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EXPLOITING NEWPORT NEWS.

The city of Newport News has a body of citizens which organized for the purpose of showing the world the advantages of the town and its particularly happy facilities to entertain those who visit the Jamestown exposition during the coming spring and summer.

It is to be feared that the people of Newport News take it for granted too strongly that the people of the North and West have a thorough understanding of just where the exposition is to be held and where the city of Newport News is located.

President Roosevelt has been prodded more or less severely by critics because of the tendency which he has developed to treat of a number of matters in particular messages but we are of the opinion that he has done in this case, at least, a distinct service in directing attention specially to a matter to which it has been somewhat difficult to arouse general interest, and of which the future hearings for the public are in reality large and to the eye of imagination impressive.

If that law that congressmen will be docked for every day they are absent from the session is enforced it will not hurt Hearst very much because he will not miss the amount which he will lose, but there is a congressman up in New York state named Southwick who is a congressman by profession and he needs the money.

Minnesota is again after "Jim" Hill and his consolidated railroads and it no doubt causes the king of the north-west to take notice, as he probably has still a very vivid recollection of what Minnesota did to him a few years ago.

Negro soldiers are creating more trouble. This time it is at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and it is the same old story of too much fire water making untamed animals of them.

not by such perusal learned something that he did not know before? If the maps are made sufficiently attractive there is no doubt but that thousands will gaze on them every day, and that of course would mean a benefit to Newport News.

BETTER PUBLIC LAND LAWS. It seems very likely that Congress will immediately after the holiday recess act upon the recommendation of President Roosevelt to recast the public land laws and adapting them to the actual situation. It is urged that the timber and stone act be repealed as it has been proven conclusively that its effect is to turn over the valuable timber lands to the great corporations.

These and other cognate recommendations are the outcome of Mr. Roosevelt's grave concern at the unsatisfactory condition of the land laws and at the prevalence of fraud under their provisions. He has felt so strongly about the matter that he has directed the Secretary of the Interior to allow no patents to be issued to public lands under any law until, by an examination on the ground, actual compliance with that law has been found to exist.

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Chicago is threatened with two boards of trade because of factional differences. As one board has always made the windy town a lively market, it is hard to imagine what two would do.

A New York newspaper says that Senator Platt is tired. That may be true, but he is not half as tired as the people of New York state are.

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WITH THE PARAGRAPHERS. An enterprising publisher is figuring on producing a popular edition of the Congressional Record.

Mr. J. J. Hill has finally laid the responsibility for the Western coal "famine" upon the dealer. Why not go further and blame it on the consumer, who ought to have bought his coal two years ago when the railroads were not so busy?

A Chicago man wants the President to write a message giving the country a blast on the habit of eating pie with a knife, but the President will do well to pay no attention to the habits of congressmen from Chicago.

The case of Mr. Hicks, a former Kentuckian, who escaped alive after being entombed fifteen days at Bakersfield, Cal., is another demonstration of how the Kentuckian comes out all right at home or abroad.

The New York Commercial, which is not given to condoning lynching, says: "The practice of lynching is not so deadly to the morals of a community, not so expensive or so far-reaching in its results as the non-enforcement of the letter of the law for the gravest offenses."

A Pennsylvania prophet says all the rivers of the world will be dried up in two years. We never expect to see the day when all the prophets will dry up.

What a great newspaper reporter Teddy would have made if he had only aspired to loftier flights.

The Washington correspondent of the Boston Herald insists that Platt is about to resign from the Senate. Possibly; but on this particular matter, to use a paradox, New Yorkers are all from Missouri.

The case with which Mr. Roosevelt turns out "copy" is enough to make the average newspaper man turn green with envy.

The Cleveland Leader still says Mr. Carnegie is pledged to die poor. It is curious that fake tales seem sometimes immortal.

If congressmen have been reading the papers during the summer, they know pretty well what the country wants them to do this winter.

Now that the Congress is at work again, Representative Hearst is far, far away, but as his colleagues never had an opportunity to become accustomed to his presence they will not miss him.

It is a healthy sign that American women who find their noble husbands impossible are throwing away the coronets with the husbands.

Connecticut in Port. The battleship Connecticut came up from Old Point yesterday to load bunker coal.

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