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DECEMBER 28, 1900.

It is important to address mail matter carefully and plainly. A government report recently issued shows that during the past year \$9,653 of the letters sent to the dead letter office contained money orders, drafts, checks and money to the aggregate value of \$1,137,645. More than one person is waiting for the "letter that never came."

Mexico is having more trouble from the Indians than the United States has experienced in many years. In fact the United States has been remarkably free from Indian disturbances of any consequence since the reservation system has been extended to include nearly all the wild red men. This system has many drawbacks, but it has practically abolished the old Indian raids which used to terrorize the whole frontier.

A strong effort is to be made at this session of Congress to procure the enactment of legislation forbidding the careless use of the National flag. Laws to that effect have been enacted by several of the States, but none by the Nation, and it is certainly time to remedy the defect. The symbol of the Nation's glory should never be used for ignoble purposes; and as President McKinley has said, "Those who seek to divert the flag from its sacred uses should be restrained by public law."

The announcement that Congress will appropriate \$32,000,000 for improvement of the Columbia River and its tributaries is good news to the people of this State. Aside from satisfying the desire to have the rivers improved—not only desire but necessity—the fact gives the assurance that profitable employment will be furnished an army of men for an indefinite period in the execution of all the plans for the proposed improvements. A double benefit will accrue to the people here in consequence of this action by the National Congress.

This Hickory Ridge Missourian is in favor of reorganization with a vengeance. It says: "We are in favor of reorganizing the Democratic party or abolishing the whole shooting match. When it's got so that we have any principles of our own, and have to take them second hand from a lot of Kansas and Nebraska cranks and granddaddy longlegs with yellow hair and their pants in their boots who don't know anything but free silver and calamity hooting! It's time, by jingo, to call a new deal! We're tired of holding the sack for the Republican snipe hunters. It's going to be a blamed long, cold winter for us this year. Wood, coal, and cornucopia wanted on subscription, and wanted right now!"

Before this *Mist* appears again to the public another year will have been ended and another one will have been begun. And thus the world moves on. We wish every reader of this paper a happy and prosperous year, and it is our hope that the people of this good County may continue to prosper and enjoy the manifold blessings of life in this good County in which it is the fortune of each of us to live and be happy. Those of us who may be blessed with continued life and are favored in a continuance of residence here will see wonderful changes and great improvements in our County during the next quarter of a century. The conditions obtaining here are such as will invite the attention of those seeking pleasant homes and profitable employment and investment. The brilliancy of the approaching century will give health, happiness and wealth to every home in this County.

If the State of Oregon is ever divided what will we call the segregated State? Where will be located the State capital? Call it Tom-a-lum and give Milton the capital, Weston the university, Athena the insane asylum, Peedleton the pen, Helix the reform school, Adams the blind school, Unatilla the deaf and dumb school, Ukiah the soldier's home and Free-water the orphan's home. Echo, Pilot Rock and Yancye can pay the taxes. Let's have a state for each county. The way to reform the United States Senate is to make Senatorships so numerous that it will not be considered an honor to be chosen to represent States. Then wicked, wealthy men like Clark and Corbett and Hanna will not be tempted to seduce the Legislatures of States with corrupting gold and parity undivided will reign! There are so many glorious possibilities in division that we haven't time to enumerate them all.—Milton Engle.

The 20th century will have twenty-four leap years, the greatest number possible. February will have five Sundays three times—1920, 1948 and 1976. The earliest possible date on which Easter can occur is March 22. The last time it occurred on that date was 1818. The earliest date on which it will occur in the coming century is March 23, 1913. The latest date that Easter can occur is April 25. It will occur but once in the coming century on that date—1943. The middle day of the century will be January 1, 1951. There will be 380 eclipses during the coming century.

The total production of gold and silver in the United States and territories for the calendar year 1899, was gold, \$71,083,400, and silver, \$32,858,700. Colorado leads all the States with a production of \$25,852,000 in gold, and \$13,197,540 in silver. Oregon produced \$1,429,500 in gold, and \$8,550 in silver; while Washington produced \$655,400 in gold, and \$153,800 in silver. Alaska is set down for \$5,450,500 in gold, and \$84,000 in silver. The Klondike output for 1899 was about \$10,000,000. The world's production of gold in 1899 was valued at \$306,594,500.

