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## A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

Owing to the difference in the average death rate it may be said that three Englishmen live as long as five Russians.

The entire amount of gold that has reached Seattle this year from Alaska is \$4,900,000. That reaching San Francisco, \$2,700,000.

The largest cargo of lumber ever taken from Puget sound on a single vessel left Port Townsend on the steamer Elm Branch. The cargo consists of 2,900,000 feet, and is destined to Taku and Woosung.

The department of agriculture has received advices that the shortage in Russian wheat crops is from 85,000,000 to 125,000,000 bushels as compared to last year. The Prussian and Austrian wheat crop are average.

An enormous quantity of old iron in the shape of anchors, chains, etc., is annually rescued from the sea. During one period of twelve months as much as 120 tons weight were dredged up on the east coast of England alone.

George M. Pullman, Jr., and his brother, sons of the famous car builder at Chicago, will go to White Plains, New York, to take the Keeley cure. Their mother has threatened to cut them off without a penny unless they conquer their cravings for drink.

The Tacoma grand jury will investigate the killing of Mrs. C. R. Corey by her husband last March. Dr. Corey shot Mrs. Corey while both were asleep. He was dreaming that a man was attempting to kill his wife and pulled a revolver from under his pillow and fired.

The Oregon girls haven't done as some did in Kansas—taken an oath that they would never marry any one but a soldier; but no doubt a great many of them would rather marry a soldier than any other fellow, and if he is equally worthy in other respects, they are justified in this discrimination.—Portland Telegram.

The seventy-five million of people scattered over the three million miles of surface of the United States are to be counted and classified next year. Practically all the work of collecting the material will be done in the months next summer. To carry it out the census authorities are now organizing a force of nearly five thousand men.

Commercial travelers have commenced a war upon the trusts. It is estimated that as a result of the gigantic combinations that at least 35,000 traveling salesmen have been thrown out of employment, while not only have the wages thus saved been pocketed by the trusts, but the cost to consumers of trust productions has been increased.

One of the most joyous evidences of western prosperity was recently furnished by a Kansas wedding in Ford County. There were 300 invited guests. That in itself is not unusual in Ford County. But they were fed, and the local accounts make our mouths water. One ox was roasted whole, also three fat porkers. Seventy-five pies and fifty cakes were baked by the bride's immediate relatives. Fifteen gallons of fresh peas were served, also ten gallons of home-made pickles were distributed.

Mormon proselyting in the Southern states has always been attended with considerable risk, but lately the mountaineers of Kentucky have been especially active in making life a burden for the Saints. Several Mormon elders have been tarred and feathered, others beaten and ordered to leave the state. They have appealed for aid to the gov-

ernor, but if he be a typical southern man he will have little sympathy with those traveling Saints, who have caused so much misery by separating families.—Albany Herald.

It is related of Ingersoll that some years ago he attended service in a fashionable west side church, taking a seat at random. A lady and gentleman later entered the pew and eyed Ingersoll with displeasure, but without recognizing him. After a painful silence the man wrote a line on the fly leaf of a hymn book and passed it to Ingersoll. It read: "I pay \$300 a year for this pew!" Ingersoll with undisturbed serenity wrote a line under this and handed the book back. It read: "I congratulate you. It is a good bargain," and he kept his seat throughout the service.

The state department has received an official report from Consul Hensel, at Odessa, Russia, stating that the failure of the crops in many provinces of European Russia is much more serious than is generally admitted. Energetic steps have been taken to meet the situation. The famine districts are divided up, and the government is acquiring knowledge of the failure in the several districts. Employment is also being given to a large number of peasants on special lines of work, such as roadmaking. One of the most difficult questions to be solved is how working stock and other animals are to be saved, the hay crop being a complete failure.

The primeval custom of going about without hats is being revived among women, and to an immense extent. "If you stand on the corner of Broad and Chestnut streets any evening you will notice," a Philadelphia writer says, "that four out of every five of all the legion of women spinning by on bicycles are guileless of any head covering save that which the poet pronounces crowning beauty of the sex. Why is this? Does wearing the hat out of doors have the effect popularly accredited to it when done in the house? And do people generally believe it? Or do the women want to give a fair show of the work of the hairdresser? Or do they only want to be as little warm as possible?"

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, about two months ago, printed figures which showed that up to that date over 9000 men had gone to the Alaska mines this season. Since then over 3000 more have been added to the list. A reasonable estimate as to the amount of money spent by each man for equipment, stores, fare and other expenses, would be about \$600, and accordingly this season's victims have already contributed \$7,000,000 to the craze, or an amount considerably in excess of the padded figures of receipts of the gold dust this season. Last season upwards of \$15,000,000 was spent by the 25,000 to 30,000 people who rushed into the gold fields, and the total output was less than half of \$15,000,000.

Only in the extreme southwestern corner of Kansas are the grasshoppers giving much trouble this year. There, however, they are thick and hungy, and the farmers have adopted an ingenious device for gathering them in by the wholesale. The bottom of a big hayrake is covered with pans filled with kerosene oil. At the back of the rake tall screens are erected, and the whole machine is drawn through the alfalfa fields, the power being furnished by a horse on either side. The "hoppers" fly up as the machine advances, strike the screens, and are thrown or fall down into the pans of oil. That they are reasonably abundant is shown by the fact that a bushel of grasshoppers is gathered every 15 minutes.

"Gentlemen, burn plenty of red fire." That was President McKin-

ley's emphatic admonition to the representatives of the citizens of the district when they called to consult with him regarding the arrangements for the reception to Admiral Dewey upon his arrival in Washington. When the chief executive of the nation views the city on the night of Dewey day, he will find that his injunction has been carried out most faithfully. Admiral Dewey will be escorted to the capital by a committee on the day the nation's sword is to be presented to him. That night there will be a monster parade. Every organization in the District of Columbia will be invited to participate in the procession. Every military body, all the civic, fraternal, patriotic, social and benevolent societies and the bicycle clubs will be included. An energetic effort will be made to have each body in the line make some distinctive illumination on its own account. There will be elaborate illuminations along the line of march.

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The United States must accept the bad along with the good, pocket the loss as well as the gain in its new island possessions. The island of Porto Rico has suffered a terrible calamity; hundreds are dead, and ten of thousands are rendered homeless and impoverished. These people have lately become subjects of the United States, and our government must promptly and fully relieve their necessities. We did not exactly figure on such destructive hurricanes as this when we took Porto Rico from Spain, but since we have the island we must take it with such hurricanes as come along and we cannot afford to let our subjects down there lie prostrate before such a blow. While hurricanes are not unusual in the region of the West Indies, and while they often do much damage, this one seems to have been a record breaker so far as Porto Rico is concerned. The Spaniards will doubtless attribute it to the island's change of ownership, but we are such skeptics in this country that we will not concede this.

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