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Judges and senates have been bought for gold; were never to be sold.

#### OUR TREASURE CASKET

T DEVELOPS that the Cordovs coal party was a Morganheim publicity scheme. The coal thrown into the bay in the name of freedom was only a few shovelfulls. It was a Guggenheim attempt to duplicate the Boston tea party. It was an exaggerated case of the dollarmark on the flag.

The Morganheim theory of liberty in Alaska is to place the matchless coal deposits of the territory at the free disposal of the small group of American captains of coal who are seeking control of the fields. It is one of the biggest games of finance ever played on this continent.

Nobody knows the extent of the wealth of Alaskan coal fields. They are believed to constitute a greater aggregate of treasure than the present combined wealth of the nations. The estimates of the value of the deposits mount to an incomprehensible Some experts place the figures at two trillions of dollars. Such is the aggregate named by a writer in the National Monthly.

The national wealth of the United States is \$125,000,000,000. Gres Britain's is \$88,725,000,000. The figures for France are \$83,500,000,-000. The total for these three leading nations is but one sixth of the estimated value of the coal fields of cupidity of the brigadiers of wealth and has aroused them to a fierce struggle for control by any means, including the framed-up Cordova coal party.

But 1200 acres of coal lands in estimates of experts is that under be paid for. 21200 acres is deposited 15,half the present national wealth of crease the country population, the United States.

The further estimate of experts is that in Alaska there are 48,000 to 60,000 acres of such coal deposits.

At the most, we have so far sur-At the most, we have so far surveyed but one fortieth of the Alaskan treasure fields, and yet that fortieth seems to assure us for ourselves and the generations to come an inheritance almost as great as the national wealth of France.

We bought Alaska from Russia and paid the price for it in cash. It was one of the most splendid bargains in the history of man. The cost was \$7,000,000, and it has been four times recouped in the profits from fur seals. Though 40 years go unpunished in America, ago, the purchase was the object of satire, the gold taken from Alaskan fields has many times repaid the cost price.

The purchase was made on behalf of the people of the United States and with the mone, of the people of the United States. The treasure casket that the territory has turned as the Cordova coal party.

#### "BACK TO THE LAND" ONCE MORE

land to live on, and the means to which are very rare in the history on it are neither new nor local.

lems in its own way. In Oregon we whole of England and Wales. invite people to come and buy their These judges are distributed farms in the open market, where among the various branches of the prices are set by the desire of the high court, and sit, with their colowners to get as much as they have leagues in the court rooms of the the conscience to ask-but are tem- great law courts building in the buyer needs to establish himself on One, or at most two judges, go his ten or twenty acre farm, and on one circuit, each holding court now told that we are to be offered tion began. Books, papers, men that put forth his powers to crush her and

banks. ncrease of Oregon's population of same judge, barristers are in close election after that? and this, in the face of elaborate gestions.

general descriptions of our advertion on the spot.

can see his way to the complete use under modern methods he is fore- directions. doomed to failure, and knows ft. But just here his information stops ment cost? How long a time must short how can they be supplementafford to pay for his ten and twenty other, if exchange were possible. acres, nor if the price asked is fair, having regard to the expected returns. Therefore he hesitates and fears to make the move.

The system of land banks is spread over various European countries, notably France, Germany and Denmark, specially to meet the requirements of the farmer.

In England the act called the Small Holdings act was passed in published in London. 1907, and results of its operation Power is given them to acquire land in large tracts, then to cut it into may be attempted. small holdings and assist the buyer to the purchase of the land, and to is a substantial agreement of opinbuild a house and otherwise im- ion by the writers. There are variprove, and to equip the land for intensive farming. Since the act came into force 30,886 applications for land have been dealt with, exclusive ity of all classes—the larger proof 34 associations for cooperative farming.

introduced in parliament, directing all county councils to open a register of agricultural land within its boundaries, available for sale, giv- members of their congregations. ing all its particulars, including The multiform distractions of life acreage price, and incumbrances, if today, both in town and country. any, particulars of buildings, fences, have encroached on the Sunday oband permanent improvements. To servance followed by past generainfluence land owners to enter their tions. are given from taxation. The treas- "the people" find what goes on in ury has power to remit stamp duties on the necessary deeds.

