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WEATHER,

Oregon, Washington, Idaho-

A FAIR SAMPLE.

Another notable failure seems to be going on record for municipal owner-As noted in our dispatches, the city lighting plant of Columbus, Ohio, is now in straits for more appropriations, after nearly half a million dollars has been spent upon it. The city's investment in this gas plant is said to have grown by nearly \$400,000 in a few years, which is some six or seven times the original investment. When the last hundred thousands was put into the plant, it was expected by the people and announced by officials that this would so complete the outfit as to make it as fine as the country could boast. Now the city is given the alternative of an additional investment of \$140,000, or a very serious, if not total, loss on what it has already inexample, and should be taken to heart farmers throughout the country, the vested. This is certainly a warning for what it is worth by cities ambitious present average price of an acre are always plenty of talk-cheap men standing about and ready to give the diana, \$54.96; Illinois, \$75.31; Michisee opportunities opening in the future sota, \$35.38; Iowa, \$64.56; Missouri, for them to get a hold on the string. But \$34.70; N. Dakota, \$18.42; S. Dakota, even the best of kites find cloud areas \$22.56; Nebraska, \$31.73; Kansas, \$23,and storm currents, and there are gales 99; Washington, \$24.89; Oregon, \$16.45; that try the string as well as selfish interests ready to cut it, even where official incapacity does not let it sag.

#### IGNORED THE WARNING.

The value of the signal service was aptly demonstrated by the great storm the north of the Mississippi to the west shore of Florida a few days ago. The signal service foretold the coming of that storm sevral days in advance and designated the line of coast it would strike. Had the inhabitants of the coast region between Lake Pontchartrain and Mobile have taken warning and prepared themselves for the hurricane, the loss of life and property would have been much smaller than/it was; shipping, especially, would have been presrved from great injury. But it is the popular habit to laugh at the signal service and to ignore its storm given the Gulf coast people did little to avert th damage. The great storm which overwhelmed Galveston in 1900 was foretold three or four days in advance, but the warning was unheeded. By and by people will come to study storm signals and pay intelligent heed to the predictions sent out by the serv-

#### BOSTON BOOTBLACKS.

Think of a defeat of the Greeks in Athens. But that is said to be a near possibility today, only it's the modern Athens, to-wit, Boston. But the Greeks are real Greeks. They have been monopolizing the brightening of the understanding of Bostonians, i. e., shining their shoes, to the exclusion of other nationalities; but discomforture and defeat stare them in the face by reason of the decision of the School Board that all bootblacks and newsboys, being minors, must, in order to get a license, write out an interpretation of the State license law, sign it, and show bush. they understand its meaning. Probably in no city on earth is "culture" carried so far as in Boston, and she evidently month, delivered by carrier,

does not mean to lose her pre-eminence in that respect. She does well to begin with her people while young and impressionable. Her next move will be awaited with interest .- Ex.

#### SOUTHERN CHIVALRY.'

At Louisa Courthouse, Virginia, little while ago the women were permitted to vote to decide which of two teachers should be retained for the high school. The election was held in the court house, there were regular printed ballots and the Richmond Leader says that this was perhaps the first time that ladies were permitted the privilege of voting in Virginia. After it was all over the district school board met and calmly elected the teachernot the "people's choice" as indicated by the election-but the other one. A good example of the way that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

#### FINANCIAL HUMBUGGERY.

Henry Clews, the New York finaneier, says: "We are just entering upon a period of unusual trade activity, while the country's crops are larger and will make a greater demand upon the banks than usual during the marketing season. Nevertheless we enter the cropmoving period with a surplus reserve of only \$2,800,000, which is very much below the usual level at this date. The showing would be much worse were it not that manipulation conceals the real facts, for the reserve was only maintained by an artificial contraction of over \$7,000,000 in loans and an increase of our borrowings in Europe."

#### INDIAN COTTON.

The cotton crop of India was larger last year, 1905, than the general average. About 20.000.000 acres were planted in cotton and the yield was about 3,500,000 bales. During the year there were exported from India other countries over 2,125,000 bales of raw cotton at a value of over \$81,000,-000, the four countries, Japan, Germany, Belgium and Italy, in the order named, being the largest purchasers. they together buying nearly 1,500,000 bales of Indian cotton, while Japan alone took nearly 500,000 bales,

#### AVERAGE ACREAGE COST.

According to statistics gathered by the Department of Agriculture, from 45,-000 letters received from prominent hip kites. There farm land in the middle and western states is as follows: Ohio, \$57.43; In-California, \$28.29; Idaho, \$19.65.

#### 0000000000000000000 EDITORAL SALAD, 000000000000000000

Professor Goldwin Smith some time ago formally willed his brains to Cornell university. Some remarkable which devastated the Gulf coast from brains have been sold, not given. An Englishman has disposed of his to an American university for \$10,000.

> The party earthquake at Buffalo does'nt seem to be entirely over. There are still some ominous rumbling and significant tremors.

