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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho— Fair and warmer.

THE OLD-TIMED SCHOOL.

It is interesting to our older people to read of the old-timed "way of doing." Here is a sample of ye Senior's school days, as of hundreds of others who read this newspaper, which we copy from an exchange:

"Schools throughout the state are now in full swing and in most of them the scholars will be studying the same kind of arithmetic, speller, reader, etc. It is different from the old-time school, when, with the exception of the Noah Webster speller, hardly two books were alike. As the people here in early times were from various parts of the east, and had brought along the school books used there, they were of various kinds. But, being poor, they could afford no others, so they had to do. In one school in the '60s' there were four or more different arithmetics, and one boy could not study that valuable branch until about Christmas, when his "pap" drove his hogs to market, where he bought him one different from all the rest. It was a Davies with the answers all together in the back. You figured away, got the answer, looked in the back, and generally found it wrong. Geographies that made Nebraska, Colorado and other western states the great American desert, and marked the great north-west as unexplored, and had pictures of people who never existed, were among the text books, while grammars in the country schools were seldom in evidence. But there was one study that all had to take out of the same kind of book—Noah Webster's old blue-backed speller. At noon and night, they toed the crack in the floor and with folded arms spelled for all they knew. Latterly this branch of knowledge has been so badly neglected that the President now declares for the Josh Billings style of spelling to help the people out."

"MAN WANTED."

You may be smart, sharp, shrewd, cunning, long-headed, you may be a good scholar, very clever, even brilliant, but are you sound? That is the question everybody who has any dealings with you will ask. Are you substantial, solid? Have you a level head? Every-where we see men who are very brilliant out of work, plenty of sharp men who wonder why they do not get responsible positions. But people are afraid of these one-sided, poorly balanced men. Nobody feels safe in their hands. People want to feel that a man in a responsible position, can keep a clear brain and level head no matter what comes that he cannot be shaken from his center, no matter how much influence is brought to bear upon him. They want to be sure that he is self-centered, that he is sound to the very core. Most people overestimate the value of education, of brilliance, sharpness, shrewdness, which they think can be substituted for a level head and sound judgment. The great prizes in life do not fall to the most long-headed, or to the best educated, but to the men of soundest judgment. When a man is awarded for a responsible position, his shrewdness is not considered so important as his sound judgment. Reliability is what is wanted. Can a man stand without being tripped; and if he is thrown can he land upon his feet? Can he be depended upon, relied upon

under all circumstances, to do the right thing, the sensible thing? Has he good horse sense? Is he liable to fly off on a tangent or to "go off half cocked?" Is he "faddy?" Has he "wheels in his head?" If he can keep a level head under all circumstances, if he can not be thrown off his balance, and is honest, he is the man wanted.

TAFT WILL GOVERN CUBA.

However regrettable it may be that our government has been compelled to good scholar, very clever, even brilliant, Cuba, there is an assurance of a speedy return to peace and order in the island. Secretary Taft will take prompt and decisive measures to stop the guerrilla fighting and destruction of property in the provinces, which is the most necessary thing to be done at present. The warfare heretofore carried on is of the kind peculiar to Spanish-American revolutions; roving bands moving about without any concert of action, looting, burning, and laying waste the country, driving the peaceable and industrious inhabitants to the cities. These bands are under the leadership of chieftains, each of whom is a law unto himself, whose principal aim is to advance their political ambition, regardless of the consequences to their country. These leaders are profuse in their profession of patriotism and love of country, but they will not make a single sacrifice or abate a jot of their pretensions to bring about peace and submission to the orderly processes of law. Secretary Taft is just the man to stamp out that sort of nonsense. The President could not have selected a man better fitted for the delicate and disagreeable task we have undertaken in Cuba than William H. Taft. Let us hope that it will not be bloody or protracted.—Oakland Tribune.

SAD EXTREMITY.

It will be unwelcome news to the old Civil War veterans to hear that one of the famous "Fighting McCooks" is seriously ill with inflammatory rheumatism, which renders him helpless, and is financially helpless as well, in his old age, as the Baptist hospital in Chicago. Gen. Edwin McCook is 73 years of age. His right eye is sightless and his right arm is useless. He is reported to have no means and is dependent upon the aid of army comrades. He will be remembered as the commander of Sherman's cavalry in the famous "March to the Sea," and for eight years was governor of the Territory of Colorado. It is a reproach to this great republic that this man, who rendered such valuable service to his country in the time of his early manhood should be neglected in his old age when he is no longer able to help himself.—Ex.

QUICK AND SHARP.

There was none of "the law's delay" in the case of Paul O. Stensland, the president and wrecker of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank of Chicago. Within an hour after his arrival in that city, and of his confession, he was sentenced to imprisonment in Joliet State's prison, and within four hours had entered on his convict career. His term is only ten years, at the utmost, which seems utterly inadequate, but it is one consolation that he is actually behind the bars, and not enjoying freedom on a "writ of error," or other device of the lawyers to shield the guilty who are able to pay for immunity. All credit to the laws of Illinois.—Brooklyn Union.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Recent customs returns show that Japan sells more to the United States than to all the countries of Europe combined. The trade with Europe amounted to \$40,000,000 the first half of the present year, while the United States bought \$50,000,000 worth of merchandise during the same period.

