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Happy, thrice happy, every one who sees his labor well begun, And not perplexed and multiplied, By idly waiting for Time and Fate! —Longfellow.

THE CITY HALL RECALL

THEY say it is difficult to get men to consent to become candidates in the proposed recall of the mayor and Commissioners Dietz and Brewster.

Naturally, it is a recall without a reason. It is a program for which there is no justification. If carried out, it will be a movement that will become odious.

Nothing has been done to afford pretext for a recall of the three officials. There is no accusation that either is guilty of wrong doing in office.

Each of the three has done and is doing all he can to serve Portland and her people. Coming into office at a time when there was a complete change in the system, they faced unusual duties and responsibilities.

It would not be fair to these officials to push the recall. It wouldn't be just in the midst of all this governmental change to seize upon petty pretexts or no pretexts and attempt to drive them out of office.

NOT YET CIVILIZED

IN the desperate occurrences in Colorado, there is proof that we are not yet civilized.

Bloody scenes like that at Ludlow should have no place on American soil. An army of strikers fought a battle with an army of militiamen, while women and children were suffocated in the smoke of a burning camp.

The controversy involves the issues usual to mining strikes, including recognition of the union. They are the same issues that were fought out in the copper mines of Northern Michigan, where 15,000 workers were recently beaten after a strike that extended over months.

The strikers were almost entirely of foreign birth, brought into this country by the operators as a means of keeping wages at the lowest possible level.

In Colorado, on much the same issues, the controversy has almost assumed the proportion of civil war. The mining region is an armed camp.

John D. Rockefeller owns forty per cent of the stock in the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, which is the principal mining concern involved in the strike, and his son is one of the board of directors.

What is our civilization when such men already so rich that they cannot accurately compute their wealth, are allowed to enter a state, hire private armies, control the government and make war in order to extract a few more pennies per day out of the workers in their mines?

A LUCKLESS HOME

BLANCHE KIME has brought proceedings in the superior court at Walla Walla to have her mother declared a habitual drunkard.

Under the circumstances, if there is a recall election on city officials, the recall candidates ought to pay the \$15,000 to \$20,000 it will cost.

Huerta says again that he will protect all foreigners in Mexico. But all his promises are not worth a hill of beans.

Letters From the People... "Discussion is the greatest of all reforms. It is the only one that touches the principles of all false society and shows men back on their responsibilities."

Asks Mr. Linscott Questions. Portland, April 25.—To the Editor of The Journal—Since E. A. Linscott has not accepted my challenge to meet me in public discussion of the prohibition question...

THE HART BRIBE CHARGE... THAT there was no foundation for the charge by County Commissioner Hart that attempt was made to bribe him in the Interstate Bridge contract, is a finding made by the Multnomah county grand jury.

THE SWEDISH ELECTIONS... RETURNS from the Swedish elections indicate that the cause of militarism has made substantial gains.

A FEW SMILES

Ex-Mayor Shank, of Indianapolis, discussing the high cost of living, said: "It's the consumer's fault, after all. The consumer should make laws to protect himself against a capitalist."

Like the bride's. "A husband, a few weeks after the honeymoon, came home and said in desolate accents: 'I'm heartbroken. My salary has been cut down 15 per cent.'"

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IN EARLIER DAYS

By Fred Lockley. T. S. Hurst, an oldtime Portlander, is in the city revisiting old friends. "I was born on February 13, 1857, in Missouri," said Mr. Hurst.

At the commencement of the revolution against Diaz the magazine and newspapers gave much space to the fact that the Standard Oil company had financed the revolution.

Who Own Railroads of United States? In his last report to the stockholders President Rea of the Pennsylvania railroad said: "No serious consideration is at present given to the investors who have furnished the capital for all the railroads, and thereby provided the most substantial and lasting wealth."

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