Alaska. It is this treasure house of chases, then for the small holder de- more highly educated classes of tothe icy north that appeals to the siring to purchase and improve, it is proposed to constitute a national glasses? The hold on them of the Alaska have been surveyed. The est, wherewith the land tracts may

Whether this bill becomes law or 0,000 tons of the finest coal. not the general purpose is made Its estimated value is \$4 a ton, or plain to ease the purchase of land newspapers, and many other amuse-\$60,000,000,000, a sum nearly one in small holdings and thereby in- ments of modern origin. Not that

## THE ENGLISH JUDGE

judges "character, experience and learning." He credited them with power in the course of the trial, for the saving of time and simplification of the issues. He noted the respect and obedience given to their intimations from the counsel in the conduct of the case. of these writers detect as a slowly He credited to the English judges the preponderance of crimes punished in England over those which

Whence do English judges come? In the practice of law in England and women in this twentieth cen- The NEW HEAD OF THE MINE. The installation of a complete distwo distinct ranks or classes of lawyers have been maintained for many centuries. Various efforts to merge defined spread of positive irreligthem in one have been made, but ion. have invariably failed in that land of inviolable precedent.

a close corporation or society, of with class, nation with nation. comparatively small numbers, enjoying ancient privileges, and exclu-

From among them judges are se-T IS NOT only in the United lected by the government of the States that the flocking of coun- day, and hold office for life, or durtry people to the cities is felt ing good behavior. They can only Each country has met these prob- ber, probably not over 20 for the

sive rights.

and costly advertising of the real The English judge wields great today's election, to attempt to urer of the Iowa branch of the Mine of Oregon lands to tenfold the authority, partly from legislation, change it at the next election and Workers of America, District 13er of present owners. Abun- more from tradition. His directions to seek a further change at each his home district.

disements stand the test of examina- sum up the case to the jury after people. witnesses are examined and argu-

Both judges and barristers wear wig and gown in court, of make and short. How much will this equip- material familiar in old engravings. These adornments are certainly not he provide for until full returns for beauty, but they serve to mark come in? What chance is there of those who wear them as actors on associating with others in produc- a set stage, divided off for the time ing and marketing the proceeds of from the common people. Law in

#### WHY PEOPLE DO NOT GO TO CHURCH

HIS QUESTION, which assumes as a fact that which some of common schools. our crowded churches may dispute, is dealt with in a book alone.

The book is edited by Forbes in 1908, '09 and '10 are now avail- Gray, but it consists of a symposium should be no tinkering with the for more and better schools and betable. The board of agriculture is of opinions contributed by a number in general control, but the countr of well known clergymen and laycouncils are the local authorities. men of various denominations. A summary of the expressed opinions

> The first notable fact is that there ous obvious reasons, based on ma-Here are cited, the increased mobilportion living in large cities, where the detailed knowledge by the clergy of individuals is weakened and their corresponding influence loses force when contrasted with that of the clergy in country towns, over the

Most of the writers agree that churches artificial and unreal. There is a definite rejection of ecclesiastical authority among the day. But how about the working disputed by clubs, trades unions, the common people are less intelorderly, and provident. The contrary is the case, by common consent of all these writers. A deeper cause exists.

First in the constitution of the ploying classes, where class dis-cision. tinctions are more or less conserved. And it is a slow, half-conscious critmore artificial, less in touch with as presidential candidates. the spiritual needs of ordinary men

Yet there is no admission of any

Writer after writer in this volume calls for practice by the church-Washington government should pro- nothing to do with the preparation they insist on applying. They de- length. vide for its development on other of the case, which is set out in de- mand an intelligible higher life, ex- He was born in Lucas county,

tous flavor to life."

What then must the churches do to maintain and strengthen their Christian woman. Her boys and screams if you approach. To attract atscheme for the improvement of the material conditions of humanity."

