## THE METHODSOFMONOPOLY

Petroleum Gazette readers are familiar with the history of the cases instituted against the railroads some fourteen years ago by the refiners embraced in the Independent Refiners association of Titusville and Oil City, which have been decided in favor of the refiners by both the interstate commerce commission and by the courts, but which the railroads have thus far found legal means to keeว unsettled. The latest action on the part of the rallroads is to take an appeal to the federal court of appeals from the decision of the federal circuit court for the Western district of Pennsylvania, as handed down by
Judge Buffington. It will be recalled Judge Buffington. It will be recalled that the cases were first brought besion, and that they charged the railroads with discrimination against the independent refiners. These discriminations operated to the advantage or the Standard Oil company. Eventualcases, decided that there had been cases, decided that there had been discriminations, ordered them to cease and directed the railroads to make reparation to the refiners. Then
came further delay in the fixing by came further delay in the fixing by
the commission of the amounts which the commission of the amounts which
should be paid by each of the railroads in the settlement of the various claims. From this stage of delay,
for which there was little disposition for which there was little disposition
to censure the commission, on account of its being overloaded with general business the cases passed on to the further delays of the courts The federal court, it will be remem-
bered, is the instrument prescribed through which to execute the findings of the interstate commerce commission. The cases were accordingly taken to the federal court at Pittsburg, where they have been passing through various stages of progress for several years past. In order not to be still occupled with the cases when Gabriel should blow his horn, or for some other reason. the defense finally agreed to the making of test cases of a few of the cumerous ones involved. All the points which could be brought up in connection with the others were concentrated upon these. Again the refiners won, and having been denled a rehearing by Judge Buffington, the defense has taken its choice of alternatives in what would seem to be the last resort-an appeal to either the supreme court or the federal court of appeals. It has chosen the latter How much longer this will extend final settlement of the cases remains to be seen The Petroleum Gazette has heretofore pointed out changes which have occurred with reference to which have occurred with reference to the complainants since these long drawn cases were insticuted. Some of the complainants are dead, and a number of others have gone out of the refining business. What travesties on justice are such exhibitions of "the
law's delay!" But they serve the exlaw's delay!" But they serve the ex-
cellent purpose of emphasizing the fact that if a better adjustment of the machinery of justice is wanted it will not be secured until the people both demand it and compel It.-The Petroleum Gazette.

## NEBRASKA AND ROCKEFELLER

A business man out in the state in writing to this paper asks the question: Why should the people of the state be asked to assist John D. Rockefeller in making a donation to the state university? Personally this paper is frank to say it does not believe they should be asked to join in a partnership donation of this character. The statement will be made by many that everything in sight should be reached for, even to the
point of making personal sacrifices, point of making personal sacrifices,
and there are others who believe that and there are others who believe that
is a millionaire wants to give away if a millionaire wants to give away gift a handicap by asking others to furnish the self-sacrifice entering into the donation. The state university has been, and is, generously supported by the taxpaying people of the state. The treatment of the university at the hands of the legislators has been liberal. People have pald their taxes for the university with a cheerfulness only secondary to their pride in the institution, its splendid growth and surpassing standing when compared with other state institutions. The people own the university, every- physical atom of it, and they also own the spirit of the institution and this ownership is infinitely the greater, for under the direction of the nealthy public sentiment of an educated population the spirit of the University of Nebraska has always been right, untrammelled, uncompromised, and in harmony with the free spirit of the institution, with no shadow of indlvidualism in its completeness. The state of Nebraska has enacted antitrust laws in efforts to reach truste of which the Standard Oil company is one. The purpose of this legislation was to protect the public from excessive charges for trust products. The state has just enacted a law raisieo
spirit of the university, that has attended it through all its days, tha has made the institution the pride of the state, and that has emphasized continuously the fact that the humhis full share not be enhanced by partnerships of the proposed character. There are state universities, and there are other universities. The line of demarkation between them is that the state university is not only owned by the people but is builded and maintained by the people equally one with the other eccording to the abtlity of each under the law.-Lincoln (Neb.) Trade Review.

## The Jai Alal Scandal.

General Wood has departed for the Philipines, but the scandal of the jai alai gambling establishment in Havana continues. It appears now that its franchise was granted for ten en to it that the interpretat one pro prietors was confirmed by General Wood in the Officlal Gazette of May 9, 1902. In Secretary Root's mind there seems to be no doubt that this concession was rightly bestowed, because of the harmlessness of the game itself and its national character. But as the game is played in Havana is merely a means to an end-to mous sums out of the open betting carried on It is as if Messra betting and Confleld spould start a Handball and Canfield skould start a handball court of the city, and take 10 per fessional bets placed upon the proThe game may employed by them. The game may be "national," but it is by no means so much so as cockfighting. Yot the latter has been
stopped both in the Philippines and stopped both in the Philippines and in Cuba. What would have been
thought if General Wood had licensed thought if General Wood had licensed them an exclusive ten years' privilege? Yet the moral sentiment of the Cubans would not have been so out-
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gaming which, thanks to General gaming, which, thanks to General
Wood, the Cuban republic will be un Wood, the cuban republic will be un
able to stop for nine long years.New York Evening Post.

## A Matter of Cholce.

Busch (Tex.) Roger Mills Democrat: There may be some men at this time who would rather "be right than to be president," and there are also than to be poor. Let the democratic party beware of the fellows who would sacrifice principle for pelf. They don't, sacrifice principle for peif. They don't opportunity for riches is in sight.

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