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SHOULD PAVE THE STREETS.

The members of the city council have today on a trip to Portland to inspect the several kinds of street pavement in use there. This is a wise step to take, as in all respects the councilmen should be as thoroughly informed as possible by the time they are ready to go ahead with the actual work of letting the contract for paving.

That this important improvement should be commenced this year there is not the slightest doubt. It will cost considerable money—more than some who favor it realize now—but it will return better interest in increased property values and improved conditions for transacting business than any other investment that could be made with the same amount of money. Paved streets mark the actual beginning of a city, and where ever they have proven an incentive to growth of population and business.

Salem, Albany and several other towns of Oregon are preparing to lay street pavements, and Eugene should not lag behind at this time, when all prospects point to a year of splendid advancement.

"We're passing through the world's greatest era of prosperity," shouts the spread eagle orator. It's all of that. In what other era was it ever possible to make so many millions by simply watering the stock? The only thing needed to make everybody rich is to provide them with stock to water.

Plate printers employed in the U. S. bureau of engraving and printing say that establishment is a veritable sweatshop. Don't know about that, but trying to get some of its output keeps a lot of us sweating, and we don't get much of it at that.

Everybody's wondering what's the matter with New Jersey, since a multi-millionaire was turned down and only a fairly rich man sent to the senate. It is just possible that Senator-elect Briggs has more coin than he has been credited with.

The country was surprised to learn through the judge's rebuke of laughter in the court, that there is one man in New York, besides the prisoner, who does not regard the Thaw trial as a circus.

Notwithstanding Senator Beveridge's illustrated four-day speech, the house judiciary committee has decided that congress has no jurisdiction over child labor in the states.

As he is considerably more than six feet tall, it seems proper to refer to Fairbanks as a "man higher up," but it does not necessarily follow that he is going higher up.

Knowing that the richest man has the most indictments has not caused any perceptible let up in the grubbing for coin.

After all tariff advice from Canada hardly be classed as disinterested—but tariff advice seldom is, even at home.

Chief Engineer Stevens is the first official to send an ultimatum to the

president—he threatens to resign instantly if the digging of the canal is let to contractors. Less than a year ago he favored giving it to contractors. A changeable world this.

The city council of Albany has adopted a resolution to pave several blocks in that city at once. Down the valley the towns are evidently trying to set the pace for Eugene—but they'll have to hurry.

THE REPUBLICANS DIVIDED

(Salem Journal, Rep.)
In both houses the Republicans are about equally divided as to which is the better way to appoint a railroad commission, by one man or by three.

But all are agreed that appointment shall be temporary only—that as soon as practical the people shall elect. The governor is a Democrat or few if any would oppose his naming the commission, both now and in the future.

Well, the state had a Republican railroad commission, and it was a costly farce and it was abolished.

Probably the quickest way to get rid of this one is to load it down with some of the velvet-footed, slippery style of politicians and then apply the referendum and abolish it.

A railroad commission to make places for a few of the politicians who want soft jobs will not last long. A dignified commission of three able independent business men might do some good.

A commission has been created in Washington, in Idaho, and California. The last named has little or no work before it.

The Washington commission is very busy. It is named by the governor and will continue to be.

Washington people and Washington shippers have fortunately a Republican governor. Hence they cannot be deprived of an appointive, responsible commission.

Oregon may be so fortunate as to escape having any commission at all. The legislature may pass a bill that the governor will veto. The people would not cry if he did that.

How a Democrat, a Simon Republican and a Mitchell Republican will ever appoint a harmonious, effective commission remains to be seen.

President's Cabinet.

In response to inquiry as to the present personnel of the president's cabinet, it is given as follows:

Secretary of state—Elihu Root.
Secretary of treasury, Geo. B. Cortelyou.

Secretary of navy—Victor H. Metcalf.

Attorney-general—Chas. H. Bonaparte.

Postmaster-general—Geo. L. Von Meyer.

Secretary of the interior—James R. Garfield.

Secretary of agriculture—James Wilson.

Secretary of commerce and labor—Oscar S. Strauss.

It is stated that there have been twenty-seven changes in the cabinet since Roosevelt became president.

