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MENACE OF COLOSSAL WEALTH.

The will of the late Russell Sage, leaving practically the whole of an estate of \$75,000,000 to \$30,000,000 to his wife without any bequests whatever to religious, charitable or educational purposes, and merely nominal mementoes to other members of his family, is sure to start fresh discussion of the dangers that menace society from the accumulation of colossal wealth in the unrestrained hands of a single individual. In this particular case, the dead millionaire's last will conforms strictly to the rules by which he governed his life. Any recognition of the claims of philanthropic institutions would have been in distinct contradiction of the principles which guided him in building up his fortune. It is possible, and quite probable, that he had an understanding with his wife, who is his sole beneficiary, as to what disposition she should make of all this wealth either during her life or at her death, and that he wished her to have all the credit that might attach to its ultimate distribution among worthy objects, leaving him to bear the opprobrium attached to the mere amassing of the fortune in the way it was gotten together. If such is the case, it will develop in the course of a comparatively few years when the estate will be again transferred by gift or testament, or otherwise.

NEBRASKA'S OPPORTUNITY.

In recording their preference for United States senator, through the machinery of caucuses and conventions, our people should not overlook the fact that their representatives in the upper branch of congress will be again transferred by gift or testament, or otherwise. The fight for equal taxation of railways in Nebraska is indeed important to the taxpayers and citizens, but congress has nothing whatever to do with it. The assessment of railroad property is made by state officers under laws enacted by the state legislature and the taxes are collectible by local officers in each of the various counties. The question of equitable taxation is vital in the choice of officers who will serve on the State Board of Assessment, and of the attorney general, who may have to continue the tax litigation, but, so far as the railroad problem is concerned, the United States senator will require ability to deal with the larger questions of rate regulation, fair treatment of employees, protection of shareholders against stock inflation and manipulation, and taxation only as incidentally involved in these various phases.

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