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There is a wonderful power in honest work to develop latent energies and reveal a man to himself.—Jan MacLaren.

OWNERSHIP OF OUR TIMBER.

STARTLING WORDS were spoken at Washington Saturday by James Wilson, secretary of agriculture. He averred that, aside from the forest reserves, one or two men will, within a few years, own the entire standing timber supply of this country.

The aggregate holdings of the one or two captains of timber industry will be one fifth of all standing timber and equal 30,000,000 acres. The riches that will come to them through that ownership will make them the wealthiest men on the earth. Beside their riches, the wealth of Rockefeller will be inconsequential.

IMPERATIVE NEED OF OPEN RIVERS.

THE ONE GREAT controlling factor in commercial life, in the growth of a city, and in the development of a country is cheap transportation. Other things being equal, that country which can move its products most cheaply, that city which can distribute at the least cost, will eventually, control the trade.

with the subject that water transportation is the cheapest form of transportation. This being so this city is so situated that it is mathematically demonstrable that if the natural advantages are developed it will, by the inevitable laws of nature, be the great commercial city of the northwest.

What therefore is the most important subject on which the people of this city should concentrate their energies? The question answers itself. We have often said it would pay this city and state as a commercial proposition, to undertake these improvements if there was no other way to secure them. Fortunately the president and many of the leaders of both parties, as well as the people generally, are fully aroused on this question, and are determined the national government shall do its duty by the waterways.

THE GARBAGE PROBLEM.

SOMETHING THAT Portland through the council and mayor must act upon decisively soon is the matter of the garbage crematory. Disposing of a large and growing city's garbage is always a problem, until it is settled right.

The ways and means and health and police committees of the council have recommended an appropriation of \$60,000 for increasing the capacity of the present crematory at the foot of Twenty-fifth street, on Guild's lake. How great a crematory this will build we do not know, but since there must be a large appropriation might it not be well to change the site of the crematory and build a new one with a capacity of 100 tons a day, enough to serve the city for many years to come, on a better site? The present site may be as good as any, if any site on the edge of the city is to be selected.

instead of through the city along all its streets to a point on its edge. This is a proposition that seems to The Journal worthy of careful consideration before the proposed appropriation is made and the city committed to the policy of maintaining a crematory at the present site for a few years to come, only to have the problem recur later when it will be far more expensive and difficult to settle it right than it is now.

STILL DUMB ON THE TARIFF.

ALREADY A "FORECAST" of the president's next annual message has been given out, presumably by authority—though it would seem that the public might reasonably have been spared this for three months yet—concerning which the Los Angeles Times says:

It is particularly satisfactory to the vast majority of the Republican party that the president will not at this time touch upon the tariff. There is no reason apparent to those whose views center in the great business interests of the country for any action on the part of the president in his message, or of congress in the coming session, in regard to the tariff. There never was a tariff law so generally effective and so generally just to all the industries of the country as the one now in force.

THE JOURNAL'S NEW PRESS.

From the Spectator. The arrival of a new press in town I have always considered of more importance than the coming of a prospective real estate buyer. The rich man's visit is experimental; he may not purchase because the city is not big enough, the trade does not warrant the expenditure; or because the interest is likely to be too small.

FOUNDER OF REFORM BUREAU WILL SPEAK.

Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts to Address Portland Audiences During Visit Here. Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, who has recently returned from a visit to the far east, will speak at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning upon the subject, "World-Wide War Against the Big-Four Evils."

THE NEED OF A NEW COURT HOUSE IS NOT VERY PRESSING YET.

Some years ago some officials thought there must be a new court house right away, but they and their successors have got along fairly well ever since. A larger county building is desirable and must be provided before very long, but perhaps the county would better reduce taxes for awhile rather than erect a new building.

is an imperative necessity involves the proposition that there is no other man in the country fit for president who can be elected. Is this possible?

Mr. Harriman won't build into central Oregon until it contains enough people to suit him, and a great number of people won't settle in that region until it is supplied with railroads. But we think this deadlock will be broken ere very long.

SMALL CHANGE.

But when China wakes up and gets a move on, can Japan control it? The Sunday Journal was a surprisingly great paper, say they all. Bryan drew a large crowd at Boise, but not as great as the Haywood trial did.

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WELL KNOWN CIVIL ENGINEER IS DEAD.

Frank F. Gilham, Pioneer Resident of Portland, Dies of Bright's Disease. Frank F. Gilham, widely known as a pioneer resident of Portland, died at his home, 721 Hood street, yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, after a short illness with Bright's disease.

LINEMAN IS KILLED AT VANCOUVER.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 12.—William Poughman, aged 38, a lineman employed by the British Columbia Electric railway company, was struck and killed yesterday. He was engaged in repair work on a pole when the screwdriver he carried struck a wire carrying 500 volts. The shock threw him across another wire carrying 2,000 volts. He was rendered unconscious and died an hour later.

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