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MAN WAS BORN TO MISTLE.
He is of low days, but quite a plenty.

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NEWS OF THE STATE.

J. G. Mack, through his attorney, Albert Abraham, has filed suit in the state circuit court at Portland against the Oregonian Publishing Co. for \$50,000, claiming damages for libel. On February 7th the Oregonian printed a long article alleging that Mack had sold carpets to the county in violation of the statute. Mack says that the article was defamatory to his character to the extent of \$50,000.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

Lord Kitchener, by a combined movement of numerous columns, endeavored to capture General De Wet, but the wily Boer, by clever strategy, broke the lines and escaped. The Boer casualties, however, were 283 in killed, wounded and prisoners, as well as about 700 tired horses and many cattle captured. The British casualties were only ten. It is estimated that the forces of General De Wet amounted to about 2,000 men.

Up to Jan. 31 the total reduction of the British forces, from death or permanent disability, was 25,305 men. The total of the casualties, including the surviving wounded, was 5,240 officers and 300,701 men.

A Johannesburg dispatch states that the British surprised Commandant Albert's laager at Gruitfontein and captured 131 prisoners, including Commandants Landrost and Potgieter and Cornet Duflessis. Seven Boers were killed and 12 wounded. The Scottish Horse took the main part in the affair, acting with great gallantry. The British had ten officers and men wounded.

Lord Kitchener reports several British successes. Byng's column, while proceeding toward Liebenburg, routed a considerable force of the enemy, under Commandant Wessels. A 15-pounder and a pom-pom taken from Firman's column, and also a Boer pom-pom, that was the last gun De Wet had, and three wagons of ammunition, 150 horses and 100 mules were captured. The Boer casualties were five men killed, six wounded and 27 men captured. In other parts of the Transvaal and Cape Colony 32 prisoners were taken.

Major Leader's force surprised De Wet's command, killing seven and capturing 131. The British casualties were slight, no British being killed.

M. Kauticheva, the Bulgarian minister of public instruction, was assassinated in his study by a Macedonian, who pretended that he wanted to present a petition. The assassin subsequently committed suicide by shooting himself.

Archduke Leopold, accompanied by his wife and an aide-de-camp, made an ascent from Vienna in his new balloon Meteor, and in four and a half hours the party landed with perfect safety at Breslau, 200 miles from Vienna. The same journey in an express train occupied about eight hours. The maximum altitude attained was 10,000 feet. The archduchess is a daughter of Don Carlos.

Bernhard Stucky, aged 23, while attempting to thaw out 16 pounds of dynamite by placing it in a stove in his cabin about 12 miles from Portland, was terribly injured, and died at St. Vincent's hospital after suffering great agony. The cabin was blown to atoms and Stucky was found insensible several yards from where he had been sitting.

Ask a healthy woman what she would sell her health for and she would tell you that the choicest diamonds in the world could not buy it. What use for diamond rings to emphasize the shrunken fingers, or earrings to light up the cheeks hollowed by disease?

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"It affords me great pleasure to be able to say a few words in regard to the merits of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and his Golden Medical Discovery," writes Mrs. Flora A. of Dallas, Jackson Co., Mo. "I was tempted to try these medicines after seeing the effect upon my mother. At an early stage of married life I was greatly bothered with painful periods, also a troublesome drain which rendered me very weak and unfit for work of any kind. I became so thin there was nothing left of me but skin and bone. My husband became alarmed and got me a bottle of 'Favorite Prescription.' After he saw the wonderful effects of that one he got me two more, and after I used those up there was no more pain, and I began to gain in flesh very rapidly. 'Favorite Prescription' makes weak women strong, sick women well. Accept no substitute for the medicine which works wonders for weak women."

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Facts collected by insurance companies show that the danger from inheritance, in the case of cancer, is not so great as is commonly supposed.

The old wooden boat bridge over the ancient Oxis, on the line of the Transcaspian railroad, is to be replaced by an iron bridge 5,000 feet long, supported on 24 piers. The estimated cost of the structure is \$2,000,000.

An industry which should be established in Spain is that of manufacturing gas motors. For use in Spain the motors should be light and simple, so that they could be easily managed by those unaccustomed to the use of machinery.

After the column of graphite has been prepared for use in the pencil it is laid into a slit cut for it, covered with another piece of wood, which is glued on, then, by means of exceedingly ingenious machinery, the wooden covers are reduced to the proper size for pencils and painted or varnished and set aside to dry.

