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AN Illinois school teacher took a package of cigarettes out of a boy's pocket and placed them in a glass of water. Next day she gave some birds which were thirsty this defiled water, and in three minutes they died in greatest agony. This may have been a useful lesson to the boy, but it was a mean thing to do to the birds.

UNDER the provisions of the Maxwell national irrigation law over $15,000,000 will have accumulated from the sale of arid land for the irrigation fund of the western states, by July 1, 1903. And yet there are those who say that interest in the subject of irrigation has died out in Oregon. This $15,000,000 is a gift to the arid states and territories of the West. Will you prepare to receive it for will you remain idle and see it distributed elsewhere.

IT is said that the women's clubs of the nation, which have a membership of 200,000, will join with several church denominations in a crusade to bring about the expulsion of the Mormon apostle Smoot from the United States senate. A lively campaign is promised if the report in true, but whether it will accomplish any result is another question. There is no legal reason for expelling Smoot; but such influence may be brought as to cause Congress to take some action in the matter.

VITAL statistics of San Francisco for the month of May show that the total number of deaths was 578 and births 422. A hundred and fifty more deaths than births is a proportion calculated to have its effect on the growth of the city, were it not for the fact that immigration is exceedingly large. The greatest number of deaths was caused by consumption (80), and the next greatest by heart trouble (20). Misadventure and surgical shock were responsible for 42 deaths; there were four homicides and 10 suicides.

IN estimating the money made in mining it is rare to include what thousands of people make from mere development work. It is safe to estimate that men have made more money from enhancement in the value of property being developed than they have from bullion production, for no ordinary mining property taken as a prospect and developed till it has a good showing of ore will be valued at less than five to ten and sometimes fifty and one hundred times a greater sum than was put into it for development purposes.

IN Servia the saying "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" appears to be more real than imaginary, by reason of the recent assassination of the king and queen, and the previous assassination of 35 years ago. Servia is a small kingdom, containing a population of about 2,000,000, and gained its independence from Turkish rule by stubborn resistance to Turkey. In monarchial governments the only way to change hereditary rule is by revolution; but in a republican form of government the people can vote a change. Violence would probably have been avoided if the king had not killed the man requesting his abdication for reasons presented.

ONE of the most striking features of the Eppinger failure in San Francisco is the disclosure of the snap that any dishonest grain man has under present conditions in swindling the banks. Money was lent upon warehouse certificates, but no steps were taken to render it impossible, or even difficult, to present more than one certificate for the same wheat. This appears to have been the plan followed in the Eppinger case, with the result that the firm is short 90 per cent of the amount shown by the certificates to be in the warehouses. The sacks that remain are now plastered with the names of the various creditor banks that are wildly struggling to obtain possession of what assets there are. It is astonishing that the banks should have permitted themselves to risk such great sums of money on such flimsy security.

AUGUST W. MACHEN, former general superintendent of free delivery, stands today indicted by a grand jury on nine separate counts, and evidence of other criminality sufficient to secure many more indictments is in the hands of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow and his inspectors Thos. W. McGregor and C. Ellsworth Upton, two of Machen's subordinates and intimate friends, have been arrested for stealing from the Postoffice Department $8,000, their methods having been similar to Machen's. They purchased mail bags in Baltimore, worth less than 50 cents each, and paid for them 90 cents, receiving a commission from the maker of 40 cents on each. Postmaster-General Payne, who was himself reluctant to believe that there existed what he would consider actual dishonesty, that is maladministration for personal gain, has been forced to admit that the conditions which the inspectors are daily uncovering are "appalling," and it is believed that the ramifications of Machen's dishonesty will eventually lead the inspectors into the homes of men prominent in state and federal political affairs. The grand jury is now considering the case of Groff Brothers, the men who paid Machen a commission on the letter-box fasteners, and their conviction is confidently expected. Smith, the man who sold the mail bags to McGregor and Upton, will be prosecuted, and in every instance an earnest effort will be made to mete out justice to the bribe givers as to the bribe receivers.

WAS IT MURDER OR SUICIDE?

The Body Found Not Far from Ashland is that of H. L. Iddings—The McCartney Case Still Shrouded in Mystery.

