THE BIG EXCURSION.

PREPARATIONS MAKING TO WELCOME THE VISITORS.

Rough Draft of a Programme for Entertainment Next Friday Night and Saturday Prepared at the Conference Yesterday.

In the Post editorial rooms yesterday afternoon some of the most active business men of Houston assembled to confer together as to the best manner of entertaining the people who will arrive in Houston next Friday night.

The rate given by the Houston and Texas Central railway is so very liberal that people in large numbers will no doubt take advantage of the excursion to visit Houston, and that they will be welcomed in an acceptable manner goes without saying. With the delegates to the Grand Lodge of Masons, who will be here at the same time, the city will be well filled with Texas people who dwell beyond its borders, and who will find no excessive charge for anything.

The meeting was organized by the election of Hon. John T. Browne, mayor of the city, as chairman, and the object of the assemblage was fully stated. The speaker took occasion to say, also, that a necessity for organization existed, in order that proper attention might be paid the strangers within our gates; that this will be a trades excursion, belonging to merchants and other business men, and should be turned over to them. It has been suggested by railroad officials that if our people properly take hold of this excursion, which they consider as experimental, and make a success of it the roads will in the future run others; but if this were to prove a failure they would simply let the matter drop. When these people come here they should receive courteous attention, such as Houston knows so well how to bestow, and others will follow.

General Passenger Agent Robins of the Central was present, and explained that when the excursion was run to Dallas the merchants advertised it, but so much was not demanded of Houston. Merchants had not guaranteed that trains run should earn so much, but this is not asked here. To Fort Worth the road had carried 370 people, and Waco proposes as an inducement that the stores shall be closed and a trades display made—but that city is off the line of the road. He said so far as excursions go, his line could run an excursion to Galveston any day. If this excursion prove a success, he said, it might be repeated at short intervals, and he felt assured in that event that the Southern Pacific would run them too. This excursion, too, takes in the main line from Illinois to Houston and Gulf, the Austin branch to Brenham also said he deemed it advisable to at once go ahead with advertising, and thought an advertisement should be prepared for Sunday.

Mr. Ed Kiam said the first thing to do is to see how much money can be secured, and a committee should be at once appointed for that purpose. We have no time to lose.

Mr. J. H. Watson said he had talked with a good many people about this matter, and they think it can be done without a hitch provided—that the town possesses sufficient attractions. It should now be determined whether we will simply take our visitors by the hand and say we are glad to see them or prepare to more elaborately entertain them. He suggested the idea of a band of music, decoration of stores and show windows and did not think an attempt at elaboration that would cost a great deal would prove more effective than a less ostentatious but more hearty welcome.

Mayor Browne from the chair suggested the appointment of a committee on comfort, and also that plans should be adopted to show people the city and its industries—to concentrate all mills, shops, breweries, dairies and the bayou front would interest them, and he thought a succession to Mr. Robins of an illumination of the city a good one. He suggested a torchlight display and an illuminated arch. The Navigation company would perhaps be willing to furnish barges for a trip down to Constitution Point to show how cotton is shipped down the stream and was satisfied the railroads would charge nothing for a train to run around the city and thus exhibit many of the industries.

Mr. Johnston suggested that one of the things for the committee to consider is a fine market display, to secure which a premium might be offered for the best decorations. The finest thing Houston has is the market. You may go everywhere and see business and manufactories, but in this meat track farming country and nowhere else can such display be seen as is witnessed here.

A motion that it is the sense of the meeting that the executive committee have full power to act was adopted.

Mr. Lidstone moved that the executive committee should meet in The Post editorial room at 10 a. m. on Saturday, but Mr. Watson would not have this so precipitate to keep the ball moving and called the committee meeting immediately on adjournment of the conference.

This understanding adjournment was had.

The discussion in the committee meeting was quite interesting and resulted in the adoption in the rough of a programme and the appointment of committees to carry it out.

It was determined that a committee of six should be appointed to visit merchants and others and induce them to illuminate their houses Friday night and to decorate their show windows—this to obtain on all the business streets. The chair appointed Mr. Ed Cockrell chairman; W. H. Street, Chas. F. Parker, E. C. Crawford, H. W. Schutte and H. W. Gaines on motion H. Prince was added.

