

MERGING ON LAND AND SEA

John Pierpont Morgan has achieved a reputation as a combiner never before attempted and consequently never before attained by any man in this or in any other country.

Ambitious as he is and wide-sweeping as his schemes are, he will not be permitted to realize his ambition without evoking opposition which will attempt combinations to dispute supremacy with the combinations he has created.

But the study of Morgan's achievements is an interesting one, whatever the result may ultimately be, for there is not only boldness in them, but harmonious method.

But steel makers must have iron and coal, and therefore he reached out, combined the iron mines on Lake Superior, and made sure of a practically unlimited supply of iron for his steel combine.

Steel, iron and coal must have reliable transportation, and therefore he reached out, combined and got control of the leading railroad lines and kept at this until he could practically control transportation from ocean to ocean.

To complete the chain reliable ocean transportation became a necessity, and with the same energy and perseverance that marked his former achievements he crossed the ocean and began the seemingly difficult task of combining the principal trans-Atlantic lines of steamers and getting control of them, which he has succeeded in doing, thus completing the system which he began when he merged the steel trusts.

competition in that, which will cut down profits and make investments in their securities less attractive.

Already it is said that a movement is on foot in Europe to merge some of the great lines, lines that will, if the deal be made, have more tonnage than the Morgan combine, and will be backed by ample capital.

It has been said that Morgan's combinations are the beginning of a battle for the commercial supremacy of the world—American commercial supremacy—but it is not. It is simply a movement to get control of the respective industries involved and to make money.

THEY DON'T WANT IT. Sixto Lopez has an article in the June number of Gunton's Magazine in which he forcibly and eloquently discusses the question, "Do the Filipinos Desire American Rule?"

It has been asserted by Governor General Taft and others that the opposition to it is by an insignificant minority, the leaders of which have schemes that can be best promoted by obstructing American rule.

But why should all this be necessary when the end can be attained by other and more humane means, and without crushing a laudable aspiration for national liberty which America, of all nations, ought, on the contrary, to encourage?

There is nothing unreasonable in this, nothing in it that this government could not grant without any surrender of prestige or honor.

PERNICIOUS ACTIVITY.

Mr. Thurber, president of the Export Association, added gaiety to the proceedings when he testified before the Senate committee, Wednesday, that between \$5,000 and \$9,000 had been paid out of the Cuban treasury by direction of Governor General Wood, to promote reciprocity with Cuba.

General Wood has all along been a most active and zealous advocate of reciprocity, so much so that he has authorized the publication of interviews, and has written letters which have subjected him to criticism from the opponents of reciprocity and to the charge of pernicious activity in one holding office by the appointment of the President of the United States, whom they hold individually responsible for Wood's activity in this matter.

There is some question as to what effect this revelation will have on the Senators. Our opinion is that it will strengthen the opposition to reciprocity who will make the most of Wood's "pernicious activity" and his use of public money, out of the Cuban treasury, to promote one side of a question under consideration in Congress.

—The Philippine Senators appear to have no little apprehension that the House will pass a bill, and seven of their Philippine bill, especially in the provisions relating to the Bill of Rights, the mineral lands and the coinage.

—Edison said that the balloon portion of Sant-Damont's flying-machine would cease to render the machine unpracticable as soon as the inventor got the balloon so small that it could not be seen without a microscope.

—The lying pretense that the high price of meat is due to the scarcity of cattle is fully exposed again by the news that an arrangement to restock South Africa with cattle from Texas has been made.

—First we paid twenty millions to Spain for the Philippines man and beast, land and water, bag and baggage. Then we paid one hundred thousand more for some unnoticed corners.

—Preliminary—Digging—"I hear young Gableton is going in for a hole in the wall." "Digging—"He was working in a box factory last week."

SPIRITS-TURPENTINE.

—Newbern Journal: Marion, the 12-year old son of A. Ostinger, of Kinston, who is well known here, was drowned while bathing in the river at Kinston Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock.

—Chatham Record: We regret to hear of the death of Mr. James P. Thonson, of this city, Saturday night. Many of our farmers are now busy harvesting their wheat, which crop is unusually light this year.

—Carthage Blade: The furniture factory of Carthage began operations about eighteen months ago, and has run on full time since.

—Goldboro Herald: Refreshing showers visited this section Saturday and Sunday evening which made our farmers jubilant. Joe Blackman, better known as the Democratic negro, is no more.

—Without Foundation. Towns—John Jenkins had a fight with another fellow yesterday. Brawne—Impossible! I was with him for an hour today, and I didn't notice a shadow of a fight.

—Not a Waste of Time. "Education is a good thing, Limpy, and don't you run it down." "Ever get any of it, Weary?" "Me? Well, I should say yes. I went to night school all one winter."

—John's Opinion. Mrs. Howe—For mercy sake, John, what have you been doing in the back yard all the evening? "Well, dear, it was so much more interesting to hear what the servants said about you and your mother than to listen to what you and your mother had to say about the servants."

—Mistake in the Account. "The prisoner offered this court a bribe of fifty cents to turn him loose," said the indignant cross-examiner. "Yes, that was two dollars."

DRAINAGE OF ROADS

SOME POINTS BY PROFESSOR IRA O. BAKER.

The Success of the Drainage on Farm Lands and Highways—Some Recent Experiments in Illinois. How the Work Should be Done.

All roads except those on pure sand can be materially improved by the drainage, says Professor Ira O. Baker of the Illinois agricultural experiment station in Good Roads Magazine.

Further, the drainage is the very best preparation for a gravel or a stone road. Gravel or broken stone placed upon an undrained foundation is almost sure to sink gradually.

Some tests recently made by the Illinois experiment station, not yet published, indicate that one line will give fairly good drainage under the most adverse conditions.

Some writers on good roads advocate the use of the French method in the middle of the travel portion of the roadway. It is sometimes claimed that there should be a tile on each side of the road.

The side ditches are to receive the water from the surface of the traveled way and should carry it rapidly and entirely away from the roadside.

Much altered roadwork is a positive damage for this reason. Piling up the earth in the middle of the road is perhaps in itself well enough, but leaving open holes at the side of the road probably means a shorter life for the benefits of the embankment.

Fixing the Limit. He (rather diffident)—Er—now that we are engaged, I suppose you—won't object my kissing you—Certainly not. Help yourself. And when mamma comes in I want you to kiss her also.

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PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

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FINANCIAL MARKETS

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How's That?

"I'm sorry to see you've been fighting, Johnnie. You've got a black eye."

Teacher—Now, Willie, what is the meaning of the line you have just read?

"Her first name is Lily."

"Good gracious! Is she as fat as all that?"—Harpers' Bazar.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including flour, sugar, and other goods.

MAVAL STORES MARKETS

New York, June 12.—Rice—Market rather firm and more active on the day.

FOREIGN MARKET

Liverpool, June 12.—Cotton—Spot fair demand; prices favor buyers.

COTTON MARKETS

New York, June 12.—The cotton market was rather firm and more active on the day.

MARRIED

Stmr A. P. Hobson, Fayetteville, James Madden.

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EXPORTS

New York, June 12.—Cotton—Spot fair demand; prices favor buyers.

COASTWISE

New York, June 12.—Cotton—Spot fair demand; prices favor buyers.

MARINE DIRECTORY

List of vessels in the port of Wilmington, N. C., June 13.

Advertisement for DUCRO'S ALIMENTARY ELIXIR, a health tonic.

Advertisement for Just Received, featuring water coolers and other household items.