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John D. Rockefeller has recently been quoted the effect that the ecountry will fall upon hard es telere the next presidential election. He is that he sees "not the alightest reason for anpaths a fluancial crists or hard times within heat few years" As the same time the Stand-Of company advances the prices of refined half a cent a gallon, and of gasoline one cent. s action is said to be taken in view of the graction in the Russian oil fields and the iny also reflect a determination to make the most of prospectivy, and he prepared for hard times they ever should come.

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A the annual meeting of the National Letter riers association, which has just met in Portid, Ore, the first resolution adopted by it was endorsing the enfranchisement of women. The olution was as follows: "Whereas, this coun-has attained its high standing among the nais by the development of its government on the aples of American independence; therefore presolved. That the best interests of progress and the application of these principles to nearby extending to them the right of suffrage equal terms with men, and we urge the necesv changes in our laws and constitutions to see this right to them. The spirit of equal its seems to be in the air in Oregon, where s expected a woman suffrage amendment will submitted to the voters next June.

Thomas A. Wolfe, superintendent of the Pennleania Railroad company's pier at Jersey City, a was arrested by two customs men, "on the icion of smuggling," was discharged by Uni-States Commissioner Rowe, According to olfe, he was not suspected of smuggling at but the two inspectors were angry because had blocked their graft aboard a ship, and ben they had arrested him for revenge. The

inspectors were Hiram G. McDowell and William Shallenberg. The company had issued an order, Wolfe said, that night customs officers should not dine on board ships at night, and he proceeded to tell the men they must leave. As a rule a French ship docking in the morning or at night serves from eighteen to twenty-five cus-toms and immigration men with breakfasts or dinners. The German, Cunard, and White Star ships do about the same. On the German ships men not only graft their meals, but are said to sign checks for wine, beer, and cigars.

A brand new scheme for qualifying government homesteaders has come to light in the McCook land district of Nebraska. The father of a family, having himself homesteaded a piece of government land, conceived an original method of get-ting more of the land in the family. It consisted of having his older children adopt his younger, thus making them heads of families and eligible to make homestead entries. An 18-year-old boy adopted his 12-year-old brother, and the younger boy in turn adopted his 9-year-old sister. In due course of time title to three pieces of government land was held in the family. In a contest a judge decided the 12-year-old boy could not adopt his young sister and the youthful homesteader was thrown out of the property he had taken. The elder boy's claim has not yet been contested. The discovery has led Secretary Hitch-cock to order a general investigation of homestead entries in Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Senator Frank J. Cannon, of Utah, is a hero and he may prove to be a martyr. His father, a Mormon apostle, has disowned and His disinherited him because the noble man is fighting for his state against the heiranchy and awful teachings of that church. Senator Can-non has been condemned to die by the Mormons. His secretary has been quietly told by friends not to be seen in his employer's company too much for fear that he also shall be assasinat-When I said goodby to the senator I had a ed. feeling I should never again see him alive. It is well nigh beyond belief that there can exist in the United States of America conditions such as are flagrantly flaunted in the face of the nation's womanhood and manhood from Utah, for polygamy, vile, slimy, enervating as the causes of Rome's downfall, is practiced just as much in Utah today as it was before the manifesto." The foregoing statements made at the Savoy hotel, Denver, by president of the National Mothers' Congress, Mrs. Frederick Schoff, of Philadelphia, one of the best known women in the United States, and certainly the most important woman in her special field of vitally useful endeavor. While Mrs. Schoff was in Utah investigating the Mor-While mons she was under the constant surveillance and protection of friends. Not a newspaper in the city mentioned her visit, though all of the papers knew she was there and were cognizant of the purpose of her visit. She talked with hundreds of Gentiles and Mormons in securing her information. "There is no need for me to exaggerate to impress the facts. The truth is start-ling and sensational enough to make citizens of the land realize its import when they hear it. Society is not society in Utah. Young men who go to a dancing party there are not able to know whether they are dancing with married women, for so many girls are married secretly. The records are in the Temple and no one outside knows. The number of illegitimate children in Salt Lake City and the whole state is appalling. The poorer women who are wives of polygamists sometimes work in pairs and trios in the home of rich families to support their husband and offspring. The National League of Women's Organizations, which has been formed by the Mothers' Congress, number 1,500,000 women. We are arranging meet-ings for this autumn in Eastern cities which will be addressed by Senator Cannon if he is alive. That will stir things."

preparing a revised charter, insert ferendum chause in it. Lieutenant P. Shaw, U. S. N., is president of Municipal League and he says: we are unable to get the charter ision committee to do anything in is regard, we are pretty sure of rrying the proposition through the ate legislature." The Dispatch of city, commenting on this, says:

The referendum system of governthis been demanding the attenon of law makers and statesmen for number of years, and the most enshield thought of the present day eginning to favor It.

is pointed out that by the referan Norfolk would be protected abthis from greedy franchise grabwho would not be likely, it is med, to spend a farge amount



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Referendum in the South. The Municipal League of Norfolk, a is making a strong effort to have committee of the city council, which League will ask the charter revision committee to insert in the new charter will hold up any franchise for thirty days after it has passed the councils until the citizens are afforded opportunity to look into its merits. If, in the meantime, the people are dissatisfied, 5 per cent of them would have the right to call for a vote on it.

## Curbing Standard Oil.

The Rockefeller's are about to have a practical Illustration of the power of the people where the referendum system is installed. The attorneys and agents of Standard Oil had greased the way for a twenty year franchise to crect oil tanks in the city of Grand Rapids, Mich., where many of the people did not want them. The city council passed the franchise by a close vote and the mayor reby a close vote and the mayor re-fused to veto it and the octopus seemed to be on rop. But a new charter has lately been granted Grand Rapids, which contained a pro-vision for a reference on the second though generally inherited. Badhygiene, foul air, impure water, are among its causes. It is called "the soil for It is called "the soil for can be presented. The petition is tubercles," and where it is being signed and there is not much allowed to remain tubercur

> Chorles E. Hughes, counsel for the insurance investigating committee, deelined the republican nomination for mayor of New York. In stating his grounds for refusing the nomination which was tendered him by unani-mous vote, Mr. Hughes said: "In this mous vote. Mr. Hughes said: dilemma I have simply to do my duty as I see it. In my judgment I have no right to accept the nomination. A paramount public duty forbids it."



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