The same gentlemen were appointed a committee on finance, with G. W. Gaines as treasurer.

Mayor Browne was appointed chairman of a committee on display of the fire department, with power to select members of his committee.

H. P. MacGregor was made chairman (and committee likewise) on electric street car display, with understanding that as free passes are company such display.

H. O. Lidstone was appointed chairman of a committee on reception and comfort, to select its own committees. Committee on special attraction at the theater for those who desire to attend—E. Bergman, chairman, Ed Kiam, J. L. Watson.

Otto Erichson, chairman of committee on market display, to select his own committee. He is authorized to offer a prize each for the best decorated meat, vegetable, fish and fruit stalls, his committee to judge as to who are entitled to the prizes.

John Howard was appointed a committee on concert Sunday afternoon, December 3, at Houston Heights.

Ed Kiam was made a committee of one to have from 20,000 to 25,000 copies of the programme printed for distribution along the lines of the Houston and Texas Central railway.

This programme in the rough, and subject to be added to should it be deemed advisable is as follows:

FRIDAY.

4:30 p. m.—Reception of visitors whom the committee on comfort will direct to hotels and boarding houses.

6 p. m.—Supper time.

7 to 8 p. m.—Illumination of business houses, with concert and pyrotechnic display.

8:30 p. m.—Theatrical performance for those who desire to attend.

SATURDAY.

12 m.—Fire department display, after which inspection of the Magnolia brewery.

2 p. m.—Matinee at the opera house.

2:30 to 4 p. m.—Market house display.

7 to 9 p. m.—Electric street car display.

11 a. m. to 1 p. m.—Exhibit of typewriting machines in composing room of the Houston Post.

Other features will doubtless be added at the next meeting of the executive committee.

At the excursion will be a great success in point of numbers is placed beyond doubt by the statement of Vice President Quinlan of the Houston and Texas Central railway, that he is already so well informed as to doubt the capacity of the excursion trains to carry the people. In view of this fact it is all the more important that accommodations shall be provided as far as possible in advance and that the committee on comfort shall know where people may find homes while they remain in Houston. In the meantime, it is suggested that all who can board and lodge strangers, either boarding houses or private families, write upon a postal card their address, giving name and street and number, the number of rooms and accommodations, with rates, and mail the same as early as practicable to H. R. Warner, care of Houston Post.

People who can furnish lodgings without board are also requested to give notice of the fact in the same way. Proprietors of hotels are likewise requested to state the number of people they can accommodate and their rates.

If anybody thinks this is not going to be a big thing before it is done with, let him start his name on paper and see how the thing pans out. On Friday next the stranger will be within our gates, and his number will be legion.

CITY BREVITIES.

Mr. E. Raphael, manager of the Houston Cleaning House, reports the bank movement for December 1, 1893, at $1,522.-80.

The Knights of Ivanhoe will confer a degree tonight at the Masonic Temple. All Knights Templar are entitled to the degree free of cost.

The family of the late John Weber desire to return thanks to their friends for the kind and sympathetic attention rendered during his late illness.

The committee on work of the Grand Chapter confined its labors yesterday to the Royal Arch degree, and had no accession to the members before it.

Mandate in the Louis Wallace case, awaited to murder, has come down. He was jointly indicted with Alex Gordon, and given life sentences, reversed and remanded.

Last night the Young People's Social Union met in regular Friday session at the First Baptist church, and the evening was thoroughly well enjoyed by both young and old.

The mad ox was cut at the corner of Travis and Andrews streets last night and people crowded the sidewalks to the hazarding of complaints. The health or police department should look after this at once.

One of the pleasing events of Thanksgiving Day was the evening of song at the First Baptist church. Miss Blecker took the leading part, and the large audience was charmed by her cultured and charming vocalization.

"Aunt Jerusha's Family Album" will have a full dress rehearsal at the Capitol Hotel tonight. Every person connected with the production of this album next Tuesday is earnestly requested to be promptly on hand at 8 o'clock.

