New England is stale, declares the Buffalo Times. Too far gone to keep up with the rapid march of progress, it has dropped out of the procession. The Boston Herald finds evidence in recent statistics of the decadence of the group of states not only in political influence and literary eminence, but also in manufacturing and commerce. During the past year national banks increased in number, capital, deposits and aggregate resources in other parts of the union, but in New England there was a smaller number of banks, less deposits and less aggregate resources than at the beginning of 1903. In manufacturing New England has not kept abreast with other sections of the country. The textile industry is in part absorbed by the south and other lines of productive industry are appropriated by the middle and western states.

The Herald believes that special legislation would restore to New England its old-time prosperity, but there is grave doubt as to the advisability of providing it. The Baltimore Sun, discussing this proposition, ably says that New England is a corner of the country, and a national policy that suits the rest of the union does not necessarily favor a remote corner.

Cliff of Natural Glass.

A cliff of natural glass can be seen in Yellowstone Park, Wyoming. It is half a mile long and from 150 feet to 200 feet high, the material of which it consists being as good glass as that artificially manufactured. The dense glass which forms the base is from 75 feet to 100 feet thick, while the upper portion, having suffered and survived many ages of wind and rain, has naturally worn much thinner. Of course, the color of the cliff is not that of natural glass—transparent and white—but it is mostly black, and some places mottled and streaked with brownish red and shades of olive green and brown.

The business of supplying polo ponies to the crack clubs of the big cities has grown to such an extent in Colorado that contractors now make fancy terms every year furnishing trained animals to the wealthy patrons of the sport. Of late years there has been an attempt to raise the standard of polo ponies as to blood, says Outdoors. Excellent results have been achieved, and it is claimed that a well-bred pony, raised in the Rocky mountains and allowed to run until two years old cannot be excelled for polo purposes. Another good class is the broncho that has been trained to cattle work. A broncho of this sort is used for picking certain cattle from a herd and to obeying almost every thought of his rider. This training is valuable to the polo field, where a pony must act largely of his own accord. Consequently many a cowboy, tempted by a good offer, has parted with his dearest companion, while the alert little broncho, that has spent his early years nosing out cattle or in participating in the excitements of the round-up, wins the applause of connoisseurs at many a well-fought field battle.

Some of the polo ponies from the western range have been sent to India, and others have gone to some of the wealthy English clubmen at Asiatic stations. They rarely break down, except from age, and seem to be good for many years of hard polo work in any climate. Their good record in this most difficult and dangerous of sports is a fine tribute to the quality and staying powers of American horses.

FORGOT WOODEN LEG.

An Absent-Minded Customer Recently Left It in a Kansas City Savings Bank.

Lots of funny things are left by the carelessly disposed in queer places, but about the oddest find of this sort recorded recently is that of Will Webb, cashier of the Missouri savings bank, who was, until it was called for, the unwilling custodian of a man's wooden leg, which the owner had left on the bank's counter, says the Kansas City Journal.

"He came in the other day," said Mr. Webb, recently, "and left an elongated package on the counter when he departed. When it was noticed and brought to me it seemed heavy, so in the hope of ascertaining its ownership I opened it, only to find that it was a wooden leg! You can imagine my surprise.

"My first thought was, how could the man have walked away if he left his leg here? But then I remembered that it was wrapped up and concluded that he must have been wearing an old one. So I put it away until I could trace the ownership. Sure enough, next day in came a man who asked the teller if he had left his leg here the day before. The teller was startled, but managed to refer the man to me, and I soon put him in possession of his extremity.

"Lots of funny things are left here; up to then the queerest were a clarinet, on which I couldn't play, and a woman's petticoat, which I couldn't wear. Both were called for later on."

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THINGS SHE DID NOT WANT

Story That Suggests the Philosophy of the Negative as a Promoter of Happiness.

Among the members of a certain family is a much-beloved little woman whose philosophy of life furnishes no small amusement to her friends.

"If you ever feel really forlorn and poverty-stricken," one of her nieces was overheard saying to a schoolmate one day, "you just ought to go downtown with my Aunt Mary."

"The other day I went shopping with her, and I thought I'd keep count. Thirteen times she stopped and looked admiringly at things, and then walked on declaring that she didn't want them. The silver would need so much cleaning, and the glass would be such a constant anxiety; the fine clothes would be too fine to have good times in, and the handsome furniture would show every speck of dust. Even books could not make her waver, although she is an insatiable reader.

"'There's so many you don't want to read,' she says

"Once I caught her, when she stopped before some 'American beauties' in a florist's window.

"'Wouldn't you like to have money enough to buy those, auntie?' I asked. But she wasn't to be caught.

"'I'd so hate to see them fade,' she said.

"The only thing for which I've ever heard her wish was more money with which to 'do things' for other people, and even that was only a half wish, 'for if you haven't money you have to think of something else, and the something else is often so much better,' she says. I really think Aunt Mary is happier in discovering things she doesn't want than most people in getting what they do want."

The pretty story, says the Youth's Companion, suggests a query: Do we—the majority of us—make enough of the philosophy of the negative as a promoter of happiness? Wealth, whether of spirit or estate, must be reckoned not alone by the good possessed, but also by the undesirable avoided. Many a quiet flower of happiness grows beside the paths of those whose eyes are wise to see the things they do not want.

FIVE TONS AT ONE BITE.

Automatic Grab Bucket Can Pick Up That Amount of Coal at Each Operation.

The thing that can bite up five tons of coal is known as an automatic grab bucket. It was invented not long ago. The Carnegie Steel company owns it and its function in the world of work is to insert its great jaw into places wherefrom vast quantities of ore are to be removed. For instance, when placed alongside a laden steamship it can gobble up and redeposit on dry land about 2,000 tons an hour.

