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nized, as their attendance in their numbers attests. After the young children the pupils in the public schools began to frequent the libraries.

Next came the provision of books for circulating libraries in public schools. Too much cannot be said in praise of this means of reaching the homes of the people with the vital, life inspiring influence of good books.

Portland has been, and is, fortunate indeed in her public library and its development. The present movement for its extension depends now on public encouragement and support.

THE AMERICAN COMMONWEALTH

A NEW EDITION of this well known book, "The American Commonwealth," has just been published. In it Mr. Bryce, fortified by his ever closer acquaintance with the American people from his prolonged residence in Washington, has made many additions and some corrections.

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PANAMA CANAL PROSPECTS

DATA COLLECTED about 20 years ago, for the purpose of supplying information as to the probable revenues of an isthmian canal, showed that at that time 2,000,000 tons per annum of grain and half a million tons of canned and dried fruits, canned salmon, hops, wool, wine and brandy, went from Pacific coast ports around Cape Horn.

If the canal tolls should be fixed at \$2 a ton, it may be expected that they will yield a gross revenue of \$4,000,000 a year, and that this will increase. The cost of maintenance is a conjectural sum, but it is supposed it would be comparatively small.

CAPTAIN RICHMOND PEARSON HOBSON

AN INTERVIEW with Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, congressman from the Sixth Alabama district, and the hero of the sinking of the Merrimac, collier in Santiago harbor, appears elsewhere in this issue.

It is a curious view that the canal will be of but little consequence or value commercially, but must be regarded principally as a military and naval measure.

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FOR FIFTY YEARS

IT IS AN UNUSUAL achievement for one man to have continued in the publication of a newspaper for a period of 50 years. It is an unusual achievement for a newspaper to have grown from a struggling country daily to the present position of the Portland Oregonian under the continued management of one man.

SEVEN FAMOUS RIDES

In American history the most famous of all rides was that of Paul Revere, the young Boston patriot who, at a given signal from the belfry of Old North church, Boston, sped away to Lexington to warn Hancock and Adams of the approach of the enemy.

Fred Warren was to suffer was political, not personally malicious. He expressly disclaimed any personal hostility to ex-Governor Taylor, when he advertised a \$1000 reward for the kidnaping of the man in the question, then under indictment for the Goebel murder.

The constitution and laws of the United States are broad enough to cover all manner of divers and opposite opinions. Avowed and even open advocacy of the most radical and subversive views are generally protected.

CAREER OF E. H. HARRIMAN

Otto H. Kahn Gives Intimate View of Work of Late Railroad Leader; Sees Good in Passing of Epoch of Unfettered Individualism.

From the Wall Street Journal. In an address on E. H. Harriman, delivered before the Finance Forum, Wednesday evening, Otto H. Kahn of the firm of Kahn, Loeb & Co. said in part: "The most spectacular episode in Mr. Harriman's career was the contest for the control of the Northern Pacific railroad."

financiers of his day, that a man holding the power and occupying the coveted place he did, was a legitimate object for public scrutiny, and that if the people were met instead with silence, secrecy, impatience and resentment of their desire for information, the public mind very naturally became incensed with suspicion and ill-will, and set to work to do all sorts of gossip and rumors.

AN OCEAN SKRAPER

From a Hamburg Letter to the Philadelphia North American. Hamburg—Wireless messages direct to and from any part of the Atlantic ocean are now being sent from stations promised on the completion of installation ships now in course of construction.

OTHER POSTAL SYSTEMS AND OUR OWN

By Don S. Seltz, in the World's Work. Postal rates of all sorts in the United States are not too low. They are far too high. The Canadian postal system, with one cent drop letter rate in cities where carriers are employed, against our two cents, with a quarter cent a pound rate for periodicals, and as wide a free zone as prevails here, with a much more scanty patronage and smaller volume of mail, is doing better than our own.

HOW SPECIAL PENSION BILLS HAVE GROWN

By William Bayard Hale in the World's Work. For 20 years after the Civil war congress passed less than a hundred special acts a year; but not many more than 150 each congress. Considering how incomplete general pension legislation was at that time, the special acts, smaller than they have been expected, as general legislation advanced, each new law letting in entirely new classes of claims and increasing the earlier allowances, the feed of special acts would decrease, one might suppose. After 45 years had elapsed in which to make laws to fit every variety of need, special acts would cease, one might expect. This table will show whether the expectation has been fulfilled; it gives the number of private pension bills passed in successive 10 year periods:

Table with 2 columns: Period, Number of bills. 1871-1880: 537; 1881-1890: 473; 1891-1900: 279; 1901-1910: 26,000.

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News Forecast of the Coming Week

Washington, Feb. 4.—President Taft will take a hurried trip to Springfield, Ill., at the end of the week, to attend the Lincoln anniversary banquet in that city. On his way to the Illinois capital, the president will make a brief stop in Columbus to speak at the National Corn exposition.

The meeting of the Newfoundland legislature called for Wednesday will attract more than ordinary attention outside the colony from the fact that the proposed fisheries regulations recently concluded with the United States will come up for consideration and action.

Important initiative and referendum and a number of other questions of public importance are included in the agenda of the Manitoba legislature, which will assemble in regular session Thursday.

The event of the week in the social world will be the international wedding to take place at New York Tuesday, when Miss Vivien Gould, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, will become the bride of Lord Decies.

Abraham Ruef, once political boss of San Francisco, under sentence of 14 years' imprisonment for alleged bribery of a supervisor, will appear in the California supreme court Monday to plead for a new trial.

Thursday is the day fixed for the special election to be held in Arizona to vote on the ratification or rejection of the proposed constitution.

The appeal in the case of Dr. B. Clark Hyde, under sentence of life imprisonment for the alleged murder of Colonel Swopes, a Kansas City millionaire, is on the docket of the Missouri supreme court for argument Monday.

Important gatherings of the week will include the biennial session of the American Pomological society, at Tampa, Fla.; the annual convention of the National Cannery association, at Milwaukee; the annual convention of the National Brick Manufacturers' association, at Louisville; the annual meeting of the North American Fish and Game Protective association, at Montreal; and the meeting of the Canadian Forestry association, at Ottawa.

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The Hamburg-American steamer Europa, which is now being built, will probably be the first ship to communicate with the shore stations from any part of the Atlantic. Its masts will be unusually high, and it will carry the most powerful wireless apparatus ever installed on a sea going vessel.

Why is it that high masts are necessary in order to maintain communication over very long distances? The answer was given by a well known wireless expert.

"It is not," he said, "as some people imagine, because of the curvature of the earth, but because the higher the masts are, the stronger are the electric waves.

A big sea wave will travel much faster than the small ones before it breaks up and dies out; it is the same with wireless waves.

"Roughly speaking a wireless wave sent out into space is four and a half times as long as the aerial wire, so with higher masts and, in the case of the Europa, the great distance they will be apart, you get longer aerials, which enable you to start off with a tremendous wave to continue sending these powerful waves over a great another through the air.