

STATE COMPARES ITS RECORDS

STATE LAND BOARD MEN SPENT YESTERDAY HERE.

Indemnity Land Records Carefully Compared with Government Books.

Exhaustive research in the government land records in the La Grande land office was conducted yesterday by G. G. Brown, clerk of the state land board and Peter Applegate, state land agent, both of Salem.

Though reluctant to discuss the political situation of the state, both men are in close touch with the direction of the political wind, and predicted that Jay Bowerman, acting governor, will carry the Marion delegation at the state assembly.

Some People In the Public Eye



EDWIN GOULD.

While the aviators of late have demonstrated that long distance flights are possible, it has also been clearly shown that the airship of today must be greatly improved if it is to be a vehicle of safety and utility.

have seemed content to try to accomplish wonders with the mechanism at hand, and to arouse the interest of the inventors Edwin Gould of New York has offered \$15,000 as a prize to the man who shall successfully produce an aeroplane with two motors and two propellers.

mental deficiency of the machine as it has existed up to the present time.

While Colonel Roosevelt has, of course, held first place in the limelight in New York of late, Marshal John R. Abernathy and his two sons, Louis and Temple, of Oklahoma have attracted almost as much attention.



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MARSHAL ABERNATHY AND HIS BOYS.

elusive wolf with his bare hands. He gained the title "Eat 'Em Alive" Abernathy because of his daredevil exploits on the famous Roosevelt hunting expedition through the southwest a few years ago.

The marshal came east to meet in welcoming Colonel Roosevelt home and also to meet his sons, aged nine and six respectively, who rode horseback from their home to New York, alone and unattended, a distance of 2,000 miles.

Those boys were brought up on horseback. Louis can ride anything I can, and I have seen him on some mighty wicked horses. He has never been thrown. The little fellow was thrown once. His horse shied and pitched him off so he struck on his head, but he got up again right away, and when some ladies advised him to leave the horse alone he just brought his teeth together and said, "I'm going to ride that horse." He did, and he didn't get thrown any more.

Do you wonder that Jeffries is smiling these days? For weeks past he has probably worked harder than any other man on earth to get into condi-



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JEFFRIES ALSO HAS A GOLDEN SMILE.

tion for his battle with Johnson, and rest and recreation will be the program in the near future.

Ever since the ex-bollermaker began fighting he has steered clear of the "white light districts," gambling and all forms of dissipation, with the result that he retired from the ring with a fortune—something that few pugilists do, owing to their habits.

THIS POET IN CLOUDS; HE SINGS OF AVIATION.

A novel poetic contribution to aeronautic literature recently appeared in the Harvard Monthly, signed by J. Gordon Gilkey, '12. It deals with the thoughts of the aviator while sky scudding, as follows:

Over the sea wastes sleeping free, High above cities of sleep below, In a veil of clouds the airships go On the top of the winds we never know, To the lands we never see.

There's a touch and a spark and a thrill, and I share The breath of life with my steed of air, And the lowest clouds rush up and away As I swing through the night to the bounds of the day.

Athwart the empty blue I rest On double wings of silk and steel, Beside me throng the wandering clouds, And frightened eagles round me wheel.

To wide horizons never crossed A level path lies clear for me; Above, the slopes of doming sky; Below, the fields of wrinkled sea.

C. W. BAKER.

ABERNATHY BOYS MEN IN COURAGE

Teach Self Reliance From Cradle, Says Captain Jack.

CORRAL BEST KINDERGARTEN.

But Youthful Horsemen Will Have Harvard Educations, as Did Roosevelt, Their "Catch 'Em Alive" Father Promises—Trip to Mexico Preliminary Center For Cross Country Ride.

Teach a boy self reliance from the moment he tumbles out of the cradle, make him keep his traces taut and work well forward in his collar and ninety-nine times out of a hundred his independence will assert itself before he is two years old.

This is the theory of John R. Abernathy, marshal of Oklahoma and father of Louis and Temple Abernathy, the two "kiddies," aged respectively ten and six years, who made a triumphal entrance into New York astride the cow ponies they rode across country from their father's ranch to greet Roosevelt.

is Man of Strength.

