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It won't be long now until we can begin swearing off for the next century. For a man in private life, Mark Twain certainly manages to keep his name before the public. And he does it so nicely too.

In the mind of one part of the average family at the present time the full Christmas stocking is holding the edge on the full dinner pail.

More battleships and armed cruisers are to be built for Uncle Sam, whose varied interests demand an efficient navy as well as an efficient army.

The Hon. Eugene Fox Debs admits that he was overwhelmingly defeated, but he is unable to invent as many excuses for the slaughter of Col. Bryan.

A public discussion is to be held in Manila of the new tariff bill. If Aguinaldo has anything to say let him drop in and say it, or else forever after hold his peace.

Gen. Mercer has withdrawn some of the fire from his speech about invading Great Britain. The distinguished French officer seems to lack the convictions of his courage.

The prospective war between Portugal and Holland will not last long enough to enable Carl Schurz to ascertain which side he ought to be on in order to be inconsistent.

If the London authorities want to find the Filipino junta in Hong Kong they ought to engage the services of the English spy who dogged the pro-Berbo footsteps of Webster Davis last summer.

Jerry Simpson was given up by congress and in retaliation has given up politics. Result—he is making money and becoming a plutocrat.

Pity the poor starving brewers. Their business is in an awful condition. They only increased their output by three million barrels during the last year.

The Baker Republican is of the opinion that Oregon "needs a man." True enough; but it has no use for a senatorial funeral. It wants a live man.

The canteen provision incorporated in the army bill by the house will almost certainly become a law, although three-fourths of the members of both house and senate are opposed to it, and think it exceedingly ill advised. Who says that public opinion does not make itself felt in this country.

Washington city's finances are in the hands of congress. Taxes are levied and collected, but not one cent can be spent without the approval of congress. The result is that the capital city of the nation is suffering from an epidemic of typhoid fever, which the physicians testify is due entirely to the filthy condition of the water supply. Yet congress will not appropriate the city's own money for a system of filtration.

The last Republican convention in Multnomah county indorsed Senator Simon as "Multnomah county's representative in the United States senate." That is correct. Simon represents Multnomah county, McBride represents Oregon, Multnomah included. Should Corbett be elected, Multnomah county would have two representatives in the United States senate instead of one.

General Chaffee may not have acted entirely in accordance with etiquette when he sent that letter to Waldersee, but he spoke the truth straight from the shoulder in it, all the same. The conduct of the allies in China has been unworthy of the most barbarous people in the world.

Wisconsin is discussing a law to require candidates for matrimony to submit to a medical examination first. Wisconsin does not stop to consider that the desire to marry may alone constitute proof of insanity.

Chairman Ray of the judiciary committee is about to take the first steps toward securing an amendment to the constitution giving the government power over marriage and divorce. It is to be hoped that he will succeed, though the road will undoubtedly be long and rocky. The divorce laws of many states are a stench in the nostrils of the world.

Prizes for Counties.

The State Board of Agriculture has ordered that \$925 be set apart for prizes for displays of the agricultural and horticultural products of the various counties, variety and quality to be considered in distributing prizes. The county making the best exhibit will receive \$250 and a silver cup valued at \$100; second prize, \$200; third, \$150; fourth, \$100; fifth, \$75; sixth, \$50. The prizes are established at this time in order that every county may have ample time to arrange for its exhibit at the fair. By taking up the matter in time, it would be just like finding \$250 and a \$100 silver cup for Polk county to send a county exhibit to the next state fair.

Now it seems that Governor Pinney's pardons of the "generals" are void because the proper routine was not followed. The country will rejoice to hear this. Anyone less worthy of pardon than the men who plundered the state and robbed the soldiers in war times would be hard to find.

The battle for the Oregon senatorship to succeed McBride is taking form, and suites of rooms are already engaged at Hotel Willamette for at least three aspirants, and for twenty days on and after Friday, January 11. The legislature meets on Monday the 14th. Ex-Senator Corbett will be here and take personal charge of his candidacy. He will make an open fight for the honor, and cast aside all the manipulating and secret methods of the past. McBride is expected to be here, as well as Mitchell and Fuiton. Governor Geer says in the most emphatic manner that he will not allow his name to be sprung as a candidate under any circumstances.—Salem Journal.

Now the Kaiser has realized the march of the world, and has decreed that English must be taught in the German gymnasia. This means that Germans must learn to speak English almost as well as they do German.

Some of the opposition orators, who started in to fight for silver and then switched to imperialism and next to trusts, are now making the department stores the chief subject of their argument. This is pretty "small potatoes" for a great national party to feed on. The origin of the department store may be traced to the rural districts. It was first found in every Fourth Street.

