The Consolidation of Railroads.

In view of the recent railroad consol-

idations, notably the Great Northern

and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St.

Paul in the west and the Reading and

the Central Railroad of New Jersey in

the east, and still other and perhaps

more farreaching combinations appar-

ently contemplated by the Hill, Mor-

gan and Rockefeller interests, there is

special significance in those portions of

the report of the interstate commerce

commission, just issued, touching the

tendency of railroads toward consoll-

dation. Taking account of well authen-

ticated statements alone, the commis-

sion finds that there were absorbed in

various ways between July 1, 1899.

and Nov. 1, 1900, over 25,000 miles of

railroad, or more than one-eighth of

the entire mileage of the United States.

In view of this the commissioners say:

what is undoubtedly in contemplation, the entire

feasibility of these schemes, the great advantage which would result to the owners of the proper

ties involved and the fact that a step once tak in that direction is seldom retraced, it become evident that in the immediate future the ma

transportation lines of this country will be thrown

This condition is declared to be "not

without its benefits," as the commis-

The evils which competition begets will largely

sappear with that competition, and many on the worst forms of discrimination will cease. Ow

ing to wasteful competition transportation by rail actually costs more than it ought. To eliminate that competition will be to work an actual saving in the cost of the service, and this should redound to the benefit of both the carrier and the

The commission, very pertinently,

does not overlook the liability to abuses

It would lie within the power of two or three men to say what tax should be imposed upon the vast traffic moving between east and west, and

both human nature and the lesson of history show

that unlimited power induces the misuse of that

With competition gone, it might be

pertinent to ask. What is there to

check extortion and prevent injustice

to shippers? Consolidation is no doubt

an excellent thing for that eminently

respectable element in society owning

and controlling railroads, but what

about the interests of the public from

whom the railroads receive their right

dewn, a fate which often befalls gold

coins. They do not wear out, but some-

had time to get rubbed smooth, as do

nickels and silver coins. Though mil-

lions of these small and useful coins

particularly important query, though

several years older than the present

There is of course no objection to the statisticians making forecasts, as they

seem to enjoy that sort of thing, but

it will probably be better to await de-

velopments before taking the census

Upon being asked what would give

him more pleasure than all his riches,

Andrew Carnegie replied: "Youth and

health and the opportunity of making

another fortune. If I were young and

robust, I could easily get the fortune."

Another case of Alexander sighing for

After La Grippe-What?

Usually a racking cough and a gen

Fatal delays are caused by experi

menting with cough and cold cures. Foley's Honey and Tar will prevent a

cold from resulting in pneumonia. C.

would doubtless be an easy mark from

and Tar cough medicine, and think it

the best in the world," says Chas. Ben-

der, a newsdealer of Erie, Pa. C. A.

So it would appear that the honest

farmer sometimes uses a little artificial

Frost bites and chilblains quickly

ing remedy in the world. C. A. Jack.

and make you strong

more worlds to conquer.

"grippe cough"

A. Jack.

and well. C. A. Jack.

whom to collect ransom.

coloring in his cow butter.

of the year 2001.

is quite an important matter.

sioners observe:

and says:

When we consider what has actually been done,

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Fling it out to the breeze; let it tell to the

That the faith which has raised it will never surrender; Let it tell that the love which our banner un-

furled. Is the guard of the home and the nation's

defender. Let it gleam as a star, for the ship-wrecke afar.

Like a beacon that warns of the treacherou

Let that banner of freedom and purity wave, As a signal of hope 'midst the perils we brave Hold that banner aloft; let our colors be seen From Siberian snowfield to African val-

Lift it up for the truth; let the rays of its

Drive the shadows of night from the by ways and alleys. Let it tell to the lost that we count not the cos

That our bridges are burned and our Rubico crossed; That the banner of motherlove ever shall wave Till the paths are made straight for the sin

burdened slave. Let it fly at the front: it is washed in our tears And the smoke of the battle increases its

Though our hearts may be pierced by the

my's spears. Yet the flow from our wounds shall but add to its brightness And this ensign of right, it shall float o'er the

Till our wrongs are avenged by the triumph of

And in radiant victory at last it shall wave O'er the ramparts we've stormed, o'er King Al cohol's grave.

