

Logical Answer.



Teacher—Who'll tell me what is put by the floating population? Pupil—People who live in houseboats.

Local Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sombers are in city. Mr. Abbott, a farmer of Redland, here Wednesday. C. Mangum, of Canby, is registered at the Electric hotel. Mr. and Mrs. W. Man are among registered at The Electric. R. Smith, of Peach Mountain, in Oregon City Wednesday. D. Babcock, of Salem, made a business trip to this city Tuesday. George A. Atterburn, of Barlow, stopped in this city over Tuesday night. Miss Annie Thompson, of Hillsboro, among Wednesday's arrivals to city. Daily and L. Raes wrote their names on the register of a local hotel Tuesday. Director Bholander, a Beaver Creek, made a short visit to this town Tuesday. Don't fail to visit Harris' Grocery Friday and Saturday. Grand demonstration of Pacific Coast Biscuit Company's fine products and Harris' roast coffee. Mr. Ladd, of Clackamas Heights, here to this city one day in the middle of the week. Peter H. Saer, a saw mill man in Beaver Creek, stayed over night today in a local hotel. Mrs. Mae Phillips with her children in Miles City, Montana, were in Oregon City Wednesday. T. J. Lavelle, who has been ill for several weeks with typhoid, is reported in a very serious condition. Miss Gray, a teacher in the Lawrence school of Portland, was visiting relatives here Wednesday evening. John Hamilton, a farmer of Redland, made a short business trip to county seat one day during the middle of the week. On Friday and Saturday you can sample the fine crackers and cookies of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Co., also a cup of Harris' best home roast coffee. D. Jackson, of Carlisle, Pa., is making his first trip to the coast. He is in Oregon City earlier in the week and speaks of this section in glowing terms. Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hansen passed through Oregon City on their way to their homestead on Trout Creek near Laula. Their place is about 3 miles from the county seat. There is on display at the office of E. Woodard, a sunflower which weighs 11 feet and which is about 20 inches in diameter. It was raised by Peter Corbett, of Colton. Howard Bayly, of Moro, is in this city. He says the wonderful climate of the western part of Oregon is not appreciated. He reports sand storms and strong wind in his home section. Dan Watts, a farmer of the Holman neighborhood, was in the county seat Wednesday. He reports that his home section is in the best of condition and that there is plenty of work everywhere.

GEORGE P. M'LEAN. Connecticut U. S. Senator Who Assailed Bird Plunage Cruelty.



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A DEBT TO COLOMBIA

A Perplexing Problem Confronting the United States, Growing Out of Acquisition of the Canal Zone

By Willis J. Abbot, Author of "Panama and the Canal in Picture and Prose."

Out of the mysterious recess of the department of state in Washington there comes an occasional word about a debt owing by the United States to the Republic of Colombia. The diplomats are never prone to be exceedingly explicit in what they tell about their business, and the dispatches sent out from Washington are apt to be written as if the country as a whole knew exactly what was the matter with Colombia, and why it owned her a sum, commonly put at \$10,000,000; and just why an offer is not made to pay it; and the Colombians refuse to consider taking it. Ten years is a long period in the public memory, and it is probably safe to believe that many have forgotten the things that happened on the isthmus of Panama in 1903, and which Colombia has not forgiven. The French had a partially dug canal down there, and a railroad across the isthmus. They wanted to sell both to the United States for \$40,000,000, but the franchise for their canal was not salable. All they could offer was the disused machinery, the abandoned diggings and the railroad. To make these of any particular value a treaty with Colombia was necessary. One was negotiated, offering \$10,000,000 for the franchise, and a rental of \$250,000 annually for their canal was not salable. The treaty failed of ratification in the Colombia senate. In Washington was President Theodore Roosevelt, keenly desirous that work on the canal should be begun under his administration. In Washington, too, were representatives of the French owners, very desirous of making that \$40,000,000. In Panama City and Colon, were soldiers, impatiently eager to see canal building begun once more, bringing fresh times to the isthmus. Panama was a province of Colombia. What was easier than a revolution? It's people had revolted time and again, but the revolts were always put down by Colombia, which sent troops by sea into the rebellious communication by land. There were Panama secret agents in Washington. There, too, were skilled diplomats in the pay of the French company. President Roosevelt was just eager to dig that canal. Rumors of revolution were heard in Panama. The Colombian envoy at Washington telegraphed warnings to Bogotá. The Colombia authorities, doubting the loyalty of the garrison at Panama City, telegraphed the commanders of two gunboats in Panama Bay to come home and get fresh troops. The gunboats were out of coal. There was plenty of coal at Colon, at the Atlantic end of the Panama railroad, but the road—not so very busy—could not find cars to carry it over for the gun-

A sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is that in which a sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper runs while the sleeper sleeps. Therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper until the sleeper, which carries the sleeper, jumps the sleeper and wakes the sleeper in the sleeper by striking the sleeper under the sleeper on the sleeper, and there is no longer any sleep for the sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper. Constipation, indigestion, drive away appetite and make you weak and sick. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea restores the appetite, drives away disease, builds up the system. 35 cents, tea or tablets. Jones Drug Co. Livestock, Meats BEEF—(Live weight)—steers 7 and 8c; cows 6 and 7c; bulls 4 to 6c. MUTTON—Sheep 3 to 4c; lambs, 5 to 5 1/2c. POULTRY—(Buying)—Hens 12 and 13c; old roasters 8c; broilers 15c and 16c. WEINIES—15c lb; sausage 15c lb. PORK—9 1/2c and 10c. VEAL—Calves 12c to 15c dressed according to grade. Fruits APPLES—50c and \$1. DRIED FRUITS—(Buying)—Prunes on basis 4 for 25 to 40c. ONIONS—\$1 per sack. POTATOES—75c and \$1.00 BUTTER—(Buying)—Ordinary country butter 23c to 25c. EGGS—Oregon ranch, case count 31 to 35c; Oregon ranch candied 30c. Prevailing Oregon City prices are as follows: HIBES—(Buying)—Green salted, 9c. CORN—Whole corn \$7; cracked \$3. SHEEP PELTS—75c to \$1.50 each. FEED—(Selling)—Shorts \$27; bran \$25; feed barley \$30 to \$31. FLOUR—\$4.50 to \$5. HAY—(Buying)—Over at \$8 and \$9.00; timothy \$12.00 to \$13.00; oat hay best \$10 and \$11; mixed \$9 to \$13; Idaho and eastern Oregon timothy selling \$20; valley timothy \$12 to \$14. OATS—(Buying)—\$23.00 and \$24; wheat 79c and 80c; oil meal selling \$38; Shady Brook feed \$1.30 per cent.

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WALTER JOHNSON. Crack Pitcher of Washington Team After Season's Record.

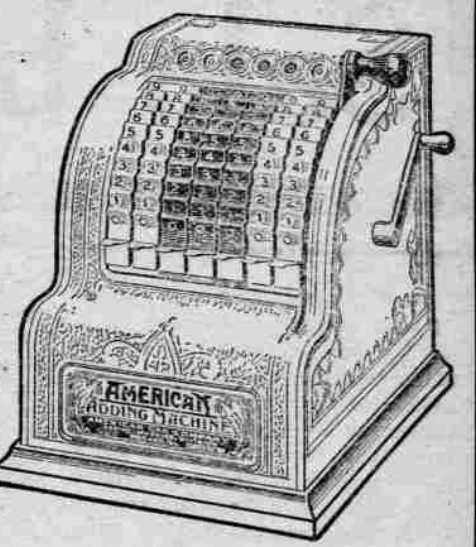


Photo by American Press Association. When a Job Looks Good. "Brown is bragging about the good job he has now." "Yes, he started yesterday. You see, he hasn't been in it long enough to discover the work that goes with it."—Detroit Free Press.

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