The first railway systems of the world were inaugurated in the following years, says the Mechanical Engineer: England, September 27, 1825; Austria, September 30, 1828; France, October 2, 1828; America, December 28, 1829; Belgium, May 3, 1835; Germany, December 7, 1835; Russia, April 4, 1838; Italy, September 4, 1839.

For the prevention of collisions at sea during a fog, Capt. Brinkworth, of Gloucester, England, has designed a novel compass card. The object of his device is that a certain signal should be sounded to denote from what direction the vessel is approaching. He has drawn up a list of signals corresponding to various points of the compass, and when a vessel signals in a certain manner a glance at the card denotes its position and course.

SPIKED HIS TREES.

Maine Man Adopts Novel Method to Save His Timber from Thieves.

In Washington, Me., is a tract of 1,000 acres from which the spruce and pine timber has all been cut in the past 35 years.

The tract was formerly owned by the father of the late Judge Richard D. Rice, of Augusta, who for several years was a prominent member of the Maine supreme court, reports the New York World.

At the time of the death of the elder Rice no timber had been cut from the land except what had been stolen by timber thieves, who then infested the state.

So extensive had this thievery become at one time that Rice determined to put a stop to it and to that end he employed a blacksmith to make a great number of iron spikes. He had two of these spikes inserted, one on either side, in each of the most valuable trees on the tract, and upon each spike was stamped his initials: "W. R."

After this the mill men, who generally knew where their logs came from, would not take any that they suspected of being from the Rice lands, for fear that the teeth of their saws would be knocked off against the "W. R." spikes. Not being able to sell the logs, the thieves quit stealing from Rice's land.

Some years later, when the land was cleared of timber by its new owners, the story of the spikes was recalled. It was concluded that Rice's blacksmith could not reach higher than seven feet from the ground and so the operators sawed off the trees at that height, expecting to steer clear of the spikes.

But they forgot to allow for the growth of the trees and many a saw was ruined by the "W. R." spikes, which were found 25 to 30 feet up in the trunks.

EGYPT AS A WINTER RESORT.

Africa is More Interesting to British Tourists Than Southern Europe.

Every indication is forthcoming that the approaching season in Cairo and on the Nile will be a prosperous one, and visitors will probably exceed the record of last year, when so many English people deserted the Riviera for Egypt. All the hotels promise to be full, and the newer health resorts will not lack for patronage. They now include Helouan, within half an hour's railway ride of Cairo, which has sulphur baths, recommended for rheumatism, and several first-class hotels and pensions, while furnished villas may be hired, says the London Telegraph.

Assuan, which is described as the driest accessible health resort in the world, has two large hotels and an English church, and is growing in popularity year by year, rivaling Luxor, so well known to invalids and others who dare not face an English winter. At Luxor, also, hotel extensions have taken place, and no modern improvements are wanting. Assuan is the starting point for the further voyage to Wady-Hofa.

Sportsmen in search of big game are making up parties for shooting buffalo, giraffe, rhinoceros, hippopotamus and elephant in the district lying between Khartoum and Fashoda. The regulations are now somewhat more stringent, owing to the increase in the number of guns. Dababneh, steam and sailing, and modernized—for the type of craft goes back to the days of the Pharaohs—provide the most luxurious and necessarily costly means of conveyance, and the fleet available is always in keen demand for families making application a long time in advance.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The names of Rear-Admirals William T. Sampson and Bartlett Cromwell have been placed on the retired list, on account of their having reached the age of 62 years.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who is attending school at Groton, Mass., is ill with pneumonia, and President and Mrs. Roosevelt left Washington for Groton in order to be near their son during his illness.

Rear-Admiral Bowles, in advocating before the house committee on naval affairs an appropriation of \$35,000 at the Puget sound navy yard for his barouche, said that yard would have to be depended upon to do the larger construction and repair work for the navy on the Pacific coast. Maro Island was valuable for the smaller class of construction and repair on account of the large number of mechanics available, but the larger vessels, he said, would have to go north. Rear-Admirals O'Neil, Kenney and Melville have spoken to the same effect.

A Fireman's Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Chas. Strang. Price 50 cents.

The farmers of eastern Washington and Oregon are gradually building co-operative telephone lines through the larger part of the wheat-growing area.

H. E. Huntington has decided that he will equip the new shops at Los Angeles to build electric cars from the rail up. He finds that he can save \$100 on each motor by building them at Los Angeles.

