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CURIOS CONSIDERATIONS.

Out of 120,000 farmers in Norway all but 11,000 own their farms. Cotton exports brought to this country \$110,000,000 more in 1900 than in 1899. Texas has been regarded for some years as one of the coming States in the petroleum industry. Electricity is to be used as a separator. It is claimed that it will be an economical factor in dealing with metals. Eastern Texas is getting into rice growing in earnest. The output for this season will not be less than 30,000 tons. Dublin has only forty acres less or parks than London. The latter has 1,800 acres. Still both cities are short of breathing spots. A genuine Stradivarius violin is worth whatever the person owning it may ask. At \$1,000 it would not be deemed extravagant. In an old curiosity shop near Westworth is a fishing bag formerly belonging to Izaak Walton, bearing his initials and the date 1646. American exports of corn have averaged 173,000,000 bushels a year since 1895, an increase of 254 per cent. over the preceding five years. At numerous mines in Siberia 2,000 men and 500 horses are used on a single property to produce gold not exceeding \$,000,000 per annum. The Penobscot tribe of Indians which numbered 245 in 1880, is now about 400 strong. Maine appropriates annually \$8,000 for their benefit. With the beginning of the new year Greenwich time was adopted as the standard in Spain. Holland and Belgium took such action years ago. The costliest theater ticket was the first one sold for the Jenny Lind concert in New York in 1850. It brought \$650 and was bought as an advertisement. Arizona newspapers declare that deer, antelope and mountain sheep will soon be exterminated there unless immediate steps are taken for their preservation. Lord Curzon calculates that the famine has cost about seven hundred and fifty thousand lives in India, though a much smaller number died directly of starvation. The number of letters passing through the London postoffice averaged 50,000 daily in 1801, rising to 300,000 in 1840, to 2,000,000 in 1870, and to 8,300,000 in 1900. Umbrellas were not known in this country until a year or so before the Revolutionary war, and it was more than a century thereafter that they came into general use.

WAS NEW AT THE SPORT. Novice at Deer Hunting Killed Three Bucks on Successive Days. "Well, boys, let's each of us travel by himself today and see if we won't have better luck." There were four of us sitting at the breakfast table; three old hunters and one who was new at the business; no meat in camp, poor hunting, but a determination and firm belief that we would obtain our hearts' desire in time. Of course, the new man was assigned the least likely old woods road, easy to follow, one that he couldn't get out of, one that no deer was ever seen in. Well, we came back at night, one by one, empty handed. All but the new man. He had sat down to eat his dinner on a log, and a big buck had walked out into the open and our "new man" had blown a hole through him with his new 30-30. Our new man was no longer new; he was a subject for respect and congratulation. The next day we asked him, "Whither away?" "Oh, that old woods road is good enough for me," he said, "for I can't get lost in it, you know; you know, I am no woodsman." At night we three old hunters came in, only to find our friend taking his smoke and cleaning his rifle. Yes, he had taken his lunch on that same old log, and while eating he caught sight of a fine buck and killed him, not five rods from the place where he had dropped the first one. "The law only allows me one more, I believe, so tomorrow I'll take the same old beat. If it's all the same to you fellows, and sure enough, he took that same old road and severely wounded a large buck as he was crossing it. Being unused to the woods, he would not follow the trail, but got two of us, and after going a short distance we found the deer lying down, badly wounded. This was the greatest piece of luck that I ever heard of, as each and every one of these three deer (it was in the days when three deer were allowed to a man) was a large, fat, handsome buck, with fine head, and the best part of it all was that the new man wore his honors easily and gracefully.—Maine Sportsman.

Metals Need Rest. It may sound strangely to hear persons talk about a "tired steel axle" or a "fatigued iron rail," but that sort of talk is heard along railways and in machine shops and is considered correct. "What caused the axle to break?" asks the railway superintendent. "Fatigue of the metal," answers the inspector. Sinews of steel can tire as well as muscles of brawn, and metal that does not have its rest will cease to do its work and may cause great damage. At least so the engineers say.