In our last issue we gave the information that the remains of an unknown man had been discovered on the Wagner creek divide, about six miles west of Ashland, by J. H. Gildersleeve and Green Bros., while they were on a prospecting tour.

It was at first supposed that the remains were those of Chas. H. McCartney, who mysteriously disappeared several months ago, and some of whose effects were discovered by H. C. Sparr, Jr., in Ashland canyon. This surmise proved to be incorrect, however, as the papers and articles found on and about the body showed conclusively that they belonged to Howard W. Iddings of Radison, Wis. Telegrams were immediately sent to that city, and they were answered by relatives of the dead man, as also the clerk of the local camp of Woodmen of America, who requested that the remains be buried at their expense.

An inquest was first held, conducted by M. Berry, justice of the peace and acting coroner, and C. L. Reames, deputy district attorney. The jury empaneled did not decide whether it was murder or suicide, but it evidently was a case of the latter.

Deputy Sheriff Long says that powder marks are plainly visible at the place on the skull where the bullet entered, and the fracture at the same point indicates that it was caused by the concussion of the discharge of the pistol which necessarily must have been held very close to the head. According to his supposition Iddings was in the wild spot in which he was found, looking for timber, when he may have been bewildered by a snow storm—of which there were a number in that locality in the latter part of March—and losing his bearings, and being without food or supplies, after wandering around a bit, he put an end to his troubles with a bullet from his own pistol.

An Effort for Pure Food.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson, of the state board of health in Oregon, has created quite a sensation in Portland, by calling for an investigation of the methods of meat supply of the Oregon metropolis. He says that, among other things, meat is treated with a preservative, or is "doped" to keep it till sale, is so skillfully "corned" as to conceal its decay, and that the casing of the city-made sausage often conceals defects that would otherwise cry so loudly as to awaken the olfactory nerves to their existence.

Dr. Hutchinson gave, among other facts, to the board of health, these details: "I have found that nearly all the larger shops that dispose of meat use "preservative" or "freezaline" and other preparations which they claim is to keep off flies, but which it is evident is sprinkled on meat to conceal the indications of incipient putrefaction; that much of the meat that is treated is made into sausage, and there is no wonder that Portland sausage is looked upon with discredit."

He claims that much meat passes to the block without inspection, from the country, not being killed in an authorized slaughter-house, and he calls attention to the fact that every fall an epidemic of hog cholera prevails throughout the Willamette valley, which is invariably followed by severe intestinal troubles among the inhabitants of the cities, and in nearly every instance they can be traced to the consumption of country-killed pork. He makes the broad assertion that it is more profitable to deliver stock at market on foot, but that in each drove there are some that are known to be diseased animals, and it is to dispose of their flesh that the product is brought to the city markets slaughtered and dressed.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Forest Waste.

That which most impressed the German agriculturists, who recently visited Oregon, was the extravagant use and wanton waste of the superb forests of the country. In Germany the forest wealth is guarded as we guard valuable stocks of merchandise. Trees are cut under strict regulations, and great care is taken to cultivate new growth. No wonder that one of the German party, after noting our wasteful methods, declared that a day was coming when Germans would sell timber to the United States. Our wanton waste of this forest wealth is the result of pioneer conditions. The early settler regarded the forests as an encumbrance, to be removed by any agency he could command. He wanted pasturage for his cattle and a clear spot for his garden, and so he set his jaw and went at the forest monarchs with ax and fire. Noble cedars, majestic firs and stately pines—all were in his way—and in the long struggle to clear a place in the wilderness he learned to hate them, and he laughed to scorn the sentiment which cried out when he girdled and burned them. As with the farmers in western Washington and Oregon, so with the prospectors in the wooded areas of the Inland Empire. The forests interfered with their search for mineral ledges, and they learned to regard it a duty to "fire" as much mountain side as possible. The subject of forest preservation is of growing importance. More and more it will engage the attention of the state and national governments, the railroads, the owners of large timber tracts, and the individual home builder. A start has been made in the right direction, although just only a feeble effort.