Every day sees some new labor-saving or time-saving invention in the way of machinery for handling materials in bulk. This five-ton biter or grab bucket measures 15 feet over all when its jaws are wide open. A three-ton biter measures 11 feet. They are something like great pairs of claws and their mechanism is so perfect that no supplemental shoveling up is necessary after they have finished unloading a vessel's hold.

Even before these largest grabbers were created some marvelous coal-biting exploits were recorded on the Lake Erie water front. One machine unloaded 5,300 tons of ore in three hours and 56 minutes. Another handled 4,200 tons in two and a half hours.

CHINA'S BOWS AND ARROWS

Only in Past Few Weeks Has This Mode of Warfare Been Abandoned in the Orient.

Though an attempt was made two years ago to abolish bows and arrows as the national weapons of China the work has only been accomplished within the last few weeks, asserts the Chicago Daily News. The imperial archers have existed up to the time the royal edict put them out of business about a month ago. The emperor's decree is as follows: "Our dynasty was established by means of the bow and arrow and the art is still therefore kept up in the examination of officials and the drilling of troops. Lately, however, military science has improved and weapons are being modernized every day and we must imitate the martial spirit of our ancestors by using our best endeavors to establish a strong government.

"Hereafter the princes, dukes and ministers of the eight banners must all earnestly practice military art and attain the utmost proficiency, which will leave no time for the observance of mere forms, and we order all officials in future not to carry the bow and arrow when they attend state ceremonials, nor are imperial body guards or the palace guards to use them, but the best weapons must be provided for them.

"Let the board of war draw up the necessary regulations for the proper testing of military efficiency for the soldiers and let the said board report thereon."

DENNIS CUNNIFF, Jr.,

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Any person or persons so entering upon said premises without my consent will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

FRANDS THOMSEN.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office.
Roseburg, Oregon, April 9th, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

THADDEUS GREEN

of Port Orford, County of Curry, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 9601, for the purchase of the SE¼ NW¼ & Lots 1 & 2 of Section No. 11, in Township No. 33 South, Range No. 15 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before J. H. Upton, U. S. Commissioner at Langlois, Oregon, on Thursday, the 3rd day of September, 1908.

He names as witnesses:
C. A. Langlois, of Port Orford, Oregon.
H. W. Burnham of " "
E. L. White of " "
W. T White of " "

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 3rd day of September, 1908.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
Land Office at Roseburg, Ore.,
April 21st, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Cornelius Fielding of Port Orford, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 14329 made February 19, 1907, for Lots 3, 4, & E½ SW¼, Section 15, Township 32 South, Range 15 West, W. M., and that said proof will be made before J. H. Upton, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Langlois, Oregon, on Monday July 20th, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz:
E. B. Hall, of Port Orford, Oregon.
Cyrus Madden, of " "
Edward Picket, of " "
James Ellis, of " "

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

Notice of School Indemnity Selection.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Roseburg, Oregon, June 26, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that the State of Oregon, on June 26, 1908, applied for the SE¼ NE¼ of Sec. 11, NE¼ SE¼ of Sec. 2, and NE¼ NE¼ and SE¼ SE¼ of Sec. 13, Tp. 32 S., R. 14 W. of W. M., and filed in this office lists of school indemnity selections in which is selected said land; and that said lists are open to the public for inspection. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described land or any legal subdivision thereof, or claiming the same under the mining laws, or desiring to show said land to be more valuable for mineral than for agricultural purposes, or to object to said selections for any lawful reason, should file their claims or their affidavits of protest or contest in this office.

I hereby designate the Port Orford Tribune, published at Port Orford, Oregon, as the newspaper in which the above notice is to be published.

J. M. LAWRENCE,
Receiver.

Trespass Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, not to enter upon or trespass upon the premises of Eli Bagley, for the purpose of hunting, or fishing with hook and line. Said premises are situated on Elk River, Curry County, Oregon, and described as follows. The West half of Section twenty seven, Township thirty two South, Range fifteen West.

Any person or persons so trespassing for the purpose of hunting, fishing, or traveling through in any shape form or manner, or tearing down fences, or leaving out side gates open, or molesting personal property, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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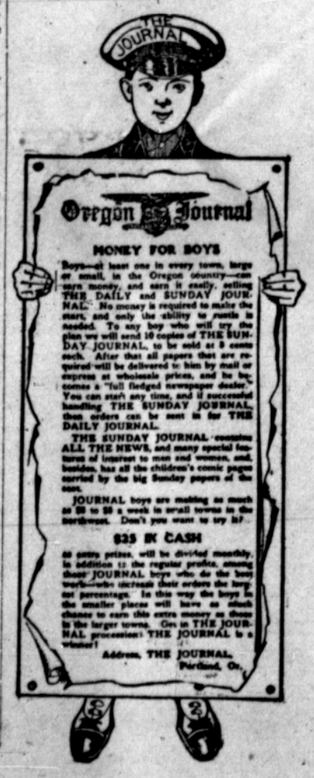
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon.
June 22, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that
MINNIE BURNHAM,
of Port Orford, Oregon, who, on June 22, 1908, made Timber and Stone application, No. 10171, for W½ SW¼, Section 1, Township 32 S, Range 14 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. H. Upton, at Langlois, on the 1st day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Harry W Burnham of Port Orford, Or.
Chester Langlois of " "
Thaddeus Green of " "
Ed Wells of Eckley "

BENJAMIN L EDDY, Register.

To Whom It May Concern.

The undersigned hereby give notice that they are the owners of the South half of Section 16, Township thirty three, South range fourteen West of Willamette meridian, Oregon. All parties are warned not to trespass upon or make any locations, either placer or quartz claims at their peril.

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