## TINKERING WITH EDUCATION

to suburbs and villages, and but ing his peculiarities—and avoiding there by the electorate, and when so and leadership brought out his sym-16.9 per cent settled on the land, any clash with his directions or sug-ordered, it ought not to be dis-pathy. In 1899 his field expanded,

American court. His duty is to with the initiative and with the saw that without a well filled treas- strengthening of the hydro-electric A normal school ought not to be fight for recognition, and proposed What is the explanation? Large-ments are finished. So his trained joined to any other educational in- a definite scheme of assessment to ity will meet the opposition of the ly this. The prudent buyer is he mind sweeps away many attempts stitution. A normal school ought to that end. But his plans met pro- Oregon Water company, a private who counts the cost, present and fu- of counsel to obscure the real issues be a normal shoot. It is the insti- test from his fellows. Miners are ture, of his investment. Unless he on which the verdict must be given, tution at which the standards for poor, they said, and a well filled

of his purchase by jetensive farming his office assure obedience to his mental that the training in the com- in the end and success has justified mon schools will be determined by the struggle. With that well filled what these standards are. It is treasury the miners obtained recogfundamental that these standards nition from the operators, fair workcan only be the best when the in-ing agreements, and higher wages. stitution that fixes them is specif- Then came the death and endowically, directly and intensely devoted ment funds. He remembered well

to the common school idea. his purchase? If his means fall England is a far more dignified and be a good, healthy, wholesome nor- miners. As usual he won, and Disawful thing than in this newer and mal school, or nothing. Its atmos- trick 13 stands to this day a finaned, and on what conditions? He simpler country. Neither country phere ought to be a common school cial success among all districts of does not know how much he can would care to exchange with the atmosphere with the supreme ques- the great organization. tion of how to secure the best develhitching the normal school to some feated.

> sons and Remedies," quite recently the people should be enough to pro- and among and for the miners. tect it from further tinkering.

other educational institutions of the ter moral surroundings.

#### JUSTICE HUGHES AS CANDI-DATE

T IS REPORTED that Justice Hughes of the United States supreme court is to be on the list of presidential aspirants. There been an extremely popular candidate. It is probable that his prestige with the masses has been weakened by his participation in the

A wide section of the press and people take the view that there was judicial legislation as well as judicial interpretation in that decis-The text of the Sherman law does not contain the word "undue." A plan to put the word into the law by congressional processes met with failure. Yet, the court in announcing its decision inserted the word, and it was an act that will be more and more widely ques-

Protests against the insertion have appeared in three measures introduced in congress, all of which land bank, with a capital of \$24, churches has been largely lost. Not ciffe that the supreme court cannot 332,500 in shares of \$4.86 each. that leisure is less than of old, nor apply the word "undue" in its in-Dividends are limited to 5 per cent. does the pressure of the working terpretation of what kind of re The treasury guarantees debentures hours of the week leave them more straint of trade constitutes an ofof the bank at 31/2 per cent inter- exhausted than formerly was the fense against the Sherman law. case. The call of the churches is And, while these measures may come to naught, they are a reflecfriendly societies, Sunday excur- tion of the light in which the Standsions, social visiting, the Sunday and Oil decision is viewed by some men in high places.

Moreover, it is widely stated that a further effect of the decision is through the Sherman law. In Chicago, demands have already been made by counsel for the meat packers, for changes in their cases, their ically on churches officered and con- favorable phases presented for their college. trolled by the well-to-do and em- defense by the supreme court's de-

Augmentation of the present whisbench as to the proper behavior of icism in these respects which many is very likely to appear, as its terms become more widely understood. It creeping decline in the vigor of the will not be a character of protest to churches' life. The formalism of heighten the popularity of any of creed and ritual seems more and the majority members of the court