INDIGESTION

is the cause of more discomfort than any other ailment. If you eat the things that you want, and that are good for you, you are distressed. Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets will make your digestion perfect and prevent dyspepsia, and its attendant disagreeable symptoms. You can safely eat anything, at any time, if you take one of these Tablets afterward. Sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee. 25 cts Money refunded if you are not satisfied. Send to us for a free sample. W. H. HOOKER. & Co, Buffalo, N. Y

BRIEF MENTION.

George and Lewis Stanley, late of Ashland, have engaged in business at Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Neuber and Miss Rose Brentano went to Grants Pass Thursday, to attend the carnival.

Jos. G. Martin, one of Table Rock precinct's best citizens, did business in Medford Wednesday.

A. D. Houston, one of Table Rock precinct's energetic young farmers, was in Medford one day this week.

A. J. Palmateer and John Tibbs have located a ledge in Elliott creek district, called the Anaconda.

Frank Silva, who has been in Butte Creek Valley for some time, arrived on Applegate a short time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crawford of Gold Hill were at the county-seat lately, visiting their son, Under Sherifi Crawford, and his family.

J. W. Simpson, one of the pioneers of Southern Oregon, has been visiting his old home. He is now a resident of Northern California.

Mrs. J. S. Orth, wife of our county clerk, left for Eugene a few days since, to attend the commencement exercises of the University of Oregon.

Mrs. A. L. Kitchin of Ashland has gone to her former home at Springfield, Ill., on a visit of some length. She is accompanied by her daugter Fay.

Bertha Faucett has commenced a suit for divorce against Jeff. Faucett in Siskiyou county, Calif. Both parties formerly lived on Applegate.

"Strength and vigor come of good food, duly digested. "Force," a ready-to-serve wheat and barley food, adds no burden, but sustains, nourishes, invigorates."

John G. Schallhorn of the Elk Saloon, Grant's Pass, has purchased the fixtures and stock of Mr. Case. The latter will leave there in a short time.

John T. Taylor, the popular treasurer of Josephine county, gives notice that he has funds on hand with which to pay warrants protested to June 10, 1903.

Mrs. Belle Jones Davis arrived in Jacksonville, from St. Paul, Minn., Thursday, and will remain a few weeks. Her sister, Miss Lulu Jones, met her at Medford.

During the recent electrical storm a valuable horse belonging to L. A. Rose of Phœnix was struck by lightning and killed. He had taken shelter under a tree.

Rev. James B. Smith's wife and children arrived from Oklahoma on Wednesday morning train. They occupy the two-story house he purchased of James Helms.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are just what you need when you have no appetite, feel dull after eating and wake up with a bad taste in your mouth. They will improve your appetite, cleanse and invigorate your food. City Drug Store.

J. J. Brophy, living east of Medford, on the Childers place, has started a milk route, and is supplying a large number of customers with a fine quality of cow's product.

J. H. Messner, county stock inspector, on Thursday inspected 842 head of sheep for Martin Bros., who bought J. W. Merritt's band, and found them O. K. They will be shipped to the San Francisco market.

John H. Devlin, who is manager of the Chicago Portrait Co. for the Northwest, and Mrs. Dr. Hines of Forest Grove, arrived Friday, for a short visit. They were met at Medford by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Devlin of Applegate.

At the late meeting of the supreme lodge of the A. O. U. W., held at St. Paul, Minn., Hon. W. M. Colvig of Jacksonville was chosen supreme overseer. That puts him in line for the highest position in the gift of the order—that of grand master—which he will be called to fill two years hence, unless something unforeseen should happen.

"I have been troubled for some time with indigestion and sour stomach," says Mrs. Sarah W. Curtis, of Lee, Mass., "and have been taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which have helped me much so that now I can eat many things that before I could not." If you have any trouble with your stomach, why not take these Tablets and get well? For sale by City Drug Store.

W. A. Geist, a capitalist from the eastern states, is making a tour of Southern Oregon, looking for a desirable tract of timber. He inspected that owned by the Rogue River Mining & Lumber Co., located in Foots creek district. Inquiries for our timber land are becoming frequent.

The Knights and Ladies of Security, which is a first-class fraternal society, is gaining rapidly in numbers everywhere. It is reliable and pays its losses promptly. One day this week, through Thos. M. Jones of Central Point, its state deputy, a check of $600 was paid to I. C. Kent, whose wife was a member of the order at the time of her death a short time since.

