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est need of Alaska is development. But the need is for development in behalf of the public—not for the benefit of the Guggenheims.

We have found from experience that when the natural resources are turned over to syndicates for development we do not always get the best results. The syndicates are disposed to hold coal and other resources in "cold storage." They mine the coal very slowly so as to keep prices up. They get millions of dollars that should remain with the people. It is only natural for corporations to do this if they get the chance.

President Taft's plea about the development of Alaska is at least ten years behind the times. People viewed matters from his standpoint a decade ago. They don't any longer. If corporations are to be given the task of developing the resources of Alaska then they should do the work under governmental control so as to insure justice to the consuming public.

But it is not necessary for corporations to do the work at all. The government may do it direct just as it conducts the reclamation service. Throughout the northwest a move is already underway calling for the creation of a government commission to mine the Alaska coal. Whether the plan proposed is entirely feasible may be questioned. But the general idea is right beyond any question.

There is no sense in developing Alaska for the benefit of multimillionaires like the Guggenheims. Let the people get the benefit of these resources.

DIFFERENT HERE.

The consular report for September 21, gives some information about the municipal gas plant of Manchester, England. During the past year the city made a net profit of \$226,292 from its gas business. Yet it sells gas at low rates and a still further reduction has been ordered. After September 30 the price of gas, as measured by automatic meters, is to be reduced to two cents for 33 cubic feet or approximately 60 cents per 1000 feet. The users of gas engines are to obtain gas for 49 cents per 1000 feet.

In Pendleton, where the Pacific Power & Light company enjoys a monopoly granted by an indulgent city council, the people pay \$2.50 per 1000 feet for illuminating gas and \$2.60 per 1000 feet for gas for cooking purposes.

Some difference isn't there.

All who believe that there is going to be a war between Germany and England please stand on their heads.

Gifford Pinchot still thinks that President Taft is a poor excuse for a conservationist.

There is some misunderstanding over street paving. No doubt about that at all.

The progressives want the poles and wires removed from Main street and the progressives are in the majority here.

The next city election occurs on the first Monday in December.

THE HUSTLER.

If your waiter seems a little new and green

At the summer place you've chosen for the season,

If the porter has a cultivated mein,

There's a reason, gentle reader,

If you find the stableman is up in Greek,

And the clerk discusses Ibsen with each corner,

Here's the answer to your question—**ask you speak.**

He's a college student working for the summer.

The ice man—you had best be kind to him,

For he may be champion strong man of his college,

And the girl you hire to keep the house in trim

May be Vassar's very pride, and full of knowledge,

There is nothing that a student won't essay;

He's a willing little toiler and a hummer;

You will find him near at home or far away—

The college student working for the summer.

You will find him on the steamers, scrubbing deck,

You will find him in the stokehole, where he sweaters,

You will find him picking currants by the peck,

And he labors in the factories and smelters;

He's a canvasser who lingers at your door,

He's a trolley car conductor and a plumber,

And the extra clerk who serves you at the store

Is a college student working for the summer.

MEXICO AND CAPITAL.
(Atlanta Constitution.)

Conceding that Governor Abram Gonzales of the Mexican state of Chihuahua, speaks for the new regime in that country, our southern neighbor's attitude toward foreign capital is about to undergo a change hardly short of revolutionary.

According to Gonzales, there will be nothing resembling confiscation or abrupt termination of concessions. But

there will be different conditions for renewal of concessions, less discouraging of the monopolistic principle and greater incentive to native capitalists to get into the game of developing the nation's resources.

The governor stresses, however, that foreign capital will be welcomed, but that it must bid for concessions upon even terms with domestic capital, and be prepared to abide rigidly by the laws which may hereafter be enacted under the new administration.

An alteration of this nature in the policy of the country was inevitable. While a great many American capitalists have dealt fairly with Mexico and the Mexicans, others have gone into the country with the sole purpose of exploiting the nation's assets, paying as little toll as was commensurate with the privilege of doing business.

