

This Date In History—March 12.

1818—John Lorimer Warden, rear admiral, U. S. N., born in Westchester county, N. Y.; he commanded the Monitor when she beat the Merrimack.

STRENGTH OF THE WEST.

Secretary Shaw, of the United States treasury department, and a members of President Roosevelt's cabinet, in a recent address spoke of the west that found no place in even the imagination of the founders of the republic.

Now the states formed of the old northwest territory and the territory annexed after 1803 are the great wealth producers of the nation.

This is the raw material, but Minnesota alone manufactures 16,000,000 barrels of flour per annum, and Elgin 3,000,000 pounds of butter.

The United States paid \$15,000,000 for the territory included in the Louisiana purchase, in a single year the states produce grain to the value of \$244,961,193 and the people hold real and personal property to the value of \$3,500,000,000.

And the Pacific Northwest is adding still to the reputation of the "Great West," and rapidly forcing recognition of its merit as an integral part of the union of states.

ITCH FOR OFFICE.

The senseless clamoring for office all about us passes one's understanding. From United States senator to corner the desire is uppermost.

Of the army of office seekers in Oregon, not one gives evidence of a hope of serving the state or the people to any particular extent.

There is hardly one who wants office to treat it as a trust, or for an opportunity to serve the state.

make government better, or to administer it more economically. The office itch is a disease and there is an epidemic of it.

GOVERNMENT VS. RAILROADS.

As reported in the East Oregonian's dispatches on Monday, by direction of the attorney-general of the United States, a suit was filed at St. Paul in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Minnesota.

After reciting the fact that the Northern Securities company is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of New Jersey; that the Great Northern railway was organized under the laws of the state of Minnesota and the Northern Pacific under the laws of the state of Wisconsin; and that the last two named companies are common carriers, doing an interstate business, and that these two companies at and prior to the doing of the acts complained of, owned and operated two separate, independent, parallel and competing lines of railway aggregating over 5500 miles in length.

"The Northern Securities company was never organized in good faith to purchase and pay for the stocks of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies. It was organized solely to incorporate the pooling of stocks of the said companies and to carry into effect the unlawful combination or conspiracy aforesaid.

"If the government fails to prevent the carrying out of this combination or conspiracy, not only with a virtual consolidation of the two competing lines with the practical pooling of their earnings to be effected and a monopoly of the interstate and foreign commerce formerly carried on by them as competitors be created and all effective competition between such lines and carrying of interstate and foreign traffic be destroyed but thereafter, to all desiring to use it, an available method will be presented whereby through the corporate scheme or device aforesaid, the acts of congress on July 2, 1890, may be circumvented and set at naught and all transcontinental lines, indeed, the entire railway systems of the country may be absorbed, merged and consolidated, thus placing the public at the mercy of the holding companies."

The petition prays that the Northern Securities company, its stockholders, officers, etc., be perpetually enjoined from purchasing, voting, etc., any of the shares of the capital stock of either the Great Northern or the Northern Pacific companies, and that a mandatory injunction may issue restraining the Northern Securities company to call and cancel any certificate stock issued by it in purchase of or in exchange for any of the shares of the capital stock of either of the said railway companies.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

One of the most important government institutions in Washington City is the United States Patent Office. This bureau is under the Interior department and is about the only branch of the executive department that is self-sustaining, having today to its credit in the United States treasury over \$6,000,000.

sided over by a commissioner and one assistant commissioner.

There is an average of 150 applications for patents filed each day or about 50,000 a year. Up to the present day nearly 700,000 patents have been granted since 1836 and about half that number rejected for want of patentability.

The commissioner of patents, who has always an eye to facilitating the work and giving the best of service, has selected for his division a corps of examiners of not only the highest technical ability, but practical men, one having served on a gunboat and another taken from the engineer ranks of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

It is said on good authority that the bulk of applications for patents are filed by the laboring class of people, those especially employed in transportation by land and sea. The most wonderful strides of inventive faculty have been produced within the last decade or two, perfecting the steam boiler, the steam engine and the dynamo electric machine and the electric motor.

As a means of making a living professional begging beats several of the trades all hollow, said an old time beggar recently. The proceeds do not seem large to the casual observer, but when you figure up at the end of a day a beggar who cannot average \$7 to \$10 a day is not a good hand at the business.

E. O. Crandall, a well known pioneer.

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The Skin AN INDEX TO THE BLOOD

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