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| and congress cannot afford to resist the rising demand． |
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| The trouble has been，and will be， that along with large，nieritorious and urgent needs and demands comes a clamor from all parts＇of the country for the improvement of comparatively insignificant streams and harbors． Undeserving or unimportant projects are yoked up with great and deserving ones，and those working for the latter sort have to yield to those demanding slices of the appropriation for proj－ ects of small consequence，in order to get a bill through．The system has been to some extent a distribution of the appropriation among congres－ sional districts，in order to help the reelection of members of the domi－ nant party． <br> This is wrong，of course．The work ought to be concentrated mostly for the present on main channels，and such as are clearly meritorious；but if the bill cannot be passed otherwise the usual sops should be thrown to Snail slough and Crab creek．Better to waste a few millions on them than for the really important work to be stopped or delayed． <br> The people demand the opening up of the country＇s main waterways and the improvement of its really import－ ant harbors，and of those that by im－ provement can be made so；and will not complain if incidentally and neces－ sarily some percentage of the appro－ priation is bestowed upon projects that are not of mutch consequence． <br> MR．HARRIMAN＇S MISTAKE． <br> M R．HARRIMAN is reported as expressing the opinion that ＂the popular craze of attack－ |
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