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THE DISSERTING OPINIONS.

The dissenting opinions in the merger case are certainly entitled to consideration, because they may at some future time become the basis of a change of opinion on the part of the supreme tribunal, but there is really nothing in them that is likely to commend itself to the general public judgment in regard to the matter at issue.

The position of Justice White, relative to the state's right feature of the case, is not at all astonishing, but that of Justice Holmes will certainly cause a good deal of surprise and we do not think it will have very much acquiescence.

REAL ESTATE LOANS BY BANKS.

There are bills in both branches of congress which propose amending the national banking act so as to permit national banks to loan money on real estate security.

While the measures before congress purport to place limitations on the proportions of a bank's assets that could be invested in mortgages, in practice the proposed legislation would not always be effective.

Perhaps the supreme court can now be successfully appealed to also to prevent the merger of our state university with Mr. Rockefeller's coal oil factory.

It may be that the incorporators of the Northern Securities company of Canada were but trying to rest under the shadow of a great name, yet hardly probable.

It cost Ireland's educational fund £500 to defeat the British ministry, but the statement at the head of the enterprise would have thought it cheap at twice the price.

Having decided to buy the Panama canal Uncle Sam's experts are now endeavoring to ascertain just what the French Canal company has for sale that it wants to dispose of.

Fugitives in conflict with United States laws have so long shown a partiality for Canada that it is not unnatural for illegal trust combinations to look in the same direction.

The rural mail delivery carriers think they are entitled to more generous compensation from Uncle Sam and they are not slow about asking for it.

The democratic schism in Nebraska must be becoming serious indeed when it gets the double column editorial shriek in the local poplaric yellow away from the daily war news topic.

John Mitchell will be one of the most popular men in America if the mine owners will reduce the price of coal corresponding to the decrease in wages which Mitchell advises the miners to accept.

Another survivor of the charge at Balaklava is dead. From the obituary columns it may be noted that Tony-nan used a poet's license when he said that all of the immortal 600 did not ride back from those Russian guns.

The reason advanced by Mayor Rose of Milwaukee for vetoing the resolution to pay Superintendent Pearce \$6,000 a year is that the school board ought not to have given preference to a local man conversant with local conditions.

THE LOCOMOTIVE'S CENTENARY.

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ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Current Events Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register. Colonel Enoch H. Crowder, judge advocate and member of the general staff of the army, will be made brigadier general in July on the retirement of Brigadier General Peter C. Hains, who will go on the retired list under operation of the law at that time.

Secretary Taft is not in favor of that form of promotion in the military service which is accomplished by legislation. For this reason he is likely to be found against the provision of advancement of retired officers of civil war service.

Infantry officers on duty in Washington who have been making an effort to establish an infantry association have formed a preliminary organization.

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BREAK UP THE BUSINESS. Smiling Remarks. "They say they'll use 60,000 men on the Panama canal."

Engaging Alliance Which Congressmen Should Avoid. Chicago Tribune. If a postmaster believes that the increased business of his office justifies a larger allowance for clerk hire, rent or supplies, it is legitimate for him to call the attention of his official superiors to the matter.

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