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The Greatest Among all of the State's Varied Resources is the Pocahontas Coal Fields of this Vicinity.

The Pittsburg Gazette-Times announces the solution of the fuel problem. Without pausing to read what our contemporary has to say, it is a reasonable guess that the plan is to shovel the atmosphere into the basement and have it handy when the furnace needs it.

The president's message ran so closely on Bryan that the "Bryan-Roosevelt merger" quite captivates such a critic as the New York World. It thinks the merger almost complete. If any one will study the message in comparison with Bryan's Madison square speech there will appear a parallelism astonishing to behold, when it is considered that the two men are in opposing parties.

Perhaps no man of large means in the United States, certainly no member of the senate, looks after so much of the detail of his work as does Senator Clark of Montana. He does the work which most other men who have accumulated great business and political responsibilities hire clerks, secretaries and stenographers to do. When he is in Washington he usually goes to his committee room by 9 o'clock every morning and insists upon opening with his own hands the huge mass of letters that litter his desk. Unlike most other senators, he dictates replies to every communication which he thinks deserves notice and will not permit any of his employees to do

In 1796 William Tuke, a Quaker opened the first national asylum for the insane in York, England. A few years earlier a Frenchman named Pinel had made a similar effort to restore the mentally deficient to the rank of human beings. Pinel's plan was that of non-restraint, a system then unheard of and, of course, to be ridiculed as a preposterous heresy. It is now being followed everywhere.

A WATTERSON CRITICISM.

The Courier-Journal has always held Theodore Roosevelt to be a statesman and a politician of the very first order of originality, sagacity and courage. Of his personal cleanliness it entertains no doubt. But in a democracy just such men become more dangerous when they let their ambition overleap their scruples. We do not fear the millions of Hearst. We do fear the genius of Roosevelt.

Nobody can dissipate this fear but Theodore Roosevelt himself, and not until the proper time arrives. That will be when the national republican committee meets in Washington to prepare for the ensuing national republican convention. If the president, reminded by the ominous and fatal silence of Grover Cleveland on a similar occasion, will call this formative body before him and will say to them, "He who proposes to keep me here an hour after the 4th of March, '909, is my enemy and the enemy of his country," or words to this effect, our judgment is that he may not only name his successor, as Jackson did, but have a life-seat in Senate, there to do inestimable public service, going to Valhalla cloisters at last a good third with Washington and Lincoln.

The alternative picture, even in the event that he were elected to succeed himself, would be but a kind of pinchbeck Caesar keeping company with Bolivar and Diaz.

Queen Olga of Greece is an admiral in the Russian navy. Though the czar has not yet invested her with the command of a squadron, this does not imply that Queen Olga is not capable of filling such a position. She has passed a brilliant examination as fleet captain and displays great competency in naval questions.

PITHY PARAGRAPHS IN PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

"A just war is in the long run far better for a nation's soul than the most prosperous peace obtained by acquiescence in wrong or injustice.

"Not only must we treat all nations fairly but we must treat with justice and good will all immigrants who come here under the law.

"I ask fair treatment for the Japanese as I would ask fair treatment for Germans, or English, or Frenchmen, or Russians or Italians. I ask it as due to humanity and civilization.

It is unfortunate that our present laws should forbid all combines instead of sharply discriminating between combinations which do good and those which do evil.

"When home ties are loosened, when men and women cease to regard a worthy family life as the best life worth living then evil days for the commonwealth are at hand.

"In this age of great corporate and labor combinations neither employers nor employees should be left completely at the mercy of the stronger party to a dispute regardless of the righteousness of their claims.

"The best way to avert the very undesirable move for the government ownership of railways is to secure by the government such adequate control and regulation of the common carriers as will do away with the evils that give rise to the agitation.

"Corruption is never so rife as in communities where the demagogue and agitator have full sway.

"The most dangerous blow that can be given popular government is to elect an unworthy and sinister agitator on a platform of violence and hypocrisy.

"Every Christian patriot in America needs lift up his voice in loud and earnest protest against the mob spirit that is threatening the integrity of this republic.

"There must be hesitancy in dealing with disorder but there must likewise be no such abuse of the injunctive power as abuse of the in-bidding laboring men to strive for their betterment in peaceful ways."

Senators Burrows says that Senator Smoot ought to go. Granted. But how about Platt and Depew?

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