## WORKERS .

John P. White as the head of the United Mine Workers of America. John Mitchell we Barristers are those who plead in es of the fundamental doctring of know. Who and what is John P. out to be belongs in whole to the court, examining witnesses, arguing human brotherhood that they pro- White? The Mine Workers' Journal people of the United States. The on both facts and law. They have fess. Social service is the test that of Indianapolis tells his story at full

than a monopoly basis. It should see tail in the briefs prepared for them pressed primarily in social conduct lows, one of six children of a widthat the Morganheims shall not be by the attorneys. Frequently they on this earth. They require the ad- owed mother. In poverty she strove permitted to cheat the people of the have never seen either their clients equate realization of the teachings to keep her home, and her children United States out of their treasure or any of the witnesses until the of the sermon on the mount in in it. But as soon as old enough was the home of Mms. De Stael and wishes, she can sink all women in a land on such hypocritical pretenses case is called in court. They form dealings of man with man, class each boy in succession wert to work was utilized as a place of safety for in the coal mine nearby. When he many refugees. General Booth says of current was 13 John P. White started as motion," said Napoleon, "for a woman Christianity as shown in its pro- "trapper boy." His best asset was lives there who has a petticoat full fessors that it is but "a kind of his mother. On both sides of sturdy of arrows that could hit a man were Worcester sauce to impart a relig- Irish stock, he inherited a strong he seated on a rainbow. She combines body and a sound constitution.

to be an evil to be fought. The be displaced by proceedings in im- hold upon the people? The answer girls were brought up in honesty, being! difficulties in the way of getting the peachment for gross misdoing, of the editor is endorsed by many of decency, obedience, cleanliness in the contributors, "They must pro- thought and speech. She saw to it Madame De Stael, and good reason had her house, and once there he was as earn a living and make a good home of the English bench. Judges of claim the broad principles enunci- that they went to school and made the high court are very few in num- ated in the sermon on the mount, the most of all the teaching they reand see that they are brought to ceived. She inspired them with am- great Frenchman, and one of the most in less than two years she was queen bear upon the working out of every bition to get out and on. But this remarkable women of France, began of the people who ran the world, at about 1804, the time at which it beboy, John P. White, was hard to about 1804, the first man came pretty clear that the first man manage, he hated school, and the in France and she who wished to be woods and the old fishing hole the first woman in France had passed called to him that day in spring. beyond that period when an amicable settlement was possible. The feud was pered by public opinion, voiced by heart of London to determine cases newspapers and development associated and development associated when the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then and the description of the struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then are struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed then are struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed them are struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed them are struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed them are struggle between them lasted. The mother triumphed them are struggle between the st He defied his mother, and all day voted to establish a normal turning point in his life was past. his influence, But it probably pleased

get started on his road to comfort in the cities of a particular circuit a plan for voting at the next elec- knew and could teach, became his fail. and-competence, is likewise left to for the trial of criminal cases, tion to abolish the school at Mon-companions—so he fitted himself estimate of Napoleon? She gives them the sense of self interest in the or- Groups of barristers accompanying mouth and make it a department in for the posts of growing responsi- herself in her "Reflections": disary private lender or commercial the judges from place to place to a general educational institution bility that have come to him. And gaining assurance by meeting Bonatry the cases for which they are somewhere else. If that plan be he studies still. He never has parte oftener, he intimidated me daily selected by the attorneys resident adopted 18 months hence, what storned leaving after he had more in confusedly felt that If ever figures told a tale those selected by the attorneys resident adopted 18 months hence, what stopped learning. After he had mar- no emotion of the heart could possibly quoted in The Journal of the 19th along the circuit.' Pleading, as they further change in the program shad ried and had children of his own he take effect upon him. He looks upon nat, should be noted. Out of an do, often for many years before the we be called upon to vote for at the attended night school. He became a human being as a fact or as a thing, a first class miner and earned the but not as a fellow creature. He does 183,291 in ten years, 70.7 per cent relations with him, learning his The school at Monmouth ought best of wages coming at the time. is nothing for him but himself; all went to the towns and cities, 12.4 habits of mind and thought, study- to be let alone. It was ordered Among his fellows he was a leader, other things are so many ciphers. The letters and art with those of Germany to suburbs and villages, and but ing his peculiarities, and avoiding there by the electorate and when so and leadership brought out his sym- force of his will lies in the imperturbable and England. She made an effort and turbed. To propose one thing at for he was chosen secretary-treas- to Madame de Stael. Name another

dant proof is not wanting that the to the jury go farther than in any succeeding election is to play horse | He entered on a hard fight. He formed, and as an admirar says:

ury the miners' union dared not plant of the city at Walterville. The dignity and permanency of teachers are fixed. It is funda- treasury spells corruption. He won

