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AUGUST 3, 1900.

The news from China is almost exasperating. One day it is one thing and the next it is quite something else. But it is quite morally certain that the ministers from the various governments are alive, still, the Chinese government seems to be in no hurry in permitting them to return to their own countries. As opposite as it is to all former grounds for the belief that the authorities in China were of a friendly disposition to the Nations, it is quite apparent that there is a higher in the fence. The Dowager Empress and that good old man (?) Li Hung Chang, seem to be as deep in the mud as the Boxers are in the mire. It is very much to the interest of the Chinese government to see that no bodily harm befalls the foreign representatives, but the statement is far fetched reason for the delay in delivering the ministers gives rise to the belief that there's method in their madness. However, there is certainly policy in war.

The unconditional surrender of General Prinselo to the British General Hunter, together with 5000 soldiers, rifles, ammunition, horses and all, demonstrates how utterly helpless a small country is when it attempts to combat a great and powerful Nation like Britain. There seems to be no room to question the reliability of the report of this surrender, and reports conveying the intelligence of similar proceedings by other prominent Boer commanders may be expected to arrive at any time, and of equal importance with General Prinselo's surrender. Be Britain's course right or wrong, the power is within the Nation to conquer, and it has evidently carried the issue to a successful termination. Such an outcome of affairs in South Africa were predicted long ago, even before actual hostilities were opened, so the world is given nothing new in that line, and almost forced to believe sometimes that might is right, whether it is or not.

The assassination of King Humbert, of Italy, is a very fitting yet painful illustration of the dangers lurking in life's pathway of such dignitaries. In every country there are hundreds of marauders character whose fancies picture great notoriety for themselves if they can but carry forward their aims and slay the ruler. It is the essence of anarchy, in which hundreds, yes, thousands, of people gloat, and however sad a commentary upon the name of any Nation such a condition is, it does exist in fact. The United States of America is no exception to the rule, and the assassination of the chief executive at any time would not be a matter for startling surprise. While persons of high position in this country are not regarded as being in such imminent danger, it is no less a fact that danger lurks, and there is no remedy. Life for life is given, but how worthless the recompense and how little society and law have been benefited. Such conditions exist, which illustrate how sadly true the saying that "neans rests the head that wears the crown."

The Legislature could create one law at least that would be of much value. This State is sadly in need of a law that would make it compulsory for persons receiving deeds to land to have the deeds recorded within twenty days after their execution. Such a law would not only greatly aid the Assessors in their efforts to properly list all the real estate in the County, but it would have a great deal of annoyance and unnecessary work around County offices, besides bringing annually into the County exchequer many hundred dollars which are otherwise lost through property being assessed to individuals who own or hold no interest in it through having disposed of the property to other parties who fail to record the deeds. A case in point was brought to light this week in the Assessor's office here, an instance where the State sold eight acres of land to a party in 1892, but no deed has yet been recorded. The property has annually been assessed to other parties, who one time bargained for the premises but failed to make the necessary payments, and the property reverted to the State. Just a little attention to this matter by our Representative would be much appreciated by County officers, and would be a good law for the entire State if its passage could be secured.

Tramps are now avoiding the farming sections, remarks the Salem Statesman.

# HOMESTEAD LAW EXPLAINED.

General Land Office's Circular to Registers and Receivers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—The general land office has sent out a circular letter to the registers and receivers of land offices throughout the West setting forth the terms of the law relative to the acquisition of homesteads on western public lands. The points brought out are that persons who have already made entries are not disqualified from the benefits of the general homestead laws, but can make another entry. It also sets forth that under the law those who have commuted their entries by the payment of cash in lieu of a longer period of residence are entitled to secure another homestead. The circular letter quotes the sections of the law that apply and then enters into their explanation. The act is that of June 5, 1900, passed in the closing hours of the last session, and the letter says:

Section 2 provides that any person who has heretofore made a homestead entry and commuted same under section 2301, Revised Statutes, and the amendments thereto, shall be entitled to the benefits of the homestead laws, as though such former entry had not been made; but commutation under section 2301, Revised Statutes, shall not be allowed of an entry made under this section.

Section 3 provides that any person who, prior to the passage of this act, has made a homestead entry, but from any cause has lost or forfeited the same, shall be entitled to the benefits of the homestead laws, as though such former entry had not been made. Therefore, you will not hereafter reject a homestead application on the ground that the applicant cannot take the prescribed oath that he has not previously made such an entry, or because he has perfected title under section 2301, Revised Statutes, to land entered under the homestead law; but he will be required to show by affidavit, designating the entry formerly made by description of the land, number and date of entry, or other sufficient data, to enable me to identify the same on the records of this office, and that it was forfeited or commuted, as the case may be, prior to the passage of the act.

