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The revised list of questions to be used in making proofs of settlement on the public lands have been approved. The number of questions is reduced from forty to less than twenty.

According to a report made by the secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission, there are now 704,726 persons employed in the railroad department of the United States.

Roseburg cast 607 ballots and Ashland 606 Monday, the former beats the latter one vote. This settles the relative size of these two places. Now Ashland will quit crowing over us on population.—Plaindealer.

The Americans lead the world in inventions. During the first century of the United States patent office, just ended, 425,395 patents were issued from the office at Washington, 22,080 in the last year alone. The present record is at the rate of nearly 2,259,000 for 100 years, showing how inventive activity has increased in late years. No other nation can show a record approaching this.

People who live in Russia have one advantage over those who live in more enlightened countries. They are reasonably sure of getting unadulterated food there. Persons convicted of selling adulterated and injurious substances as food in Russia are liable to a fine of \$240 or three months' imprisonment for the first offense. These penalties are doubled for the second offense, and for the third the person loses his civil and political rights.

There are clearing houses in all the principal cities of the United States, doing a yearly business amounting to over \$25,000,000,000, while the total amount done by English clearing houses is about \$38,000,000,000. As showing what an amount of money is represented by the New York clearing house, the amount of money handed through that institution during the past year was over \$33,000,000,000, while the London clearing house did over a billion of dollars less business.

The Electrical Review, in calling attention to several instances where murderers have cheated the gallows, suggests that death by electricity can be evaded in a number of ways. A coat of invisible varnish can be applied to the body that will render the condemned man entirely invulnerable to the deadly current. It would be quite a difficult matter for a victim to feign death until he got into the house of his friends, but it might be done. Other methods are also suggested, but it is pretty safe to say that no one will try any of them as an experimental test.

The prohibitionists have already taken steps to repair the gap in their fence made by the supreme court decision. Their plan is to pass a law which shall give a state the authority to prevent transportation companies from bringing liquor into that state from another state. The select committee of the house on the alcoholic liquor traffic has already reported a bill.

Mr. Kerr, of Iowa, makes the report. At the time the committee considered the matter it was inspired by the desire to find something to offset what is known as the Bowman decision. The more recent decision of the Keokuk case gave the prohibitionists additional reason for pressing the bill.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

A WORLD'S RAILWAY.

America, argues ex governor William Gilpin, of Colorado, is a fallow continent, capable of sustaining half a billion people in happiness and plenty. It is the mission of the United States to be distributor of food to the hungry of both Europe and Asia, lying as it does midway between them.

The time is at hand when all the ships of the seas will not be sufficient to carry the articles of commerce around the world to the nations fast enough. Then will come necessity for more rapid transportation. The plan of this transportation has been the dream of Governor Gilpin for forty-seven years. He it was who originated the idea of the Pacific railway connecting New York and San Francisco. He broke the first ground for it, and every stage of the marvelous development of the west has been the fulfillment of a prophecy made by Governor Gilpin.

He has made one more prophecy. It is that the next great project in the world's material development will be the building of what he calls the Cosmopolitan railway. It is a railroad which shall girdle the earth. The first link in the chain is the transcontinental road of the United States. Starting from the western terminus of that, the Cosmopolitan road shall extend northward through Alaska, skirting the base of the Rocky mountains, where are plateaus that will render the building easy.

Then will come Behring's strait. It is forty-eight miles wide, says this enthusiast, who has been studying the scheme nearly half a century. About midway of the strait is the island of Diomedea, a large, long island. This would be a central point of the road, and a track of twenty miles each side of it would finish the work. There are no icebergs in Behring's strait, because of the warm Pacific coast stream which flows northward through it. Once across the strait, which is a shallow water with hard sand bottom, offering no insuperable engineering difficulties, the road would connect with the Russian railway through Siberia, connecting again with western and southern roads through Asia, Europe and Africa, and the work would be done.—Ex.

An ingenious Yankee in the state of New York is getting up a society to be known as the "Limbless League." He claims that in the county in which he lives there are no less than 2700 voters who are each minus either an arm or a leg. He proposes to unite the cripples into a political league, the principal object of which shall be to obtain possession of as many offices of the county as possible. According to the views of this Yankee, and it is said that the cripples freely agree with him, the government should care for the maimed, before their more fortunate brethren are allowed a bite of the political morsels. It is hardly to be supposed that this ingenious citizen will meet with the success he expects. He depends too much on sympathy, a factor that enters but slightly into politics.

Jackson county has gone republican. Almost the entire ticket is elected. "The world moves." Jackson has long been the banner county of democracy; but now she has wheeled into line.—Plaindealer.

Stanley, in his address to the Royal Geographical Society, describes a forest of 224,000,000 acres, and 10,752,000,000 trees. It will be many years before that section of the globe will want an Arbor day.

The real estate transfers in Marion county for the year up to last Saturday night, as shown by the records, were \$2,408,905. And they are growing steadily.—Statesman.

DEBT OF WESTERN STATES.

The first results of the census of 1890 showing the indebtedness of cities, counties and states have been received at the census superintendent's office. Blanks were sent out to the proper officials in each state early this year for authentic reports regarding indebtedness, and these have now been received and tabulated. The returns are official and complete. They show the total bonded and floating debt of all the states combined, in 1890, to be \$228,679,817 69 against \$283,130,302 60 in 1880, a decrease of \$54,459,488 91 in the past decade. The reduction in the national debt has been nearly \$1,000,000,000 during this time.

That part of the returns particularly interesting to us, is the condition of the debt of the Western states. The following table is given, showing comparatively how the finances have been handled in the Western states, and which political party is responsible for their condition:

Table with 3 columns: State, 1880, 1890. Rows include Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, California.

Figures never lie, but they are nearly always fatal to democracy. Out of the thirteen states given, the three democratic ones have over two-thirds of the entire indebtedness. Indiana and Missouri have a greater indebtedness than all the republican states combined. This is a record of which the republicans are justly proud, and whether the democrats regard it as do the republicans or not, the figures are there to always stand against them.

The complete figures in other republican states show a similar result, while in the strong democratic states, especially in the South, a very poor showing is made.

Some recent figures by Robert Giffen, the English statistician, confirm the received opinion that emigration affords no sufficient check upon the population. Great Britain has lost 9,000,000 by emigration since 1853; of the number 7,000,000 were of British or Irish origin, and this is an average of 243,000 a year, yet the population of Great Britain has grown to about 38,000,000, a gain of about 10,000,000 in the same time. In the last four years the excess of births over death was 1,763,000, while the excess of immigration over emigration is only 685,000. There has been a gain, therefore, of a little over 4,000,000 in the population of Great Britain since 1885.

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