

ingly certain authority. He was a man of splendid talents. His knowledge of English history was unsurpassed by his contemporaries. He was an excellent classical scholar, and had a most remarkable miscellaneous knowledge of literary and historical subjects.—Washington Times.

"BLESSINGS"

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald under date of Cleveland, October 8, follows: In his closing talk to the Sunday school class of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, of which he is superintendent, John D. Rockefeller today made a comparison of the crops that grow in the field and the crops that may be cultivated by each person that will be of more benefit than those which grow in the ground. In giving rules for making a heaven on earth, Mr. Rockefeller said: "I don't know how many of you children have been in the country this year, but many of you have come to see me at my home and have made me happy. I want to ask you what crops you have harvested this year. I won't find fault if you have not done very well, nor if you have forgotten, for we older ones do the same thing, but struggle along again and resolve to do better. I want to suggest to you children that you foster the spirit that prompts us to speak a kindly word and that extends the hand heartily. Some of us have not had much education, some of us never were graduated from college, but we can raise crops just the same. Let us cultivate that crop right here in our own city, in New York, or wherever we may be. Another crop that we can cultivate is charity. Still another crop that we can raise is that of good will. Patience, charity and good will toward others are ever so much better for ourselves and for others than are the material crops that grow out of the ground. I feel like a sponge because I have absorbed so many blessings during my stay in the city, but I remind you that we should be like the pump, which not only sucks up but also gives out. If you will cultivate the virtues that I have mentioned you can make a heaven on earth for yourselves and for all those with whom you associate."

"EDUCATION"

The Chicago Record-Herald says: In anticipation of a bitter fight for rate legislation in congress this winter, the railroads of the country are conducting a "campaign of education," the object of which, according to the highest railroad authorities, is to prevent any successful tampering by President Roosevelt and lesser agencies with the present conditions. This campaign is being pushed into every city, hamlet and section of the country. For the support of the movement there is available "as much money as is needed." From such information as is procurable, the "campaign of education" is costing the railroads about \$1,500,000 a year. Some railroad men say this estimate is too high, but others believe the cost will be more than that. The money is handled in the east, and the western railroad men profess to have only a vague idea of the total expenditures. The particular brand of "education" figuring in the campaign is original with the railroad propagandists. It is the sort that "educates" the public without the public becoming aware it is being "educated." The managers of the campaign merely "loose the educational" germ, and through the process known to medical men as autoinoculation the public is expected to awake and find itself "educated" in all the reasons why the roads declare President Roosevelt is wrong in urging railroad rates control.

JAPANESE STUDENTS

For the last year there has been working as a section hand on the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad, between Caliente and Las Vegas, a quiet little brown man of the Orient, who, if he wished, might have been filling some easy position in his native land instead of toiling on the Nevada desert. He has been, and is now, known as "Kal" by the other Japanese and white laborers about him, and only recently did the officials find that his right name K. Kaiwai, and that he is the son of the Japanese minister to the Netherlands. Something over a year and a half ago he decided to come to the United States and get a practical insight into railroading. During all this time Kaiwai has shared the common lot and hardships of fellow-Japanese, whose only ambition was to continue as they had begun—uneducated laborers. Kaiwai has a brother and sister at Stanford university, the former in his senior year. Both have proved apt students. The Kaiwai family is well connected, their relatives numbering those in the councils of the imperial diet.

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