Miss Mary Adams, who keeps one of the best taverns in Del Norte county, Calif., on the Waldo—Crescent City road, arrived Friday, for a short stay among her many friends in Southern Oregon. She will be accompanied home by her ward, Josephine Bonaz, who has been attending St. Mary's Academy.

Sick headache absolutely and permanently cured by using Moki Tea, a pleasant herb drink. Cures constipation and indigestion, makes you eat, sleep, work and be happy. Satisfaction guaranteed or money back. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Write to W. H. HOOKER & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., for a free sample. A. P. Estabrook, Leading Druggist, Gold Hill.

Messrs. Huger and Weeks, who are superintendents of the Voorhies and Lewis orchards, two of the biggest and best in Southern Oregon, have already placed orders for 18,000 boxes, which will be used in packing the pears growing there. Their crop is a fine, large one, and even more boxes than these may be needed.

Kodol Gives Strength

by enabling the digestive organs to digest, assimilate and transform ALL of the wholesome food that may be eaten into the kind of blood that nourishes the nerves, feeds the tissues, hardens the muscles and recuperates the organs of the entire body. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Catarrh of the Stomach and all stomach disorders. Sold by all druggists.

The Forebodings of a Leading Politician.

Senator Hanna of Ohio, a few weeks ago, at a dinner tendered to one of New York's best known financiers, said:

"You gentlemen had better trim your sails—for indications point to the fact that one of the greatest panics that the world has ever seen is about to occur in the United States. Workingmen of the country are discontented with their wages, and hold that in proportion to the great increase in the cost of food wages have not kept pace. That is a statement that can be readily proven by consulting any of the tables published by either Bradstreet's or Dun's, and the quicker we recognize this phase of the political question the better it will be for us and the business men whose duty it is to help conserve.

"I am anything but optimistic on the situation. I see very plainly the storm clouds gathering on the political situation. Workingmen are absorbing quickly the revolutionary spirit which is being inculcated by the Socialists, who are spreading their propaganda broadcast, and it is bearing fruit in the ranks of the workers; and we capitalists had not better close our eyes to the pregnant fact, but on the other hand meet them, and if possible divert their fire into our political parties.

"I warn you against these signs, which mean so much to us, and urge upon you the necessity of doing all in your power to stem the tide of what I firmly believe will end in social revolution, if we continue in the way we have been doing for the past decade.

"We are at fault. Everything that Wall Street could do to foment trouble it has been guilty of doing. Millions upon millions of securities have been issued, and the great middle class has been pumped dry.

"The buying power of the workers has been reduced greatly, and we have offered every inducement to the laboring man by our attitude to revolt. When that day comes—and it is coming soon—I would not give a mill for J. Pierpont Morgan's head, for the workers blame him for a great many of past sufferings.

"This is how I feel on the situation, and I urge you to heed the warning which I send home to you this evening."

If The Baby is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. Twenty five cents a bottle.

The Faculty of Another Normal School.

At a recent meeting of the regents of the Central Oregon State Normal School, located at Drain, the following faculty for the ensuing year was selected: President, W. H. Dempster, of Madison, S. D.; history and science, E. E. Washburn, of Jacksonville, Ore.; mathematics and physical culture, to be supplied; English literature, Miss Mildred A. Smith, of Minneapolis; principal training department, O. C. Brown; assistants, Mrs. O. C. Brown and Miss Minerva F. Call of Portland; music, Miss Jennie E. Crawford, of Dayton, Or.

A Serious Mistake.

E. C. DeWitt & Co. is the name of firm who make the genuine Witch Hazel Salve. DeWitt's is the Witch Hazel Salve that heals without leaving a scar. It is a serious mistake to use any other. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, burns, bruises, eczema and all skin diseases. Sold by all druggists.

A Fatal Accident.

On Wednesday the news reached us that Gus Moore, aged about 22 years, had been killed that day at his father's place, situated two miles southwest of Phoenix.

A barn was being raised and some of the bents were already in position, when the guy rope attached to a heavy piece of timber broke and knocked down all that had previously been raised. The deceased was caught by the descending mass and crushed under its weight, receiving injuries from which he died soon afterward.

