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The visit to Astoria of Inspector Conger of the weather bureau service reminds us that this is one of the most important branches of the government. Not many years ago the agricultural department was hooted at for undertaking to provide forecasts of weather conditions, but now the daily prognostications are looked forward to with interest and regarded with absolute confidence by a large portion of the people of the country. Mr. Conger calls timely attention to the fact that the Pacific northwest forecasters have the most difficult field of labor, being so located that advance reports cannot be secured. They must originate prognostications for the entire country east of the coast, and if at times they fail to correctly predict weather conditions they should not, as Inspector Conger says, be jumped upon. It is gratifying to note that extensive improvements are to be made in this locality, and particularly so that a storm-warning station is to be maintained at Chinook during the fishing season. This station will serve to warn fishermen of the approach of storms and will, it is to be hoped, prevent the drowning of many of the men who toll nightly upon the river for a livelihood. The weather bureau service aims to help every class of citizens—farmers, fishermen and mariners alike—and we should show more appreciation of the department. Primarily intended for the benefit of the farmer, it is being gradually extended to cover every field that requires forecasts, and its great usefulness is growing annually. Every good American will do all that is possible to advance the interests of the weather bureau and to increase its efficiency.

Despite the unworthy efforts to ridicule the department, the fisheries branch of the state government is making excellent progress. The output of hatchery fish in Oregon this year will be about 25,000,000, and from this time forward will increase yearly. Those who have criticized Warden Van Dusen for his failure to establish permanent hatcheries have done so without cause, for the warden has ever been actuated by a desire to determine the best locations before putting the state to an expense that would not result in permanent benefit. The perpetu-



IT IS EASY WORK

when you are well, to rub and scrub, but when the back aches and the head throbs, a woman's work is hourly torment.

No woman can be strong and healthy if she is the victim of those womanly diseases which are often responsible for feminine sufferings. Women who have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for the cure of diseases of the womanly organs, say that work doesn't tire them any more. "Favorite Prescription" regulates the periods, drives encumbering druggies, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

There is no alcohol in "Favorite Prescription," neither opium, cocaine or any other narcotic. "I had poor health for nine years (ever since the birth of my child)," writes Mrs. Arminie Watkins of Acme, Kansas Co., W. Va. "Had female weakness, was very irregular and would suffer untold misery. Our family doctor did not do me any good and I concluded to write to you. When I wrote I had no idea that I would ever get well, but when your letter reached me I began to have hope. I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's medicines as directed and began to improve in strength. I was soon able to do the work for my family of six. I think there never were such medicines in the world. I took eight bottles, three of 'Favorite Prescription' and five of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and two vials of 'Pellets.' Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure constipation.

ation of the salmon industry depends entirely upon the success of artificial propagation, and it is deplorable in the extreme that the criticism of the conduct of the department should come from the community most interested. The general public will be satisfied with the report of the Push club committee that the warden's work is being properly attended to.

The overcrowding of the schools of Astoria is to be regretted, but it is not clear how relief can be afforded immediately. The school district in which the city is located has about all it can do to pay the expenses of the present system, and until the assessed valuation of the city is raised to something like a reasonable figure the lack of funds for school purposes will be felt. Underpaid teachers and overcrowded schools are not desirable by any means, but for the time at least we must grin and bear it.

Portland's streets are being torn up and replaced with new ones, and her old bridges will be put in good repair. There's nothing like a little timely agitation to make the public-spirited citizen an improvement enthusiast. Portland is one of the most beautifully situated cities in the country, and with her new streets will "look good" to the 1905 fair visitors. The extensive building there denotes an era of substantial prosperity that augurs well for the entire state.

The crown prince of Siam complains that he was treated like a Japanese at an eastern function given in his honor. The first thing the crown prince knows, some Jap will walk up and down his frame.