Swing it out from the staff, let it shadow the Where the fathers of liberty sleep 'neath

the mosses: Run it up o'er the homes where the mother are found Who through watches of anguish

counting their losses In the tear-moistened sod, which our martyrs

have trod. We are planting it deep for our land and our

And this banner of world-circling love -shall wave

In the name of our Christ, who is mighty to

A very appropriate cartoon ap pears in the Chicago Record. It pictures the army canteen with soldier head and feet, quite a manish figure, with tears falling and drawing a little wagon filled with beerkeg and bottles. The senate is Canteen and the house plays the plied by Henry Veidt, Princeton, Minn. flute and marches as companion to the senate. I imagine Mr. House is making music in the ears of Mountain Tea and get genuine rosy American mothers that sounds very different from the martial music they have heard since fathers and sons have been laid to rest accompanied by the sad strains for drink, but it is a welcome sound for in it is hope, answer to prayer and thankfulness. Play on Mr. in heaven are rejoicing with the W. C. T. U., who is pictured as a woman bringing up the rear of the procession waving her white flag of peace to the world. We assume these thoughts are filling her noble mind, only a few of our number belong to the four states where women are allowed the right of suffrage, yet we are recognized on every hand as being one of the most influential factors in the contest. While we are thankful we have a share in this righteous legislation, we indulge in no vainglorious pride. We know well that if God had not been on our side and given his signal mark of approval of our organization as an in-

victory. The victory is not ours but God's. His promises are ours and we take Him at His word and trust. EFFIE A. BURGAN.

\$1,000 Worth of Good.

A. H. Thurness of Wills Creek Coal Co., Buffalo, O., writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel or stones, with excruciating pain. Other medi-cines only gave relief. After taking Foley's Kidney Cure the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust, like fine stones, etc., and now I have no pain across my kidneys and I feel like a new man. Foley's Kidney feel like a new man. Foley's Kidney Cure has done me \$1,000 worth of good." C. A. Jack.

ERIKSONVILLE.

held at Lars Erickson's store Feb 2, 7 P. M. All Scandinavians around here are invited.

J. A. Berglin from Wheaton, Minn., bought 80 acres of land from Lars Erickson last Friday.

The new sawmill here will be in running order the first part of next week. Chas. Arnold the sawyer is here already.

The township will be organized soon. A petition is made up to be signed by the settlers in range 26, town 41.

Fred Merrill, of Anoka, who has been working at Barrett & Campbell's camp, had his foot injured by a log and went to his home Tuesday to recover.

A telephone line is what we need in this part of the country. All who are interested in such a line from Milaca to Mille Lacs lake to connect with Brainerd and Aitkin. connect with Brainerd and Aitkin, should write to Lars Erickson who will receive subscriptions.

A Prominent Chicago Woman Speaks.

Prof. Roxa Tyler, of Chicago, Vice-President Illinois Woman's Alliance in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough says: "I suffered with a severe cold this winter which threatened to run into pneumonia. I tried different remedies but I seemed to grow worse and the medicine upset my stomach. A friend advised me to try Cham berlain's Cough Remedy and I found it was pleasant to take and it relieved me at once. I am now entirely recovered saved a doctor's bill, time and suffer-ing, and I will never be without this splendid medicine again." For sale by Princeton Drug Co.

At an Inauspicious Moment.

"No," said the book-keeper, "I don't get that vacation. I met my employer coming back from his summer outing laden with golf sticks and various baggage, and accompanied by his four girls and little boy. I told him I needed

"He looked at me hard for a minute and then exclaimed: 'You don't need rest. You haven't been away on a vacation.'

The man was right. After a long vacation filled with pleasure and excitement, one often -returns to work tired out and run down in health. People in this condition should drink "Golden Grain Belt" beer. It will tone them up because it is pure and nourishing. The strength of a loaf of bread in every bottle, for it's brewed pictured as an elderly man with of prime barley and selected hops. drum close at the heels of Mr. Always have a case at home. Be sup-

> Red is a danger signal on the rail road, on a fellow's nose and on a wo man's face. Men and women use Rocky

The regular monthly sale of the E Mark Live Stock company will take place as usual on the first Saturday of next month, Feb. 2, and arrangements so many years. If this music had are being made to keep this sale fully only come before so many dear up to the standard. There will be boys had learned to use strong horses of every weight, color and breeding, fit for all kinds of work. sleds, wagons, cutters, buggies, harness, farm machinery, etc. Special at-House and Mr. Senate the angels purchase of cattle, sheep and hogs one our population 100 years hence Portugal, in explanation of which the brought to this market and the company guarantees to pay the highest market price for all that is brought in, or will accept it in trade for anything offered at the sale. The spring season is almost here and this is a good time to buy whatever you need. The company's terms are most liberal so don' let the lack of cash keep you away. And above all don't forget the date-

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The Bridgman Estate.

In the probate court Monday application for the probate of the last will strument in carrying out His will and testament of the late Coleman the enemy would triumph in their Bridgman was made by Samuel L. Cook, an interested party. Mr. Cook Honey and Tar is guaranteed to cure the is a brother-in-law of the deceased and resides at Holyoke, Mass. He recited in his application that the executrix named in the will is dead and he prays that J. D. Mills of St. Cloud be named as administrator with the will annexed. He declares that the personal property is worth \$400 and the real propertyunimproved lands-is worth \$500. Judge Calhoun has set the hearing for February 15 .- St. Cloud Journal-Press

Thousands Sent Into Exile.