Another young man, named Roberts, was near the scene of the accident, but, fortunately, escaped with minor injuries.

The remains of Mr. Moore were interred in the cemetery near Phoenix the following day. Rev. Wm. Clyde officiated at the funeral.

He possessed many excellent traits of character and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

His Last Hope Realized.

(From the Sentinel, Gebo, Mont.)

In the first opening of Oklahoma to settlers in 1889 the editor of this paper was among the many seekers after fortune who made the big race one fine day in April. During his traveling about and afterwards his camping upon his claim he encountered much bad water, which, together with the severe heat, gave him a very severe diarrhœa which it seemed almost impossible to check, and along in June the case became so bad he expected to die. One day one of his neighbors brought him one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy as a last hope. A big dose was given him while he was rolling about on the ground in great agony, and in a few minutes the dose repeated. The good effect of the medicine was soon noticed and within an hour the patient was taking his first sound sleep for a fortnight. That one little bottle worked a complete cure, and he cannot help but feel grateful. The season for bowel disorders being at hand suggests this item. For sale by City Drug Store.

Excursion Rate to Yaquina Bay.

On July 1st the Southern Pacific Co. will resume sale of excursion tickets to Newport and Yaquina Bay. Rate from Medford, ten dollars.

This popular resort has long been well and favorably known to the people of Western Oregon, and the low rates offered should enable everyore to take an outing.

W. E. COMAN,
Gen. Pass. Agent.

PISO'S CURE FOR CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists. CONSUMPTION 25 CTS

HERE AND THERE.

One of the Heppner church buildings was lifted from its foundations by the flood and thrown two blocks against another church.

Man is helpless in the face of such a calamity as overtook Heppner and the Willow Creek Valley. Water, fire and hurricane! In their path escape is uncertain.

That was a particularly jealous fellow who shot and killed himself at Belgrade, because his fellow conspirators would not allow him to participate in the assassination of the King and Queen.

Radium, which sells at $900,000 a pound, is reduced to $78,000 a pound, through the discovery of a Buffalo, N. Y. man. At the latter price we may be able some day to look at this, the most precious of all metals.

The States of Panama and Caucu, of the Republic of Colombia, are threatening secession, if the United States canal treaty is rejected, and the setting up of an independent government covering the isthmus of Darien.

John D. Rockefeller's income aggregates $75,000,000 a year, and is rapidly increasing. So fast we fear that in a few years more he will have all the money and there will not be any left for the poor editors. Rockefeller has accumulated his great wealth since 1860.

The President has taken a step likely to promote good feeling between the United States and Germany by ordering that the European fleet proceed to Kiel to participate in the great naval regatta to be held there in June.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company appreciates the work of the men who protected their large interests from fire last year. Where thirty men were employed along the line of the company's timber in Oregon last year, the force will be increased to fifty this season.

Great efforts are being made in Germany to substitute gasoline for steam in railroad locomotives, and a German mechanical engineer of high standing seems confident that this will ultimately be successfully done. The idea is entertained that gasoline may even outstrip electric power, as gasoline motors are now made to effect a great saving as compared with steam engines.

Governor Chamberlain has granted a full pardon to Henri Brown, who was serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for the murder of one Harry Schick, at Paisley, Lake county, in April, 1888. Schick was a bartender and the killing was the result of a settlement for drinks in a game of cards. Good behavior helped secure the pardon.

Nowadays no one is taught any of the charms of manner. A girl comes into the room like a whirlwind, leaving the door open behind her, or else slams it violently; she sits on her gown, which is all crumpled up under her, leaving the clear outline of one leg well defined, and she gathers up her skirts in the street with a careless movement, which is as ungraceful as it is ineffectual.

A Box of Coins Unearthed.

A box of coins supposed to have been buried by the Tories during the revolutionary period was recently unearthed by laborers working on one of the eastern railroads, but as the coins were about two centuries old they would probably have no more value to-day than many of the remedies compounded for stomach, liver and bowel disorders. It is therefore necessary, if you want to recover your health, to be careful in the selection of a medicine that will restore the appetite, purify the blood, and cure headache, indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation or liver and kidney troubles. You will make no mistake if you try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, because it will positively cure these diseases. Hundreds of people have voluntarily testified to this fact during the past fifty years.

