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## A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

To ascertain whether the Pacific coast is sinking into or rising out of the ocean, is the mission of Prof. G. K. Gilbert, of the United States geological survey, who has just arrived on the coast.

Six perfect Kentucky gentlemen met in the street one day last week to argue a little disagreement, and now the community is the quieter by the permanent retirement of two excellent pistol-shots.

In Russia no one drives without having a thin cord with a running noose round the neck of the horse. When an animal bolts the cord is pulled and the horse stops as soon as it feels the pressure on the wind pipe.

A Boston syndicate with a capital of \$3,500,000 has just purchased 3672 placer mining claims in the Cœur d'Alene mining district in Idaho. The purchase gives the company control of about 75 cent. of the placer mining claims in Idaho.

"Fighting Joe" Wheeler, who has just been ordered to the firing line to lead Funston's old brigade, expresses himself as highly pleased with the situation in the Philippines. Of course. What does the venerable firebrand live for except to fight?

The American authorities in Cuba are making arrangements to plant a great number of eucalyptus trees near the cities of Havana and Santiago, in the hope that the malarial conditions will be removed by the use of these trees. Great success has attended the cultivation of the eucalyptus in the malarial region adjoining the City of Rome.

The Wilder Guards, a crack military organization of Knoxville, Tenn., every member of which was a volunteer in the Spanish-American war, has volunteered to go to the Philippines or wherever the president may see fit to send them. President McKinley and Congressmen Brownlow and Gibson, of Tennessee, were advised by wire of the determination of the young men.

The directors of the United States mint estimates the gold production of the world for 1899, to be the enormous sum of \$340,000,000. The corresponding figures for 1897 were \$237,505,000, and for 1898, nearly \$288,000,000. These are astounding figures, but they are reasonably accurate. The increase in the gold yield in part accounts for the stimulation of business all over the commercial world.

One of the surest and safest ways of becoming rich beyond the dreams of avarice would be to possess a few acres of land in the heart of the city of London, or, in fact, a single acre would make one wealthier than the most lucky miner that ever starved at Johannesburg. The highest price ever asked for land in London was at the rate of \$65,000,000 per acre. The golden spot was in Bermondsey, where a few years ago a small piece of property was offered to a railway company at that rate. The railway company declined to buy. Ground about Lombard street is worth not less than \$10,000,000 an acre. The marquis of Salisbury owns five acres of land at Charing Cross, which, 250 years back, was leased for grazing purposes to his ancestors at the rate of \$2.50 an acre for 500 years. These few acres are now worth about \$5 per foot.

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In the last 350 years 1,500,000 unfortunates have been condemned to exile in Siberia by the Russian government.

Jewish New Year, Erav Rosh Hashono 5660, began last Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock and continued until Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

On the whole, it is fortunate for the people that have been comparing Aguinaldo to George Washington that the latter lusty and vigorous gentleman is no longer in the flesh.

In Kenosha, Wis., if a woman wants to ride a wheel she must first obtain a license. "Biking" and getting married seem to be regarded as equally serious amusements in Kenosha.

When a man pursues an office until his tongue hangs out and then announces in a stilted manner that he has decided to accept the place, he cannot blame the community for grinning.

A Kentucky preacher, aged seventy, has just been charged with the theft of a neighbor's wife. As the lady in question is herself but little younger, one of the curious features of the affair is that her husband objects.

The Cubans find fault with the manner in which the president, in his census proclamation, informs them that their independence is to be recognized. Children are frequently troublesome to deal with, and grown up infants are always the worst.

The Sultan, when he becomes alarmed over the possibility of assassination, falls back on boiled eggs as food, under the natural idea that they cannot be poisoned. When he hears that we have a factory in this country for producing artificial "hen fruit" he will probably starve himself to death.

Judge Lynch's record in the United States in 1898 was 121. Evidently public sentiment does not revolt very earnestly against the savagery of hanging men without trial. Public sentiment is the court of last resort, and until public-sentiment declares imperiously against lynching we shall not begin to be civilized.

The "argument" to the effect that, since women do not make the laws and have no part, direct or indirect, in making them, they should not be punished as men are, is mawkish, illogical, nonsensical. Aliens have no voice in making our penal laws, but who would be foolish enough to urge that as a reason why they should be excused for crimes they commit?

Under the United States placer mining laws one person may make a single location containing 20 acres of placer mining land, two persons may make a single location containing not more than 40 acres in a compact body, three may locate 60 acres, etc., but no single location, whether made by eight persons or more, can exceed 160 acres. It has been decided that a single location of placer mining ground may embrace 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, 120, 140 or 160 acres in a compact body, according to the number of locators.

If eight persons should make eight separate locations of 20 acres each, and seven locators should convey their claims to the other, it would require annual assessment work of \$800 to maintain the possessory right to all of the claims; but in the case of a single location, embracing 160 acres of placer mining land, the owner thereof, in order to maintain his possessory right thereto, would not be required to expend \$100 worth of mining labor on 20 acres thereof, but his possessory right to the entire 160 acres might be maintained by performing thereon \$100 worth of actual mining work designed in good faith for the improvement of the 160-acre location as a single mining claim.

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Although there are in Iceland 70,927 people, they are so free from crime that only one policeman is kept and such a thing as a jail is unknown. Equal suffrage prevails in the island.

On October 16th next, General Shafter will have attained the age of sixty-four years, and under the law he must then be placed upon the retired list of the army. It will be beyond the power of the president to return him to active service, for only a congressional act can do that, and congress will not meet until December.

Several saloonkeepers in Manchester, Ohio, have adopted a novel method to keep loafers away from the fronts of their business places on Sunday. Early every Sunday morning the window sills and door-steps are treated to a fresh coat of paint. This prevents the loafers from dropping into an easy posture, and they move on to a more inviting resting place.

The government crop report for August contained no surprises. It indicated a yield of about 535,000,000 bushels of wheat, which, though 140,000,000 less than last year, has been exceeded only twice, one in 1891 and again in 1898. The crop promises 2,200,000,000 bushels. This is 279,000,000 bushels greater than last year, and has only been exceeded once, in 1896. The loss in money value of wheat, therefore promises to be offset by the increase in corn.

No rational American can contemplate the enthusiastic response to the recent call for volunteers, the great ability and dauntless spirit of the navy of our country in the engagements with the war fleets of Spain and the coolness and magnificent courage of our soldiers when under fire in Cuba and Luzon and escape the conclusion that this people is not degenerating in the noble, virile qualities that shone at Bunker Hill, New Orleans, Chapultepec and Gettysburg.

Why is the conflict through which we have just passed known as the Spanish-American war instead of the American-Spanish? Is there anything more than euphony in the order of these names? A current writer asserts that there is a meaning, and that in the names of nearly all wars the defeated nation comes first, as the Franco-Prussian, the Austro-Italian, and more recently the China-Japanese and the Graeco-Turkish wars. Oftentimes wars are named from the point of view of the people who do the writing of their history, as the Trojan war, the Punic war, the Indian war (British) and our own Mexican war.

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