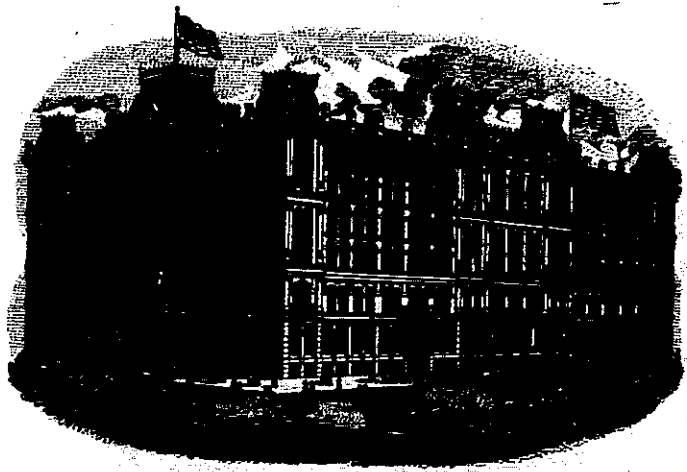


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Stuyton has just been in. I am inclined to think that the Western trip is not likely to show up very well. The "California boom" is surely "busted." Values are said to have fallen 90 per cent at all the chief points and late investors are seeking a chance to work their way east. So far as known none of the lecture trips planned to that region have shown any good or even fair results. Stuyton thinks Oregon and Washington may do some thing but says it is doubtful. Being yesterday going by Dak. and Minn. but he says they have done nothing this year — less than half

he usually has on his books has come  
in this year.

At any rate, he says it is  
not best to start before May. This  
being the case, I think we had better not  
build on a western trip of much  
extent. Possibly it may pay better  
to just make a flying one alone  
and it may be better not to make  
any. It will be some disappointment  
of course but we cannot overcome  
the inevitable.

Good bless you  
Albion.