Miss Campbell's boys' club in the Fourth ward church is prospering. A room has been fitted, some gymnastic fixtures have been put up and some books put on the shelves, all of which the boys highly appreciate.

The Ananias club met Thursday night in annual session. The old hatchet was found to be in such dilapidated condition as to be unfit for further service, and when by unanimous vote Charley Winkler was declared entitled to the prize the president, on behalf of the club, presented him with a new one of the most approved pattern.

The mattress factory at Houston Heights is now in full blast, under the proprietorship of A. F. Avery & Co., and large orders are on file for springs, mattresses and excelsior. The other is being manufactured of both silk and hemp floss. The new and improved machinery for the manufacture of excelsior affords a considerable number of hands are employed, and it is thought the force will soon have to be increased.

The school teachers convention will assemble this morning at 9:45 o'clock in the high school rooms on Congress avenue. A good deal of interest is felt in the address to be delivered, as many teachers from numerous surrounding places are already here and others are expected this morning. An excellent programme has been prepared for the meeting and much good is anticipated from the gathering.

The Angelina and Sabine Texas Land and Improvement Company are collecting specimens of the products of the different institutions established at Houston Heights and have a couple of two or three kinds of excelsior on exhibition in their office. They will also have samples of the products of the Consumer's Oil Mill company, one of the thriving industries of Houston Heights, at their headquarters in the Hutchins House block today.

An excursion to La Porte left on the road yesterday morning. The excursionists arrived in town at 10 a. m. Saturday, and the train was held until 3 o'clock to accommodate them. The excursion was in charge of Colonel A. M. York and his son, E. H. York. Most of them were from Quincy, Ill., and Missouri. Including the regular passengers, 170 were down yesterday, the Express had thirty-seven people on board bound for La Porte.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss H. Fisher of Nevasota is a guest in the city.

W. E. Haralson of Austin was in Houston yesterday.

E. C. Stedman is in from a business trip through the towns.

Miss H. Thornhill of Calvert is spending the day in Houston.

Miss M. C. Doty of Hempstead was among yesterday's arrivals.

Mr. A. Sadler of Memphis, Tenn., has returned from a visit to Cedar Bayou.

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Real Estate Transfers.

W. B. Lawrance to Ann Pizzi, lot 14, block 37, La Porte	$1
J. R. Holmes to Ann Pizzi, lots 13 and 23 block 37, in town of La Porte	750
M. L. Minton to Jno. W. Alexander and A. H. Blackwell, lots 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 in town of La Porte	150
Carmelo Arnetta and husband to Joe J. Kaufman, lot 12 in block 8, of the sub-division of 10-acre lot 7, in the J. S. Holman survey, south side of Buffalo bayou, city of Houston	150
Total	$651

A Sudden Death.

Yesterday morning one Harry, better known as Sam Sick, a well known colored man, walked into the Bell Top saloon where for several days he was the guest of Dr. George A. Smith.

T. J. Paine of Calvert came down yesterday and is in the city today.

R. M. Brown, a prominent lawyer of Wharton, was in the city yesterday.

Hon. W. Middlebrook of Columbus was registered in Houston yesterday.

Major Seabrook Rather returned yesterday from a short visit to Galveston.

H. P. Estill, professor of languages at the Sam Houston normal, is in the city.

Captain B. W. Hall is back from a business trip to his old home in Montgomery, Ala.

C. G. Woodbridge and wife and Miss K. Bentham came up yesterday from La Porte.

Miss Annie Warner is at home again after a two weeks visit to relatives in Rockdale.

A. C. Watson and B. McDonald, well known Austin architects, spent yesterday in Houston.

Dr. Louis F. Rehlmann returned last night after a month's business trip spent in Central Texas.

C. E. Tennant went to La Porte last night with E. M. Hall, who had spent the day in the city.

T. P. Buffington has gone to Anderson to attend to business in the courts during the illness of his father.

Messrs. E. A. and J. G. Kirkland of La Porte were in the city yesterday. The latter gentleman was the proprietor of one of the stores burned in La Porte recently. He has built a new store and stocked it with goods since that time, which is one way few men thus serve. This shows a regular Chicago move in the way of enterprise.

FOURTH WARD NORTH.

