

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The business department of the WEEKLY GUARD is caused considerable trouble by correspondents addressing the proprietors personally.

THE ART OF KISSING.

Henri Watterson, the veteran Kentucky editor, has unboomed himself on the subject of kissing. He does not furnish certificates or diplomas to show that he is a past master in the art.

"Kissing," says his *Leisurely*, a matter of feeling and impulse. It was, doubtless, from a sudden impulse that Jacob kissed Rachel, and then he lifted up his voice and wept, because he had not met her sooner.

SHOULD TELL THE TRUTH.

Postmaster - General Charles Emory Smith had himself interviewed on the Philippine situation the other day with the result that he got mixed.

"Within two weeks 5000 additional men will be in the Philippines or on their way, and by August 1, before the close of the rainy season, there will be 35,000 regulars or more at the disposal of Otis, and with this force he certainly will be able to cope with the situation.

"There is no trouble in the Philippines outside the island of Luzon. Without underestimating the difficulties, it may be accepted that our government will be equal to the demands of the situation.

When 35,000 troops, "or more" are required there would seem to be plenty of "trouble," at least in the island of Luzon. And the reason there is no trouble in the other islands, mainly, because our forces have never attempted to occupy them.

THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN.

Not for angels, says the Salem Journal; for man's rational use and benefit, and as a day of rest and enjoyment. The idea of Sunday as a day or an institution to be enforced upon any one in a slavish manner by state or church is happily past forever.

Now come a few ministers of the gospel and pronounce against the national editorial association taking an excursion to McMinnville on Sunday. The editors are our

guests. It is desirable they see as much of the state as possible and it is decided to let them see Yamhill county on Sunday, and it won't hurt the editors, or Sunday, or Yamhill county.

All will agree that the "Sabbath" should be kept as a day of rest and worship. But beyond this we cannot go. We cannot enforce law-regulating individual conduct on the Sabbath, so long as it disturbs no one in his right to observe the Sabbath as he sees fit.

A Norwegian steamer cleared from Astoria the other day with 2,335,000 feet of lumber for an Asiatic port. That our readers may appreciate that amount we would state that a sawlog that makes a thousand feet of lumber is considered a fair one in this section.

One of the heaviest losers by the Oakland fire takes his loss philosophically. He writes the Roseburg Review that Oakland had the honor of furnishing the biggest fireworks for the Fourth of July.

A novelty in wagon wheels is employed in hauling iron from the creek of the Glenmorag on the beach a short distance below Astoria. The tires are fourteen inches wide, made so to prevent the wheels sinking into the sand.

The biggest part of a Fourth of July celebration is the crowd—the people. Other things are sideshows.

Remark of a visiting editor: "You can scarcely imagine the sensation of a person traveling down the Columbia river for the first time after having crossed sandy, sun-blistered stretches. Rightfully, I think, the Columbia has been called the Rhine of America."

During the first five months of this year Havana accumulated \$584,966 in her treasury. No such balance ever was shown at the end of five-and-twenty months of any administration.

Bryan spoke in Tammany Hall the other day and received a rousing demonstration from the masses of that organization. A few traitorous New York leaders will not be able to sell him out next year as they did in 1896.

THE TERRIBLE BRAZOS FLOOD.

St. Louis, July 7.—A Post-Dispatch special from Austin, Tex., says: Governor Sayers today received a message from Sealey over the long-distance telephone, saying 1000 persons who had taken refuge on a mound three miles below there, are slowly perishing for want of food.

To add to the horror, the unfortunate are surrounded by poisonous reptiles and skunks. Huddled together with human beings are several hundred head of livestock. A number of those on the mound have received bites from reptiles and skunks, and are in a dying condition.

CHAMBERS' PRIZES.

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Junetion City Times, July 8: Joseph Ferguson is carrying his head in a sling as the result of a runaway Wednesday. His team ran away with a mow and pitched Joe out, landing on his head. His leg was also injured.

TO BUY THE LAKES OF KILLARNEY. How It Happens That the Property is on the Market. BY JOHN F. WILLOUGHBY.

The proposal of certain wealthy Irish-Americans, members of New York's Tammany Hall, to buy a section of the Killarney lakes country and throw it open to the people of Ireland as a free park has excited considerable comment and revived popular interest in this picturesque bit of the Emerald Isle.

The lakes of Killarney lie in an oval formed by the Kerry mountains and are three in number. Numerous islands dot the lakes. Every island has its legend, its saint buried in some picturesque nook, its ruined castle or abbey.

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BRICKEN BRIDGE, KILLARNEY. The park on the west side, owned by the Earl of Kenmare, has Ross Island, St. Finian's tomb, Innisfallen and the ruins of O'Donoghue's castle and many natural and architectural wonders.

One of the beautiful spots in the park is a narrow gorge between the upper and the middle lakes, which is spanned by Bricken bridge. This is one of the spots which all tourists look for when visiting the lakes.