In any case where the former entry was made subsequent to the date of the act, the rule of a previous circular, dated July 11, 1892, remains unchanged. It will be observed that an entry made under section 2 cannot be perfected by commutation under section 2301, Revised Statutes. The fact that applicants have purchased, under the provisions of the act of March 2, 1885, lands patented to the Flathead Indians in Montana shall not be held to have forfeited rights by or on account of any such purchase.

**Provision Exports.**  
The American hog chases around the world. The American steer is also quite a globe-trotter, but he isn't in the running with his little bristling companion of the feed lot.

The fiscal year just closed has been a record-breaker in exports of products from the farm, via the packing houses. The year 1899 was regarded as a phenomenal one, but the past year has exceeded it in the exportation of provisions, the total value reaching \$189,000,000—the largest in the history of the country. For the first eleven months of the year the item of lard alone amounted to \$18,691,000, and the other hog products of bacon and ham reached \$55,468,000 and \$18,192,000 respectively. Plain pork amounted to \$9,459,000. Of the despised "oleo" we sent abroad \$9,400,000 worth that was not needed for the tables of our own boarding houses. Our foreign shipments of beef amounted to \$7,556,000, most of it going to Great Britain, France, Africa and the Orient, each of these countries showing a large increase over the previous year. American cheese is also in greater demand abroad, the increase being more than 6,000,000 pounds.

The American farmer is feeling the effects of the United States becoming a "world power," and is not likely to be frightened into reversing a policy that is adding new markets for his products and dollars to his bank account. He is not worrying himself about "imperialism." He is well satisfied with the kind of expansion that expands his pocketbook.

**Not Very Hard Times There.**  
The Cosmopolis (Wash.) Enterprise has been carrying a standing advertisement in its columns for nearly a year that men are wanted for work in the big mill at that place, and every week we find local notices in the same paper requesting you who knows of idle men to send them to that city where they can obtain work at good wages. In our little city signs "Men wanted for work at the jetty," are sticking up in conspicuous places, and every person who looks like a laborer is approached with "are you looking for work?" by men who want to hire hands. Sunday a gentleman told us he had offered \$2 a day and board for a hand to help him out in a wood contract, and had made diligent inquiry in the vain hope of getting a hand. And yet we see signs in the Bryan papers attempting to ridicule Republican prosperity.—Tillamook Herald.

**Sending Mules to China.**  
Fifteen carloads of mules were shipped through Portland last week, destined for Seattle, from which port they will be sent on a United States transport to China. The mules had served Uncle Sam in Cuba for the past year. They were recently shipped to New York, where they were kept several days, when Agent Darrall of the Quartermaster's Department received orders to report with them at Manila in the Philippines. This special train containing the mules, being drawn by two engines, left Washington, D. C., at 5:30 o'clock on the afternoon of July 11th. At Ogden telegraphic orders were received by Mr. Darrall rescinding the Philippines order, and ordering the animals taken to Seattle in preparation for a trip to China. The 395 mules were in all excellent shape upon their arrival in Portland. The cars in which they were shipped are especially provided for their shipment, containing feed boxes, water troughs on the side, and other conveniences for animal care.

**Steamer Eugene in Trouble Again.**  
The steamer Eugene was sunk several days ago at Risley's rocks between Portland and Oregon City. She is lying with her decks completely inundated and preparations are making by the Willamette River Towing Company to float her. This is not the first time the Eugene has met with an accident. Her record is one long series of mishaps. She made an unsuccessful attempt to reach Fraser river, Alaska, but was much worse by her battle with the waves. Of late she has been converted into a steam barge. During her career on the bars and snags of the river and as many more on the bar of the courts. Her entire record has been one of wreck, litigation and failure.

The Oregon Asylum now has 1173 patients, 811 being males and 362 females.

# LETTER FROM NOME.

Graphic Description of the Trip Up North by Mrs. Tyszkiewicz.

