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REMEDY WORSE THAN DISEASE.

From Portland, Oregon, comes the information that steps are being taken to procure a number of woodpeckers and yellow hammers for introduction into the Hawaiian islands, which appear to be suffering from the ravages of wood-borers.

One would think that the Hawaiians would be satisfied to suffer the pests that nature has given them, after their investigation and experiences with remedies made a few years ago, says the New York Commercial. They were then suffering from some reptilian pest and wrote to the Colonial Secretary of Jamaica, asking for information regarding the mongoose, whose fondness for reptiles is notorious. What they learned induced them to abandon any serious thought of introducing the mongoose.

It would seem that nature will not tolerate interference, and it has come home forcibly to those who have interfered that invariably the remedy is worse than the disease when trying to exterminate pests.

Not long ago the West Indies suffered much from rats in the cane brakes and the planters there introduced the mongoose. Very soon the mongoose made himself and family thoroughly at home. Then the poultry yard got thinned out, and eventually in despair the Texan tick was introduced to kill the mongoose. This failed, and the tick also came to stay, preferring cowfish to the mongoose, which resulted in Texan fever among the cattle.

And so the pests increase instead of diminish, and West Indies have stopped interfering with nature being content to suffer what the gods have given them. The Hawaiians would be introducing remedies for pests.

RAILROAD ASSESSMENTS.

A Salem correspondent makes a statement of the Oregon assessments of railroads of this year, which purports to indicate that the roadbeds have been made to pay a higher proportionate rate of taxation, says the Pendleton East Oregonian. His figures are self-contradictory. The total assessment for the state is 15 per cent higher than the preceding year, while the roadbed assessments are increased only 5 per cent. In reality, the railroad tax agent have apparently succeeded in inducing Oregon assessors to grant them some very special favors, which have been overlooked by the county equalization board.

The logic of the situation in Oregon is this: The state has been exceedingly liberal with the railroad companies; has permitted them to transact business without the enactment of anti-railroad laws; has attempted to regulate rates; has treated them just as other concerns are treated, notwithstanding several things, one of which is: All efforts to secure improvement of the upper Columbia river have been defeated by the influence of the transcontinental railways. They have desired no improvement here, for the reason that it would give them such competition as already is offered from The Dalles down to Portland, since the river has been made navigable for freight carriers.

In short, Oregon has been "easy," and has allowed the birthright of the greatest waterway, next to the Mississippi, to remain practically untouched, with an empire waiting rapid development so soon as the wonderful artery is opened to navigation.

The assessment of roadbeds is absurd. Compared with what other forms of property, excepting mines, pay to the state, in the form of taxation, the railroads appear to have a "snap" in this part of the world.

Both the Oregonian and Governor Geer decline to heed the principal point in the plea of Attorney Veazie

that murderer Dalton sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. The attorney laid especial stress on the fact that the hanging of Dalton would have a tendency to discourage confessions. The Oregonian always advocates the extreme penalty, but Mr. Veazie's point should appeal to the governor. The hanging of Dalton cannot be regarded in the light of an example for thousands of men have been hanged for the same crime. Requiring him to pay the death penalty will, no doubt, put an end to confessions. It is a matter of little consequence to the people whether Dalton be imprisoned for life or hanged, in either event he will be out of the way. Society is, however, interested in the effect that the execution of Wade's accomplice will have upon other criminals. The extent of Dalton's complicity is not a matter for consideration, but his attitude toward society after the commission of the crime is what should appeal to the governor. Leniency is usually accorded a criminal under such circumstances, not because of any disposition to suit his convenience, but because the law seeks in this way to encourage confessions. The desire of those who demand an "example" surely ought to be satisfied with the execution of Wade, and the effort of society to encourage confessions should be furthered by commutation of the sentence of Dalton. If society were as bloodthirsty as the Oregonian, it would demand the life of Dalton and would applaud sentiment such as is contained in the following sentence: "This class of hobos should not be encouraged to believe that when an accident of this kind occurs clemency can be held out to him who can make the quickest time to the district attorney's office."

Bishop Coleman of Delaware, expresses the conviction that men are becoming better and women worse. He says that the fact is apparent to those who make observations of the use of intoxicants. He expressed this belief some time ago and an enterprising New York paper unsuccessfully undertook to disprove his statement. That men generally are improving in moral tone cannot be denied, nor can there be any doubt that the percentage of coarse women is increasing. This leads an enthusiast to the belief that men will constitute the gentler sex 100 years hence.

During the examination of the British press censor at Johannesburg in the Krause treason trial it came out that the postoffice officials at the capital of the Rand were in the habit of sending to the censor all letters addressed to the United States consul, Mr. Gordon. The chief justice asked whether such letters were subject to censorship, but upon being informed that he was not bound to reply, the censor declined to answer the question. Nevertheless, it ought to be answered by somebody—preferably by Lord Salisbury—in a communication to Mr. Hay.

Idaho skaters have discovered a hair-covered human monster that stands eight feet high and evinces an alarming disposition to depopulate Hannock county. The appearance of the monster will doubtless discourage the practice of skating and a corresponding decrease in the number of saloons can be looked for.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer is demanding improvement of the upper river, while the Astorian has been insisting that improvement of the bar is the first requisite. Can it be possible that the reported Post-Intelligencer-Astorian combination was mythical?

OUR ARMY THE BEST.

Our army is the most effective and efficient organization in the world. The reason for this is the men are well paid as well as well fed. Good food and good pay, however, will not always make a good soldier. He must have steady nerves, a good digestion and a strong constitution. To fight disease it is also necessary to have the same requirements, but if you are weak and nervous, there is a medicine that will strengthen your system. We refer to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. For fifty years it has been making weak people strong and sickly people well. We therefore urge you to try a bottle and satisfy yourself. It is a specific remedy for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, flatulency, nervousness and malaria, fever and ague.