> the early struggles of his own moth-A normal school ought not to be er, and began the campaign for sean annex to anything. It ought to curity for the families of other for distant stockholders to be pro-

Meanwhile John P. White was deopment of the common schools as veloping the qualities needed for a There is no recognized rule yet ar the paramount issue. Any plan of leader. Again and again he was de- rived at determining the probabili-Through opposition, by conother institution will make it a mere stant, patient, effort he reached his and private management. Precesideshow and be harmful to the end. He came out a skilful de-dents can be quoted on both sides. bater, a thorough organizer and a entitled "Non-Churchgoing, Its Rea- just been created by direction of faithfully to his work as a miner

His home is in Oskaloosa, Iowa. the eldest, a boy of 19, is in college.

Those who know him best describe him as a sober, peaceable, law-abiding citizen. They predict for this self-raised, self-taught man a standing in the world as high as was a time when he would have that of John Mitchell, whom he re-

#### FARMERS' INSTITUTES

HE WORK OF the State Agricultural college in relation to man down south so the farm is growing daily in breadth and importance. The department of farmers' institutes carries to the people far and near the spirit of the farmers' short course in the winter, and of the summer school in the college vacation time near at hand.

The college announces the dates for no less than ten institutes, commencing on Tuesday next. May 23, and extending until June 7. Linn, gentleman. The statute of limitations Lane and Douglas county in western Oregon, and Baker county in

A constant feature in these institutes is the department of household science. Appliances and methods used at the college are transported to the institutes and used for illus

While the professors and instructors are in charge, assistance is given by competent teachers outside of the college faculty.

One of the most interesting feat lectual, temperate, moral, humane, to offer possible escape to trust read and discussions raised by resimagnates already under prosecution dents of the localities. Often a perfect bombardment of questions is directed at the professors. So there is a sense of reality about the sessions which are devoid of the forchurches. The workers look crit-contentions being based on the more mality necessary in classes at the

#### LIGHT AND POWER IN EUGENE

THE CITY WATER board of Eugene is an enterprising body. It is announced that it has proposed to the council to submit at once to the voters the question of issuing \$57,000 in bonds to extend the present municipal electric plant. tributing system is contemplated for furnishing commercial lights and TOHN MITCHELL gave place to power, and for the renewing and

In this enterprise the municipalcorporation, which furnishes light and power to all the Willamette valley above Albany. The private corporation has a strong footing in the city.

The city will have the great ad antage, if it undertakes the experiment, that the works will have the benefit of the inhabitants as their aim-with the making both ends meet as the sole requirement, and there will be no exceptional profits vided.

The books give innumerable examples of the results of municipal enterprises of this order. Some have failed, more flave succeeded. ties of success as between public

A strong temptation is croused, The normal school should be let good financier. Refusing various wherever rivilry between public and The mere fact that it has chances of outside success he stood private enterprises runs, high, to force the private corporation to fulfil to the last letter whatever con-He is specially interested for the tracts it may be working under, and For abundant reasons, there miners' children. He fights always even to take advantage of slight lapses which, if the private corporation held the unchallenged field alone, might be silently condoned. He has a model home. His four A municipality has oftentimes found children are being well educated, it hard to be a fair judge in its own cause.

#### Between Gentlemen. From the Karisas City Star.

One day the old southerner walked into a banker's office. The southerner was a typical gentleman of the old school-suave, courteous to the point of punctiliousness, and honorable to a degree of martyrdom. "What can I do for you?" asked the banker.

what more than 35 years ago I lent big sum. I told him that when very ever I should need it I would let him know, and he could pay me the money. I peed some money now, so I shall let him know, and I would like to have you transact the business for me. "My good friend," replied the banker,

'you have no claim on that money. You can't hold that man to that loan. You say it has been 35 years since you lent it to him? The statute of limitations has run against that loan years and Years ago. replied the southerner,

never runs against a gentleman. So the banker sent for the money and within a reasonable time thereafter the money came. There was a courtly gentleman at the other end of the transaction also.