These are only a few of the beautiful and attractive features of the property which Tammany hopes to acquire and present to her annihilated members in Ireland.

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QUEEN OF BEAUTY.

Parisian Actress Selected as the Finest Woman in the World. According to a solemn and dignified French jury, the most beautiful woman in the world is Jeanne Dortal, a Parisian vaudeville artist who, until pronounced to be the queen of beauty, was almost wholly unknown to fame.



When a new dictionary is projected, one man is selected as editor in chief, and he appoints his subeditors. Then appeals are sent out to literary people in general for voluntary contributions in the nature of rare and curious words.

SCHOLAR AND ATHLETE.

Benjamin Ide Wheeler, the newly elected president of California State university, is at the same time one of the most distinguished philologists in the country and one of the recognized authorities on college athletics.

Professor Wheeler is not only a distinguished scholar, but a man of great executive ability. More than that, he is full of everyday human interests, which bring him into close sympathy with the students of the institution with which he is connected.



cent history of Alexander the Great, written by him, has attracted much attention.

Among college students the professor is perhaps most admired for his good sense in matters pertaining to college athletics. He is Greek through and through, and believes in athletics of the old Greek type.

Making a Dictionary.

Nearly every one has had the bright idea that it must be a tremendous amount of work to get up a dictionary, but few have any notion of the real size of the task.

Webster worked 24 years before his dictionary made its bow to the world. Webster was very painstaking that it was a wonder he completed the work when he did.

The words which give the compiler of a dictionary the most trouble are the little one syllable Saxon words. Their history extends back into the Saxon period, and their meaning has become twisted in many directions.

"When in doubt as to the genuineness of a diamond," said a leading dealer in precious stones to the writer recently, "there is only one really reliable way by which the expert or the amateur judge can determine the quality of the article and that is to test its hardness by holding it against a rapidly revolving grindstone from five to ten minutes.

The Peculiar Dances.

"The Dances," wrote Julian Ralph from Copenhagen, "are not satisfied with the alphabet. They have invented a twenty-seventh letter, which is an O with a mark run through it diagonally from the north northwest to the south southeast, and this amazing letter comes in most of the words.

Smoking Vampires.

Henry Adams of Wichita, Kan., tells this story of the favorite amusement of Americans at the clubs in the City of Mexico: Frequently in the evenings the vampires, or blood sucking bats, fly into the open windows of the clubrooms.

They Would Get There.

It was a lecture delivered by a learned purveyor of liver pills and illustrated by diagrams of the frame of man. "That," he explained, pointing out a totally different spot, "is where man's liver is."

Cared the Dryness.

Mother—How did papa's new book get in this condition? Bobby—Why, mamma, I heard papa say last night that the book was too dry for him. So I put it in the bathtub and let the water run.

JULY.

Openly month of bed-delt report... I wish thy health in sign of rose perfume... In thy downy lap of clover-bliss I settle like a drowsy child and dream... The long hours wait. The asphyx blows... The shifting shuttle of the summer's loom... And weaves a damask-work of gleam and gloom... Before thy lilies feet the lily blows... A hush of all fragrance o'er the glade... And, wheeling into rank, with plume and spear... They harvest-arms gather on parade... White, fat and far away, yet once and clear... A color rolls out of alien lands of shade... "All hail the Peerless Goddess of the year."

THE SCHIFFME FAILURE.

The Unwieldy Influence of Government Failed to Be Resultful.

The city of Odessa, Russia, is now engaged in increasing its municipal waterworks. The Russian authorities gave the contract for the iron pipe to 30 A. A. O. S. B. Co. The French man's contract is 200,000 feet of pipe from the American Iron Works Co. of the city of Odessa, Russia, is now engaged in increasing its municipal waterworks.

THE UNITED STATES CENSUS.

The First Census Was Taken in 1790.

The first census was taken in 1790, and showed a population of 3,929,214. The increase by decades for the succeeding hundred years varied from 22 per cent in 1870 to 36 per cent in 1890. The census of 1850 and 1860 showed an increase of 35 per cent. In 1890 it dropped to 24 per cent. These figures are given without the additional fraction of 1 per cent. The average is about 32 per cent of increase for each decade.

THE JUNCTION FOURTH.

News Items Thereof From the Bulletin.

In the girls foot race Mattie Newman won the prize. Several horse races took place in the afternoon, which were not on the program. The ball game between Peoria and the home team, resulted in a score of 26 to 11 in favor of Junction.

A Hard Luck Story.

Albany Democrat July 7: This morning a band of horses belonging to Andrew Willis of Crook county, stampeded and got out of the pasture of Peter Riley, where they were being kept for the Albany market, and ran in front of the overland which came along at that time. Two of the horses were killed outright; one crippled was shot by the section boss and another one by Poundmaster Davidson.