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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair; warmer.

EFFECTS ARE APPARENT.

Having put her hand to the plough, in the matter of thorough inspection of export foods, Chicago evidently does not mean to turn back. A new ordinance has been passed there and the 6000 restaurants of the city have been placed under strict supervision, as to the quality of food supplied to guests, the manner of its preparation, the personal tidiness of the waiters, in dress and habits, the proper ventilation of kitchens, and other details necessary to proper sanitation. Certainly the sight of an untidy waiter and the mingled odor of all sorts of viands in preparation too often wafted from the kitchen are not appetizing. The restaurateurs are obliged to take out licenses, revocable for cause. The fees from these licenses, estimated to amount to \$90,000 a year, will be applied to the payment of the inspection. This ought to insure proper and cleanly service, since the revocation of license will put the offenders out of business.

BOOZE, NON EST!

Nebraska Democrats have just suffered a great disappointment, according to the Lincoln "State Journal." Forty years ago, according to the story which has a revival every few years, a steamboat loaded with whisky was sunk in the Missouri river, near the Nebraska shore. Recently, by a change in the current, the skeleton was revealed, near Yankton. Great excitement prevailed in Omaha, says the "State Journal," an expedition was organized to rescue the well mellowed "Booze," and strenuous efforts were made to change the meeting of the democratic convention from Lincoln to Yankton. Right at this juncture in steps the "oldest settler" and says the boat was loaded with flour, not whisky, and most of it was saved at the time. The convention will now probably be held in Lincoln.

SOCKLESS SWIMMERS.

Alas! poor woman! She cannot escape the demands of fashion even at the bathing beaches. No matter to what least common multiple she has reduced her bathing suit, she is still open to the cynosure and strictures of the prudes in chairs and on the observation stands. As she finds her way to the surf among the mass of tanned arms and legs that bestrew the beach and appertain to her brothers, her cousins and their male associates, the summer girl has long been impressed with the superior wisdom of the male variety of bather in giving his legs the same freedom as his arms. He wears no long stockings soaked full of the sea, to impede his swimming and hang as a dead weight from his body; therefore, why should she? So, a few days ago, the summer girl at Ocean Park, in a moment of high resolve and low hose, appeared on the sands in socks. The shock nearly killed sister, but the innovation is likely to remain, it is said, until the sister recovers and then, well, then the summer girl is expected to shed even the socks, and sister will depart early to the mountains, with a chaperone and her smelling salts.

NATION'S JULY BILL.

The government's expenses during July were nearly \$66,000,000, the principal increase over the corresponding month last year having been in the civil and miscellaneous list and two and one-half millions in the War Department. Receipts, though more than 134 million short of expenses, were three million greater than last year, the principal gain having been in customs, more than four and one-half millions. The nearly nine hundred millions of interest-bearing debt gained fifty dollars during the month, but the next statement will show an increase of the \$30,000,000 Panama 2 per cents sold the other day to the banks and the express company's fortunate clerk. The treasury cash, though diminished more than eight millions during the month, is still more than double its one hundred and fifty million gold coin and bullion reserve.

WARRIOR ON WAR.

Says Gen. Harrison Gray Otis: "War is simply a question of which side can kill the most men on the other side. What silly asses we are to keep it up." General Otis has done his part at the game in the past, but he's fighting now with the pen, that "mightier" weapon, in the hands of men entirely great, as editor of the Los Angeles "Times." Simply changed his methods. But who wants to keep up war?

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Postmaster-General Cortelyou has issued an order to go into effect August 15, rescinding the regulation under which patrons of rural routes are compelled to purchase boxes from one of the 200 listed manufacturers, who have put on the market 300 different styles of boxes, approved by the department costing from 50c to \$4 each. Patrons of rural routes will be permitted to construct their own boxes, provided that in doing so they conform to the requirements of the department as to size, durability, safety and protection from the inclemencies of the weather. In order to maintain the government protection of the mail placed in rural boxes the patrons must secure the approval of the postmaster for the office which he serves the routes and paint on the box the words "approved by the postmaster-general."

Let us all bear this fact in mind: All subsidies, petty or great, are paid out of the revenue collected by taxation from the pockets of the people. The idea that this government is rich is a false idea. It has nothing but what it takes from the poor man's pocket. The rich pay federal taxes only in the proportion of the number of the rich to the number of the poor, and that is an insignificant proportion; and even that proportion is offset by the special "protection," or advantage, which the tariff gives the rich over the poor.

A bill providing a uniform method of naturalization throughout the country was passed by congress. The bill requires that admission to citizenship shall not be granted in less than two years after the declaration of intention. The seventh section provides that "no person who disbelieves in or who is opposed to organized government" shall be naturalized. The bill provides also that no alien shall hereafter be naturalized who cannot speak the English language. The law goes into effect ninety days after approval.

Almost daily do we hear or read of cases of conjugal infelicity and so serious has the divorce menace become, that sometimes we are led to wonder why some man of wisdom has not promulgated a law, whereby people who contemplate committing matrimony shall stop and seriously consider what they are about. Too frequently they rush into the yoke in haste, only to repent having done so when it is too late to remedy the trouble without working a great hard ship upon innocent persons.

An exchange says: "The kickers on the farm are not as hard to get along with as the kickers in the towns. On the farm there is the kicking cow and our long-eared friend, the mule, while in the town there is the old moss-back, who wants all the privileges of municipal living without paying for them and blocks so far as he can, every municipal improvement. The cow may be sold for beef and the mule traded for a shotgun, but nothing but a funeral will get rid of the town kicker."

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NEW YORK, August 9.—Former United States Senator James Smith, Jr., announced yesterday that he had received a letter from William Jennings Bryan from London accepting an invitation to speak in Newark on September 1. The intention is to have Mr. Bryan make three outdoor speeches after which he will go to Jersey City to fill engagements there.

Colonel Alexander Troup, treasurer of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the reception to Mr. Bryan, has engaged John C. Collins, of New Haven, who at one time worked with the late Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, to assist in raising funds to defray the expenses of the reception.

R. M. Johnson, national committeeman from Texas, has written, saying he is coming to the reception with a delegation of 20.

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