Such a condition could not, of course, continue under a revised form of government, the first principle of which professed to be popular rule. The country has yet inconceivably rich natural resources, the development of which will increase the national wealth and the international prestige. If an abandonment of the old regime means anything at all, it means that the Diaz policy of granting concessions broadcast would be amended, and the resources of the country developed in such a manner as would give the many and not the few opportunities not so much for wealth but for decent livelihood.

Incidentally, the newly promulgated policy, assuming, of course, that it is authoritative, indicates the evolving of a national civic conscience which is the first and best asset of any self-governing people.

AFTER A NAME.

Mayor Rice at a June wedding in New Haven, told an appropriate story.

"All these young ladies here," he said, "will be married some day. They will all, some day—for race suicide is the thing no longer—be in the quindry of Mrs. Newed. Let them not, however, emulate her."

"Mrs. Newed sat one day in a public library, turning over the leaves of the directory. An old gentleman entered. He, too, wanted to consult the directory, and he frowned on seeing it in use. Then he began to pace the floor impatiently.

"Two or three other persons entered. They also wanted the directory, but Mrs. Newed still continued to turn the leaves.

"Finally a business man entered. He looked at Mrs. Newed and at the line of waiting people and, taking in the situation at a glance he approached the young woman and said politely: "Pardon me, but I am a business man, am accustomed to consulting the directory almost daily. I perceive you are a novice, madam. Let me help you in your search."

"Oh, thank you!" said Mrs. Newed, and with a smile and a look of relief she surrendered the huge volume.

"Thank you ever so much, sir. I am trying to find a nice name for my baby."

LABOR NOTES.

Boston waiters, who have not asked for betterments in seven years are asking for a slight increase on August 1.

Fred Felck of Garrett, the well-known representative of railroad men's organizations in Indiana is being mentioned as a candidate for lieutenant-governor on the democratic ticket.

Although applied mechanics is gradually eliminating the house industry, the latest statistics show that there are still about 150,000 people in Switzerland engaged in this primitive method of manufacture.

Of the total number engaged in industrial pursuits in Switzerland 24 per cent belong to the house industry, 75,000 being engaged in the manufacture of textiles and 13,000 in the production of watches.

California has just harvested about the best barley the state ever made, a yield of 59,000,000 bushels. At 75 cents a bushel the gross income will then be \$37,500,000. This harvest is about one-fifth the total yield of barley for the United States.

A movement is on foot in Illinois to form an independent political party to be controlled by organized labor. All the 300 local unions of the state, with more than half a million men comprising the membership have been asked to consider the question. The movement was launched at a recent convention in Rock Island and has the approval of the American Federation of Labor.

It is stated that an increase in wages of a large percentage of the different departments is to be demanded of the manufacturing potteries of the United States by the committee representing the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters during a joint conference which is to be held in Atlantic City next September.

Several Boston firms are affected by strikes of the bottlers and drivers which has been strengthened by the bottle washers and sorters going out. A demand for better pay has been made, with no results, up to the present. The salary of the bottle washers and sorters has been but from \$7 to \$8 a week, and the strikers declare that it is insufficient for them to live on.

BEST HAIR TONIC.

Freezing cold as a hair grower is recommended by Sir Ernest Shackleton, who cites experiments in the Antarctic as proving his assertions. His men found that as they approached the antipodes their hair became longer and thicker. Moreover, it was observed that the inhabitants of those chilly regions were strangers to baldness. Sir Ernest's observations are corroborated by travelers in the Arctic.

The diffusion of this news will probably result in a rush by the bald-headed population to enlist in further expeditions into the lands of perpetual cold.—Selected.

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The attempt to discredit and displace this distinguished and invaluable public servant on a trifling technicality reveals an animus by some of his accusers. We think Attorney-General Wickersham's "condign punishment" note a blunder.

