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The result of the election is said to have stimulated stocks to such an extent as to increase the market value of Consolidated Gas, Standard Oil and Federal Steel held by John D. Rockefeller, so as to yield that gentleman a profit of $7,000,000. No wonder Mr. Rockefeller was enthusiastically in favor of Mr. McKinley's re-election, as were the other gentlemen who make a business of stock speculations. But the question arises, if these gentlemen have made their millions without labor of any kind from whose pockets are they drawn? The fact is, they will be drawn from the pockets of the consumers and workers, a large number of whom voted the same ticket as did these millionaires and manipulators, and it was their right to do so, at which no one can offer objection.

The Portland Oregonian admits that Mr. Corbett will again be a candidate for the United States senate before the next Oregon legislature, which assembles next January. Mr. Corbett does not stand the ghost of a show of election, but he will be a "standing candidate" and a "standing joke," as he was two years ago. We admire the old man's persistency and his liberality in investing in the interests of himself, but we have no respect for his judgment. He has passed his day of usefulness to the state and he should spend the remaining days of his life in peace and quiet. He is really making himself ridiculous, as the people of the state are in no ways interested in his aspiration nor will they give him the support necessary to his election. But as the next legislature is strongly republican the wily old banker may be able to form a political trust by a liberal distribution of sound money literature, provided Joe Simon, United States senator by the grace of Corbett, will fulfill his promises.

The democratic leaders thought that whether they elected their president or not they would certainly elect a majority of the house. Even in this hope they were disappointed. They lost the presidency and they lost congress. A democratic house would have been a curb on imperialism and extravagance. It would have prevented any more of the reckless abandon with which the republican party has scattered the resources of the country, including several hundred millions of borrowed money. There would have been no more tariffs and financial monstrosities. The Nicaragua canal would not have been turned over to a corporation. But it is better that the republicans have full sway to do as they please, and in this way they will have the benefit of enough political rope with which they can most completely hang themselves. When a party has full power that is the time it usually puts its foot in its own mouth. The republican party will have the opportunity.

The Portland daily papers are heralding the prosperity that has fallen to the lot of the street car conductors and motormen in that city. These men are now receiving the following pay: First year men, 17 cents an hour; second year men, 18½ cents an hour; third year men, 20 cents an hour. They work twelve hours a day, rain or shine, week days and Sunday. This is great recompense for such continued strain and exertion! but it is not worth bragging about, only by the organs of combines and trusts, whose promoters are not willing to exert themselves for any such pay. However, it is better than nothing, and beggers like these should not be too hard to please, or it may be necessary to bring over the ocean several thousand Filipinos, who could be taught in a short while how to run street cars and collect fares. Labor is certainly going to become cheaper, as capitalization mounts up and the few become possessed of more and more power and privilege. Labor can only be independent under "equal rights."

Henri Watterson in discussing the effect of the McKinley victory at the polls says: "As the democrats are cast down by the result of the election, so are the republicans elated and thrown off their guard. They fancy they have the world in a sling. They are certain to indulge in excesses. They will not be able to restrain either their zealots or their scamps. All the clever rogues of the time have got into the republican party. The territories are veritable gold mines of pillage. Acts of outrage cannot be repressed or escaped. The people at home will stand aghast before the riot of corruption and despotism of the next few years." In this Watterson sees hope for the defeated democracy.

GLIMPSES AT GOOD READING.

"Fishing With a Camera," illustrated by G. F. Kerr and from photographs, is the novelty of the November Cosmopolitan. Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, U. S. A., the author, does his fishing at present in the marine grotto of the United States fish commission in Washington. The ocean world is represented in the grotto by a series of tanks set in the walls of a long and narrow room. All the light that enters it comes through the glass fronts of the aquaria, which are illuminated from outside and above by sunlight. Thus by the effect of light the tanks appear like so many brilliant mural paintings, alive with color and movement. One could easily imagine that he was on board a submarine vessel at the bottom of the sea. Photographs of living fishes are comparatively rare. Occasionally snap shots are made of flying fish, or the land-walking goby, or salmon leaping in the air, but these are pictures of exceptional events rather than every day habits and physical traits of fish. Professor Boutan has taken the only photographs ever actually made in the sea. A weighted white sheet was let down as a background to a depth of three yards. Bait attracted the fish, which were then caught by a specially constructed camera.

