset Magazine.

Dairying will probably be a leading industry in Oregon as long as the land endures, as the natural meadows, the magnificent ranges and the perennial streams to be found everywhere in the greater part of the state, make ideal conditions for the unlimited production of butter and cheese. At present the supply is not much in excess of the demand for home consumption, but when

Prom the New York Witness.

Do any of us realise the greatness of the events that are taking place in the far east! We get so into the way of taking wonderful things as a matter of course in this wonderful age that we are all apt to underrate their importance, and so to lose sight of the greatness of the times in which we are living.

In coming generations the sudden rise of the Japanese people will undoubtedly be looked upon as one of the greatest events in all history. In fact, when all the facts, and their results, become known it may well be that this war will be looked back upon as the most important orisis is the history of nations.

She was acting foolishly. And even when Japan came out of that war victorious her success was attributed torious her success was attributed when Japan came out of that war victions her success was attributed torious her success was attributed when Japan came out of that war victorious her success was attributed torious her success was attributed when Japan came out of that war victorious her success was attributed torious her success was attributed with Russia, the greatest military power with

defy her, and then the car would soon have been in a position to put in the field at the eastern end of his vast empire an army in the presence of which any army that could be releed by any possible combination against her would have been hopelessly outnumbered, and that without weakening to any consider able extent the armies which he could have called to the defence of his western frontier.

All this might have come to pass. It was undoubtedly all in the programwas winning easily, when the whole face of the situation was suddenly changed by the bold but well timed and carefully planned action of Japan.

Now, take a look at the other side:

Up to a few years ago Japan was looked upon as a country of no importance whatever. It was known to have a population of 30,000,000 or 40,000,000. but what was that as compared with the 100,000,000 or 400,000,000 on 40,000,000. but what was that as compared with the 100,000,000 or 600,000,000 or 60,000,000 or 60,000,

to reclaim the ground, for prospect working there have been compelled secure title from the timber patentes.

Oregon Sidelights

Fine fruit is raised at Fruita, Wallowa

Corvallis public school pupils, 440, in

Ashland fall strawberries sell there for \$1.90 to \$3.35 per crate.

Seven houses are being built in Glan-dele, and others are planned. A Sedaville man selle 3,000 dozen eggs

Tillamook beasts of more bob-tailed dogs than any other town in the state has.

The Gold Hill News alludes to the passing through that village of "Charley" Fairbanks. This is probably the first time anybody has "Charleyed" Fairbanks since he were long trousers.

Bight Trappists, three fathers and five brothers have purchased land near Jordan, Linn county, where they will work daytimes and study nights. It is said that when at work they maintain entire silence.

A Wheeler county young man has contracts on hand to hauf 1,700 tone of bay from Prinsville to Bend, and 1,000 cords of wood from Bend to Prinsville and also to marry, and he has no time to talk politics.

A Lakeview lawyer found a purse containing some money and turned it over to the editor of the Herald, who advertised it, which exuese him to ask: "Who says lawyers and editors are not honest?" But there was not a million dollars in the pocketbook.

Response of Albany Democrat: As for Albany it will give the Lewis and Clark fair a liberal support, and furnish one of the finest exhibits there. It has sent out the best development pamphiets in the state, and today is not able to meet the demand for houses for rental.