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Speculators and the state. These speculators in state school lands who try to justify their violation of the law on the ground that there is no reason for the conditions imposed and that the state is not wronged if the legal price be paid, will find little comfort in this declaration of the Supreme Court in deciding the case of Seibred against State Land Board.

Among the conditions provided by the act are that not more than 320 acres shall be sold to one person and that the purchaser has not made a contract, express or implied, to convey the land to any other person.

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1850 and took up their abode in Oregon City. His twin sisters, Mrs. W. L. White, who died many years ago, and the late Mrs. William Barlow, completed the trio. Mr. Partlow was at one time a representative of Multnomah County in the State Legislature, and was a man of pronounced but somewhat eccentric views, holding tenaciously to early impressions upon matters of public moment. He was withal a quiet, orderly and responsible man, and goes to his grave full of years and attended by the simple honors that attach to good citizenship.

The Oregon forest rangers seem to have displayed unusual diligence this season in keeping down the fires that every year in the past have smudged our beautiful landscape from early in July until the Fall rains set in. Unfortunately, the vigilance of the Oregonians will avail not in keeping the air clear if big forest fires rage in our neighboring states. Washington seems to be free from usual of these periodical conflagrations, but a great fire is said to be raging in Idaho, and, unless it is contained, the white victims of these fires will come down in this direction. Standing timber is decreasing in quantity more rapidly than ever before without the aid of any more destructive agency than the logger's ax, and the greatest care should be exercised to prevent its loss by fire.

Another prominent Mexican family has been hatched by a Swedish Yaqui. The victims of the last previous massacre were Americans, and by exterminating a family of Mexicans the 'red devils' show a degree of impartiality in their operations. Some time both the Americans and the Mexicans living down on the border will become weary of this unceasing tragedy and will hunt down the Yaquis and show them no more quarter than has been given the white victims of these lawless marauders. It is a disgrace to the two countries whose subjects are being butchered that the crimes have gone so long unpunished.

Leslie's Monthly Magazine will bear that name no more. The publishers will change the name of their periodical, calling it the American Monthly Magazine. They give as a reason for this the distinct difference between the present magazine and all the publications bearing the name of Leslie. After Leslie's death his various publications were bought by different persons, and for a long time there has been no connection between the Magazine and Leslie's Weekly. This last is the oldest illustrated weekly paper in America, and always one of the best.

Reports from the Grand Ronde reflect considerable activity in railroad circles. The feverish anxiety of some of the participants to get into a country which they have been fighting shy of for the past fifteen years is reminiscent of that mad rush that was made to get up the Clearwater about ten years ago. It is to be hoped that the present struggle in the Willows country will not prove such a flash in the pan as was the case with the Lewiston project six years ago. A little less haste at the start and a more satisfactory project is what Oregon would like to see.

Patriotism runs high in some hearts. At New York two men are dying and a third is seriously wounded as the result of an argument over the relative merits of Norway and Sweden. In Portland on Sunday a Russian laborer killed his neighbor because of the noise made by his fellow-countrymen who are battling with the Japanese. So far as could be learned the cause of Russia, Norway and Sweden is still comparatively unaided by this sacrifice on the part of their scattered sons.

The Indian Commission appointed some years ago to distribute the lands of the Five Nations to the Indian Territory among the individuals of the tribes, has completed its work. It has distributed nearly 30,000 acres among 97,594 Indians. The Cherokees are the most numerous of the five tribes, their numbers exceeding 40,000.

A man who pours an inflammable liquid on a dog and then sets fire to the creature should be given a term in the Penitentiary in which to repent his wanton cruelty. Such a man should not be allowed to run at large in any country. There is no means of telling what form his diabolical cruelty will at any time take.

If it is improper to hold a state convention to determine who are fit to be party nominees, how would it do to hold a state convention to determine who should not run for office, those who have knifed party tickets heretofore and might be knifed themselves?

General Linievitch is said to be preparing for a "demonstration" in Manchuria, in order to influence the peace conference. The best "demonstration" he can make is that of keeping quiet. The Russian army is more terrible just before a battle than afterward.

The Los Angeles Times says the real estate boom that was so lively but a while ago at Redondo "has subsided already." And the Times reads a lecture to those who have been plating and speculating afresh on vast areas in Southern California.

Twenty years ago the report of yellow fever at New Orleans would have occasioned National alarm. Today it is an incident, like smallpox or meningitis; so much for betterment of sanitary conditions and means to destroy germs.

Chauncey Depew chose the best time to be absent from America, and is favoring Europeans who have long desired to satisfy their curiosity with a glimpse of a typical American grafter.

Perhaps the Kaiser, who is somewhat given to the spectacular, may have decided on the aquatic interview just to jar the world and give it something to talk about.

