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During the years 1900 to 1905 the average value of the Western states have increased to an enormous extent. Wyoming leads in the per centage of increase showing a gain in farm values of 81.3 per cent in the past year; Oklahoma, 76.7 North Dakota, 70.6; Illinois' 37.4, Iowa, 29.4; Kansas, 57.4 Nebraska, 54; Missouri, 42; Oregon, 47 and Colorado 52. Compare these percentages with an average for the whole country of 32. The highest value is in Illinois \$81.89 per acre, the farms are selling in Illinois every day for \$150 an acre. Iowa is put second with \$69.00 per acre, but good farms are scarce at such figures. Land is now sought with an eagerness in the west that seemed impossible half a decade ago.

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POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

Frederick W. Mulley of Oregon, who will serve in the United States Senate till March 4, is the youngest senator in United States, having just passed the age requirement of 35 years. He is well known lawyer of Portland and a man of wealth.

The Delaware legislature has voted to continue the whipping post and public floggings for persons of theft, felonious assault, house breaking and mayhem.

Former United States Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, who has been seriously ill for a long time, is now recuperating in Florida. He expects in a few weeks to be able to return to Washington and resume his duties on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

A joint resolution has been introduced in the Illinois legislature petitioning Congress to call a convention to propose an anti-polygamy amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Francis E. Warren, who has just been elected for the fourth time to represent Wyoming in the United States, is a native of New England and a civil war veteran. Like most senators he is a man of great wealth, the most of which he has made as a stock raiser in Wyoming.

The lower house of the Missouri legislature has passed without a dissenting vote, a bill to license lobbyists. The measure requires legislative agents to register with the Secretary of State and file expense accounts.

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Undoubtedly the agitation for free school text books is popular. People do not stop to consider that "free" articles always cost the most money and like so many sheep get into line and blat their delight whenever some wily herder tells them he is going to give them something for nothing. This time it is a book agent and the people of this beautiful domain ought to be pretty well acquainted with book agents—but are not, apparently. It is proposed that another change in the school books used by the students of the state be made that they be purchased by the commonwealth for the students.

The first plan is ridiculous and the "joker" sticks so far out of the pack that a blind man could see it. The busy book sellers have their hand in the pot. As for the "free" feature of the scheme it is to gain popular approval for the change, probably,—it certainly has nothing else to commend it.

Ask anyone who has studied the question, whether "free" text books are of benefit to the community at large. You will learn that they are to be avoided as a pest lence. How many of the leading educators of the state, people who devote their lives to the study of just these questions, will you find lined up in favor of this move? Mighty few you may be sure and those few bear the aspect of persons who have an axe to grind. Get busy Mr. Taxpayer and use your axe. Kill that movement so dead that it will never be heard of again.—Baker City Herald.

Into each life some sorrow must fall: Wise people don't sit down and sawl; Only fools suicide or take to flight; Smart people take Rocky Mountain Tea at night.

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CHINOOK SHEEPMAN

Charles Cunningham, the ex-sheep king of Eastern Oregon, in speaking of those sheepmen who are frequently found short of hay during the winter season, says they are "Chinook Sheepmen." When asked what that meant he replied: "There is a certain class of men in the sheep business who depend almost entirely upon the chinook to save them from bankruptcy instead of having on hand a goodly supply of hay. When I was in the business I never depended upon the chinook. I was always prepared for a hard winter. I had warm barns for my sheep which were cleaned out daily and fed them all the hay they would eat. I was more than repaid in a good crop of wool and strong ewes which meant strong lambs." Experience has taught most of the old flockmasters the wisdom of not depending upon the chinook.—Pilot Rock Record.



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