John Murphy, commonly known as "Brick" Murphy, was sentenced by Superior Judge Carroll Cook at San Francisco to life imprisonment in San Quentin for the crime of robbery. In 1891 he was convicted of petty larceny, and, according to the law of California, a man with a prior conviction for a petty crime against him must receive a life sentence when convicted on a charge of felony.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him. WEST & THURAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Suit was begun in Oakland, Cal., by Mrs. Margaret H. Mansfield for the annulment of her marriage to William E. Mansfield. The couple were married in 1887, Mansfield believing that his first wife, whom he married in the east in 1869, was dead. Mansfield applied recently to the government for a pension for his four years' services during the civil war, and received a reply from the pension department to the effect that his first wife had applied for a pension and that she believed him dead. The second Mrs. Mansfield now asks that she be allowed to resume her maiden name, Margaret Harriet McMillan. The couple have lived happily together since their marriage.

When you feel drowsy, do not relish your food, lack energy and stupid, after eating, all you need is a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets. They will make you feel like a new man and give you an appetite like a bear. For sale by Chas. Strang, druggist.

In an opinion filed in the United States court at Seattle Judge Hanford decides that the steam schooner Lakme shall pay to the owners of the ship Queen Elizabeth the sum of \$1,500 damages as the result of a collision which took place between the two vessels in Puget sound on the night of April 14, 1900.

Norman Lambert, the man-of-warman who confessed desertion to avoid conviction of murder, and who made a daring escape from the receiving ship Independence at Vallejo, Cal., recently, is still alive. It was thought he had perished in his attempt to swim the river, but a postal card from him to a friend about the Independence says, "I am now 100 miles away and still going."

Had To Conquer Or Die.

"I was just about gone," writes Mrs. Rosa Richardson, of Laurel Springs, N. C. "I had consumption so bad that the best doctors said I could not live more than a month, but I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by seven bottles and am now stout and well." It's an unrivaled life-saver in consumption, pneumonia, la grippe and bronchitis; infallible for coughs, colds, asthma, hay fever, croup or whooping cough. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Chas. Strang's drug store.

P. B. Cornwall and the other San Francisco owners of the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia railroad have decided to spend several million dollars in carrying out two big enterprises. One will be the development of the water power of Nooksack falls, in Whatcom county, and the conversion of the same into electric power. The other project is the extension of the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia railroad from Maple Falls, in Whatcom county, across the Cascade mountains to Winthrop, in Okanogan county.

The Best Prescription for Malaria Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHINA TONIC. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. Price 50 cents.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Indians Scared by a Strange Animal. Death of a Noted Thief—Scandal in The British Army "Eddyism" Ridiculed in Germany.

The directors of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey declared a quarterly dividend of \$20 per share.

Dowager Queen Margherita, widow of King Humbert, says a Rome dispatch, will make a visit to the United States, traveling incognito under the name of Countess Stupinigi.

The steamship Philadelphia of the American line broke the record for having the longest communication with the land by means of the Marconi wireless telegraph system, messages having been received when land was 150 miles distant.

Helen Ray, eldest daughter of Secretary of State John Hay, and Payne Whitney, son of former Secretary of the Navy Whitney, were married at the Church of the Covenant at Washington. At the ceremony were the president and his cabinet and what is known as the best of New York and New England society.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, and Mrs. Schwab were entertained at a private luncheon at the London Mansion House by the lord mayor, Sir Joseph Dimsdale. Schwab had also half an hour's audience with King Edward at Marlborough House.

Bridge Commissioner Lendenthal says that, in order to remedy the congestion of traffic on the Brooklyn bridge, the entire superstructure will have to be rebuilt, and two rows of tracks substituted, one above the other, as called for by the plans of the East river bridges now in process of erection. This will involve an expenditure of several million dollars.

Much indignation has been aroused in Great Britain by the apparent incompetence and possible dishonesty that permeates the purchasing departments of the British army. It is understood that a contract for meat was first awarded at £10,000 premium and then at £40,000, while Cecil Rhodes and the De Beers group handed over £200,000, and thus finally secured the contract to supply the troops in South Africa with fresh meat. A rigid investigation into the scandal will be made.