"Anything to get Wiley," is the war cry of his enemies. And it has been so for some years.

Mr. Wickersham will have his hands full attending to the much graver charges made against the Department of Justice.—Examiner.

Kindly Intended.

Missionary (explaining to visitors)—Our situation was so remote that for a whole year my wife never saw a white face but my own.

Sympathetic Young Woman—Oh, the poor thing!

First Lady—Mrs. Smith is too young to go shopping alone.

Second Lady—Why is that?

First Lady—She's liable to get excited and buy something.

MOUNTAINS.

Miss Henrietta was not a slyph by any means, but she prided herself upon the neatness of her well-rounded figure, and when she appeared on the hotel veranda one summer day with a cluster of white '8x-eye daisies pinned against the crisp freshness of her green linen frock, gallant old Colonel Floyd was moved to make her a pretty speech.

"What charming posies!" he remarked with a Chesterfieldian bow. "They suit you exactly. You look like a Virginia hillside."

He was mystified at the frigidity with which Miss Henrietta received his bit of homage.—Youth's Companion.

ANOTHER FISH STORY.
(Eugene Register.)

A hair-brained scribbler is responsible for a "fish" story that has been copied widely by middle west editors, who, unfortunately, are not aware of the utter irresponsibility of the news source in question.

It was to the effect that hot weather had killed thousands of fish in our rivers. Any person with an ounce of sense would know that Oregon rivers, which are swift running and fed from the melting snow in the mountains, could not become heated enough from

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THE RECALL.

I would that there might be
Two lives on earth
For those of us who see
Too late its worth.

The first, a study hour
To learn its ways,
To comprehend the power
Of passing days;

To find life's deepest reach—
The things that give
The soul its strength, and teach
Us how to live!

The second, that the soul
May nobly rise,
Prepared to win the goal
Where honor lies.

What joy to know 'mid all
Life's stress and pain
We but await the call
To try again!

—Lippincott's.

JUDGE FEE'S ADVICE.

Judge James A. Fee is not a new recruit to the forces that are fighting for the removal of the overhead wires and the ousting of the unsightly poles on Main and Court streets. He is the original leader of the move. While serving as mayor he urged the companies to take their poles and wires away before any street paving was done. In his efforts he had the endorsement of the East Oregonian.

But time for action was limited. The electric company was stubborn and the mayor had little if any support from his council. So nothing was accomplished. However the former mayor has not forgotten the circumstances surrounding the matter and his experience makes his advice especially worthy of attention at this time.

Judge Fee's suggestion is a fine one and it is timely. If the council will not order the overhead wires removed on Main and Court streets then let the people do so themselves. They have that power under the initiative.

It was for just such purposes as this that the initiative was provided. The object of the initiative is to furnish a way through which the people may act directly when their public servants fail to do their duty.

In the present instance the council is being given ample opportunity to get busy. The subject has been under consideration for a long time and it has been well discussed. It is a clean cut fight between public welfare and corporation greed and the council is inclined to stand with the corporations.

If the council continues its present course the people will be justified in taking matters into their own hands and in relegating the council to the rear. There are many local people who are sorry the people did not act when the gas franchise was granted. If the people had acted then we would now be getting cheaper gas.

But our officials will do well to think seriously before they force the people to act for themselves. The corporations should also think seriously before they bring on such action. If an initiative measure is drafted it will probably be rigid in its requirements and it will not be open to compromise or amendment. There is no quibbling or hagling when the people legislate.

As for the officials it would not be pleasing for them to suffer repudiation by the people. Nor is it likely the people would stop by merely passing an ordinance abolishing the overhead wires. If they take matters into their own hands it is probable they will make a clean sweep by voting the council out of existence and by supplanting it with the commission form of government.

We have had corporation domination of city affairs long enough. It is time for a change even if it takes a whirlwind to do the work.

FOR THE PUBLIC.

President Taft says that the great-