Today, the postmaster who sells postage stamps deals also, as a rule, in dry goods and wet goods, in hardware and soft ware, in glue and groceries. The country store was the prototype of the department store. The only difference between the two now is that the city department store has a separate counter for every separate class of goods, while the country store-keeper, over the same counter, sells his customer anything, from a jug of molasses to package of pins. Where shall we draw the line on the department stores? If we wipe out the big one in the city, what will become of the little one in the country?

Recent shipments of livestock from Independence are: T. J. Fryer, 200 head of choice mutton sheep; E. Gray, 200; Lee Brown, 500; W. W. Percival, 1200; and also two cars of fat hogs. The hogs were very choice, bringing the same price as Eastern Oregon hogs. They averaged about 300 lbs. live weight for which the farmers were paid 44 cents per pound. It may be a revelation to the Willamette farmer to learn that the Eastern Oregon hog sells at a quarter to a half cent per pound higher than the valley hog. The explanation of this is that the valley farmer persists in selling his hogs half finished while the Eastern Oregon farmer is never ready to sell until his hogs are well fattened. And yet there are some very choice hogs in shipment that had not been fed on wheat. They were raised on a rotation of crops and finished on corn, which leaves the grower a nice margin.

As it saves the expense of harvesting the grain there certainly should be more stock raised in the Willamette valley. They are bringing long prices and we surely can compete with less favored localities with our mild and even climate. Still mutton sheep and hogs are selling as high here as in Chicago, where the farmers of the eastern states market their stock. They have to prepare for long cold winters, not like our valley farmers who never expect to have to feed, or if so there are rare occasions.

More livestock and less wheat should be the motto of the Willamette valley farmer. RAMBLER.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10. The Senate did not take up the Nicaragua Canal bill today, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last session, because, with the votes of the many friends of the Canal bill, the Ship Subsidy bill was last week made the regular order of the Senate. The friends of the Canal bill will wait until the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is acted upon before pushing that measure. They say that they have the votes pledged to pass it whenever they get ready, and that there is no need to rush it now.

When Congress is good it is very good, and it has been very good indeed since this session opened. There has not been the slightest wrangle on the floor of either Senate or House, although the latter debated and passed the Administration Army Reorganization bill, providing for a regular army of from 58,000 to 100,000 men, in the President's discretion, which under ordinary circumstances might have been expected to have aroused the minority. Doubtless the failure of the minority caucus to agree upon a party policy had something to do with the calmness of the debate.

Congress is likely to find itself involved in a financial discussion shortly, in connection with an administration bill providing a system of coinage for the Philippines, where the Mexican dollar, commercial value, 50 cents, is the popular unit of value, under U. S. control, as it was under Spanish control. No bill has yet been introduced in Congress on the subject, but from talk at a Cabinet meeting, one is likely to be that will provide for the purchase of silver bullion to be coined into pesos, or Philippine dollars, each to contain about fifty cents worth of silver, or a little less than our standard silver dollar.

That the agitation by the dairy interest was effective was shown by the large vote, 196 to 92 by which the Groulx bill for a tax of ten cents a pound on oleomargarine, was passed by the House. The principal argument advanced for the bill is that it was necessary to protect the dairy interests of the country.

A far-reaching measure has been introduced by Representative Taylor, of Ohio, and referred to the house judiciary committee. Mr. Taylor's primary object was to prohibit polygamy, but in proposing a constitutional amendment for uniform laws on marriage and divorce, he has gone further. This measure may be pushed at this session, but it is not likely to get through, owing to the short time in which to reach any sort of an agreement among those who hold widely divergent opinions, not only on the question of marriage and divorce, but on the question of the wisdom of a federal law to deal with them. States rights are involved in the last.

The senate committee on military affairs today began the consideration of the army re-organization bill, passed by the house last week. The house, with a view to expediting the measure, made its bill a substitute for one passed by the senate at the last session. The idea being that the senate would order the bill sent to Conference. SEN.

That Cough Hangs On

You have used all sorts of cough remedies but it does not yield; it is too deep seated. It may wear itself out in time, but it is more liable to produce la grippe, pneumonia or a serious throat affection. You need something that will give you strength and build up the body.

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will do this when everything else fails. There is no doubt about it. It nourishes, strengthens, builds up and makes the body strong and healthy, not only to throw off this hard cough, but to fortify the system against further attacks. If you are run down or emaciated you should certainly take this nourishing food medicine.

ator Hawley, chairman of the Com-

mitted, says there will be no conference on the bill as it now stands; that his committee will consider grant hearings if necessary and then make a report in the usual way. The temperance people are working hard to get the flat-faced, anti-liquor amendment inserted in the bill by such an overwhelming majority of the House, kept in the Senate, but their success is very doubtful. It is openly charged that many members of the House voted for the amendment because the W. C. T. U. happened to be in session in Washington, and with the hope and expectation that the Senate would cut it out.

