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A few days like this and winter underwear will be snod.

We will not hear anything more about wire worms. A few hours of warm sun drives these mischief makers below the growing line.

The ice cream stands and ice men are already wearing that smile that has been a long time coming, but won't wear off.

We are past the frost limit. No more use worrying. You will have to say now, "Did you ever see such hot weather at this season of the year," and your answer must be "I never did."

A man who has ever cast a fly for brook trout will be finding some kind of an excuse to hike away to some ideal spot that only he knows anything about. A few warm days will bring out not a few suggestions that have been on cold storage for many months. However this not the only section. It has been cold everywhere.

Superintendent F. J. Smith, of the Oregon building at the A.-Y.-U. exposition removed a candy booth from the grounds of the Oregon building the other day, and exhibited a revolver when workmen came to replace it. The director of works at the exposition had selected four sites on the lawn for candy and post card booths, but the Oregon commission is determined that the grounds shall be dignified in no such manner. President Wehrung has appealed to the executive committee of the exposition.

That section of the criminal law of the state of Washington which provides for the parole of convicts was repealed by a joker in the new criminal code. The old law was known as the indeterminate sentence law, and provided that persons found to be guilty of crimes other than treason or murder were to be given not less than the minimum penalty, nor more than the maximum penalty, nor more who showed a genuine desire to reform could be paroled by the prison board. Under the new law parole may be granted only in cases of conviction for which there is no fixed penalty. It would seem that other legislatures than that of Oregon lost themselves in a sea of words. The indeterminate sentence law of Washington caused no unfavorable comment on the part of the public, and was considered by the prison au-

thorities and students of criminology as a distinct advance in the treatment of the morally deficient.

The United States Geological Survey is placing even greater emphasis this year upon its work of classifying and valuing public coal lands. The national policy of promoting the most advantageous disposal of the public lands is continued under Secretary Ballinger and by his instructions the directors of the survey is transmitting to the commissioner of the general land office land classifications based upon the reports of findings of the field geologists. To the fullest extent possible under the law the effort is to secure the wisest utilization of the resources of the public domain.

Recently enacted legislation gives to the agricultural entryman, whose entry was made prior to the passage of the act, the privilege of electing to take the surface rights, while the coal rights are reserved for future and separate disposition. The chief of the Denver field division of the general land office reports that from information received in his office 96 per cent of the Colorado entrymen in areas supposed to contain coal will elect to take title to the surface, reserving to the United States the coal right. This alone indicates the value and wisdom of this legislation, which is the first important amendment of the coal land act along the lines urged by Mr. Ballinger in 1907, when commissioner of the general land office. If the entryman, on the other hand, chooses to contest, then the issue becomes one of relative worth between agricultural and coal values.

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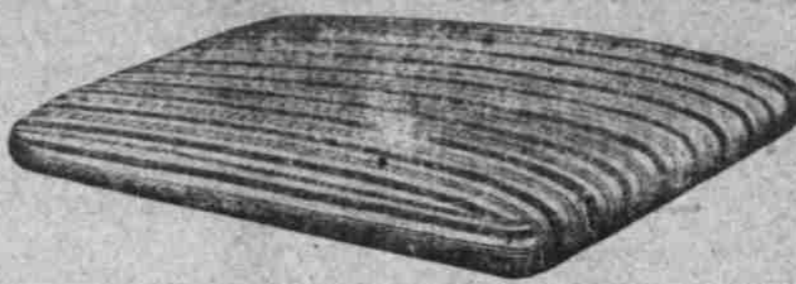
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