It may be interesting to know that the first game of base ball played under rules took place in June, 1846. At that time the game only consisted of four innings, and the first club that made twenty-one runs was pronounced the winner.

One-eighth of the people of the United States own seven-eighths of the wealth. They have possession of the wealth producing machinery—the mines, mills, factories, railroads, etc. They own but do not use.

When President Roosevelt goes to Panama in November he will be escorted by two big battleships and a cruiser belonging to the new navy. No doubt the "flower" of the naval vessels will be selected.

Say, why would it not be a good scheme for the government to take control of the distilleries? There would be a rush to take the civil service exam-

Industrial Courts Are The Need of the Hour

By ISAAC A. HOPPER, President of the Building Trades Employers' Association

ESTABLISH an industrial court with FULL POWER to settle all questions between employer and employee; establish a court that will settle the differences between employer and employee in the same manner and with the same authority that the civil court disposes of cases of creditor versus debtor and the criminal court disposes of cases of the people versus the man charged with a crime, and in this way differences can be and will be quickly and FINALLY DISPOSED OF, and the tendency to socialism and anarchism will be curtailed.

In view of my experiences as an employer of labor for thirty years I am fully convinced that some plan must be adopted, different from any we have tried up to the present, to settle differences in the building trades. Arbitration between parties where on one side there is nothing binding or NOBODY TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE has, to my mind, proved itself a failure. I am fully convinced that this problem must be handled and solved so that decisions will be binding on BOTH SIDES and a failure to abide by a decision will be followed by punishment of some sort.

THEN WE CAN PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM THE HARDSHIPS IMPOSED UPON THEM BY STRIKES OF WHICH THEY ARE INNOCENT VICTIMS.

The Monroe Doctrine And Its Many Fallacies

By Professor ARTHUR M. WHEELER of Yale

THE Monroe doctrine, which is the eleventh commandment of this government, is the embodiment of NATIONAL GREED AND SELFISHNESS. A recent secretary of state is quoted as saying that this government, in foreign affairs, was run on a principle that was a combination of the Golden Rule and the Monroe doctrine. The man that can associate the two or assimilate them must be a wonderful scientist and mathematician. We have followed this Monroe doctrine as our main political principle on the plausible theory that we should carry our ideas of government to all nations.

In following out this doctrine we have been carried away with the theory that our particular form of government was fitted for every nation IN EVERY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, and no more crazy illusion ever entered a man's mind. A republican form of government is the worst possible for certain nations, but we have been advancing the fallacy of forcing this on others. If it is such a desirable and successful form of government, why not leave it TO EXAMPLE to spread it to other nations?

AS A NATION WE THINK WE MUST ALSO ADVANCE OUR RELIGION—THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION—EVEN IF IT TAKES GUNBOATS TO DO IT AND IT HAS TO BE SPREAD AT THE POINT OF THE BAYONET.

ination for places in the classified balloon service.

The assets of Zion City are only \$2,518,481.02, instead of \$20,000,000 claimed by Alexander Dowie, if the receiver's report to Judge Landis is reliable. The debts are given at over \$6,000,000.

AT THE STAR THEATER.

The second performance of "The Allen Homestead" last evening drew another large and appreciative audience. This play is proving one of the most popular that has been presented at the theater since the engagement of the Swain company. The work of Miss Swain in all of the plays she has appeared in and especially the one at present being played, has proven her one of the cleverest actresses that has ever entertained the theater going public of this city.

George Berrell's work in this play is deserving of special mention as he is well known as one of the most finished performers in the business. "The Allen Homestead" will be repeated to-night.

An Awful Cough Cured. "Two years ago our little girl had a touch of pneumonia, which left her with an awful cough. She had spells of coughing, just like one with the whooping cough, and some thought she would not get well at all. We got a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which acted like a charm. She stopped coughing and got stout and fat," writes Mrs. Ora Brussard, Brubaker, Ill. This remedy is for sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.



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TODAY'S EVENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

- 1811—First newspaper issued at Buffalo, N. Y.
1852—A severe gale swept over the Atlantic ocean and English channel, entailing great destruction of property and loss of life.
1862—Battle of Corinth, Miss. The entrenched Federals under Gen. Rosecrans, 20,000 strong, repulsed the terrible attack of Gens. Van Dorn, Price and Lovell with 35,000 men. Federal losses, 355 killed, 1,941 wounded, 324 missing. Confederates, 1,423 killed, 5,682 wounded and 2,268 missing.
1867—Death of Elias Howe, inventor of the sewing machine, aged 48.
1883—New York Herald establishes its own news stands for selling the paper at two cents per copy, the Newsdealers' Association having refused to sell it for less than 3 cents.
1883—The board of inquiry met at Philadelphia to investigate the legal relations of Standard Oil Co. to the State, its conduct as to the payment of taxes to the State, etc.
1883—Fire destroys the exposition buildings and exhibits at Pittsburgh, worth a million dollars.
1891—At Boston a petition with over ten miles of signatures is prepared for presentation to the ensuing great temperance convention, in favor of outlawing the liquor traffic and the opium trade.
1894—Little Rock, Ark., visited by a tornado; four killed, many injured, and property worth a million destroyed.
1898—President McKinley presents Admiral George Dewey with sword of honor at the capitol, Washington.
1899—A brother of Oom Paul Kruger passing through Chicago on his way from Nebraska to the Transvaal endeavored to raise a regiment there.

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