The Coming Event.

Chautauqua at Ashland, July 15th-24th. Eleventh year. Great speakers, including Senator Dolliver, Congressman Champ Clark, Germane, the magician. Helpful schools—"Better and Better." Reduced R. R. rates. Come and bring "the folks." Write Secretary T. A. Hayes.

REDUCED EXCURSION RATES

To the Seaside and Mountain Resorts for the Summer.

On and after June 1, 1903, the Southern Pacific, in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, will have on sale round-trip tickets from points on their line to Newport, Yaquina and Detroit at very low rates, good for return until October 10, 1903.

Three-day tickets to Newport and Yaquina, good going Saturdays and returning Monday, rate also on sale from all East Side points, from Portland to Eugene, inclusive, and from all West Side Points are also on sale to Detroit at very low rates with stop over privileges at Mill City or any point east, enabling tourists to visit the Santiam and Breitenbush as well as the famous Breitenbush Hot Springs in the Cascade mountains, which can be reached in one day.

Season tickets will be good for return from all points until Oct. 10th. Three-day tickets will be good going on Saturdays and returning Mondays ONLY. Tickets from Portland and vicinity will be good for return via the East or West side at option of passenger. Tickets from Eugene and vicinity will be good going via the Lebanon-Springfield branch if desired. Baggage on Newport tickets checked through to Newport; on Yaquina tickets to Yaquina only.

S. P. trains connect with the C. & E. at Albany and Corvallis for Yaquina and Newport. Trains on the C. & E. for Detroit will leave Albany at 7:00 a. m, enabling tourists to the Hot Springs to reach there the same day.

Full information as to rates, time tables, etc., can be obtained on application to Edwin Stone, manager C. & E. R. R., Albany; W. E. Coman, G. P. A., S. P. Co., Portland, or to any S. P. or C. E. Agent.

Rates from Medford to Newport, $10.00. Rates from Medford to Yaquina $10.00.

A very pretty wedding occurred Wednesday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sergent, 685 Pearl street, in Eugene, when Miss Grace G. Sergent and Glenn Woodruff were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. H. A. Green of the Baptist church officiating, in the presence of immediate relatives and a few intimate friends. The bride was formerly a resident of Jackson county, and has many friends.

HISTORY OF VENEZUELA

South American Republic Discovered by Alonzo de Ojeda.

CLIMATE OF THE COUNTRY MILD.

Extremes of Heat and Cold of Northern Regions Unknown—Population Considerably Less Than Half a Million—Territory of the Republic Comprises Three Well Defined Regions.

"For a small country, as compared to the United States, Venezuela is and has been for an indefinite period making a great noise in the world," said Dr. Pierre Desnoyers of New Orleans, who has spent a number of years in that country, to a reporter for the Washington Evening Star the other afternoon.

"According to current history, the republic, now known as the republic of the United States of Venezuela, was discovered as early as 1449 by the Castilian knight Alonzo de Ojeda, who had been associated with Columbus on his second voyage and who commanded a fleet of four vessels, chartered and equipped by some wealthy merchants of Seville.

"For 240 years Venezuela remained loyal to the Spanish crown. July 5, 1811, the leading men of Caracas proclaimed a republic and adopted a constitution very similar to that of our own country. Ten years of war followed, which ended in the expulsion of the Spanish army from the province. In 1847 a treaty of peace was signed and Spain formally acknowledged the independence of the country.

"According to the census of 1896, there were in Venezuela 326,000 aborigines. Of this number 66,000 were independent, 20,000 subjugated and 240,000 assimilated. Topographically speaking, the territory of the republic comprises three well defined regions—the agricultural, the grazing and the forestal. The first occupies an area of 134,942 square miles and extends from the north to the northwest of the country. In this region are to be found the coast range and that of the Venezuelan Andes, which form very fertile valleys. It comprises 87,325 square miles of public lands, and 47,617 square miles belong to private parties. The grazing lands form a great belt south of the agricultural region. It has an area of 156,496 square miles, of which 58,480 are public and 98,016 private lands.

