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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington—Fair.

MAY BE NEEDED BADLY.

While the public mind is yet charged with the question of fires in places of popular assembly, it may not be amiss to call attention to the fact that there are a number of buildings in this city given over to public use, which are totally without any sort of extraneous fire-escapes. It is a grave oversight and should be remedied within the hour. Notable among these omissions is that of Logan's Hall, one of the most popular and most frequently crowded edifices in the city, with but one channel of egress for the hundreds visiting it, in the event of a conflagration, and in case escape was cut off from that single rear stairway, the results might be appalling. It is wretched economy that waits upon the issue of a disaster to correct desperate evils that might have been easily and timefully avoided, and the case in point is one of the most conspicuous now under consideration though there are others that will be touched upon in due course. Do now, what public sentiment will compel later; credit for foresight is a whole lot more palatable than reproach for neglect.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

It is all right to sell the best geldings when it can be done to good advantage, but don't sell the best mares. It is like killing the goose that lays the golden egg; but with the present scarcity and high prices, many farmers have made this very mistake.

The Department of Agriculture has recently issued a warning in regard to orris root culture: "The cultivation of orris root is being boomed as a quick road to wealth. Many people may thus be misled. The prospects for the orris root industry in the United States are not good."

An American wheat expert hazards the prediction that Western Canada within ten years will be the principal source of European wheat supplies.

The best things in the world have always been done for the love of doing them, or for the love of those for whom they were done,—and not for pay nor reward.

Now Russia will bar out our machinery, electrical supplies and things of that sort, by a prohibitory tariff—Russia is still doing business at the old stand. Our trade there is not much, some sixteen millions, but indirectly through Hamburg it is much larger. After March 1—the date when Germany's new tariff affecting us takes place—duties will be raised 100 per cent. on the products mentioned. It is really a "Yankee trick," according to the statement of Count Witte three years ago when a similar advance was made. He said it was brought about by Americans who had been induced to establish factories in Russia and who then wanted to bar out American competition.

It is said that fire insurance rates are quite likely to increase. Statistics show that the last year's losses from fire in this country figure $20,000,000 more than the last five-year annual average.

Talking about not having "luck" with hens, is the most foolish thing imaginable. Think about your business, read about it, talk about it, study it, and you never will say any more about "luck."

Farm hands in Yucatan wear linen garments of spotless white. When they become even slightly soiled, they hasten to change them. Work is plentiful there, farm laborers are well paid, and they can afford to be tidy.

Why should not a man be just as proud to write after his name the word "Farmer," as to write "Doctor" or "Lawyer!" It is the proudest title any man can bear. Only, he must be worthy to bear it; that is what counts.

From the regularity with which the grab bills of former years are coming to the front at Albany, it is to be feared that some of our legislative guardians do not realize that a good many things went out of fashion with the elections of 1905.

Washington has combined five city streets in one, to be known as Wheeler street, in honor of the late General Wheeler. The naming of streets, avenues and parks at the capital after states and famous Americans is an appropriate and excellent custom for the seat of government.

A library building to cost $1,000,000 is to be the memorial of the late President Harper at the University of Chicago. The reasons for the change from a proposed chapel to a library building as a memorial are not given, but it seems to be in every respect suitable.

Lord Roberts has renewed his warning to Great Britain that she needs a far larger army if she is to be prepared for all emergencies in Europe and in India. He places the limit at 1,000,000 men, which suggests that possibly in meeting such a demand the empire might relieve the strain of the unemployed by taking such as are suitable into the military service. The burden to the nation probably would be no greater, while a menace would then be converted into a security.

A married woman in Washington has sued her husband for divorce on the ground that before marriage he represented himself to be a Congressman, when in fact he was only a clerk in one of the executive departments. This plaintiff's sense of injury should encourage the Hon. Tim Sullivan, who in public not long ago confessed to a very shrunken appreciation of a Congressman's valuation and station, and said that the "representatives of the people" at Washington were made use of chiefly as hitching posts.

"We want an independent paper. We want an editor who is not afraid to speak out." How often do we hear the above remark. This "independent" business simply amounts to this: If you pitch in and abuse some one else it is all right, but touch No. 1 with a ten-foot pole and he is up and coming. Ridicule that man's religion or his political views, but don't dare to touch mine unless it is to endorse them. How we all like to see the paper abuse our neighbor, but when he touches us he is a "gol darn" fool.