man to whom I lent that money is a

#### Portland the Metropolis.

From the Woodburn Independent. As Portland prospers so will prosper he outlying towns. That Portland has a big backing is at last admitted by Seattle, which will now give up all hope of gaining any of the trade from southwestern and eastern Washington and cater more to Alaska. Portland is bound to be the metropolis of the Pawific coast. That city's territory inures at these institutes are papers cludes all of Oregon, eastern Washington, Idaho and southwestern Washing-

There is no reason in the world ton. has the happy faculty of crawling over a so-called slump and soon goes All the people there climbing again. need is faith, and that does not seem to be lacking in quarters where for the sake of progress it is necessary to be The present growth of Portland is truly remarkable.

## A Change of Name.

From Harper's Monthly. A spinster of uncertain age, while shopping in the city, by chance ran across a man whom she had known as a boy. much chagrined to find that he did not recognize her. "Why, Mr. Smith," she exclaimed,

"don't you remember me? "I am she that was Cornie Brown." "Is that so?" responded Mr. Smith. 'And what is your name now? "Cornelia," she replied.

## SEVEN FAMOUS FRENCH WOMEN

Madame de Stael,

Who trusts himself to women, or to smile would light a room, and she

to lose!"-Old Maxim. . In a little village in Switersland a nettled competitor wrote: "Coppet is hell in Rousseau and This mother of his was a devout shields herself behind a shift and tention to herself she calls, Help,

This was Napoleon's estimate of he for his opinion, for she was really putty in her hands. the only woman that the great Napoleon school at Monmouth. We are From that day on his real educa- gree that Napoleon should apparently

not hate any more than he loves; there calculation of his selfishnes

"Fate," a writer says, "was ever kind woman, if you can, who touched life at so many points." Her father was a banker, and a particularly success-ful one. The daughter was tall, finely

waves, could pronounce a man's name so he should never hazard what he fears would be ready to throw himself at he feet, even over a precipice for As an opposite view of her character "Any man room into creeping things."

Germaine Necker had no conception of what love is, and this in spite of er beauty and the great admiration bestowed upon her. However, she man ried Baron de Stael, the Swedish ambassador. He was 87, she was 20. It was a happy marriage. This marriage gave her the desired social position at the French court. She had a taste for literature from her early womanhod She knew politics, too, and her hands were on all wires. If she wished to placate a minister, she invited him to Mme. de Stael was married in 1786,

nately for her, the period was against her. A brilliant, fearless woman in that period, not only with her tongue, but her pen, was bound to get herself into trouble, and having, as the governrient thought, abused her ambassa-dorial right of asylum, she left Paris for Switzerland before the massacre of September, 1792. Here she wrote mos of her best literary productions, and having returned to Paris in 1810 she published her famous "De l'Allemagne, out Napoleon condemned the entire edition and expelled her from the country. She again retired to Coppet, where she married secretly a young officer, having been divorced from de Stae only surviving her second marriage six

years, dying July 14, 1817.

This remarkable woman is credited with having done much to free French literature from the self imposed fetters of the classical criticism. Studiously cosmopolitan, she compelled Fran to contrast and compare her ideals of succeeded in establishing in France the idealistic over the rationalistic and thus the French romantic movement, one of the greatest literary regenerations in history, is in large measure the work

Tomorrow-Mma De Maint Enon.

## Suez and Panama Complete

From the Minneapolis Journal. Competition between the Panas as soon as the former waterway is open to commerce. The United States government realizes this and is prepering for it. It is the intention is ongress sanctions the step, to of practically, 100 per cent below

tolls charged by the Suez canal. That the Sues canal will meet the out is not doubted. That canal is owned by a private corporation, and without competition, it has been earning a gross evenue of upward of \$20,000,000 a year. any material share of the Suez bust President Taft that the Suez canal can come down to the proposed Panama rates and still declare dividends of rea-

The idea of competition between or seem rather far-fetched, but authorities of the United the canal authorities of States government explain it in a ra-WAY. They say the north Atis the harbor of the world's wholesale and manufacturing trade. The principal business of the world centers around the shores of that sea. principal trade of the world runs late and out of the north Atlantic. That s where all the rest of the world comes for its goods, and it is the clearing house through which it does its bus-

