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the best scheme of human affairs; an intimate social relation that bespeaks the utmost and kindest consideration always, and particularly when the contact is fixed by the happier conventions of an organized meeting such as this, when people have traveled far to meet and know us on our own ground.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Andrew Carnegie deserves the cross of the Legion of Honor. It takes a lot of courage to gather so many men and women together and give them permission to talk unreservedly. He should have had the Victoria Cross as well.

"Women are learning every day new methods of expressing themselves," said Mr. Henrotin at the peace congress. And yet the ladies wondered why the men rushed joyously away to war with a smile upon their lips.

Just a couple more to add to "Demencia Americana," "Brain Storm," "Exaggerate Ego," "Pittsburgh Paranoia," and "Where do I Stand," and we will have a vocabulary sufficient to worry through the summer.

Happy to see that the Rev. Mr. Aked's plan of campaign doesn't exclude Mr. Rockleller from attendance among the working people at the fifth Avenue Church if he desires to come.

This peace conference was a great success—there was not a single casualty notwithstanding the ruddy gore premonitions that copper out now and again.

The seat of Bourbon county, Ky., has gone wet by a majority of 257. Like a settlement known as Forty Rod old Bourbon has a reputation to maintain.

General disarmament of the Italians may not help the cause of universal peace much, but it will make them feel a lot safer in New York.

One fact is clear in the Cuban situation. The withdrawal of the United States forces will be quickly followed by a hurry call for their return.

England received 5,000,000 in "death duties"—a tax on possessions of those dying—last year. A real good epidemic would enrich the State.

The wheat crop in the United States is promising beyond the average. Uncle Sam has the prospect of another year of great harvests.

The earth is all a quake. But we oughtn't take it too seriously. It may be only shaking with one of the other planets for the drinks.

A man in Madison, Wis., discovered a comet from his back yard. Little hope for Manhattan astronomers—back yards too small.

Senator Foraker's grievance is that the president has volunteered to hold Secretary Taft's coat while the fight is on in Ohio.

States without a favorite son lead a quieter life than those provided with two or more.

The ugly, short-wood class will please stand up again and be counted.

The police are carrying the war into Corsica and Sardinia.

A small belligerent wanted to call out the preserves.

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It's about time for another little dab of snow.

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President Roosevelt has answered, fully, explicitly, dignifiedly, the formal demand made upon him to account for his estimate of Moyer-Heywood-Pettibone faction, and the answer is in the public prints of the world. There is no temporizing, no juggling with terms, no harshness; nothing but straightforward declaration that fits the case to a nicety. He has cleverly turned the weight of the plea of the complainers against themselves and smashed their hypothesis completely.

The situation has been cleared of every particle of ambiguity and the federation that has championed the cause of the men under indictment in Idaho, have themselves to thank for being thrust in a hole of their own digging. They have gone to such lengths to declare the innocence of the three men, before trial, as to create public and tacit belief in their guilt, and the letter of President Roosevelt to Honors Jackson will not relieve the ambiguity a little bit. The assumption, that, simply because these men were members of a given federation of labor, they were guiltless of the charges preferred, has been the tone and text of the plea set up for them for months past; and now they will go into court minus the very quality they would have possessed had it not been for their "fool friends."

RIVER, RAIL AND SEA.

There is not on all the Western coast a place so happily situated for terminal facilities, as the City of Astoria; and now that the giants of the transportation world have announced the "open sesame," the last and best point is to be utilized in perfecting its application to the commercial exigencies of the hour.

Built upon a long peninsula, upon two fine bays, at the mouths of three navigable rivers and within 12 miles of deep blue water, this city is naturally equipped as few others are anywhere in the world and the combination of river, rail and sea, is to work marvels in the early future of the great Northwest.

With such natural advantages as are at hand here, with men and money to force the utter utility of each and all of them, and the co-ordinate, well-directed, unflagging activity of the people next and nearest to the immense benefits in sight, there is no reason why Astoria, within the first decade of the present century, should not reach a commanding position in the world of commerce, second to none on the coast, from Behring Sea to San Diego harbor.

THE GLAD-HANDS ARE OUT.

Astoria and Clatsop have their friendliest hands out in greeting to the teachers of the young; they are proud of their presence and prouder of their purposes; they are confident of the good that will result from the institute and realize all it means to the home people, big and little, alike. It is hoped the visitors will not know a dubious moment during their stay and that the sun will shine beneficently upon them all the time. It is hard to frame a kindlier wish than this, for the sunshine of Astoria is accepted as an unconditional blessing at all times, especially thus early in the season.

This city and county have scores of clever people in this line, themselves, and must judge the craft by the assured and excellent quality of their own, a predicate that seems fair and honest to all concerned, and one not likely to be disputed. To us, as to all men, the teacher is the trustee of the family and entirely indispensable in