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THE AERIAL NAVY.

When the army airship board on Monday of this week decided that the Baldwin dirigible balloon had met with all the requirements and accepted it on behalf of the department, the initial steps were taken toward the establishment of the United States aerial navy, says an exchange. The successful navigation of the air appears to be a thing of the near future. Whatever is successful commercially in the way of transportation always has been seized upon by wise governments as another of many links in the chain that goes to make up the scheme of national offense and defense. There is not a naval or military power the globe round that has not been watching with eager and scrutinizing eyes every experiment made during the last year in the field of aerial navigation. Behind this international interest is the hope that the native inventor may be more successful than his fellows in discovering a principle or inventing a design that will add to the strength of the nation and give it an advantage over its friendly rivals in time of peace and over its enemies in time of war.

There will be repeated failures, lives lost and money dissipated before aerial navigation becomes reasonably practicable, but that eventually men responding to the demands of trade and commerce, and men carrying the deadly instrumentalities through which an enemy may be attacked or invasion repelled, will fly the air with east and great rapidity no one can doubt who has given a moment's thought to the wonderful accomplishments of the past year. There were not wanting scoffers and doubters when George Stephenson constructed the Rocket, and gave to the world the first locomotive engine, almost 80 years ago. It was only after he had given up in despair that Morse obtained the government aid that made the first telegraph line possible. The development of electricity into its place today as the happy solution of the heat and power problem began in hay experiments resulting in little more than mechanical toys.

This is not an age in which to doubt the possibilities of aerial navigation. It has gone beyond the range of guesswork, and requires now only development and proper as-



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assistance. The United States government did well to encourage Baldwin. If some one else can do better things let him, too, be similarly encouraged. This is a rich and a great country, and no one will begrudge a few dollars to the genius who gives us a new field for our industrial and military activities.

No doubt the Kansas legislature acted wisely in abolishing the death penalty for crime. We can imagine no more severe punishment than being compelled to live in that State.

According to the Chicago News, fish may be preserved by wrapping them in newspapers. After that some of the stories in the paper may seem more fishy than before.

Mr. Taft is receiving numerous letters of advice from admirers, and some of the writers will probably forget that in politics advice is easier to get than money.

The question before the country is: "Shall the people rule?" In the meantime, it might be well for the people to keep out of the hands of the police.

Possibly money would roll into the campaign coffers more rapidly if it wouldn't stop to do so much talking on the way.

Colonel Drinkwater of Massachusetts, has declared himself for Bryan. That makes another hole in the Prohibition vote.

Going at the rate of 60 miles an hour, speed maniacs naturally meet death sooner than they would otherwise.

AUGUSTA, GA. UNDER WATER.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 26.—A long-distance telephone from the Associated Press correspondent from Augusta says that the city is completely under water. The downtown portion of the business houses, the telegraph offices and newspaper offices are completely demoralized. There have been three deaths in Augusta, two whites and one negro. The damage is estimated to reach half a million dollars.

At 8:20 tonight it is learned through a single wire of the Georgia Railroad company, working partly into Augusta, that a large cotton warehouse and the wholesale grocery warehouses of the Nixon company are burning. The union depot is under ten feet of water and in the best residence district six feet, and is slowly rising.

It is reported that fires destroyed the Nixon warehouses, but this cannot be confirmed. The telegraph operator could not get near enough to get definite information on account of the water, but fires are burning in the vicinity of the big warehouses.

BETTER BIDE AWAY.

Dr. F. E. Payne returned yesterday from a visit to the Hood river country. The country looked good to him, but there is not enough of it and opportunities for investment there do not begin to reach those in the Rogue River valley—hence, while that country looks good to him, the Rogue River valley looks better. Land values, he says there are "way yonder" as compared with ours. Nothing at all uncommon to see a 2-year-old orchard there sell for \$200 and \$400 an acre, while a 6-year-old orchard easily brings \$1200 and \$1200.

THIRTY MINERS MEET DEATH

M'ALLISTER, O. T., Aug. 26.—More than 30 miners were suffocated at Oklahoma coal mine No. 1 at Haleyville, 14 miles east of here, today, when a fire destroyed the hoisting shaft and air shaft cut off air from the men below.

Twenty-six dead bodies were brought out tonight, following a successful three hours' battle with the flames. It is believed that six or eight more will be found. None of the men met death by burning. A search of the entire mine will probably be 24 hours before a thorough search of the entire mine will be possible. The ignition of a barrel of oil started the fire.