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A variety of marine fishes, including some animals, eels, crabs, lobsters and freshwater fish, live in the tanks of the marine grotto. While some fish are easy to catch with a camera, others are provokingly elusive. Dr. Shufeldt on one occasion caught 45 rainbow trout in a single picture. Pike and pickerel are easy prey. The naked stargazer was taken in the act of hiding itself in the sand, one of its curious habits. Two weary hours the watcher waited for the long-eared sunfish. At last an absolutely accurate picture was his reward. Another success was of white perch feeding; the sluggish cat fish is one of the doctor's best "sitters." When color photography is perfected, pictures of brilliantly hued fish will be among its most attractive subjects.

Sage reflections on the habits and intelligence of fish are interesting reading in this valuable article. Black bass and perch are "smart" fish, but the shark from necessity is the "smartest." Trout and carp show symptoms of cleverness by responding to the call of the dinner bell. Other fish fight duels, show parental affection, cruelty and trickery. Mr. Kerr's artistic sketches as title piece and margins are worthy to accompany Dr. Shufeldt's lifelike photographs.

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Eleanor B. Caldwell writes an account of "A Woman's Experience at Cape Nome." With courage beyond comprehension Mrs. Caldwell and her daughter left Washington, D. C., May 11, 1900, to seek a fortune at Cape Nome. Practical preparations for the trip were not made until Seattle was reached. It was difficult to procure anything in the overtaxed and tired city. Shops displayed the discouraging sign: "No more orders taken for Alaska." Feminine cajolery procured a tent, a stove, two tables and some food. At 4 o'clock in the morning, May 31, the ship Tacoma glided from the Seattle wharf. Among the passengers were 100 women, betaking themselves to Alaska for one reason and another. The worst was a professional gambler; the best, a sick nurse starting out to relieve suffering in a cold-ridden, congested community.

Sunday, June 10, the Tacoma ran aground on the Yukon Flats. Coal worth $70 a ton in Nome was heaved overboard to lighten the ship. Next day the highest tide of the year lifted them into deeper water. At 6 p. m., June 13, Nome was sighted. Every day cargo-laden steamers bearing from 300 to 800 people came to anchor in front of the town, and had to wait in turn for lighterage. A lighter earned at the rate of $1000 a day.

Unwilling to wait, the women paid $2.50 a head to be put on shore. Every inch of the beach for five miles was covered, even the spongy tundra, a uniform floor of thick mud stretching to the base of the mountains, was staked off in claims. Not a place for their little tent. Restaurants served wretched food at $2 a meal. Streets were alive with penniless, hopeless people. While walking along the street Mrs. Caldwell was suddenly drawn in between two tents, and, "ping," a bullet whizzed past the spot where she had been standing. The stranger who had saved her lifted his hat, and explained: "The settling of a little dispute." For a week they slept each night in a different tent. Their own goods were the last from the ship. Then smallpox broke out, and, realizing the seriousness of being quarantined at Nome all winter, they left for home on the Tacoma's home trip.

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One of the awful disasters of the century was the Galveston tragedy, of which John Fay prepared an illustrated paper for the November Cosmopolitan. He says:

"On the evening of Friday, September 7, Galveston was serene, picturesque and charming. The famous beach of glittering white sand, packed as hard as asphalt, which fringed the saffron waters of the gulf was alive with merry-makers. * * * It was the last night on earth for more than 5000 souls. Between noon Saturday and midnight one-seventh of the city's population was exterminated. Suffocated in angry waters or crushed by crumbling walls, they went to their death. An area equal to one-third of the territory covered by the city was swept clean, the wreckage piled up 1200 feet back from the building line, on the beach, paralleling the water for four miles."

Under normal conditions the city was but five feet above sea level, and there is little tide. Galveston Island is a sand bar twenty-five miles east and west, and one to two miles wide. How the gulf and bay, pushed from their beds by the hurricane submerged the doomed island has been told. Mr. Fay's description is graphic and the pictures taken after the storm give an idea of the terrible destruction.

Not until some engineering genius constructs a sea wall or successfully elevates the city ten feet above its present level will the island become popular as a place of homes. Galveston is a natural outlet to the Southwest, which requires a shipping port, and exporters, corporations and capitalists are of one mind regarding its future, concludes Mr. Fay.

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In the recent number of the National Geographic Magazine Geologist W. G. McGee of the United States geological survey ponders the physical lessons of Galveston. "The first lesson is the old, old one of experience summed in parable, which bans the building of a house on sand." Galveston was founded on a wave-built cay or key made by the average storms during a few centuries. No worse coast stretch for foundations exists in the world than that from Vera Cruz to the Mississippi passes. It includes no material of cementing quality, is nothing but water-logged muds and silts.

A second lesson is that the Galveston sand bank was but a natural storm record, written in a sand bank. The third lesson is that of coast subsidence already learned by Holland, Helgoland, now forcing itself on Louisiana, Texas and New Jersey.