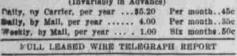
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THE ALASKAN ROAD A NECESSITY.

HOSE who object to government ownership of railroads, in making their arguments, will do well to leave the Panama railroad out of it. That road is capitalized at \$7,000,-000, and last year earned in net profits \$2,180,000, or about 31 per cent on its capital stock. The government has not operated the road with the object of earning dividends for itself, but allows the surplus to accumulate. It now has a surplus of \$15,379,000. The rates are high, but the line is only 50 miles long, and the terminal charges compel a proportionally higher rate than if the line was of great length.

The government plans to continue operating the railroad after the canal is in operation, as adjunct thereto, and it will, of course, not earn so great a surplus after the canal is opened.

The proposed Alaskan road is a different proposition. Those who oppose the building of this road by the government forget that it has already built several roads, or at least paid for building them, the only difference between what it has done and what it proposes to do being in the fact that when the roads already built they were the property of the men who used the government's money to build them, and with the Alaska road it is proposed that, after the government has built the roads it will hold on to them, and retain the ownership.

Of course, the Alaskan road will not earn such dividends as the Panama road, and for some years will probably be a cause of

It is a question of developing the government's property and making it valuable. At present most Alaska lands are absolutely worthless on account of lack of transportation. They are so situated that private capital will not undertake to develop them, unless it is given a bonus in the shape of lands, and this would simply be a duplication of the building of the Union and Central Pacific, and the passing over to the company of vast tracts of land. What this might mean is illustrated in California where the Central and Southern Pacific now own hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of oil lands, given them for building a railroad. and also giving them the railroad.

Uncle Sam has given the railroads lands larger in area than the whole state of Texas, which has 265,780 square miles. This would make a tract of land nearly three times as large as Oregon, and 242 times as large as Rhode Island. It is one-fourth larger than the German empire, and twice the size of the United Kingdom of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In 1910 Texas farms alone were valued at \$1,750,000,000, and this area we gave away to develop the country. Is it out of reason to expend a hundred million in developing the untold resources of Alaska with its 577,780 square miles of virgin land and limitless resources? It had in 1910 a population of 64,356, but it produced in gold alone more than \$20,000,000 yearly. It has vast timber wealth, untold stores of copper, lead and iron, and is the only American possession that yields tin. Its value is beyond all calculation, but it is safe to say that its mineral resources are such that its wealth can only be estimated in billions.

The policy of keeping this great territory for exploitation by the individual, rather than by great companies is the correct one, and the building of the Alaskan railroad is a wise measure. It certainly has more good sense behind it than the expending of the same amount for useless battleships, that can never by any means produce anything or bring in any returns. The Alaskan railroad should be built by the government, and work on it should begin at once.

THUS ARE OUR PLEASURES MADE ODIOUS.

HE abuse that has been heaped on the frangrant, and, perhaps, somewhat too much so, tobacco may be deserved, for its use is in many ways bad. But while the dear little, dainty women are objecting to it, and wifey tries to get hubby to swear off, what are they going to do with the charges made against the seductive and fragrant chewing gum? The habit of chewing gum in public is not a graceful one, and, while it has been claimed that it overdevelops a woman's jaw, which is conceded to be superflous, and at the same time injures the eyes, it is not on this account that Dr. T. H. Mc-Clintock attacks it. Neither is it because the innocent looking bits of daintily-wrapped and delicately-flavored gum costs the chewers in this country \$34,000,000 yearly, that the doctor objects to it. He bases his objection on the fact that the chicle gum is the basis of all chewing gums. He also says, and says analysis will prove it, that the gum is remarkably dirty. The

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gum is gathered in Mexico, and is very soft and sticky. The Mexicans who gather it are not very clean, and are somewhat unfamiliar with soap. The air is filled with all kinds of insects, and these are trapped by the gum, and worked up in the finished product, since they cannot be worked out of it. It is not pleasing to think of some sore-handed Mexican peon handling this gum and leaving samples of the itch or something of that kind in it, but that is what the doctor vigorously insists is done. He says to wash the sugar off any piece of gum and then examine it and you will find dirt, and, perhaps, the embalmed remains of insects, although these are generally ground up and disseminated through the gum, so as to be undistinguishable. The doctor is real naughty to mention a thing like this, and so destroy one's hankering after the ruminative and plastic chicle.