The Cubans have had some exciting discussions in their constitutional convention. So do every people who go through this experience. There was some inflammatory talk in the convention in Philadelphia in 1787 which framed the American constitution. A few Bryans and Altgelds got into that gathering, and they threatened all sorts of ill to the country if the convention rejected their notions, which the convention did with considerable emphasis. There is a chance still for the Cubans to get a constitution which will be worth something.

The Secretary of the Treasury has sent to Congress the annual estimates of the expenses of the government for the coming year. They aggregate \$629,741,702, a slight decrease from the total estimates of last year. The appropriations for the present year are \$584,655,322. The estimates cover every branch of government service. The war department estimate is \$176,658,345, and the navy department, \$88,981,398. The total for rivers and harbors, including continuing contracts, is \$33,881,317. The total for pensions is \$144,069,000.

OKLAHOMA'S career as a territory which will be only ten or eleven years, is not quite so short as that of California, which was knocking for admission as a State before the politicians had time to organize it as a territory, or as that of the republic of Texas, which entered as a State without passing through the territorial stage. It will be shorter, however, than that of most of the territories. This is a distinction for Oklahoma which carries a good deal of significance with it.

The United States Treasury has more gold coin in its vaults than at any time in the history of the government—\$474,108,336, an increase of \$79,000,000 since the first of last January. Only about half of this gold is the property of the government, \$235,755,800 being held against outstanding gold certificates. The total gold supply of the country is now estimated at \$1,100,000,000, while four years ago the estimate was \$692,947,212.

A Boston restaurant keeper left a fortune amounting to \$2,259,000, and eventually it will go to found a hospital for incurables. The pie belt can point with renowned pride to baked beans, codfish balls and the pumpkin triumphs of the Pilgrim mothers.

An Oklahoma man of considerable prominence says that Oklahoma needs harmony before it needs statehood. The people of Oklahoma are harmonious on the question of statehood, whatever the leaders of political factions may be.

In the last fifteen months the volume of currency in the United States has expanded at the rate of nearly \$400,000 each day, or a total of over \$180,000,000. The per capita man can rest easy.

If it is true that the Chinese discovered this continent 1500 years ago, it was not complimentary in them to go home quietly and strengthen their wall. A progressive spirit is the best bulwark.

Vain schemes are proposed for piping gas from Indiana to neighboring States. This may be an underground movement of the Kentuckians to light upon Gov. Taylor with a subpoena.

The revival of the rumor of the unfortunate death of Gen. Aguinaldo will probably soon be followed by a revival of the unfortunate story that he was alive when last heard from.

The German paper that calls the wonderful growth of the United States a menace is all wrong. Uncle Sam is a man of peace and he is illustrating the fact in China.

Our trade with new possessions and with Cuba has run up to \$50,000,000 a year, or three times what it was in 1897. It will be far in the hundreds of millions ten years hence.

A PUBLIC discussion is to be held in Manila of the new tariff bill. If Aguinaldo has anything to say let him drop in and say it, or else forever after hold his peace.

The figures of the wealth of the United States, which will be reported a few months hence, will undoubtedly show that this is a \$90,000,000,000 country.

Next to Great Britain the United States is constructing the most merchant ships, and the English wonder if we are after those laurels also.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

The population of Texas was officially announced as 3,048,710.

It is estimated that Illinois has 800,000 acres of apple orchards.

The Klondike's output of gold for 1900 was estimated at \$20,000,000.

Canada expects a population of 6,000,000 in its census returns next year.

An African, who had visited England, declared snow as "rain gone to sleep."

Spain has only 11,500 miles of railway, while France, of about the same area, has 36,000.

The Cape Nome mining camp has been cut off by ice from the outside world for the winter.

A woman has been found at Malone, N. Y., who is remarkably hale and active at the age of 105.

There are about 100,000 Indians in the Dominion of Canada located upon reserves in different districts.

The population of the State of New York, as officially announced, is 7,268,012, as against 5,907,883 in 1890.

The population of Nevada was officially announced as 42,355, against 45,761 in 1890, a decrease of 3427, or 7.4 per cent.

The Census Bureau announced that the population of Illinois was 5,821,560, as against 3,820,351 in 1890.

All the members of the President's Cabinet, except Attorney General Griggs, have decided to remain in office after March 4.

The Vermont Legislature has adjourned. Among the measures passed was one prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in the State.

The little Grand Duchess of Russia is the richest baby in the world. The week she was born \$1,000,000 was invested for her.

One-fourth of the inhabitants of the world die before they reach the seventh year, one-half before their seventeenth year.

The California dry wine product for 1900 will amount to from 13,000,000 to 15,000,000 gallons, and the sweet product to 7,000,000 gallons.