What Happened on the North Side of the Bayou Yesterday.

Messrs. Garrison and Keiler went out hunting Thanksgiving Day.

Wiley Mimms is now on a fair way to recover, after a sickness of about three weeks.

That part of Washington street in front of the Central depot is in a very bad condition.

D. S. Janes of San Jacinto county spent yesterday with A. J. Guidry, 305 Washington street.

Mrs. Mary A. Fleming of Center street, who has been sick for a few days, was much better yesterday.

Mrs. A. Wilson and daughters, Misses May and Edna, have returned from a two months' visit to Chicago.

The electric light on the corner of Helm and Edwards street has not been burning for the last three or four nights.

J. T. Bishop, boiler maker in the Houston and Texas Central shops, is very sick. He was removed to the hospital yesterday.

Ed Schultz, Charley Schultz and Joe Burch went out to Bear creek Wednesday night on a hunt. They came back Thursday evening, well satisfied with the trip.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by quite a number of young people at Mrs. Yeters', 208 Washington street, Thursday. Dancing was one of the features of the evening.

Dr. Heisig now views life through glasses which make the outlook more pleasant, as Mrs. Heisig has recovered from her recent severe attack of illness, and their home in the Fourth (south) is again a pleasant one.

Mrs. Kittinger of 1518 Edwards street is rapidly convalescing from a severe attack of pneumonia. On Tuesday last Dr. Heisig performed an operation, removing from the chest of his patient about three quarts of water, which immediately put Mrs. Kittinger on the road to recovery.

FIFTH WARD BUDGET.

Notes of Interest Gathered in the Busy Ward.

Bob Reynolds is working again, after a six weeks' rest.

On account of a sprained ankle Tom Street is laying off for a few days.

Tom Armstrong will report for duty today, after a fifteen days' leave of absence.

Pat Owens, fireman on the narrow gauge, has quit the road and taken a switch engine.

John Berry has moved from 1413 Montgomery street to the corner of Noble and Elysian streets.

A burglar broke into Tom Street's room Thursday night, but was scared off before he got anything.

Tom Smith is out of the hospital and will go to work this morning on his old job on the Louisiana Western.

Clark Lowry, switchman on the Southern Pacific, returned yesterday from a three weeks' trip to Sour Lake.

The dance given by Mrs. J. Scott at her father's (Mr. Bob Davis') house, on Montgomery street, was largely attended, and thoroughly enjoyed.

Messrs. A. Alban, J. Haines, F. Smith and Childs went hunting Thanksgiving. It goes without saying that they had a good time.

Sam Murry, better known as Sam Sick, fell dead in the Bell Top saloon yesterday morning. He had been summoned right away and by the time they reached the place he was breathing his last. He will be buried today at 10 o'clock from St. Patrick's church.

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TWO FUNERALS.

Mrs. Caroline Allmont and William Leopold, Sr., Laid to Rest.

The death was announced yesterday morning of Mrs. Caroline Allmont, aged 58 years. She had long lived in Houston, and leaves a husband, several sons and other relatives to mourn her loss. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence, No. 512 Capitol avenue, and was largely attended by friends and acquaintances of the family and of the deceased. There was a large attendance of members of the Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent association, upon the rolls of which the name of the deceased was borne.

The funeral of William Leopold, Sr., took place yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock, a long line of carriages following the hearse, which was preceded by a band playing the dead march. Harmony lodge, No. 81, Knights of Honor, had charge of the funeral preparations, and many members of the order attended. Mr. Leopold was highly respected and his loss is greatly deplored.

Houston Heights Concert.

The Houston Heights people say they are going to have a bright sunshiny day for their free concert tomorrow, despite the fact that it has rained two Sundays in succession. Free air and free artesian water are still in the programme, and in addition the following excellent musical selections will be rendered by Herbst Light Guard band from 3 to 5 p. m.:

"Washington Post"	J. P. Sousa
Potpourri, "Huguenot"	Meyerbeer
Waltz, "La Serenata"	Axone
Medley, "The Blues' Brigade"	Beyer

Intermission.