English and French Words Alike. It is not such a very distant jump from the English to the French language. There are 3,000 words used alike in French and English without variation in spelling. The variation is in the pronunciation.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"Faust" at Cordray's. A cardinal point in the coming production of Lewis Morrison's "Faust" at Cordray's next week is its magnificent scenic completeness. Never in the history of this famous play has it been presented in as perfectly uniform a manner as this season. From the time the curtain rises upon the dark sepulchral cell of Dr. Faustus, until it falls upon the beautiful tableaux of the apotheosis, it is a series of elaborate spectacular transformations, ranging from ecclesiastical solemnity to diabolical weirdness. Special attention has been given to the electrical and mechanical features. In the garden scene an electrical display of dazzling splendor is introduced, pronounced to be the most novel ever presented on the stage. Again, in the broken scene all the skill and ingenuity of the stage mechanic's art is brought into requisition, in addition to many new and startling electrical effects. It is guaranteed that these effects will be presented, as advertised. "Master and Man." The Metropolitan theater will have for its next attraction commencing next Sunday night, Pettit & Simms' famous melodrama "Master and Man." This celebrated play has been the success of the continents. Pettit and Simms, the famous English authors, first produced it at the Strand theater, London, England, in 1883, when it at once became the fad, and had a run of 452 nights. Then to Australia, where it ran 300 nights. Mr. Richard Mansfield was the original Humpy Logan, in "Master and Man," which part he played throughout the run of the play at the Strand theater, London. In the London production, such well-known artists and stars of today as Mr. Forbes Robertson, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, Mr. F. S. Willard, and the late Charles Coudock were in the cast. Pettit and Simms were also the authors of "Lights o' London," "Hoop of Gold," and "Hands Across the Sea." The scenes are laid in England at the time of the great mill strikes in the year 1881. NEW MILLINERY HOUSE. Opening to Occur on Monday Evening in Grand Fashion. The opening of Sanford & Edwards' new and extensive millinery house, at southwest corner of Sixth and Washington streets, on Monday evening next, will be one of the most interesting events the ladies of this city have ever witnessed, in that line, from fashion's point of view. Music will be furnished by Brown's orchestra. Most faithful personal attention will be extended to everyone who desires to inspect the magnificent stock on display, but sales will not begin until Tuesday morning. You will find millinery there at any price—low, medium or high—but always right. The coming season's styles will be shown as they come directly from the great leaders of fashion and the largest stores on earth. Ladies of Portland should not miss this opportunity. It will be a treat in many ways. TOURIST CARS. The tourist cars, like a newspaper in a country town, certainly "fill a long-felt want." A cool, clean, well-ventilated sleeping and observation car, equally free from the discomforts of the old-fashioned passenger coach and the stuffy heat of the over-luxuriously upholstered drawing-room and sleeping cars, and at a moderate extra fee, has solved the problem of providing attractive accommodations for the general public. The O. R. & N. Co. runs three of these cars daily between Portland and the East. A porter is in charge of each car to look after the wants and comforts of the passengers. For rates and particulars, write to A. L. CRAIG, General Passenger Agent O. R. & N. Co., Portland, Or. The picturesque line and the royal one back to the home of your childhood is via the Northern Pacific. You will ride over the Rockies, along Clark's fork of the Columbia and the beautiful Yellowstone; skirting the shores of Lake Pend d'Oreille, through the famous Bad Lands of Pyramid Park and across the wheat fields of the Red River valley you go at fifty miles an hour, and sleep and eat in perfect comfort as the solid vestibuled train rushes along. For detailed information, tickets, sleeping car reservations, maps of routes, etc., call on or write A. D. CHARLTON, Assistant General Passenger Agent, 255 Morrison street, corner Third, Portland, Or. No doubt the stockholders of the Rival Oil company will be pleased to know that the company is drilling on well No. 1, and have passed the first oil sands, with oil. Stock can be had for 50 cents per share. They own their land, and will make for the stockholders many times their investment. Mail orders will receive prompt attention, and parties interested are invited to call at the company's office, room 1, Multnomah block, Portland. They refer, by permission, to Merchants National bank, Portland; E. W. Godfrey, stamp department, post-office; H. J. Martin, druggist, corner Washington and Sixth. Oregon Phone 367. Columbia Phone 367.



CITY NEWS.

C. A. Ritter, Society Editor. We shall know no favorites, and shall be absolutely impartial. To insure publication, all local news must reach us not later than Thursday morning of each week. Rev. E. D. Swan was suffering the first part of this week with a sprained ankle. Rev. C. C. Collins expects to visit the Sound the latter part of this week to attend to quarterly conference business. Mr. O. Stallworth, who was formerly at the Hotel Portland in this city, is at present employed in Salt Lake City. The juvenile choir of the A. M. E. Zion church are preparing an excellent musical programme for April 7 (Easter Sunday). Mr. E. Redmond, who has been for some months past employed at the eating station, at Meacham, spent several days in the city last week. Mrs. S. Gayles, the versatile correspondent of the San Francisco Outlook, is able to appear on the streets again after a severe attack of pleurisy. The Afro-American Council, No. 1, of Portland, Or., has changed its meeting nights to the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at the Bethel A. M. E. church. The Paul Lawrence Dunbar literary society meets every Thursday evening at the A. M. E. Zion church. The meetings are largely attended, the programme interesting and instructive. All are invited to attend. The Lucy Thurman League of the W. C. T. U. meets every Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock alternately at the parsonages of the Bethel and Zion church. The meetings are largely attended and are very interesting. The concert for the benefit of Rev. E. D. Swan, on the 26th of March, promises to be a grand affair. A large number under, the leadership of Mr. W. H. Carter, have volunteered their services, and a rare treat may be anticipated. Rev. E. P. Swan will deliver the annual sermon to the Afro-American council at the A. M. E. Zion church, Thirteenth and Main streets, Sunday, March 17, at 8 P. M. His subject will be "The Rights, Progress and Future of the American Negro." An excellent musical programme has been arranged by the choir. The many friends of Mrs. Frankie Mitchell were pained to learn of her death, which took place on the 12th inst., at Tacoma. Mrs. Mitchell has been quite ill for several weeks, and, while death came suddenly, it was not altogether unexpected. Her son and mother, Mrs. C. Houser, left last Wednesday to attend the funeral. It is scarcely two months since Mr. C. E. Mitchell died in St. Vincent's hospital in this city, and now his wife has gone to join him. Last week we spoke of the advisability of patronizing business ventures operated by members of our own race. We want this week to urge our people to favor with their patronage also stores operated by parties that give some of our worthy young men and women places of employment. While there are several in this city that have opened the way, there should be and would be more if we as a race showed that we appreciated such actions on the part of the business men. Among the leading firms that have given employment to our race, we will mention Feldenheimer Bros., jewelers, and Paul Hegele & Co., dealers in china and glassware. We want your trade. Music half price; musical instruments of all kinds, cash or installments. H. H. Wright, wholesale and retail dealer in music and musical merchandise, The Music building, 349 Washington street, Portland, Oregon. NEW NORTH-west Lodge, No. 2554, G. U. O. of O. F. meets at 205 1/2 Second street, corner of Salmon, first and third Tuesday of each month. All Old Fellows in good standing are cordially invited. F. D. THOMAS, E. WATSON, P. S. N. G.

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