Marshal Abernathy might best be described as a "great big little man." He is about five feet six, well set up and shows every inch of his height. He is broad of shoulder and tapers down to the perfect V.

When Mrs. Abernathy died, said Captain Jack, "I called the children around me and had a heart to heart talk with them. They knew of my frequent and protracted absences from the ranch, so I mapped out the work and gave each his or her task. Each was made to feel that unless they lived up to their part of the work the ranch would go to the devil.

Corral Their Kindergarten. "Perhaps your boys would have had better educational advantages had they lived in the city?" was suggested. "No, they wouldn't," the captain quickly answered. "They have lived close to nature and they have studied it. Their book learning hasn't suffered either, for they are just as well advanced in their studies, I find, as the average city child of their age."

Their kindergarten course was obtained in the ranch corral. Horses, dogs, wolf and bear cubs were their playmates from infancy, and their knowledge of the traits and habits of each of these animals is as intimate as my own, and I have been studying them forty-five years.

Harder Trip Last Year. Whereas the country at large is amazed at the feat of the boys in riding to New York, Captain Abernathy does not think it as hazardous an undertaking by one-half as the trip to Mexico the boys took last year.

"You see, nothing was written about that trip, and the boys were just as anxious to keep their present movements as secret as they did when going to and from Mexico. Those little chaps bunked in with Indians, brigands and outlaws all down through the alkali country, and not a hair of their little heads was harmed. They weren't afraid for a moment. They returned with more money than they started out with, and they made it all by swapping horses. Can you beat that?"

MAL DE L'AIR NEW BOGY.

May Be as Bad as Seasickness For Some Travelers.

Aviators are disposed to regard jokingly the question advanced in the Lancet, a London medical journal, as to whether the human organization is able to withstand aviation.

It says that "airsickness" may be worse than seasickness for many people owing to the giddy heights, the swoops down and dashes upward. The paper points out that many persons experience an unpleasant feeling in a descent in an elevator or in a swing and holds that aviation is subject to all such conditions.

AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW.

St. Louis Health Commissioner Takes Steps to Keep Lots Clean.

A new work that will indeed be of wonderful assistance in the improvement and development of towns and cities is keeping the vacant lots in fair class shape. Civic neatness is the road to town progress.

It was through his constant fighting that the city passed an ordinance making it a crime to allow weeds to grow in the vacant spaces. And Mr. Jordan will see that this is lived up to. He has announced that it will be enforced this year by the issuance of police summonses against offenders.

The law does not require any notice in these cases, but it is not the desire of the department to take snap judgment on any one.

THINGS TO DO AWAY WITH.

Less Smoke, Dirt and Noise Will Make "City Beautiful."

Less noise, less dirt and less smoke will do a great deal to make a town or city a place of beauty and comfort. This was the substance of an address by Mrs. Imogene B. Oakley made recently in Philadelphia.

The citizens of this city are as much to blame for the dirty streets as

the street cleaning department," she said. "If nothing were thrown in the streets there would be less to clean up. Havana today is perhaps the cleanest city in the world and has a low death rate."

"There is a law in this city which provides a fine of \$5 for any one caught throwing things into the streets. Who ever heard of its being enforced?"

"The smoke nuisance is another evil that we should not be forced to con-



"DEPOT SQUARE."

tend with. Last year alone in this country smoke damage amounted to \$600,000,000. The railroad companies entering this city say that they cannot do away with black smoke. It has been done in England and in many cities in our own country.

And then we have the noise evil to contend with. In many cities vendors are not allowed to call out their wares. They do as much business as ours do here with all their yelling.

Now, there is one more thing that is essential for the uplifting of a village, and that is keeping the public square in neat condition. Many towns that one visits have what is commonly termed a "depot square." As a rule, one will find that square littered with papers and in a sad plight.

Misdials. Sillicus—Love is a game in which Cupid deals the cards. Cynicus—Then why does he so often deal from the bottom of the deck?—Philadelphia Record.

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