

WHERE DOES EDITOR GET HIS FACTS ABOUT KANSAS, HE INQUIRES

Correspondent Takes Issue With Statement That It Is Richest State in Union.

Portland, Nov. 15.—To the Editor of the Journal: I notice in the issue of "The Spectator" of November 8 the statement that "Kansas is the richest state in the Union, the per capita wealth is \$1700."

I am curious to know where the editor of that paper gets his information. In the Portland public library there is a government report on wealth, debt and taxation, published in 1907, which gives the per capita wealth of the different states and territories for the year 1904. That book gives the per capita wealth of Kansas as \$1468 for 1904.

These same statistics show the per capita of the different states for the year of 1890 as well as for 1904, for this purpose they are divided into groups. What the government calls the western North Central group is made up of the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and North Dakota.

The report of the Comptroller of the Currency for June, 1914, shows the per capita wealth of each state, places Kansas thirty-second on the list and the sixteen states having smaller per capita banking resources are Indiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and the thirteen Southern states.

A few years ago when the prohibitionists were using the savings banks deposits of Maine as a measure of prosperity for that prohibition state, they put forth the claim that nothing else so truly represented the general prosperity of the people as the per capita wealth in savings banks.

CROWDS SEND THRILLS OF APPREHENSION UP AND DOWN HIS BACK

He Would Like to Be a "Confidential President" and Let His Work Do Talking.

By Burton K. Standish. Washington, Nov. 15.—Up to the present time President Wilson hasn't learned to enjoy addressing crowds. Which, in these days of persistent presidential travel and insistent inhabitants is somewhat amusing.

President Wilson actually quivers when a delighted constituency in overall and coal dust looks up at him and cries out, "What, no, Woody, old scout?" or "Hooray for Woody!"

Once in a while, though, the president actually enjoys those exchanges of wit that come whenever a chief executive meets a great multitude with the rest of the world.

At college and in college atmosphere, however, the president loses his ordinary austerity and actually beams. At Princeton where he went to cast his vote in the primary, he was surrounded by his college acting as guide to the party and explaining the buildings and the treasures in a loving sort of way.

Paris, Nov. 15.—That there are in France alone more than 100,000 hunchbacks and over a million people whose backbones are bent in a way nature never intended they should be, is the contention of Dr. Calot.

DIRECTORS OF THE PORTLAND ROWING CLUB FOR 1914



These men will handle the affairs of the Portland Rowing club during the 1914 season, which is expected to be the most successful ever enjoyed by the organization.

MURPHY MAY BE DEFEATED BUT HIS SMILE BEAMS ON

Tammany Boss, in Imminent Danger of Being Deposed, Appears Not Least Perturbed at the Prospect; Heartless Hennessy Is Loose Again.

By Gotham-Knickerbocker. (By the International News Service.) New York, Nov. 15.—Will some kindly disposed person please take a list of steamship sailings around to Charles Francis Murphy, chieftain of Tammany Hall?

Mr. Murphy is game. He knows how to resign his self imposed task of managing the affairs of New York city and New York state. Mr. Murphy merely smiles. But members of Tammany Hall are anxious to raise the cry "The Chief is dead! Long live the Chief!"

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ABUSE HEAPED UPON JAPANESE OFFICIALS BY VICIOUS AGITATORS

Assassination of Director Abe Due to Popular Conception of Foreign Policy.

Tokio, Nov. 15.—The assassination of Mr. Abe, the director of the Political Bureau of the Japanese Foreign Office, is attributed here to the virulent abuse showered on the government at all times of crisis by the local press.

The young man had asked Mr. Sumitaka to inform the Inspector-General of Police of his whereabouts, and while Mr. Sumitaka was gone he committed "seppuku" sitting upon a map of China six feet square. The missile is as follows: "I stabbed Mr. Abe, Director of the Political Bureau. Why did I commit the murder?"

SELLWOOD BOARD OF TRADE WILL DISCUSS CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Thirteenth Street Improvements Are Rapidly Being Completed.

Sellwood, Nov. 15.—That the people at large have not been given complete information regarding the proposed amendments to the city charter to be voted upon December 9 is the assertion of W. Campbell, of the Sellwood Board of Trade.

Work on the Lambert sewer, which will serve the East Sellwood district and connect with the Insley avenue sewer, is progressing satisfactorily, and will be completed about January 1.

Vice to Be Movie Feature

New York, Nov. 14.—The moving picture business has already grown to enormous proportions and is still developing with rapid strides.

Girl Qualifies for Life Job

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 15.—Mollie McCafferty, chambermaid at the Hotel Hoffman, is now a life fixture at that hostelry.

Urges Domestic Service as Career

London, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Cloudestey Brereton is leading an educational campaign to spread what she calls the old-fashioned ideas of the well bred English gentlewoman concerning servants.

IN OREGON!



SPECIAL MEETING AT MILWAUKIE MONDAY

New Schoolhouse and School Tax Levy to Be Discussed.

Milwaukie, Or., Nov. 15.—A special meeting of the taxpayers of Milwaukie school district will be held at 8 p. m. Monday in the schoolhouse to discuss the matter of securing a new schoolhouse and to fix the school tax levy for the coming year.

Milwaukie grammar and high school had, during October, a total enrollment of 266, with an average daily attendance of 254, or 97 per cent.

SUPERINTENDENT SPEAKS AT SELLWOOD SCHOOL

Sellwood, Nov. 15.—City Superintendent of Schools L. R. Alderman addressed an audience of over 250 people who filled to overflowing the assembly hall of Sellwood school Friday night at a meeting of the Sellwood School Teachers' organization.

stretches more than half a mile northward. A famous English divine once laid much of New York's moral frailty to "Disintegrating effect" of Central Park. The hyperdermic needle—that new terror to the girl who walks out alone—has now a record officially in the police department of the city after much has been said in ridicule of stories of this modern successor to "knock out drops."

But some such thing will probably happen. Gasoline Row did not hesitate. It now starts half mile south of Fifty-ninth street, swings around the southeast corner of the park and then

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—The state railroad commission rendered today a decision reducing by 21 per cent all long distance telephone rates in California. The new rate will go into effect February 14, 1914, and will mean a saving to telephone users of more than \$500,000 yearly.