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We haven't had much news from South Africa of late. Can it be that they have a wave down there, too.

Miss Ada Sweet informs the country that it is a wife's duty to love her husband real hard. "Miss Ada Sweet, remember.

Uncle Sam cleared some six or seven hundred millions on the balance of trade in the last fiscal year. Good boy, Samual, do it again.

Champ Clark says that Bryan will be nominated in 1904 or will dictate the nominee. Yet, M. Bryan and Champ Clark both talk feelingly about emperors.

While we are trying to exterminate the mosquito, let us not neglect poison ivy, which lays up ten people every year to one that the mosquito seriously damages.

After a while German subjects to military duty will learn that it isn't altogether well for them to revisit the fatherland until they are old enough to be exempt.

The British are shocked because some of the Queen's sherry has been sold to Americans. Their regret isn't strong enough to lead them to buy it back however.

Now for weeks to come we shall hear reports of the fatalities brought about by the toy pistol. Every year there are a score or more of agonizing deaths from lock jaw brought about by this fiendish toy. How long, oh Lord, how long?

Few will believe that the G. A. R. voted the Republican ticket at the last election because they wanted Mr. Evans' head. They voted their convictions, and did not cast their votes as a result of a bargain and sale. General Sickles insults the intelligence of the country when he says they did.

Some of our exchanges are running Judge Lowell and others are running Charley Fulton for governor, but the JOURNAL is not running anybody yet. We are simply waiting for the western part of the state to say what we shall have. It has become a sort of second nature for the great and good Salem and Portland folks to believe that they are "it" and the remainder of the state sits tremblingly by until they have chosen the sweet morsels for themselves, then we can come for the crumbs. "Time that scars us, maims and mars us" is very apt to leave something larger than atrench on the backs of some of the "old one" if they are not careful. There is a North and South, Carolina, also Dakota, then why not an Eastern Oregon? If this be treason make the most of it.

Congressman Newlands, of Nevada, declares that, with Government irrigation such as is carried on in Spain, his State, in company with adjoining Utah, having together an area equal to that of Spain, could support an equal population, or 17,000,000 people. At present over 95 per cent of Nevada's area is Government land.

NATURE'S FIRST LAW.

Selfpreservation is said to be the first law of nature and we find by contact with all forms of animal life that it is true. The human creature seems to be the most backward of the animals to avail himself of this law. An instance of the way in which he sometimes does so will be found in the manner in which a few men on the head of Crooked river fired into a band of sheep from another county which were eating up the grass on the range. While this is not the best manner in which to apply this law, it seems to have been the manner adopted at the time. At best it is but a blind striking out with no permanent results for good accomplished. Yet these same persons are to be pardoned for their convulsive effort to protect themselves under the circumstances.

A man will protect the lives of of his own at all times and when a foreign power invades our nation we are all up in arms at once, then why should a man be guilty of a crime for doing the same thing in a community or in his own home? This seems to be the argument used in the above case. No doubt many will condemn these men for a worse crime than they actually committed, but they should only be punished for what they did and no more. Crime should be punished no matter by whom committed and if there is no law to cover the crime committed by the outside stockmen, who come into the county and eat up and destroy the grass and leave the local owners with nothing but bare hills for winter, then one should be enacted at the earliest possible moment.

These outside people pay no taxes in Crook county, yet they eat up and destroy by far the larger part of the grass on which the local stockmen expect to winter their herds. They feed on the winter range in this county as they go to the mountains for the summer and run over it on their return until there is not a vestige of grass left. Is the small owner to blame, under these conditions, for going outside the limits of statutory law?



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