The prohibition against American citizens wearing a title seems to have been set aside in the case of Geo. L. Von Meyer.

Oscar Strauss is said to be the first Hebrew who ever sat in the cabinet.

There are none of the original cabinet left except Jas. Wilson, the canny Iowa Scotchman, in the department of agriculture.

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The Great Issue of Today

BY STUYVESANT FISH, Ex-President Illinois Central Railroad

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT in his celebrated "muck rake" speech laid stress on the authority for the command "Thou shalt not bear false witness" as being precisely the same as that for "Thou shalt not steal." This DIFFERENCE must, however, be noted, that the consequences of falsehood or even of "lying, slandering and evil speaking," commonly affect only the few, while theft and the apprehension of it AFFECT THE MANY. Especially is this true in this age of aggregated capital, of corporations and trusts, in which thousands are interested as owners and the administration of which AS IT IS GOOD OR BAD affects beneficially or injuriously the welfare of MILLIONS.

That there has been maladministration, not to say stealing, in many of our great corporations is a matter of common notoriety, in some cases of POSITIVE PROOF.

District Attorney Jerome of New York has the credit of coining the phrase "the criminal rich." Would he have come nearer the fact if he had said "THE ANARCHISTIC RICH?" For, strange as it may seem, some men, forgetting that corporate property is so PECULIARLY in need of the protection of the law, have gone to great lengths in ridding the restraints of law, of equity, of ethics and even of COMMON DECENCY, themselves and those who move with them in the higher circles of finance. The decision in the Northern Securities case, however, shows that apprehension as to what corporate aggression may involve in the future is a thing cognizable by our supreme court and therefore BY THE PEOPLE.

The contest is no longer between those who have and those who have not, but between those on the one hand who have moderately, sufficiently and EVEN ABUNDANTLY and on the other those who, through the use of trust funds and the power incident thereto, seek by questionable practices to have EXCLUSIVELY. This is the issue which is daily brought into every home in America. Like taxation without representation, it involves moral and ethical questions and also strikes at the pocketbook, which has been called the sure road to the Anglo-Saxon's heart. IT WILL NOT DOWN.

Great and repeated efforts have been made to quiet the clamor which is arising on this subject. Such efforts may succeed FOR A TIME, but not in the end. It is not for me to say in the words of Patrick Henry, "Gentlemen may cry peace, peace, but there is no peace," nor yet "Shall we lie supinely on our backs until the enemy shall have bound us hand and foot?" NO, a thousand times NO!

What I want is to draw attention to the fact that NO APPARENTLY EFFECTIVE thing has been done to right the wrongs which are KNOWN to exist, and that it rests with us, the great middle class, to meet this issue as our fathers met those which confronted them, soberly, ADVISEDLY and in the fear of God.

LET US DO AND SAY NOTHING RASH, BUT, RELYING ON PAST EXPERIENCE, MOVE FORWARD AS PEOPLE WHO "KNOW THEIR RIGHTS AND, KNOWING, CARE MAINTAIN."

A Hymn for Today

LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT

By Cardinal Newman

THE second order by some of the Roman Catholic bishops that the hymn, "Lead, kindly light," must not be sung during divine service, on the ground that it is devoid of Christian teaching and a purely sentimental song, seems to be borne out by Newman's idea of his own work. This poem was written by Cardinal Newman at a time when he was traveling in Italy, while he was still a member of the Church of England. Thirty-four years after, in answer to an inquiry as to what the two closing lines meant, he did not define the meaning, but said that he should not be asked so long after writing the poem to give an explanation of a line which he said was an expression not of truth, but of imagination and sentiment, and which might have come to the writer at a time when he was homesick or seasick or in other ways mentally excited. The critics of the religious character of the hymn are therefore supported by the very best authority in the belief that it is imaginative and sentimental rather than religious.

LEAD, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom;
Lead thou me on!
The night is dark and I am far from home;
Lead thou me on!
Keep thou my feet! I do not ask to see
The distant scene—one step enough for me.
I was not ever thus nor prayed that thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path, but now
Lead thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will: Remember not past years.
So long thy power has blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
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