CAPE NOME, Alaska, July 3, 1900.  
Mr. E. E. QUICK: According to promise I will give you a brief description of our trip. Cape Nome is on the Behring Sea, 100 miles from the Behring Straits, 300 N. E., 100 miles from Nome, in latitude 65, longitude 165. We left Portland May 26th, in the evening, arriving at Nome Harbor June 18th. Leaving Astoria we steered Northwest until we reached Dutch Harbor, which took us eleven days. The entrance to the harbor is picturesque and grand. It is wonderful to see rocks 1800 feet high coming out of the sea apparently, no soil, not a tree or bush to be seen. We laid in Dutch Harbor five days, visiting Unalaska, which is a mile on the other side. These harbors are several hundred years old and inhabited by Russians and Creoles that resemble the Japanese. We found seventeen steamers, two revenue cutters and one man of war vessel lying there. The steamers were all on their way to Nome. Just before we left the harbor the Senator came in crippled. She left Seattle direct for Nome. After being out twenty-two days, trying to make a way through the icebergs, she became entangled, which caused a leak, coal shortage, and also the food supply, so they ran back to Dutch Harbor with one corpse aboard and five persons down with pneumonia, bringing news that a schooner was crushed between the icebergs, and only four persons saved. We now realized the remainder of our trip was hazardous at this time of the year. After leaving Dutch Harbor the days began to lengthen rapidly, and on the 13th the sun set at 20 minutes past 10 p. m., and rose at 2 a. m. We were not left in darkness at all, for its rays lit sufficiently for reading from its setting until it rose again. It brings such a cheer to one's heart to realize one is where there is no darkness at all, the light of the sun is continually upon you. When we were within about ninety miles of Nome a dispatch overtook us saying two sailing vessels were wrecked off Cape Romanoff, so in company with the Valencia, we set out in the packed vessels, which proved to be the Hunter and Eclipse. They were caught in the ice and drifted on the sand. The Hunter carried forty passengers. They were all saved. They were wrecked on the 7th and we rescued them on the 14th. The captain was out four days with his launch looking for help. The Eclipse carried a crew of nine, and saved. They reported that the steamer drifting about, but no one seen on board. Then we started for Nome again, but after half a day's journey, were hailed by a drifting boat to change our course, as a large steamer ahead of us was on the sands with several hundred United States soldiers. The Valencia went to her rescue, but could be of no assistance. Then we laid for four days at the mouth of the Yakon, which is sixty miles wide. The morning of the 10th found us surrounded with ice so we edged our way through drifting ice ten to forty feet high. Saw two steamers blocked in but could not reach them. We lost our steam launch on a cake of ice. Nome City is one of the wonders of America—the streets about thirty feet wide, no sidewalks, with few exceptions, tents about twenty miles in length on the beach, excitement so great I can only compare it to a fire in town. The freight is piled up on the sands for four miles, consisting of everything one could think of. Provisions for the City are stored in the warehouses, \$3.50; butter \$1.50 a roll; hauling freight, \$10 an hour; dog teams used for light work. It is estimated that there are about 40,000 persons here. We are enjoying this new life and are comfortably situated. Our door opens seaward so we have a fine view of the ocean. We have good appetites and sleep fine. Remember me to Mr. Quick.

Yours in the blessed hood,  
HANNAH TYSZKIEWICZ.

**Prevented A Tragedy.**  
Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, O., saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her; and she writes, "this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of pneumonia." Such cures are positive proof of its power to cure all throat, chest, and lung troubles. Only 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed. Trial bottles free at the St. Helens Pharmacy.

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# Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. It is a godsend to weak, sickly, run-down people. Cure Guaranteed. Only 50c. Sold at the St. Helens Pharmacy.

The Chinese population of Chicago is perturbed over the reports from the various parts of the city that because of the Caucasian antipathy aroused by the trouble in the Celestial Empire a boycott has been instituted against Chinese laundries and truck farms. Wu Sung Lee, a banker in Chinatown and probably the richest Mongolian in the city, says four laundries have been forced to suspend business during the past week, and Chinese laundries generally report a falling off of 50 per cent in their business.

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Admiral Dewey was always a strict disciplinarian, and occasionally inflicted punishment in curious ways. Once while in a foreign port he suddenly ordered the heaviest tackle to be got out of the hold without delay. After two hours hard work his order was carried out and he then directed that a large chest of tobacco which had been thrown under one of the guns be hoisted overboard. Never again on that cruise was such an unpardonable offence committed.—Chicago Chronicle.

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Notice is hereby given that the County School Superintendent of Columbia County will hold the regular examination of applicants for State and County papers in St. Helens, Or., as follows:  
**FOR STATE PAPERS.**  
Commencing Wednesday, August 8th, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, August 11, at 4 o'clock p. m.  
Wednesday—Pennmanship, History, Spelling, Algebra, Reading, School Law.  
Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Bookkeeping, Physics, Civil Government.  
Friday—Physiology, Geography, Mental Arithmetic, Composition, Physical Geography.  
Saturday—Botany, Plane Geometry, General History, English Literature, Psychology.  
**FOR COUNTY PAPERS.**  
Commencing Wednesday, August 8, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, August 10, at 4 o'clock p. m.  
First, second and third grade certificates.  
Wednesday—Pennmanship, History, Orthography, Reading.  
Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, School Law, Friday—Geography, Mental Arithmetic, Physiology, Civil Government.  
**PRIMARY CERTIFICATES.**  
Wednesday—Pennmanship, Orthography, Reading.  
Thursday—Art of Questioning, Theory of Teaching, Methods.  
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