Judge Grosscup, a talented judge, speaks thus of work and against leisure: "We are a pretty poor people after all," was his comment. "Therefore livelihood commands an absorbing interest. We each of us are like a man in a boat. Down stream is bankruptcy and famine; up stream is plenty and comfort. To stand still is dangerous. We must go ahead. We must pull, pull. There is and can be no such thing as leisure. God has ordained there be none. He has made it incumbent for us to work, and we must."

In the shade of the old apple tree,
I've waited so long, love for thee, that
the voice I heard, grows faint with each
word, till it's barely a whisper to me.
There is no more buzz left in the bee,
the blossoms are withered, me!—the
tree that once grew, where I wait for
you, has changed to an old chestnut
tree, where you hear the blamed buzz
of the bee, with a big carving knife,
that I swiped from my wife, I am waiting
and watching—by gee! Of daggers
I have two or three, an ox and a cutlass,
you see, and I'll stick all these
things, in the next guy who sings, "In
the Shade of the Old Apple Tree."

My way when giving liquid medicines is to take a piece of rubber hose about fifteen inches long, tie on the neck of a bottle and put the end of hose down the animal's throat. There is then no danger of getting glass in the mouth.

SWEEPING DEMANDS

State Insurance Commissioners Want Drastic Reforms.

WILL REMOVE HIGH OFFICERS

Insurance Commissioners From Tennessee, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and Kentucky, Demand Resignation of New York Life's Officers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—It was said on good authority yesterday, according to a morning paper, that the report of the Insurance Commissioners of Tennessee, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Kentucky on their examination into the affairs of the New York Life Insurance Company, and which was completed yesterday is most drastic and demands the resignation of several persons still connected with the company.

It also, according to this authority threatens the New York Life with expulsion from the States concerned in the examination unless the demands are met. The paper adds:

"It was also learned yesterday that the document which the commissioners have adopted as their final report differs considerably from the one which was originally drawn. The first report, it was said, was regarded by Commissioners Post of Wisconsin and Pierce of Nebraska, as altogether too mild, and they demanded a complete revision. These two commissioners, it is understood, succeeded in impressing their views on the other three, with the result that the report hits out without gloves at every vulnerable officer and trustee."

REPORTED DIVORCE.

Countess De Castellane Wants to be Divorced.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—Although diligent inquiry was made in many quarters with regard to the truth of a widely circulated report that the Countless De Castellane (nee Anne Gould) is separated from her husband, the Count Boni De Castellane, no confirmation could be secured from reliable quarters.

In a dispatch from London the Paris correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says he has confirmation from a reliable source that the Countess De Castellane is seeking a judical divorce from her husband on the grounds of infidelity.

Lame Back.

This ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and may be cured by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm two or three times a day and rubbing the parts vigorously at each application. If this does not afford relief, bind on a piece of flannel slightly dampeted with Pain Balm, and quick relief is almost sure to follow. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

There's a cure for old age, an excellent and thorough one. There is nothing sensational about it. It is the best the doctors can find under existing circumstances. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Frank Hart, druggist.

W. C. T. U. FANATICS.

Will Protest Against Miss Roosevelt Serving Booze to Wedding Guests.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—A special to the Tribune from Boston says:

"A movement has been started here by national officers of the Women's Christian Temperance Union to obtain Miss Alice Rosevelt's co-operation toward barring wine from her wedding breakfast. Miss Katherine L. Stevenson, president of the Massachusetts branch, has taken up the matter with the national officers, the plan being to get Mrs. L. M. Stevens, the national president, to persuade Miss Roosevelt not to permit the serving of wine on her wedding day.

CHANGE OF TIME

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

Commencing Sunday, November 19, train No. 6, the Royal Blue Limited, will leave Grand Central passenger station, Chicago at 5 p. m., instead of 3:30 p. m. and will arrive in Pittsburg at 6:35 a. m., Washington at 4:40 p. m., Baltimore 5:50 p. m. Philadelphia, 8:19 p. m. New York 10:40 p. m. the same as with the old schedule, thus reducing the time one hour and thirty minutes. No excess fare will be charged on this fast limited train. All other trains will arrive and depart the same as formerly. Stop-over is allowed at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, not to exceed ten days, at each place, on all first-class through tickets.

Are You Restless at Night.

And harrassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It will secure you sound sleep and effect a prompt and radical cure. Sold by Hart's Drug Store.

POLITICAL COLUMN.

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in this column at reasonable rates for men of all parties.

FOR GOVERNOR.

Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of Governor at the primaries to be held April 20th.

JAMES WITHYCOMBE.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans.

F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

FOR STATE PRINTER.

The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for re-nomination for State Printer at the forthcoming primaries.

J. R. WHITNEY.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th.

J. H. ACKERMAN.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Attorney-General, subject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries.

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