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The summer wanes that one involuntarily wonders if the season of the year has not something to do with it. Is there a subtle psychological relation between roasting ears and marital fidelity?

All this is hard to believe, and yet it seems to be true. If marital infidelity increases as pumpkins ripen, we naturally conclude that one of the two processes causes the other.

THESE STOLEN PRINCIPLES.

Has Roosevelt stolen Bryan's principles? Has the Republican party stolen them? Is Taft in possession of the goods?

Twice hitherto Bryan has been the Democratic candidate for the Presidency. First time free coinage of silver was "the paramount issue."

THE BIRTH RATE.

The excess of female over male births in Oregon during the last eight months is probably but a passing phenomenon. It is somewhat curious that the birth rate of males should have fallen off at the same time that their death rate had advanced, but this, after all, may be only a coincidence.

THE TILLAMOOK RAILROAD.

Definite announcement is made of the immediate resumption of work on the railroad to Tillamook. This announcement, following so closely the visit of Mr. Ketchikan to Oregon, is not without interest.

"ALASKA WHEAT" CANARD.

The confidence of farmers in the Idaho experiment station suffered a severe shock when it was discovered that the much-discussed "Alaska" wheat is not of the high quality indicated by the report of Dr. Jones, chemist at that station.

SOUND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS.

The steadily maintained strength of the stock market, in the face of an approaching National election, and of drastic reductions by railroads in operating and other expenses, is a surprising testimonial to the underlying strength of our financial and commercial situation.

A DIP INTO EXACT SCIENCE.

It appears from the news reports that a large number of pastors and other men of venerable significance in the world have lately discovered that the true happiness of their souls depends upon forsaking their wives and fleeing with other women.

but if not it would be worth while to know why an analysis made in 1907 was not reported upon until 1908. Mr. Jones says that "the owner was advised not to rely exclusively upon such (chemical) tests, but to bring in a quantity sufficient for milling and then perfectly reliable information could be given him."

One of the purposes of the chemical department of an experiment station is to guard farmers against fraud and misrepresentation with regard to seeds, fertilizers, spray mixtures, etc.

IN DANGER OF A "SLUMP."

How the West Was Diagnosed by a Traveling Correspondent. The riot of radicalism, the prejudice of sectionalism, the constant friction of the Western situation full of possibility for sudden change and stampede.

CHAMBERLAIN, "NON-PARTISAN."

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by the American railroads, had failed to keep his properties free from embarrassment was ample evidence that a change in management was necessary before it was safe to invest any more money in the Gould properties.

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Says State Officers Should Decline to Receive Illegal Compensation. ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 31.—(To the Editor.)—No long ago there was considerable discussion in the newspapers regarding the salaries of state officers.

The public mind seems to be dissatisfied with the present condition of the law as it applies to the salaries of state officials. Like the tariff, this is not a new question. It has been before the public at intervals for some time.

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Idaho Experiment Men Say They Are Not Responsible for It. So many inquiries about the "Alaska wheat" fable have come to the Idaho Experiment Station since the station chemist, J. S. Jones, announced recently: "Judging from the chemical and physical condition of the sample (Alaska wheat), it would rank with the best grade of bluestem for flour-making purposes."

The Experiment Station is being overwhelmed with communications regarding the so-called "Alaska wheat," claimed to have been originated by the firm name of Adams-Hote Seed Grain Company, Julietta, Idaho.

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