> It isn't likely that the milroads that are advertising special excursions to Atlanta will find it necessary to put on "Jim Crow" cars.

It is said that Henry B. Irving has a striking resemblance to his illustrious predictions, hence the timely warning father. Good, but has he a striding

> The cartoonist will now picture the donkey wearing a gas meter as a feed bag and pulling a street car.

All the trouble at Havana is that Taft has run up against Boss Palma's Tammany Hall.

Storm signals along the Cuban coast! Can't hold the lid down much longer.

A new cocktail is called the "doctor." No objections now to midnight calls.

Now comes the campaign biography to tells us Hughes who!

But it's a long time before election -for one candidate.

Atlanta is reaping the whirlwind of its own sowing. A Cuban in hand is worth two in the

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## "Russian Wolf"

By ANDREW CARNEGIE

HERE are occasions no doubt, though rare, when reason for apprehension may arise, but there seems to me to be two pure delusions which especially afflict Britain. One is the cry of "Russian wolf!" When an increased army is demanded it is against this it is said to be needed. In Mr. Balfour's weighty speech upon British defense this stands in the foreground. A great RESERVE ARMY must be held in Britain prepared, capable and ready to re-enforce the army in India when the Russian wolf appears. How the fear of Russian attacks upon India arose it is difficult to understand. It is true that she has annexed coterminous territory, but never yet have we been able to obtain from any source a reasonable explanation why Russia should desire or why she would take, if offered, SUCH A BURDEN AS CONTROL OF INDIA.

Unlike the other regions annexed by her, India is today already fully populated, if not overpopulated. There is no room there for Russians any more than for Britons to settle, and if there were the climate, fatal to British, would be equally so to Russian occupation. Britain obtains no decided advantage from India, which trades freely with all nations. It cannot be made to yield revenue to any foreign occupant WITHOUT SAPPING ALLEGIANCE. Its occupation can only be a drain upon the military power of the occupant, as it is admittedly the chief drain upon that of Britain. It is not in the nature of things that seventy or eighty thousand foreign troops can hold control of three hundred millions of people when these become intelligent, as the people of India are fast becoming through British schools. Were Britain free from India today it would be unwise in her to take possession if that were offered, because IT CAN NEVER BE COLONIZED. It must be held by force, and hence remain foreign to the conquering nation, union being impossible.

These considerations are not likely to be overlooked by Russia, even if she may "demonstrate" now and then in the tortuous throes of European politics, as if she seriously had intentions of menacing British power in India.

Let there be no delusion about the Indian problem. The aim of the educated there today is to govern their own country some day, and this sentiment must soon permeate the others, but notwithstanding this I can bear testimony to one important fact highly creditable to British rule: Not one Indian ever spoke to me upon the subject who did not express decided preference for British supervision over that of ANY OTHER POWER. The safety of Britain lies in this.

There is a second British delusion, in the opinion of the writer, as wild as the first and equally baseless-Germany as a rival to Britain upon the sea. The fear of German rivalry is well grounded, but it is ON THE LAND, not on the water. Her industrial development is a great fact in the world's history which cannot fail to attract attention. She is already a great empire and rapidly growing greater.

A WILD SUPPOSITION, IN ALL PROBABILITY AMERICA WOULD kite a boost, especially if they can for- gan, \$36.61; Wisconsin, \$48.90; Minne- BE FOUND AT HER SIDE. THE BRITON DISTURBED ABOUT WHAT THE GERMAN NAVY MIGHT DO IN COMBINATION WITH ANY POS-SIBLE ALLY IMAGINES VAIN CHINGS.

#### THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

1226-Francis of Assisi, founder of the order of Franciscans, or gray frairs,

1535-Publication of the first edition of the Whole Bible in the English language, being the translation of Miles Coverdale,

1609-Hendrick Hudson, having explored the river to where it divided itself into several branches, returned to its mouth on this day, put to sea, with all sails set, to report his waluable discovery.

1704-Alexander Selkirk, a Scottish mariner, put ashore on the desert island of Juan Fernandez, by orders of his captain with whom he had had a quarrel. He was marooned there for three years, living on fish, fruits and goats.

1777-Battle of Germantown, in which the Americans were defeated with a loss of 200 killed, 600 wounded and 400 taken. The British loss was 600 in killed and wounded.

1813-General Harrison attacked by the Indians at Chatham. They were repulsed and pursued some miles and a great quantity of arms and ammunition was captured.

1815-A British force under Lieut-Col. Lethbridge embarks in 25 boats and two gunboats, to capture Ogdensburg; they are driven back by Gen. Brown, without effecting a landing. 1853-The Great Republic, a mammoth

clipper, of 4,000 tons burden, and the largest merchant vessel in the world, was launched at East Boston, Mass. 1861-Aeronaut La Montaine, in the service of the Union army makes an

ascension, passes over Confederate lines and descends into Maryland. 1890-The Niagara tunnel was begun at 10:42, when the first sod was lifted by C. B. Gaskill, President of the Niagara Power company,

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