Overture, "Bohemian Girl"	Balfe
Chilian Dance, "Maraina"	J. Miscud
Selection, "Faust"	Gounod
"Cocoanut Dance"	Herman

Intermission.

Overture, "National Airs"	Mosen
Mexican Dance, "Roses and Thorns"	Rolfatil
Selection, "Tannhauser"	Wagner
Grand Grand "Racer"	Collins

No Christmas and New Year's table should be without a bottle of Angostura Bitters. Dr. Siegert's, the renowned appetizer of exquisite flavor. Beware of counterfeits.

TOYS.

Wholesale and retail and the largest stock in the State of Texas. Call and see the assortment before the rush and oblige us and make money yourself.

THE WONDER STORE.

COKE.

Substitute for anthracite coal, for sale by Houston Gas Light company.

THE WONDER STORE.

42 1-2 feet from Crawford's Tea Store.

CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

CONDENSED HISTORY OF THE SYSTEM AND ITS METHODS.

Aids to Teachers in the Institutes and Grade Meetings and in Private Study—Increase in the Last Two Years.

No school can be better than the teachers who teach it. The advancement of a school system is in direct ratio to the advancement of the teachers in the science of teaching. Those things which tend to make the schools of Houston advance might be summed up as follows:

Pedagogical Meetings—Once a month the superintendent calls together the sixty teachers of the city in a school of pedagogy known as the Houston Teachers' Institute. In this institute from time to time Tate's Philosophy of Education, Hewett's Psychology, Allen's Mind Studies, Compayre's History of Education, have been the basis of study, while Emmerson's Essays on Culture and Behavior furnished a valuable field for reflection; this year Educational Foundations, published by E. L. Kellogg, is being used. One meeting this year was occupied with Moral Education. Herbert Spenser's book served as a basis. Great good to the teachers has come out of the work in the institute and they get suggestions that are put into practice for the good of the children. An institute that is not helpful ought to be abolished and abated as a nuisance.

Once every two weeks the superintendent and principals convene at night at the residence of the gentlemen and discuss questions with greater freedom. Moral education has thus far been the topic. The discussions are informal and no one is spared when his doctrine does not accord with true philosophy.

The Bain club is another institution for the advancement of pedagogical culture and includes five members of the faculty. It originated for the study of Bain's Education as a Science. Having spent fifteen meetings on this, the Bain club has taken up Herbartianism.

The grade meetings occur once a month and are led by grade teachers appointed by the superintendent, he frequently taking part. As an example of the work done at a grade meeting, on Wednesday at the sixth grade meeting, geography was the topic. The following was the programme:

Programme Sixth Grade Teachers—1. The Topical Method of Teaching Geography.

2. The Psychology of Geography Teaching.

3. What to teach on the United States.

4. Aids to Geography.

Each teacher made a brief talk, and then there was a general discussion on the subject.

Buildings—Two years ago there was only one brick school house in Houston, today there are four. The Elysian Street school is a handsome brick building, costing about $20,000. The Cascara school is an honor to the people who recently dedicated this splendid brick structure. The First ward building, the brick work of which will soon be completed, promises to surpass in architectural beauty some of the others. The colored high school, a large brick, seating 600 children, is the pride of the colored people. The temporary high school will be vacated inside of two years, and where old Clopper Institute stands will rise a building of the most modern conveniences, costing not less than $75,000. And there are more to follow, because the rapid growth of Houston will demand it.

Teachers—The teachers of Houston are, many of them, teachers of years' experience. They are mostly graduates of colleges and universities, and some of our best teachers are not graduates, while our high school has furnished some of the best teachers we now have.

Our supernumerary system is peculiar to the Houston schools. Graduates of the high school desiring to teach spend a week in visiting other teachers, during which time their work is criticised, and they have a year of observation and direction that serves as a practical normal school for them. Then they are given full charge of a grade, provided they exhibit the power to teach and to manage it. Teachers who prove themselves worthy and faithful are appreciated and hold their positions from year to year, some of the teachers having been in the schools since their organization; and they, it is said to their credit, are all growing stronger and better teachers.