W. H. Childs, a manufacturer of New York, in discussing the proposed anti-trust laws before the congressional committee recently said: "What we would like to have this committee do is to report a bill that would be simple in itself and would not compel us to hire a high priced lawyer every time we wanted to make a move. We are suffering from too much law and too many lawyers. We are tired of spending huge sums annually to a lot of lawyers." Mr. Child's complainthas much to back it. We have entirely too much law, and law that requires skilled interpretation. Why is it not possible to so frame laws that the average man can understand them? It appears to be impossible to do this, or even to frame laws that the lawyers, or even the judges, can understand, since they disagree, and the highest courts are divided in opinion as to what the laws mean. Is it possible for a law to be framed that says what it means, and means what it

Sixty-four attorneys, comprising the entire membership of the Lane county bar, regardless of party affiliations, have endorsed the candidacy of Circuit Judge Lawrence T. Harris for supreme court justice. Judge Harris is undoubtedly worthy of this high testimonial of esteem, since his ability and integrity are unquestioned throughout the district over which he has presided as judge for many years. The promotion of such a man to the highest tribunal of the state would be an act of wisdom on the part of the voters of Oregon.

John D, has asked for further time in which to make report on his taxes. As he is credited with owning \$900,000,000, it will be seen that it is a very difficult job for him to make an accurate report. If his property brings in six per cent, which is a very low estimate, he would have an income of \$148,000 a day or a little more than \$100 a minute. Looks like he would be in a hurry to get the report in.

It has developed that Sir Lionel Carden, who is so profoundly interested in having Huerta recognized by the nations of the world, owns some 40,000 acres of oil lands whose title depends on Huerta remaining in power. It may be possible that this accounts for Sir Lionel's intense interest in Mexican affairs.

Petitions are being circulated in Portland asking Jonathan Bourne, Jr., to become a candidate for United States senator in the Republican primaries. This may be taken as an indication that a red hot fight is brewing in the Republican camp.

Hi Gill has shown his ability to come back, by winning the regular primary nomination for mayor of Seattle. How is that

Of course that \$43,000,000 river and harbor bill is popularin sections where it is to be pent.

THE ROUND-UP.

Eugene expects 1000 visitors at her big gathering today, as special trains will be run from several valley cities.

Fred W. Hollister has announced his audidacy for the congressional nomnation for this district on the demoratic ticket.

Charley Lockwood, and others in children present. wrtland, are circulating petitions askng Senator Bourne to again be a can- Baker City says that the indications are Jonathan will make the race.

Portland thinks it has a case of rabes. Cub Crawford, a negro was hitten

At a hot election at Umatilla, Tues- "Coos county," says the Bandon

Prospectors have found a spring of The class of 1913 has placed in the thin water 31/2 miles east of Ashinad library of the Coquille high school a that has a flow of 25 gallons a minute, complete set of the works of Henry The water is free from iron sediment, George, with biography, 10 volumes in and vegetable matter, and is the strong all. est and purest water of the kind yet

A Skin of Beauty is a Joy Forever



DR. T. FELIX GOURAUD'S OFFENTAL

was settled Monday night when the omnell sustained the mayor's veto of the bill ordering its purchase.

Portland's underground steam heatwas turned through 15 blocks Tuesday,

ty relatives at the funeral. There were 39 grand children and 15 great grand-

lidate for the senate. It is being are that wool will be higher this year, signed very freely, and the indications and in the face of numerous resolutions by the wool growers announcing that their business was ruined.

Baker City has 27 dogs in the pound Tuesday night by a dog that was af- under arrest and sentenced to death, cerwards shot, it being claimed it was unless their owners rescue them and only the coin of the realm will do this.

lay, water bonds were voted in the World, "is ready for the good roads um of \$20,000, and a new city charter bond race-just waiting for the county court to say 'go.' "

The Harbor says the people of North HELD FOR PLANNING TO Bend are loking forward to the most Astoria has had a row over the pur- prosperous year in the history of the have of a fire engine for some time, city-not waiting, but doing things all the time.

> Reminisence of date June 17, 1895. reprinted in Princeille Review: "Lattle Charley Summers has a pet magpie it to speak its name."