Every year a large number of poor sufferers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are urged to go to and not always sure. Don't be an exile when Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption will cure you at home. It's the most infallible medicine for coughs, colds, and all throat and lung diseases on earth. The first dose brings For organizing a Scandinavian persistent use. Trial bottles free at A. Jack's. Price 50c and \$1.00. debating society a meeting will be Every bottle guaranteed.

The Harvests of Last Year.

The first crop report of the department of agriculture, just made public, presents some interesting figures as to our harvest of 1900, showing that on the whole it was an abundant one, more than fulfilling the moderate hope held out by the earlier estimates of the department.

The yield of wheat was 522,229,505 bushels, which is not so large by 25, 000,000 bushels as that of the previous year and is lower by more than 150, 000,000 than that of the phenomenal year of 1898. The falling off from the record of 1899 is more than accounted for by the loss upon the spring crop on account of drought in the northwest, the harvest of winter wheat exceeding that of 1899 by more than 53,000,000 bushels and falling below that of 1898 by less than 30,000,000. There has been a considerable reduction in acreage for spring wheat in the last three years. So far as our export trade is concerned, the general loss in quantity is partly made up by higher

The corn crop of 2,105,102,516 bushels not only considerably exceeds the estimates, but is the largest since 1896, when the low prices had such a discouraging effect. The acreage was the largest yet planted, the improved prices of the last two years having caused a recovery of spirits on the part of the farmers.

Oats show an increase in both acreage and yield over the last three years, and the record has been exceeded only in 1895, while barley shows a heavy falling off from a somewhat increased area sown. It is the only crop for which the report is decidedly unfavorable.

It was altogether a bountiful harvest, bringing a large measure of prosperity to the tillers of the soil and likewise to the country at large, as the country's prosperity depends largely upon the abundance of the products of

In his first message to the Michigan legislature Governor Bliss says: "Firmly believing that the growing use of cigarettes is a menace to the youth of Michigan, I call the attention of the There were coined last year at the legislature to the evil and advise the United States mints 66,833,700 bronze most stringent legislation possible, in cents, a number almost large enough order that the sale of cigarettes may to supply every inhabitant with one be discouraged, if not prohibited." Subof these useful coins. The mints turn- sequently in an interview the governor ed out more cents last year than ever reasserted his purpose to bring all his before, but they have not been in influence to bear to break up the cigaactive in stamping these coins in pre- rette habit among the youth of the vious years. Their output in 1895 was state. It is understood that the hostili-38,000,000; in 1896, 39,000,000; in 1897, ty of the governor to the use of the 50,000,000, and in 1898, 49,000,000. cigarette comes largely from the fact What becomes of this vast number of that his wife, who has been connected coins is quite as much of a mystery as for years with the Industrial Home what becomes of all the pins. Nobody | For Girls at Adrian, has observed that hoards cents. Nobody melts them a large proportion of the girls who are sent to that institution are habitual users of the cigarette and that it is how they disappear before they have rare that any of the class of girls respond to efforts for reformation. Governor Bliss' efforts in this direction are highly commendable, but it has been are minted yearly, there is always a the experience of other states that prodemand for them for the convenience hibitive laws have been unable to acof business and frequently an actual complish much good. If parents and shortage. What becomes of all the guardians of children would take hold bronze cents is an interesting if not and help existing laws might be enforced, and until they more generally taking the pennies in the aggregate it do so further legislation would appear to be of little use.

The Armour Packing company at Statistician Robert P. Porter calculates that if things go on during the Kansas City has lately purchased 25,tention will be paid on this date to the present century as they did in the past 000 tons of common salt at Lisbon, will be about 300,000,000. On the oth- purchasing agent says: "Instead of er hand, if the fight for life should get | buying salt 200 miles from Kansas City hotter and the young folks should con- at \$6 a ton we have sent more than clude not to get married until they are 5,000 miles to another country for it, and, after paying steamer and freight average marriage age the effect upon rates and a duty of 8 cents a hundred, the population would be quite different. we are still able to save money. This shows what an outrageous profit the salt trust makes in this country." Here is a notable instance of the pot calling the kettle black.

> The asphalt row with Venezuela appears to be based on the proposition that a government which sells exclusive privileges to outsiders cannot sell the same exclusive privilege to more than one person or company for the same period of time. The proposition looks reasonable enough, but it seems to require the service of gunboats for a clear interpretation of it in Venezuela.

> The British Columbia contingent of volunteers for South Africa learns that it will be compelled to provide for its own transportation and for this reason has decided to remain at home. Everything considered this resolution seems to be the part of wisdom.

If England's coal supply will be exhausted by 1960, as some authorities predict, how long will it take to exhaust the country's gold supply at the If some one should kidnap the Duke of Manchester, Papa Zimmerman present rate of cost of the Boer war?

If the Chinese negotiations should be transferred from Peking to Washing-"I have always used Foley's Honey ton we might have again with us our old friend El Hung Chang. That, of course, would be delightful.

> If the people of Mars are signaling to the earth, let them go ahead and tell what they want. Perhaps we may be able to accommodate them.

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