"This region is made up of immense grass covered plains, with navigable rivers, which overflow during the rainy season and inundate them. The third region, the forestal, lies to the south of the grazing belt and extends to the southern limits of Venezuela. It has 308,095 square miles of area, of which 303,345 are public and 4,750 are private.

"The mountain systems comprise the Venezuelan Andes and the coast and Parina ranges. According to the latest official data, the coast line of Venezuela extends 3,020 kilometers along the Caribbean sea and the Atlantic ocean and has thirty-two harbors, fifty coves and numberless anchorages, exclusive of those in the interior on the lakes of Maracaibo and Valencia. There are in the country five gulfs, two large lakes and 204 small lakes. The territory is bathed by 1,047 rivers and rivulets, of which 436 are affluents of the Orinoco.

"The climate of the country is mild, the extremes of heat and cold of northern climates being unknown. The coasts of Venezuela are tolerably healthy. Neither the black vomit nor yellow fever is considered epidemic, although sporadic cases of malignant fevers are not unknown. The seasons are dry and wet. The agricultural belt grows coffee, cacao, sugar cane, all kinds of cereals and edible tubers, such as the potato, yucca, yam, etc. The grazing section is well adapted to the raising of cattle.

"The territory of the republic is divided into thirteen federal states. Each state has its president and legislature. The former is elected by direct vote every four years. Each state by special law determines the form and conditions for the election of the members of the legislature. The federal district is dependent upon the president of the republic, who exercises his authority through a governor of his free selection.

"The capital of the republic is the city of Caracas, founded in 1567 by Don Diego de Logada, a Spanish captain, who gave the city the name of Santiago de Leon, which it still retains in old and modern public documents. The city is located in the beautiful valley of Caracas, twelve miles in length, and, according to the census of 1891, had a population not far from 90,000.

"The streets cross each other at right angles and run lengthwise from east to west and from north to south. The capital building occupies an area of more than two acres. All of the public buildings are worthy of the position the city occupies as the capital of the republic. The principal squares of the city are the Plaza Bolivar and the Plaza Washington. The latter has in its center a statue of the Father of His Country.

"Caracas has erroneously been called the Paris of South America. It is a typical Spanish city and has 75,000 inhabitants. During certain parts of the year the government maintains a theater, where Italian opera can be heard. A military band plays three evenings a week on the Plaza Bolivar, a handsome square, with a beautiful tesselated pavement.

"The most beautiful structure in the city is Mira Flores, the palace erected by the late President Crespo, who was killed in a battle with revolutionists just as it was completed. It is now used as the presidential mansion and is tenanted by President Castro."

Reduced Summer Excursion Rates.

The Denver & Rio Grande, popularly known as the "Scenic Line of the World," has announced greatly reduced round-trip rates from Pacific Coast points for the benefit of teachers who will spend their vacation in the East, and of delegates to all the prominent Conventions—N. E. A., at Boston; A. O. U. W., at St. Paul; B. P. O. E. at Baltimore; Woodmen of America at Indianapolis; Eagles, at New York; Mystic Shrine at Saratoga Springs; K. of P., at Louisville, and T. P. A., at Indianapolis.

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It is said the wreck was caused by an operator displaying a wrong signal.

Flint, Mich., March 31.—Fast eastbound passenger train No. 5 on the Grand Trunk Western railway split on a switch at Swartz Creek yesterday. Engine 999 left the track and Engineer Harrington's left arm was broken and Fireman Wardner was terribly scalded. He will probably recover. None of the passengers were injured.

Cleveland, O., March 31.—The fast westbound New York and Cleveland express train on the Erie road, due in this city at 12:40 p. m., was derailed at Concorn, near Corry, Pa. while running at a reduced rate of speed yesterday. So far as reported no passengers were killed or seriously injured, although every one in the train was severely shaken up and a few sustained severe bruises. The cause of the accident is not yet known. The engine and cars all left the track except the rear Pullman. None of the coaches turned over, however, except the forward express. The latter is lying partially tipped over on an embankment.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 31.—A Corry, Pa., special says the entire train, consisting of a combination baggage and cafe car, two Pullman sleepers, a parlor car and two day coaches, went over the embankment. No particulars have been obtained as yet, but all the doctors from Corry and Union City left for the scene on a special train

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