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THE JOURNAL STANDS FOR PROGRESS, DEVELOPMENT, GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND NO DEGRADED LABOR.

### GOT HIS FRONT PORCH READY.

When I was a little boy, my mother use to say  
 If I was very good I might be President some day;  
 I have seen no indications of such happenings yet,  
 But I bide my time in patience; it's a waste of time to fret.  
 I have scanned the situation and I've made a few repairs,  
 Determined that no accident shall take me unawares  
 And if a nomination ever sweeps within my reach,  
 Well, I've got my front porch ready and I've learned a little speech.

I have had it freshly painted and cleaned the vines away,  
 So that when I'm talking to them they can watch my facial play;  
 And I've taken elocution. And can say it with great art,  
 "My countrymen, I thank you from the bottom of my heart!"  
 They say that opportunity comes once and nevermore.  
 I'm bound I won't be napping if it ever seeks my door.  
 If men decide that I'm the one to lead 'em and to teach,  
 Well, I've got my front porch ready and I've learned a little speech.

—Anonymous.

### THE PROGRESS OF SALEM.

The paving ordinance for the improvement of State street must wait until next Saturday before it goes into effect.

Then the next step will be taken to set in motion the machinery to END THE ERA OF MUD AND INAUGURATE PROGRESS.

This has been a long, toilsome fight, but the friends of putting this city in line with other cities of its class have won.

The game of obstruction that has been played successfully for two years WAS THE GAME OF SMALL POLITICIANS.

Unable to graft the city directly out of very much, they have not aimlessly done the bidding of other interests.

The holdup game has been managed by politicians who have now been pretty well disclosed and driven into the open.

This combination tried to organize the street department, the police department and the fire department to its purposes.

The police department has been taken out of its control by the present council, AND SO HAS THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

No improvements were permitted in the fire department unless the combination was consulted.

The chemical fire apparatus that has been so long needed is at last to be procured.

The warfare on Salem corporations has all been for political effect and to drive them into closer touch FOR PROMISED PROTECTION.

This game of playing with large interests to drive them into a corner and hold them up for political campaign purposes should be stopped.

The progress of Salem demands that the present city administration should go forward ON MODERN BUSINESS LINES AND CUT OUT GRAFT POLITICS.

This is the disposition of Mayor Rodgers and an overwhelming number of the present aldermen, and the people will sustain them.

### THE INDICTMENT FAKE.

This would seem to have been worked to a finish in the case of Henry and Burns.

They have indicted hundreds of alleged grafters in California, BUT NOT YET SO FAR HAS ONE BEEN SENTENCED.

One conviction would go farther than hundreds of newspaper indictments.

What is easier than for a district attorney to select his own grand jury, make his own case, give out stuff to the newspapers and parade graft disclosures.

The next step is to get some of the indicted individuals to turn against each other, AND PROMISE MORE DISCLOSURES.

But in all the Henry and Burns work in Oregon and California the first grafter has still to wear the stripes or go to prison.

The enormous expense of these methods, for state and nation could be easily pointed out.

That a few men armed with tremendous power are making themselves out to be GREAT MORAL HEROES AT PUBLIC EXPENSE NO ONE CAN DOUBT.

The people would rather see on clear case of graft conviction and punishment than four thousand cases of alleged graft.

There hasn't been a thing done in California so far that was not alleged and DISCLOSED OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN THE NEWSPAPERS.

The only difference is that a vigilant newspaper can disclose graft and unearth political combinations for plunder without grafting the taxpayers.

### FINDING OUT ABOUT ALASKA.

Mr. Seward made a good bargain for the United States when he secured possession of what his contemporaries used to call a country of "rocks and ice."

If gratitude to Russia for moral assistance during the Civil war was the impelling motive for the outlay of \$7,200,000 in the extreme northwest, it was a case where the expression of gratitude proved profitable.

The returns for the investment have been satisfactory to the United States.

But there are reasons for thinking that the resources of the territory have hardly been touched as yet.

Every traveler who follows the ordinary lines of approach returns enthusiastic over it.