Course of Study—From year to year the course of study is made an object of closer consideration. The work is now completed in eleven years after entering school, three years in the primary, four in the intermediate and four in the high school. Music has been placed in all the grades and is receiving direction by a competent leader. Drawing is being introduced. Physics is to be taught in the senior grammar and the four intermediate grades. Civics comes into the course in the intermediate. Much supplementary reading matter has been furnished by the school board. All sides of a child's interest are supposed to be reached through the course laid out. A printed report is prepared each year and the one for this year is specially interesting. The following statistics speak for themselves:

Value of school property of Houston, 1893	$227,000
Value of school property of Houston, 1883	50,000
Increase in value in 10 years	$177,000
Number of pupils enrolled in 1893	4,000
Number of pupils enrolled in 1883	1,822
Increase in 10 years	2,178
Number of teachers in 1893	80
Number of teachers in 1883	20
Increase in 10 years	61

POLICE ITEMS.

Things Which Claim Attention at the Hands of Officers.

At the police station a pair of pants brought in by Burrell Armstrong, a colored hack driver, await an owner. He found them hanging on his fence, corner of Leland avenue and Carolina street. In the pockets of the pants were found a large bunch of keys to which were attached a long steel chain. On the ring also was a brass check stamped "Rosin H. Gibbs," part of a mutilated 25 cent piece and a mutilated dime. A large door key, one regular Ed Kiam match box and a pocket knife were also found. The owner will no doubt identify them through this notice.

There is also a pair of new pants, boy's size, at the station, which a man was found trying to pawn. He was taken in on suspicion and will probably have a charge fastened on him.

Robbers entered the residence of Mr. Gaston Ashe Thursday night, corner of Bell avenue and San Jacinto street, and got away with a large coffee-colored silver watch which was an heirloom in the family.

The residence of George Gobel, corner of Leland avenue and Travis street, was also entered, the intruder coming away some state from a bingo to effect an entrance. Mr. Gobel and his wife claim they were chloroformed, as the smell was strong when they awoke. A fine gold watch, a half of calf buttons, a collar button and $3 in cash are missing.

The Houston Checkers store, on Main street, was entered Thursday night, from the rear, and $5 in silver taken from a drawer. The proprietor left the store about 10:30 o'clock, taking with him the bills, and leaving the silver because of its bulk. The cash drawer in his desk was broken open, the job leaving the impress of some one who knew the lay of the land.

THE BLACKSMITHS' BALL.

Sunset Hall Crowded With Happy Young People.

The Calico ball given by Houston union No. 32, International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, at Sunset Hall last night was a great success.

The decorations were neatly and artistically arranged. The words "Welcome, Houston Union, I. B. of B. No. 32," formed the center of the stage ornamentation, just back of which "Sunset Social Club" glittered forth in brightly colored letters. Stars, flags, banners, wreaths and smyle were scattered around the walls of the dance hall, which with its large crowd of pretty calico-dressed young ladies and happy young men presented a scene of gaiety and enjoyment. Supper was announced shortly before 12 o'clock, after which the dancing was resumed and continued for two or three hours longer.

The following gentlemen were in charge of the ball:

Arrangement committee—Wm. Finnegan, chairman; R. Owens, Wm. Strief, Jas. Marmion, S. Marks.

Invitation committee—E. R. Parker, chairman; P. Well, J. O. Blackburn, M. F. Clark, W. S. Lemmel.

Floor committee—Wm. Strief, chairman; A. Schifer, F. Meredith, Jas. Marmion, C. Roach.

Reception committee—J. H. Hare, chairman; B. Lindon, H. Dunkerly, A. McBride, A. Murphy, C. Black, G. F. Wright, T. F. O'Leary, F. Eller, W. M. Riley, A. W. Anderburg, Jas. Corcoran, C. Reichardt, F. Gerdes.

BEING POOR IS A MERE TRIFLE.

But to be without Old Dominion Cigarettes is a calamity. Photograph in each package.

KNOWLEDGE

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Its excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and $1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

FAMILIAR FEATURES!

As well known, probably, to the general public as the face of any leading statesman or prominent man in public life, are the intelligent and benevolent features of the gentleman whose portrait adorns this column, and from ocean to ocean, from the great lakes to the Gulf, we can hear it on every side: "Why, that is

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