STARTLING, BUT TRUE

"If everyone knew what a grand medicine Dr. King's New Life Pills is," writes D. H. Turner, Davenport, Pa. "you'd sell all you have in a day. Two weeks use has made a new man of me." Infalible for constipation, stomach and liver troubles. 25c at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. This signature *Bromo* on every box. 25c.

ASLEEP AMID FLAMES.

Breaking into a blazing home, some firemen lately dragged the sleeping inmates from death. Fancied security and death near. It's that way when you neglect coughs and colds. Don't do it. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption gives perfect protection against all Throat, Chest and Lung troubles. Keep it near, and avoid suffering, death and doctor's bills. Harmless and nice tasting, it's guaranteed to satisfy by Chas. Rogers. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

THE PRIDE OF HEROES.

Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for Scratches, Bruises, Cuts, Wounds, Corns, Sore Feet and Stiff Joints, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for Burns, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and Piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

AN ALL ABIDING FAITH.

The Illinois Central railroad company has an all abiding faith in the future of the great Northwest. A short time ago, this was manifested by the establishment in Seattle of an agency to take care of their interests there. The latest effort is to put on a splendidly equipped new train service running between St. Paul and Chicago. The new trains will be running Sunday November 2. They will use their own rails between Chicago and Albert Lea, Minn., and the Minneapolis & St. Louis railway track from Albert Lea, to Minneapolis and St. Paul running into the union depot at St. Paul, which is the same that is used by all lines in that city.

The train is to be known as The Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis Limited and will consist of sleeping car, buffet library car and reclining chair car through without change between Chicago and Minneapolis and St. Paul. Dining car service will also be maintained, supper being served out of Chicago and breakfast into Chicago. Trains will leave St. Paul at 7:10 p. m. and arrive in Chicago 9:30 a. m. Leave Chicago at 6:10 p. m. and arrive in St. Paul 9:40 a. m. making close connection at St. Paul with all western lines. Tickets can be purchased via this line, in connection with all western lines, at all stations.

For further information regarding rates, time, etc., call on or address: B. H. TRUMBULL, Commercial agent Ill. Cent. R. R. 142 Third street, Portland, Ore. PAUL B. TOMPSON, Freight and passenger agent, Ill. Cent. R. R., Seattle, Wash.

\$142,500.00

WILL BE GIVEN AWAY IN JAN. 1903

TO SMOKERS OF THE

BEST AND LARGEST SELLING BRANDS OF CIGARS IN THE WORLD!



HOW MANY CIGARS will the United States collect Taxes on during the Month of December, 1902?

\$142,500.00 will be given in January, 1903, to the persons whose estimates are nearest to the number of cigars on which \$3.00 tax per thousand is paid during the month of December, 1902, as shown by the total sales of stamps made by the United States Internal Revenue Department during December, 1902.

Distribution will be made as follows:

To the.....(1) person estimating the closest.....	(\$5,000.00 each)	\$5,000.00	In cash
To the.....2 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$1,000.00 each)	5,000.00	"
To the.....5 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$1,000.00 each)	5,000.00	"
To the.....10 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$500.00 each)	5,000.00	"
To the.....20 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$250.00 each)	5,000.00	"
To the.....30 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$166.67 each)	5,000.00	"
To the.....50 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$100.00 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....100 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$50.00 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....150 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$33.33 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....200 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$25.00 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....300 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$16.67 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....400 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$12.50 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....500 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$10.00 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....600 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$8.33 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....700 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$7.14 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....800 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$6.25 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....900 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$5.56 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....1,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$5.00 each)	2,500.00	"
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To the.....6,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.83 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....7,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.71 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....8,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.63 each)	2,500.00	"
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To the.....193,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....194,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....195,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
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To the.....198,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....199,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....200,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....201,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....202,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
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To the.....206,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....207,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....208,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
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To the.....211,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....212,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....213,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....214,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....215,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....216,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....217,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....218,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
To the.....219,000 persons whose estimates are next closest.....	(\$.10 each)	2,500.00	"
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