Such persons see little of the country, of course, but the feeling is strong that the rest of it ought to have possibilities, too, when there are so many attractive features apparent from a merely superficial examination.

The contest which is being waged by capitalists for special privileges in that region furnishes sufficient occasion for such a commission of investigation as that proposed in the United States senate.

If it should be authorized, it should follow out its study without any connection whatever with the rival interests.

Until the interest is clear that the territory is not rich in accessible minerals and has no great possibilities calculated to attract permanent settlers, the assumption should be favorable to such possibilities, and no hasty decisions should be made in granting monopolistic concessions which may work hardships to home seekers and home owners of a later day.

Each year shows increased yield of gold and the widening of the area of the gold fields.

It is time that the United States government found out through official investigation just what Alaska has for the future.

Not much can be done in a summer's trip in a country where there are relatively few means of transportation and where the gross area exceeds that of ten states the size of Illinois.

But a beginning might be made, attention being particularly directed

to those parts to be developed by the proposed railways which are seeking governmental concessions.

When the financial returns which Alaska has already yielded are taken into account and the possibilities of the future in which every traveler believes are anticipated, it seems plain that the government should be ready to do all in its power to discover all that can be learned of the situation.

The water routes are closed for a good part of the year. There must be land transportation if the future is to show progress.

But privileges should be carefully guarded in the interest of the coming citizenship in that remote part of the public domain.

### AMERICAN LITERARY EXPANSION.

Longfellow was more than a dozen years old when Sydney Smith put this query up to the readers of the Edinburgh Review.

"In the four quarters of the globe who reads an American book, or goes to an American play, or looks at an American picture or statue?"

And this jocular taunt went unchallenged.

A little earlier than this, indeed, Bryant had written "Thanatopsis," and some of Irving's essays appeared just about that time, while Drake, America's Chatterton, with his task completed, died in that year.

Aside, however, from the little of Irving's work which had been published in England, neither Sydney Smith nor anybody else in Europe had seen anything which they could call distinctly American.

Jonathan Edwards, Franklin, Hamilton, Freneau, Charles Brockden Brown and the rest of the clerical, political and literary writers of the colonial and revolutionary period had finished their work, or were soon to finish it, before Longfellow was born, but their note was held, in England at least, to be essentially British and not American.

But long before the death of the witty canon of St. Paul he himself bore witness to the value and worth of American books.

Irving, Bryant, Cooper and a few others of the earlier masters of American literature were acclaimed in Europe as well as in their own country before Longfellow, but the author of "Evangeline" and the "Psalm of Life" won an audience on both sides of the Atlantic many years before his death which remains to him still.

England was disposed to appropriate Longfellow when it first met him, and even yesterday Austin Dobson said that he belonged to England more than to America, and the same claim was made of Irving.

But Cooper, Poe, Bryant, Emerson, Lowell, Whittier and—after a long interval—Whitman were hailed as spokesmen of a new order of things.

Cooper's most eloquent eulogist was Balzac, and Poe founded a school in Balzac's country, while Carlyle welcomed Emerson to membership in the guild of letters before he began to be intelligently appraised in his own country.

Fifty years after the appearance of the "Leaves of Grass" there is still some doubt in the United States as to whether any except a small part of Whitman's poetry deserves that name, or to be classed even as tolerable prose; but a considerable number of the elect in England have placed him on a pedestal.

If there be any spot on the globe in 1907 which has read no American play it has not been found by any of the makers of the world's maps.

### THE MOTHER AND THE TEACHER.

In the city of Cleveland there is a club composed of mothers and school teachers, the object of the organization being to secure co-operation between parents and teachers in the education of the primary grades.

Just now the organization is seeking to extend its scope, and to secure the adoption in other cities of the principles for which the club stands.

It will occur at a glance that much good can come from the association of teachers and parents.

A better understanding of the teacher's aims and practice would lead to a better program of home study, and home recreation for the child.

A teacher will be less liable to crowd a child if some knowledge of a few children as human beings can be gained by glimpses of individual home life.