European nations are now discussing the intention they had of interfering between this country and Spain. However, if recollection is not at fault, they did not interfere.

Chauncey M. Depew is one of the few men who know better than the reporter what they want to say in an interview.—Washington Star.

CLERK'S WISE SUGGESTION.

"I have been lately troubled much with dyspepsia, belching and sour stomach," writes M. S. Mead, leading pharmacist of Attleboro, Mass. "I could eat hardly anything without suffering several hours. My clerk suggested that I try Kodol Dyspepsia Cure which I did with most happy results. I have had no more trouble and when one can go to eating mince pie, cheese, candy and nuts after such a time, their digestion must be pretty good. I endorse Kodol Dyspepsia Cure heartily." You don't have to diet. Eat all the good food you want but don't overload the stomach. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests your food.—CHAS. ROGERS.

SENATOR HOAR WOULD PUT AN ANARCHIST ON AN ISLAND.

Senator Hoar would put all anarchists on an island, and yet he would turn all the Philippine Islands over to anarchy.—Mail and Express.

A THOUSAND DOLLARS THROWN AWAY.

Mr. W. W. Baker, of Plainville, Neb., writes: "My wife had lung trouble for over fifteen years. We tried a number of doctors and spent over a thousand dollars without any relief. She was very low and I lost all hope when a friend suggested trying Foley's Honey and Tar, which I did; and thanks be to this great remedy, it saved her life. She is stronger and enjoys better health than she has ever known in ten years. We shall never be without Foley's Honey and Tar and would ask those afflicted to try it. Sold by Chas. Rogers, druggist."

WHEN IT COMES TO THE MATTER OF DINING ON BOARD THE MARIANNE, SOMETHING MORE THAN THE REV. MR. NICHOLS' O. K. PROBABLY WILL BE NECESSARY.—Inter Ocean.

A NIGHT ALARM.

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the hoarse cough of croup, which sounds like the children's death knell and it means death unless something is done quickly. Foley's Honey and Tar never fails to give instant relief and quickly cures the worst forms of croup. Mrs. P. L. Cordier, of Burlington, Ky., writes: "My three-year-old girl had a severe case of croup; the doctor said she could not live. I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, the first dose gave quick relief and saved her life." Refuse substitutes. Sold by Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

THE TRIAL AT HAVANA WILL GIVE THE CUBANS SOME VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS OF THINGS TO BE AVOIDED IN THE CONDUCT OF A GREAT AND GROWING GOVERNMENT.—Washington Star.

A FIREMAN'S CLOSE CALL.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bell, a locomotive fireman of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, with out any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hart's Druggists. Price 50 cents.

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THE LAST HEARD OF IT.

"My little boy took the croup one night and soon grew so bad you could hear him breathe all over the house," says P. D. Reynolds, Mansfield, O. "We feared he would die, but a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure quickly relieved him and he went to sleep. That's the last we heard of the croup. Now isn't a cough cure like that valuable? One Minute Cough Cure is absolutely safe and acts immediately. For coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis and all other throat and lung troubles it is a certain cure. Very pleasant to take. The little ones like it.—Charles Rogers, druggist."

MOTHERS CAN SAFELY GIVE FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR TO THEIR CHILDREN FOR COUGHS AND COLDS, FOR IT CONTAINS NO OPIATES OR OTHER POISONS. SOLD BY CHAS. ROGERS, DRUGGIST.

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Burns, bruises and cuts are extremely painful and if neglected often result in blood poisoning. Children are especially liable to such mishaps because not so careful. As a remedy DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled. Draws out the fire, stops the pain, soon heals the wound. Beware of counterfeits. Sure cure for piles. "DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured my baby of eczema after two physicians gave her up," writes James Mock, N. Webster, Ind. "The sores were so bad she sailed two to five dresses a day."—CHAS. ROGERS.

CONGRESS WILL NOT FORGET THAT THE DEMAND FOR ANTI-ANARCHIST LEGISLATION WAS NOT A MERE SPASM.

A PROFITABLE INVESTMENT.

"I was troubled for about seven years with my stomach and in bed half my time," says E. Demick, Somerville, Ind. "I spent about \$100 and never could get anything to help me until I tried Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I have taken a few bottles and am entirely well." You don't live by what you eat, but by what you digest and assimilate. If your stomach doesn't digest your food you are really starving. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure does the stomach's work by digesting the food. You don't have to diet. Eat all you want. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. CHAS. ROGERS.

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ALICE BROWN, WHO WROTE "MARGARET WARNER," MUST BE RECKONED AMONG THE STRONGEST OF AMERICAN WRITERS. INDEED, THE BOOK IS THE BEST IN A DECADE. SOME OF THE MAJESTIC NOVELISTS HAVE REASON FOR LOOKING TO THEIR LAURELS. A YOUNG WOMAN HAS TAKEN THEM.

NOTICE.

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Some papers seem distressed at the idea of the government paying the expenses of Pierce Henry. Perhaps it would be wise to find how the prince feels about it.

CHILD WORTH MILLIONS.

"My child is worth millions to me," says Mrs. Mary Bird of Harrisburg, Pa. "yet I would have lost her if croup had I not purchased a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." One Minute Cough Cure is sure cure for coughs, croup and throat and lung troubles. An absolutely safe cough cure which acts immediately. The youngest child can take it with entire safety. The little ones like the taste and remember how often it helped them. Every family should have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure handy. At this season especially it may be needed suddenly. CHAS. ROGERS.

The fact that the Kaiser says the United States "are" shows how many he thinks of us.—Buffalo Express.

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Foley's Honey and Tar cures the cough caused by attack of influenza. It heals the lungs. Sold by Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

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