The Indians in the Big Salmon district, on the lower Yukon, struck camp in great haste and have gone to Hootalinqua and Lebarge. The cause of their abrupt departure, say persons coming out from Dawson, was the appearance of a huge animal that had invaded the forest near their village on the Big Salmon. From the description of the animal it is suggested that it may be a survivor of that tribe of mammoths the fossils of which are found in Alaska. "Big as a cabin and speaks to an Indian like a steamboat" is, in tones of terror, the description of the beast given by the Indians. To prove that the natives were thoroughly frightened, the thermometer, at the time of their hurried departure, registered 39 and 40 degrees below zero.

The British government has entered into a five-year contract for the conveyance of mails, troops and stores monthly between Halifax, Quebec, Montreal and Hongkong. The Canadian Pacific Railroad company is to receive an annual subsidy of \$50,000, of which the Canadian government is to contribute \$15,000. The vessels, being liable to war service, the company agrees to construct all its mail steamers under admiralty supervision, providing gun platforms and otherwise fitting them so that they can be used as armed cruisers or troop ships. Similar contracts have been concluded with the great transatlantic and Oriental shipping corporations.



A Miraculous Feat.

"It seemed that nothing short of a miracle could save my little daughter from an untimely death," says City Marshall A. H. Malcolm, of Cherokee, Kan. "When two years old she was taken with stomach and bowel trouble and despite the efforts of the best physicians we could procure, she grew gradually worse and was pronounced incurable. A friend advised

Dr. Miles' Nervine

and after giving it a few days she began to improve and finally fully recovered. She is now past five years of age and the very picture of health."

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MRS. J. E. O'DONNELL

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Sick Eight Years with Female Trouble and Finally Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The already enviable record of Mrs. Pinkham's great medicine becomes more and more glorious every day, and how the glad tidings are spread among women from the Atlantic to the Pacific is told in such letters as the one from Mrs. O'Donnell here published.

The troubles to which women are subject because of their sex are many—every day a woman is liable to a new pain. Excessive worry may disturb the menstrual functions and unsettle the nerves. Over-excitement may set up inflammation of the ovaries and womb, but wherever or whatever the trouble is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is sure to find and cure it. Read Mrs. O'Donnell's letter and try to realize that such generous testimony is not to be had for money, or any monetary consideration; it is purely out of the goodness of her heart and gratitude for her own cure that by this act she is endeavoring to lead other women to health and happiness.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all women who are ill to write her for advice. Address Lynn, Mass., giving full particulars.



MRS. JENNIE E. O'DONNELL.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have never in my life given what you would call a testimonial before, but you have done so much for me that I feel called upon to give you this unsolicited acknowledgement of the wonderful curative value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. For eight long years I had female trouble, falling of the womb and other complications. During that time I was more or less of an invalid and not much good for anything. Four years ago I noticed a book in the hall telling of the cures you could perform. I read it and became interested. I bought a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and was helped, and decided to use it for a year, but seven months sufficed to cure me, and since that time I have simply had perfect health. Thanks, dear Mrs. Pinkham again, health such as I now enjoy is worth all that and more."—Mrs. JENNIE O'DONNELL, 278 East 31st St., Chicago, Ill.

Surely such endorsement should dispel doubt from the minds of all hesitating women. After reading such a letter, if any woman is willing to remain sick, we can only say it is her own fault and she deserves to suffer; for the medicine that cured Mrs. O'Donnell and a hundred thousand others will surely cure her.

\$5000 REWARD.—We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, \$5000, which will be paid to any person who can find that the above testimonial letter is not genuine, or was published before obtaining the writer's special permission. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

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Proprietor

The nude body of 16-year-old Nora Fuller, missing since Jan. 11, was found on a bed in a vacant house at 2211 Sutter street, San Francisco. The house had been rented on Jan. 8 to a man giving the name of C. B. Hawkins, and he said he would move into the house next day. It has been ascertained that Nora Fuller answered an advertisement for a position as a domestic, and she received a reply from a man signing himself John Bennett, requesting her to meet him at the Popular restaurant, 55 Geary street. The police are endeavoring to find Hawkins, who they have no doubt is identical with Bennett. The theory at present is that the girl was strangled to death.

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Judges Oster and Blodsoe, sitting in banc in the superior court at San Bernardino, Cal., in the case of the People vs. Jim Goldard, decided that subdivision 3 of section 647 of the Penal Code is unconstitutional and discharged the prisoner, who had been convicted of vagrancy under that subdivision. The court holds that if roaming about from place to place without any lawful business is a crime, then any man, no matter how wealthy, traveling about the country seeking health or pleasure, without any lawful business, is guilty of committing a crime.

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