Representative Hepburn of Iowa, author of the Nicaragua Canal bill now before the Senate, has doubts of the value of political oratory in his district. He said: "four years ago I made sixty or seventy speeches, and I pulled through with about six hundred majority. Two years ago, I made six or seven speeches and received three thousand majority. In the campaign just closed, I was sick and didn't make any speeches and my majority was five thousand."

The investigation of the election of Senator Clark, of Montana, cost the Senate about \$25,000, of which Mr. Clark drew \$444.10 as witness fees and mileage.

When the House Committee on Ways and Means added a reduction of twenty-five cents a barrel in the tax on beer, before reporting the revenue reduction bill to the House it made the total reduction \$40,000, 000 which is about 25 per cent greater than the administration wishes it to be. The bill will be put through the House during the present week.

A shrewd Portland man who has observed the products and the markets of the country has written a long article telling of a number of industries that ought to be made more profitable in Oregon. He says that both our soil and our climate are peculiarly adapted to flax raising. He thinks our wheat crops would be larger and better if more attention were given to proper summer fallowing, and says a greater percent of it ought to be made into flour before export. He sees no good reason for so much oats and barley products being imported while our own state can produce such superior articles. There ought to be several starch factories to utilize our immense crops of potatoes. He suggests that more attention be given to raising so many hog and poultry products, and all the sugar and butter we need could be made within the borders of our own state.

There is considerable interest being aroused over the claims frequently made in the streets that money is being freely used in the interest of one of the candidates in the coming senatorial election. That large wealth is interested there can be no question. If men having reputations as boodlers are interesting themselves in the success of any wealthy aspirant for that high office let their comings and goings be closely watched by all honorable men. Should they be seen interviewing members of the legislature, let inquiry be made as to their business. Let the legislators be given to understand that bribery and corruption will not be tolerated. Oregon needs a representative in the senate who can accomplish something for the state, and who has some interest in affairs aside from "personal vindication" or revenge on political enemies. The state of Oregon has nothing to do with private difficulties, and no man has the right even to ask the legislature to help remove the blotches from his moral escutcheon. It is work Oregon needs and not a social light in the giddy whirl of the fashionable set at the Nation's Capital. Wealthy entertainers can secure recognition in society without political connections, provided they spend money enough. Oregon is not in need of social distinction. She wants a senator who already has, and who can secure, committee assignments where substantial benefits can be secured in the way of appropriations and favorable legislation. Let it be seen to that the right man is selected. Money does not make the man any more than does the coat.

Thomas A. Edison has just perfected an invention which is destined to multiply many times the physical forces of the industrial world. It is a device for the utilization of all the energy stored in coal. When it is said that practically all physical energy is derived from coal, and that as now consumed coal yields no more than 10 per cent, of its energy, often much less, the remaining 90 per cent, and more being lost, it will be understood how valuable such an invention is and what its possibilities are for industrial development. Mr. Edison accomplishes this liberation of coal energy by means of compressed air.

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The German newspapers are asking some very pertinent questions about the ship subsidy bill that congress is expected to pass. Among other things they want to know why a nation as rich and enterprising as we are, and having, as they say, the cheapest coal, steel and machinery in the world, should have to pay our own citizens to build ships and make money out of sailing them. That is what a good many Americans would like to know too—Chicago Journal.

Bids for School Bonds Wanted. The County Treasurer of Polk County, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for school bonds to be issued on Saturday, December 22nd, 1900, at 11 o'clock P. M. for school bonds as follows: Amount of bonds to be issued, \$15,000; date of issue, January 31, 1901; payable in twenty years, with the privilege of paying the same in full at any time. Interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum; interest payable semi-annually; purpose of issue: To pay off the present bonded indebtedness of \$13,000 now due and held by Blair & Co., New York, against School District No. 29, Independence, Polk County, Oregon. A certified check of 10 per cent of bid, drawn on any well known bank in Oregon, payable to the order of the undersigned, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that the successful bidder will comply with his bid. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. V. DALTON, County Treasurer of Polk County, Oregon.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. U. S. Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, December 1, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Polk County, at Dallas, Oregon, on January 15, 1901, viz: Benjamin Harrington, H. E. No. 110566, for the Northeast 1/4 of section 17, T. 9 S., R. 8 E.

Notice for Publication. First pub. Dec. 11. Last pub. Feb. 11. TIMBER LAND ACT, JUNE 3, 1872. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, December 3, 1900. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of August 3, 1872, entitled "An act for the sale of timber land in California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as amended to all the Public Land States, as extended by Act of August 10, 1892, and Act of August 4, 1894, that A. Corbett, of the county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 202, for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of section 17, township 9 S., range No. 8 E., and will offer proof to show that the land so claimed is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Surveyor of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on January 15, 1901.

Stockholders' Notice. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence and Monmouth Railway Company will be held at Independence, Oregon, on Monday, December 31st, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., for the election of directors and officers and transaction of such other business as may legally come before said meeting. Dated November 16, 1900. D. W. SHARS, Secretary.

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