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EDITORIAL

The way Oregon appointments are said to come labeled with J. H. Mitchell's finger prints would lead one to suppose that Senator Mitchell was settling up his election obligations.

The president of the steel trust gets a million dollars a year for his services. His name is Schwab, and if he can swab enough of the earnings-out of production to pay his salary after paying interest upon the company's conglomeration of watered stock, he is certainly a jewel in the field of extortioners.

J. Pierpont Morgan is trying to buy up European canals so as to be able to ship steel into the interior of Europe at the least possible expense.

The notice of the town primary appears in this issue. It is the duty of each citizen to attend and see that good men are nominated to fill the several offices, and each voter should perform this duty, and if any fail to attend on this occasion, they have no kick coming, except with themselves because of the selections made.

J. Pierpont Morgan no sooner completes one combination of capital, than another possibility opens up to his mind's eye. He is now reported to be combining the trans Atlantic steamship interests, and if there is any man in the world that can accomplish this work it is Morgan.

A wall comes from England for fear that this country will adopt the ship-subsidy fraud. A wall from many sources goes up from persons, in diverse walks of life, in this country, for fear of this same scheme.

Telegram: One New York man has 20,000,000 gallons of whiskey in his cellars, in consequence of which a whiskey famine is threatened.

Sunday Welcome: As a solution to the robbery of the Mr. Tabor meat market, in which twenty links of sausage were stolen, it is suggested that some one whistled as he passed by the place, and, true to its former instincts, the sausage simply trotted off.

The Isle of Pines.

There are about a dozen islands comprised in the West India group, besides the large islands of Cuba and Porto Rico, that passed out of the possession of Spain by the treaty of Paris. Some of them are of considerable value, the principle one of this class being the Isle of Pines, situated 37 miles off the southern coast of Cuba.

It is this island that the United States demands as one of its conditions of Cuban independence, as it seems to be conceded that the island is a dependency of the Province of Havana. It is this island that Nestlé desired to exploit, if he could steal money enough—and doubtless other Government officials were in with him in the scheme.

May Corn Corner 4.

Chicago, May 4.—Following the panic yesterday the trade in May corn, which has been cornered by George H. Phillips, was very quiet today. Prices ranged between 5 1/2¢ and 5 3/4¢, compared with the close last night at 5 1/2¢.

Jacksonville Fire.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 4. Jacksonville's great fire yesterday has burned itself out. One hundred and forty-eight blocks of a beautiful city have been laid waste. The loss will not be known, even approximately, for a week, but it is expected it will amount to \$10,000,000.

The burned district is 4 1/2 blocks wide and two miles long, and extends from the St. John's River, where it is bounded to docks to the water's edge, to Catherine street, on the east, Orange on the north and David on the west. This immense area was swept as clean as a floor.

Shamrock II a Flyer.

SALEM, May 4. Captain Wright, of Shamrock II, is of the opinion that the Shamrock II ship in the trial races, give a minute in each mile to Shamrock I. The trial race between the Shamrocks will take place in the middle of next week.

Telegram: This April has been a rather "backward" month in Oregon yet there is no fault at all to be said with it.

Telegram: Young Mr. Phillips, of Chicago, sending a little ship to unload 60,000 bushels of May corn yesterday, netting him a profit of about \$100,000, when he had up the strings of his corn sack and watched the other fellows scramble again.

How Do You Like This Classification?

The only nations in the world which do not own their railroads wholly or in part are Zululand, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Monte Negro, Cuba, Mexico, Persia, Venezuela, Spain, Bolivia, Morocco, United States and Great Britain.

The nations owning their railroads are Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, Russia, Austria, and more than 40 others.

This ought to settle the question of the feasibility of public ownership, as every advanced nation in the world but two has adopted this policy and adheres to it after having given it a fair trial.

A railroad expert has given us the following estimate of what could be saved by the public ownership of the people of the United States:

- 1. By abolishing 500 presidents with their staffs.
2. By abolishing the high priced annual ground their staffs.
3. By abolishing attorneys and head expeditors.
4. By abolishing competitive bidding, securities, etc.
5. By abolishing unnecessary of the advertising.
6. By abolishing trade associations.
7. By abolishing the shortest routes.
8. By consolidation of securing depots, offices and staffs.
9. By uniformity of rule over employees, etc.
10. By abolishing strikes among employees.
11. By abolishing pass law.
12. By abolishing the corrupting fund to influence legislation.
13. By abolishing report relatives and embezzlements.
14. By abolishing general unscrupulous pay.
15. By putting securities in the public treasury.

Thus public ownership of railroads would save \$10 annually to every family in the United States.

That's sufficient, isn't it? It justifies us in giving increased prominence to this question.

Small the United States take it stand with such enlightened nations as Germany, France and Belgium, and it remains in the class of Zululand, Guatemala and Persia. South and Mexico.

Advocate, eighteen months ago Duluth, Minn., acquired its gas and waterworks, paying \$3,000,000 for the plants. Since then the city has reduced the price of gas 40 per cent, and the price of water was cut down to just half of what had been charged by the private company.

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