> Rogue River Argus. "Twenty-four hour telephone service now. Hereto fore a doctor's call was all that was eared for after 9 p. m. but now we can visit all night if we wish to, or in time, night or day, for anything we

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of the Lafayette Visitor now appears BANDIT IS BADLY the name of Henry T. Willey, and in BANDIT IS BADLY last week's issue appeared this auconcernent: "We have accepted Mr. Hart's offer of purchase on the Weekly MISCREANT WHO CAUSED DEATH disitor. All we now need is 500 White

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Leghorns to carn us a living."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WISE.] ing system is being tested and steam California and Colorado, in an effort to bandit apparently was not averse to swing these states into the "dry" col- placing himself under the protection of they can show that a government in umn at the next fall election. They will the United States. When Ezekiel Beers was buried at take with them motion picture films. Since the Cumbre tunnel disaster he greater happiness, or if they can show

30 religious denominations that belong ed not to honor the check.

Presbyterian board in this work. education the political attitude and the government for Mexico. legislative activities now under way. We will make a special appeal to the women of these states, all of whom have the right to vote."

day approved an appropriation of \$50, Hugh L. Scott. 000 for the temperance work to be carried on in the west.

ASSASSINATE HUERTA

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Mexico City, Feb. 19 .- David Guzza, a stranger in the capital, was held at police headquarters last night while the police investigated a theory that CREAM OR MAGICAL BEAUTIFIER which he calls Mose. He carries the he was attempting to assassinate Presbird around in his arms and has taught ident Huerta. Guzman was arrested at the national palece after having been refused an audience with the president and General Blanquet, minister of war. It is said that when Guzman was searched a dagger was found and that n his pocket was a letter from revo-

utionary sympathizers in Guadalajara other words we can use our phones any and a list of addresses of members of the cabinet and other prominent residents in the capital. Gurman, who is a young man and well dressed said last THR. T. HOPEIRS, From 37 Creat done Single Bus Tak At the head of the editorial column night be was innocent of wrong intent.

OF MANY IN MEXICAN TUNNEL NEARS BREAKDOWN.

IN COAST DRY CAMPAIGN Hachita, N. M., Feb. 19.-Maximo New York, Feb. 18.—The Presbyteri- With him were his brother, his trumpan church will send some 250 temper eter, and the latter's wife, and two In. touched on the woman suffrage ques ance workers into Washington, Oregon, dian women. None was mounted. The tion, saying:

Gresham last Sunday there were seven- teaching lessons against the sale of al- has known no rest, and he seemed to that the electorate would be bettered cohol. Plans for the crusade were per- be on the verge of a nervous breakdown for the sake of society, they would esfected yesterday at a meeting of the when brought here. On his person was tablish their case. The argument of Presbyterian board of temperance. found the check for \$1000 given him the militant suffragetts is that of an Charles Scanlon, secretary of the by W. A. Roxby as a ransom. Roxby, board, said that at a meeting of the an American, who is manager of a Mextemperance commission of the Federal jean ranch, was held up by Castillo a council of Churches, to be held to week or more ago. He is now in El day in Philadelphia, he would ask the Paso, where the bank has been instruct-

to this organization to unite with the | Castillo was not talkative. He looked at his inquisitors out of his bloodshot "The tendency of the Presbyterian eyes, but vehemently asserted his inno-Church," said Mr. Scalon "is to show cence of complicity in the Cumbre tragthe effect of alcohol on industry, off- edy. He said he was a Socialist and spring, longevity, health and efficiency. that he was conducting a separate rev-We will endeavor to supplement by olution in order to attain that form of

> Cell for Him in Fort. El Paso, Tex., Feb. 19.-Maximo Cas-

tillo will be interned at the Maxican

He will be placed in a cell near that died later at Lane hospital.

of General Jose Ynez Salazar in the

RECALL OF JUDGES RAPPED BY TAFT IN AN ADDRESS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]. Amherst, Mass., Peb. 19,-Prof. Wm. H. Taft, of Yale university, delivered the second of the Henry Ward Beecher Castillo, the bandit was brought here lectures at Amherst college last night, late yesterday by United States troops, taking for his subject, "The People, the Constitution and the Courts. He

"We exclude women from voting, If which they partook would bring about anarchist,"

Mr. Taft spoke strongly against the recall of judges.

DIVORCES GREENBATTM

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Feb. 19.-Mrs. Dorothy H. Greenbaum was granted a divorce here yesterday from Leon S. Greenbaum by Superior Judge Moganon the ground of failure to provide. Mrs. Greenbaum is the daughter of Herman Heyneman, a millionaire to-

JUMPS TO HIS DEATH.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Crazed by The executive commission of the prison camp at Fort Bliss today, accord- drink, M, Ikamato jumped from the Presbyterian church, at its meeting to- ing to information received by General second story window of his room hereqesterday. He struck on his head and

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