Navy officers feared the Bennington's boilers before the explosion, but their anxiety is now relieved, and they are convinced that their fears were right.

What Czar Nicholas wants is an Emperor "of his own rank" to advise him to do what he wants to do.

There is just a possibility that the Kaiser has a new brew of beer that he wants the Czar to sample.

There were no bargains in ice among yesterday's attractions for shoppers.

OREGON OZONE

If the Japanese army were a member of the Legislature it would not have to fight for passage.

The new Norwegian government requests recognition by the United States. Uncle Sam will kindly get out his field-glasses and try to recognize Norway, though there are so many little governments jumping around in Europe that it may be a hard task at that distance.

Governor Fok, of Missouri, is swinging around a limited circle lecturing on "The Reign of Law." There are several men in the Missouri penitentiary, each duly labeled with a number, who are of the opinion that it was a cyclone.

Mr. Stepanoff, who stepped off this mortal coil at the age of 90, at Yarnick, Russia, a few days ago, left his fortune to a school of beauty for aged gentlemen, and set out of his only son with a mere bequest of his 36 sets of false teeth. Yet the son should not regard himself as disinherited. If he cares to use the legacy he will have one change of teeth for every day in the year. The only sad thing about it is that once in every four years on the extra 20th of February the son will have to forget his father.

One encouraging sign of the times lies in the fact that the automobile is turning the tables. Instead of the machine, driven by millions, killing common people, it has taken to killing the millionaires themselves. On the whole, this is better than killing a little boy or girl, for the child has a chance of growing up into a useful citizen, while the millionaire's career is fixed.

Entanglement. "Do you love me truly?" he sighed. "From the crown of your head to the sole of your foot, dearest," she murmured, carelessly. "Which foot?" he inquired, absent-mindedly.

The Only Way. "So you are from the Nevada mining district?" asked the tenderfoot. "How is Bullfrog progressing?" "By jumps," promptly replied the enthusiastic miner.

When the Emperors Met. The Kaiser—Hello, Nick! The Czar—Hello, Bill! The Kaiser—Say, shake again, old boy—didn't know you were an Elk. What's your lodge?

Your "Favorite" Book. Somebody suggests a cozy corner in the home devoted to one's favorite author, wherein may be placed articles bearing upon the life and works of the favorite. Fine idea. Take, for instance, Laura Jean Libbey, favorite author. Items: Photographs of Laura at periods from age of 10 to age of 20, at which age she ceased to age; all photos decollete, such as appear on the front covers of her books. Table with legs built of stacks of Laura's novels, no novel duplicated; legs should be draped with fly-paper or other opaque material, as a matter of taste. Walls papered with Laura's press agent clippings.

Solitaire. (An episode of the Willamette River.) It was a glorious Sunday morn: The sun his holiday of rippling gold Poured out unstinted; newly-born The fleecy clouds with fold on fold Of snowy vestments draped the rim Of distant mountains, wondrous fair: But laugh was all of this to him whose soul was sunk in solitaire: Along the placid, perfect stream The steamer glided, bearing out From city crime to fields agrarian The merry crowd, with song and shout Of glances. Oh, the soul was freed For one day from work and care; But he—had no soul to be free: He sat there playing solitaire: The waters lapped along the bow: The white spray spangled on the wheel: The voiceless-presses pleaded: "Now Be glad! expand thy soul, and feel The glory of thy wonderful world: So fine, so fresh, so free, so fair His legs beneath the table curled. He played and played at solitaire!

On either bank the blossoms greeted Their radiant heads in greeting; pine And oak and fern and cedar were the green and white waves here to ride with him: So we have here another evidence that as a constant stock in trade the people of the South ever have the democratic virtue of the South ever had. There is absolutely no end to the variety of ways in which Democratic cooks can serve up the political stand. No matter what election progress would like to take in the South she is held back by the never-failing cry of "Nigger!" it seems me as if the very soil witness the unmerciful snail, on one hand, and childlike ignorance and prejudice on the other, which make the negro the inevitable weapon of Bourbon Democracy in the South. No matter what we need and approve, no matter what abuses afflict us politically or industrially, we must submit, because of the "nigger." We may as well give up, because we see other communities enjoying, but we are denied them because of the ever-present and ever-fertile "nigger question."

German Smoke Consumers. U. S. Consular Reports. A German firm has recently patented a system for consuming smoke and preventing the waste of coal which, it is claimed, is proving very successful. The system has been tested at the experimental station of the Bavarian "Reichsanstalt" in Munich, where it was found that 72 per cent of the combustible value of soft coal from the Saar district can be utilized when this smoke consumer is used. The conditions were unusual, very favorable at that, but it is confidently claimed that almost anywhere the saving of coal will amount to from 12 to 20 per cent. The director of a rope and cable factory at