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The Youth's Companion, in order to stimulate patriotism in the public schools of the country, offered last January as a prize to be competed for by the pupils of the same in each state and territory in the Union a United States flag measuring nine by fifteen feet, for the best essay on the subject of the "Patriotic Influence of the American Flag when raised over the Public Schools." Pupils in forty-one states and six territories competed for the prize. The Damascene public school in district No. 77, Clackamas county, won the flag in Oregon, the essayist being Myrtle Breithaupt, while Vancouver won the prize for Washington, Walter Seward being the essayist. The publishers of the Companion announce that the competition was very spirited and that the efforts of the young authors were highly creditable. He gives from one of the essays the following passage: "The hope of the nation is in the public school and the emblem of the nation is the flag; let the two be united," adding that the happy connection between the flag and the school has never been better expressed and cannot be better presented in words. Among the successful competitors were twenty-eight girls and nineteen boys. Those from the Southern states are all girls, a fact that, taken in connection with hatred of the Southern women for the old flag a quarter of a century ago, may be considered indicative of an important change in sentiment in the South.—Oregonian.

A DANBURY correspondent of the Hartford Courant writes that Connecticut city is at present well nigh demoralized by a lottery craze. It seems that an operative in one of the hat factories drew a big prize in the Louisiana Lottery recently, and a large proportion of the 5,000 operatives in Danbury have been buying lottery tickets ever since. The craze has gone to such an extent that business is interfered with. Families suffer and storekeepers complain loudly. All the working people are talking lottery and it is not the poor alone who buy tickets. It is estimated that Danbury has lost more money in this manner than from all other calamities put together for a long period. There is reason to believe that the prize referred to was allowed to go to Danbury to revive drooping interest, as it is openly charged that the lottery managers shrewdly drop a prize in communities and among classes of working men where it will excite the gambling instinct. Not long ago a prize was drawn in this way, doubtless, by a Boston barber, and it is said to have been the worst thing that ever happened to barbers in this city. The gambling instinct is strong in human nature, and an institution which panders to that instinct and provokes it where it would not otherwise be aroused is a curse to the whole nation. Our government ought to be sufficiently paternal to prevent the ignorant and credulous from being victimized in this way. The business is largely done through the mails.

The historic building in Brussels in the hall of which occurred the famous ball of the Duke and Duchess of Richmond on the eve of the battle of Waterloo is to be sold at auction. The ball is immortalized by Byron in the lines beginning with the oft quoted words: "There was a sound of revelry by night."

An exchange notes, as the best example of mingled hope and fear, a lazy man looking for work.

THE NEW STATE.

Idaho, the newest state in the American Union, will some day be classed as one of the richest. Up to 1863 it formed a portion of the territory of Oregon, that undefined territorial division whose boundary was long a matter of dispute between Great Britain and the United States. When first organized it also included portions of the previous territories of Washington, Oregon, Utah and Nebraska. It will be interesting information to the younger elements of the population of the new state to learn that not so very long ago two territories—Nebraska and Oregon—reached from the Missouri river to the Pacific Ocean. In 1864 the boundaries were fixed as they are found to-day.

It is not improbable that a few hardy voyageurs may have penetrated Idaho in the closing decade of the last century. But the first reliable information about this unknown and mysterious region was that contributed by the explorers, Lewis and Clarke, who journeyed across the western part of the continent in the beginning of the present century. Although three-fourths of a century has since rolled away and the once mysterious land has become one of the sovereign states in the American Union, opportunity is not wanting or the explorer and the adventurer to search out new fields of wealth and beauty.

Wm. H. Wallace was the first governor of the territory, serving from 1863 to 1864. It is also interesting to note that the first gold was discovered on the Pend Oreille river. That was in 1852, but it was not until 1860 that the first paying gold mine was opened up at Oro Fino.

Idaho is truly the Gem of the Mountains. In addition to her wealth of majestic scenery she has innumerable sheltered vales where fruits and cereals are produced as fine as those grown anywhere in the United States. The climate is much milder than that of Montana. In the valleys of the Snake and Clearwater rivers it has an Italian softness that makes that section one of earth's favored spots.

The mineral resources of the state, particularly of Northern Idaho, are yet in their infancy. While placer mining is comparatively an old industry, the territory yielding \$8,000,000 in 1872, it has been only of recent years that the possibilities of quartz mining have been even faintly understood.

Idaho also has broad and heavy forests of cedar, fir, hemlock, cottonwood, etc. Taken altogether, the resources and scenic beauties of the new state will surely make her famous throughout the land, and within a few years new centers of population will spring up, new sources of wealth will be developed, and Idaho will take that position in the American Union to which her capabilities entitle her.—Spokane Review.

A SINGLE page in an issue of the Century taken for advertising purposes costs \$500, and in Harper's \$400. A yearly advertisement in one column of the Chicago Tribune costs \$26,554 for the lowest and \$130,000 for the highest priced columns. These figures will doubtless be of interest to men who invest \$2 or \$3 and flatter themselves with the idea that they are extensive advertisers, and also to those who so frequently ask why country papers cannot be printed as cheap as city papers.—Ex.

THERE are twenty-two democratic governors of states and twenty republicans. All of the ex-slave states and Iowa, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Oregon have democratic governors.

A GEORGIA editor apologizes for the scarcity of news in his paper and says:—"We will have plenty of news next week, as we have taken a census contract, and we are on the inside track of every citizen in the county."

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1. Catarrh of the conjunctiva. This is an inflammation of the membrane which covers the eye. It is caused by dirt, dust, or a foreign body. It is treated by washing the eye with a solution of boracic acid.
2. Conjunctivitis. This is an inflammation of the conjunctiva. It is caused by a germ. It is treated by washing the eye with a solution of boracic acid.
3. Diphtheria of the eye. This is a very serious disease. It is caused by a germ. It is treated by washing the eye with a solution of boracic acid.
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