Heretofore there has been but one chief getaway out of this center of the Suez canal. But now there is to se a gateway to the westward as well, competition between the two gates must w on all trade between north Atlantic ports and the other side of the The question of which will get world. dollars and cents

Colonel Goethals, the builder of the expects to throw it Panama canal, who open to commerce ears, has explained all this to President Taft during his present visit to Washington. It will not be a matter of entiment, but purely one of which osnal and which route will enable the ships to deliver their cargoes at the

The Sues canal at present charges toll of about \$1.70 per net registered From the attitude of both the president and of Colonel Goethals, it is inferred that they will advocate a charge at Panama of not more than 1 per net registered ton, and possibly less than that. What they would like to have congress do is to give the president authority to fix the rate at anything between 50 cents and \$1.50 a ton, so that he may be able to decide upon a figure finally that will permit the Panama canal fully to meet its operating expenses, there being no evidence of intention to try to make mone out of it.

## News Forecast of the Coming Week

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, D. C., May 20. of interest and importance on both sides of the Atlantic promise to fill the news pages of the ensuing seven the Mexican situation continuing in first place.

The imperial conference, the leading statesmen of Great Britain and her self governing dominions, will assemble in London to discuss the subjects of a permanent imperial council, may have its little setbacks on account an imperial court of appeal, the all red of eastern financial pulse beats, but it route, imperial defense, uniform designs for stamps, and a wide variety of other to questions of common interest portance to all parts of the British empire.

Canada and other parts of the empire will celebrate Wednesday as empire day, in honor of the late Queen Victoria. Three days later will occur the offical celebrations of the king's birthday.

Further efforts to advance the cause of peace among English speaking people will be made at the Pilgrim's dinner London Tuesday night: The prime ministers for the British overseas domin-Greeting him cordially, she was lons, many of the foremost Britons and scores of Americans, it is expected, will attend the dinner.

The Afth International Fisheries congrass will begin its assslons in Rome Friday. The United States is Dr. H. F. Moore of the bureau of fisheries to the congress. The Canadian government will be represented by Professor E. E. Prince. President Taft has signified his in-

tention to make an address Monday at the unveiling of the memorial erected in Arlington cemetery in honor of Ma-jor L'Enfant, the young French engineer who laid out the city of Washing-Notable ceremonies will attend the

unveiling of the Wisconsin state mon-ument in the Vicksburg National Military park Monday. The monument is one of the most elaborate battlefield memorials ever erected in America. The first class battleship Wyoming will be launched at Philadelphia Thurs

When completed the Wyoming will be one of the most powerful vessels in the United States navy, its displacement being 26,000 tons. Governor Dix will preside and Wil-liam J. Bryan will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the National

Civic league to be held in Albany Tuesspecial election in the Second Pennsylvania district to fill the unexpired term of the late Congressman William S. Reyburn, son of Mayor Reyburn of Philadelphia, is the Republican candidate. The Democratic candidate is Henry Baur, a young lawyer.

Among the large conventions meetings of the week will be the Lake Mohong conference on international arbitration, the sessions of the American Unitarian association, in Boston; the annual convention of the National Good Roads congress, in Birmingham.

Favorite Fiction. "I Wish They Wouldn't Put My Name

n, the Society Column So Often. Your Esteemed Favor, Complaining of Overcharge in Bill Just Received." "I Assure You This Is the First Time We Have Had Such Weather in Los Angeles for Twenty-five Years. "Full and Complete Details of

Scandal." "City of Brotherly Love." "Gentlemen, I Have the Pleasure of Introducing My Successor, the New Mayer, Who Will Now Address You." "A Pair of Bouncing Twins Gladdened the Home of Our Townsman, Mr. Ardup,

Last Tuesday." Chinaman Wins Yale Prize. New Haven Dispatch in New York

World. The Deforest prize for speaking at Yale, which is the chief one offered for seniors in oratory, was won by Tuen Haiang Tsaio of Shanghal. His subject was "Yale Spirit." He referred to the lives of J. Fenimore Cooper and Nathan Hale as examples of what Yale men No mention was made of President Taft.