School architecture, school hours, pay of teachers, morals of children on play grounds, and many other matters of school life can be studied, understood and action taken for betterment.

The Plain Dealer welcomes the activity of this club, and endorses its aims thus:

"The present attempt to enlarge the scope of this worthy movement deserves encouragement and active support.

"Parents and teachers have a strong common interest in the welfare of children, who can be properly trained only through complete sympathy and unremitting endeavor on the part of both.

"Unwisdom or indifference on the part of one will do much to neutralize the best intended and most intelligently directed efforts of the other.

If the highest results are to be accomplished for the children there must be no working at cross-purposes by parents and teachers, between whom effective co-operation is as easy as it is desirable.

"Their respective fields of activity are clearly defined, and both are moving toward the same goal by different paths.

"Probably there is much greater sympathy between parents and teachers than the publicity once in a while given to exceptional cases of discord would seem to indicate.

"It is undeniable, though, that in many cases there is a disposition to abdicate the parental function and to burden the teacher with a responsibility which should be assumed by the parent.

"The work of formal education weighs so heavily upon the teachers that it is impossible, even if it were desirable, for them to provide, except indirectly and incidentally, the more fundamentally important training which is obtained either at home or, as a rule, not at all."

### GOVERNMENT OPERATES ITALIAN RAILWAYS.

During the past year the Italian government has had direction of the country's railways.

The Baldwin locomotives, 20 of which were purchased in 1905, have begun to arrive, and some of the American passenger cars are already on trial.

The machines have been modified externally to meet the continental ideas of design; but they are American all through, and will be given a thorough test in all classes of work. The cars are side-corridor compartment carriages, of American design without and Continental within.

During the last few years passenger coaches in Northern Italy have been gradually changing type under the influence of the St. Gothard trains.

The line from Paris to Milan, via the Simplon tunnel, is running a sleeper, diner and day combination train, the cars of which are externally typically American.

There has been a certain prejudice against American locomotives due to conservatism.

American locomotive builders report difficulty in getting fair trials for their machines in Europe.

The large purchase by the Italian government is therefore extremely satisfying, since it assures a complete test during which the engineers who are to drive the locomotives will have time to overcome their prejudices and to get into close acquaintance with the machines.

The new Simplon tunnel line to Paris has brought the Milan district

within less than 15 hours of the entire mall day in the transit between New York and Italy.

One of the largest union stations in Europe is being built in Milan.

Passenger fares for distances over 100 miles have been reduced as much as 45 per cent.

There is a great shortage of freight cars due to industrial depression.

During the first year of government 500,000 more freight than in the previous year was carried.

For a country like Italy that is a great embarrassment under any circumstances confusion of the transition from private to national management.

The shortage of freight cars is being remedied as rapidly as possible.

A recent strike among dock laborers at Genoa has caused considerable trouble among Milan shippers, for the single line between Milan and Genoa is always insufficient to handle the immense volume of traffic.

The government is to build another line through the mountains between Genoa in response to the urgent need of mercantile interest there.

During 1907 the entire railway system is to be bettered, and Milan will not be of suffer.

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The first, second, and third installments on the new issue is set for the 2nd day of April. The matter of issuing the new stock is still pending in the supreme court of the state of Michigan.

Cured Lumbago.

A. B. Canman, Chicago, writes Mar. 4, 1903. "Having been troubled with Lumbago, at different times and tried one physician after another, then different ointments and liniments, gave it up altogether. So I tried once more, and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it, and will add my name to your list of sufferers." Sold by D. J. Fry.

Church Dedicated at Castle.

Castle, N. Y., March 28.—The Methodist church here, which has been some time building, will be dedicated tomorrow. It is a very edifice and a large company, including a delighted congregation, will present with many high church parties.

Rheumatism Pains Cured.

B. F. Crocker, Esq., now 84 years of age, and for twenty years past of the peace at Marlborough, Mass., says: "I am terribly afflicted with rheumatism in my left and right hip. I have used bottles of Chamberlain's Pain-Expeller and it did me lots of good." Sold by Dr. Stone's Drug Store.

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