The total population of the United States was announced by the Census Bureau as 76,295,220. That of New York State 7,268,012.

The percentage of illiteracy in Kansas is less than it is in any other State in the Union, or in any country on the globe except Belgium.

A wide-awake American has erected steam pumps on the Jordan and is supplying churches all over Europe with genuine Jordan water.

There are now thirty-eight forest reservations in this country, embracing an area of 49,772,129 acres. In thirteen different States and Territories.

There are about 20,000 consumptives in New York City. A physician says that the majority of the people living in tenements have tuberculosis in some form.

For the two years ended June 30 last, there were 17,827, criminal trials in North Carolina and 10,845 convictions. The total was 2000 less than in the preceding two years.

The Canadians are far ahead of us in the matter of packing for export," says a Maine business man, "and consequently they have less trouble in disposing of their fruit."

Nearly 16,000 tons of potato starch are turned out annually in this country. The potatoes used for starch are the small and injured ones of the crop. Sixty bushels of them yield a barrel of starch.

During the last ten years more than \$10,000,000 has been expended in the United States in the maintenance of agricultural stations, \$7,000,000 of which has come from the federal government.

The town of Eatonville, Fla., has 1200 inhabitants, with not a single white among them. It has its full quota of public officials, a bank and other business establishments requisite in a town of its size.

The Germans make flannel underclothing of the fiber of pine needles, while knee warmers, knitting and darning yarns, cork soles, quilts, wadding, pine needle soap, incense, and even cigars made from the same material, have been exported from Germany for years.

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Railroad at Nome.

Surveys have been completed for a railway from a point near Fort Clarence to Council City, a distance of eighty-five miles. The line will tap the richest of the Nome country and will run about thirty-five miles northeast of Nome City. The matter has been discussed of extending the line from the present proposed terminus of Council City to Nulato, on the Yukon, which would give a main line track of a little over 300 miles.

Most of the country through which the proposed extension would pass has not been prospected, but there are many districts en route that are known to contain valuable deposits, and it is presumed that the whole country in time will be worked. Of course, it would not be the purpose to build this extension during the coming year, but if the plan appears feasible it is not unlikely that a survey will be made.

The line from Fort Clarence to Council City, however, will be considered during the coming summer and it will be a valuable assistance in the development of that country. It will furnish transportation to many of the rich districts and this is just as important a matter in Alaska as it is in Oregon.

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Tunnel Is Opened.

"Jim Hill's Folly," after more than three years work and the expenditure of \$4,000,000, is at last a living fact and the first train ran through it on the 19th of this month.

The Cascade tunnel of the Great Northern extends 13,252 feet under the mountains. Eight hundred men have been working from both ends of the great bore. When they met there was but two inches difference in the grades the two parties were working on.

In its early stages Mr. Hill's plan of piercing the mountains instead of crossing them was scoffed at by investors and railroad men as visionary and impracticable, destined to prove a failure or bankrupt the road, or both. But now it is estimated that the saving in expense over the "switchback" system will pay 10 per cent on the cost of the tunnel. The tunnel is 24 feet wide, with room for a double track. The roof at one place is of solid granite 5350 feet thick. The tunnel runs straight from the head of one canyon to that of another, with a slope of about 90 feet to the mile. The east portal is at an elevation of 3275 feet, the western about 3125 feet.

Thirty-two air drills were used in the excavation, and the rock taken from the tunnel was crushed and used with cement for a lining which is four feet thick throughout. Electric motors will be used to run trains through the tunnel, and the grade will be lighted by electricity.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and laryngitis during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for laryngitis in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of laryngitis to result in pneumonia." For sale at the St. Helens Pharmacy.

It now looks as if nothing short of a real Alaska freeze will prevent a repetition of last year's crop failure in this section, and knowing ones promise as that we will have that freeze. Nearly all authorities now agree that the failure last season was due to the ravages of insects, whose eggs survived the mild weather of the preceding winter. Mr. Joseph Yates told the Gazette man Friday that in all his forty years of farming on his present farm he never knew of such a condition as now prevails.

While plowing a summer fallow field last week, Walter Yates discovered that wherever the soil had become dry after being turned up, it was literally alive with aphids. Mr. Yates is determined to see this field in clover or hay unless some climatic change insures the destruction of these insects.—Corvallis Gazette.

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach liver and kidney troubles, as well as women, and all feel the result in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at the St. Helens Pharmacy. Every bottle guaranteed.

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