THE METHODS OF MONOPOLY

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 keep unsettled. The latest action on the part of the railroads 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 that the cases were first brought before the interstate commerce commission, and that they charged the railroads with discrimination against the independent refiners. These discriminations operated to the advantage of the Standard Oil company. Eventually the commission passed upon the 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 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 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- eum Gazette.

bered, is the instrument prescribed through which to execute the findings of the interstate commerce commission. The cases were accordingly takon 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 occupied 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 numerous 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 denied 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 the complainants since these long drawn out cases were instituted. Some of the complainants are dead, and a refining business. What travesties on justice are such exhibitions of "the law's delay!" But they serve the excellent 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 Petrol-

ROCKEFELLER NEBRASKA AND

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, and there are others who believe that if a millionaire wants to give away something he should not make the 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 paid 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. 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 healthy 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 individualism in its completeness. The state of Nebraska has enacted antitrust laws in efforts to reach trusts 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 raising

the required quality of oils for use in the state. This was done to protect the public from poor quality of illuminating oil. Is there not a little more than sentiment in the state taking the influence legislated against into at least a semblance of partnership in adding to present university equipment? Will the university be regarded by all the people in just the same light, and will it command the undivided cheerful support of every one so much in future? Will it be better for the student of the future to look about him at the university and see it part the gift of the taxpayers of the state, and part the gift of one who took the part he gave from the taxpayers of the state? We believe the

spirit of the university, that has attended it through all its days, that has made the institution the pride of the state, and that has emphasized continuously the fact that the humblest and smallest taxpayer has done his full share in its upbuilding will 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 according to the ability of each under the law.-Lincoln (Neb.) Trade Re-

The Jai Alai 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 years, and that the interpretation given to it by the attorneys of the proprietors was confirmed by General Wood in the Official 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 it is merely a means to an end-to number of others have gone out of the enable the syndicate to make enormous sums out of the open betting carried on. It is as if Messrs. Farrell and Canfield should start a handball court in this city, and take 10 per cent of the bets placed upon the professional players employed by them. The game may be "national," but it is by no means so much so as cockfighting. Yet the latter has been stopped both in the Philippines and in Cuba. What would have been thought if General Wood had licensed bull-fighters in Havana, and given them an exclusive ten years' privilege? Yet the moral sentiment of the Cubans would not have been so outraged by that as it is by the jai alai gaming, which, thanks to General Wood, the Cuban republic will be unable to stop for nine long years .-New York Evening Post.

A Matter of Choice.

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 those who would rather be a thief than to be poor. Let the democratic party beware of the fellows who would sacrifice principle for pelf. They don't, as a rule, intend to remain poor if an opportunity for riches is in sight.

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