LANDS UNDISPOSED OF.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26.—The general land office annual statement showing area of public domain remaining undisposed of July 1, 1908. The government has an area of 754,859,296 acres surveyed and unsurveyed, including the following:

Alaska	396,021,569
Arizona	42,769,202
California	29,872,493
Colorado	23,696,697
Idaho	26,785,002
Montana	46,592,440
Nevada	61,177,950
New Mexico	43,777,965
Oregon	16,857,995
Utah	36,374,995
Washington	4,350,161
Wyoming	57,145,362

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

Joseph Beardsley of Phoenix met with a peculiar and at the same time a very serious accident while handling a shotgun yesterday afternoon, by which he lost the first finger of his right hand at the knuckle. He was hurried to this city for medical aid and last night was taken back to his home.

Beardsley and his mother's brother, William Wright, started for Elmer Coleman's ranch with a wagon to get a load of wood, and young Beardsley took a repeating shotgun along. When about a mile on the road he held the gun, with the muzzle up, and pulled the slide for the purpose of taking out the old shell and putting in a loaded one. In some manner the shell exploded, and with the rebound of the gun the block came suddenly in contact with his finger and cut it completely off.

Mr. Wright drove with all speed back to the house and the young man's father, William J. Beardsley, hitched the horses to a buggy and the two men brought the lad here. At the office of Dr. H. E. Morrison he was put under chloroform and

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MR. BINGHAM IN CHARGE.

J. H. Bingham is the gentleman who will be in charge of the stock of hardware formerly owned by H. E. Boyden, but recently purchased by the Weed Lumber company. The store was opened yesterday under the new management. Mr. Boyden has been engaged in the hardware business in Medford for ten or more years, but will now retire for a rest, and he may now invest some money in other enterprises after he has had time to get his bearings.

He has surely given strict attention to business for all these years, and whatever of success may have come his way has been well earned. He has a good word to say elsewhere in these columns for his successors.

We pay 25c a dozen, cash, for fresh country eggs. Miller & Ewbank.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

In the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson.

In the Matter of the Application of Martin McDonough to register the title to the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lots numbered three (3) and ten (10) in block number seventeen (17) in the Town (now City) of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, according to the official plat thereof, now of record.

vs.
Welcome Fowler, and all whom it may concern, defendants.
To Welcome Fowler, and all whom it may concern, defendants:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You, and each of you, are hereby required to appear and answer the Application filed against you in the above entitled cause, which is a cause brought for the purpose of Registering Title to the above described premises, and you are so required to appear and answer on or before the 18th day of October, A. D. 1908; and if you fail to so appear and answer for want thereof the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief in said Application and herein demanded, said Application being now on file in the office of the Clerk of said Court in Jackson County, Oregon; the date for the order for the publication of this Summons is August 25, 1908.

Dated August 25, 1908.
W. R. COLEMAN,
County Clerk for Jackson County, Oregon, and ex-officio Clerk of the Circuit Court.

REGISTRATION OF LAND TITLE.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson.

In the Matter of the Application of Martin McDonough, to register the title to the following described property, to-wit:

Lots numbered three (3) and ten (10) in block number seventeen (17) in the Town now City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, according to the official plat thereof, now of record.

vs.
Welcome Fowler, and all whom it may concern, defendants.
TAKE NOTICE

That on the 21st day of August, A. D. 1908, an application was filed by said Martin McDonough, in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, for initial registration of the title of the land above described.

Now, unless you appear on or before the 25th day of September, A. D. 1908, and show cause why such application shall not be granted the same will be taken as confessed, and a decree will be entered according to the application and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the court hereto affixed this 21st day of August, 1908.

W. R. COLEMAN,
County Clerk of Jackson County, Oregon, and ex-officio Clerk of the Circuit Court.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, August 18, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Charles J. Hansen, of Medford, Oregon, who, on August 18, 1908, made timber application, No. 0847, for W 1/2 of NE 1/4, E 1/2 of NW 1/4, Section 14, Township 24 S, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Canon, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 4th day of November, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: John N. Hayes, of Central Point, Oregon; John C. Hayes, of Central Point, Oregon; Hugh H. Hayes, of Central Point, Oregon; Bert Gleason, of Medford, Oregon.

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WIRES MADE HARMLESS.

ALTOONA, Pa., Aug. 22.—In the presence of over 800 electricians and officials from all points along the Pennsylvania railroad lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie, an elaborate test was made here today of means to avoid danger from live electric wires. A pair of wire-cutters, specially made for the experiment, having wooden handles and bolted in paraffin oil, were used to cut wires carrying 8000 volts. The test was completed without the slightest shock.

The company's chief expert, B. F. Wood, used a rubber coat wet with rain and dragged around the sizzling end of a broken wire apparently immune.

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