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WEATHER.

Western Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Rain.
Eastern Oregon—Fair.

PUTTING LAW IN FORCE.

But recently Philadelphia confectioners confessed to using glucose in the manufacture of their products in violation of the pure food law, and the fines imposed amounted to the enormous sum of \$500,000.

THE JAPANESE IDEA.

There is a great deal of nonsense written about the possibility of a Japanese boycott against American goods. We do not believe that the inclination to engage in that style of warfare exists in Japan, and it is not likely that it can be cultivated.

PIG IRON TO BURN.

An interesting analysis of the uses to which the 25,000,000 tons of pig iron produced this year in the United States, will be put indicates that the opinion, somewhat freely expressed, that we are approaching the clay age is a trifle premature.

the thousands of things which now consume about 23,000,000 tons of our annual product. There is one item in the Iron Trade Review's list, however, which may be supplanted.

THE SQUARE THING.

In granting autonomy to the Transvaal, the British government has done only what might have been expected from her treatment of her other colonies.

ON THE BOTTOM LEVEL.

When Ruef confessed that he had taken money of the French restaurants as pay for assisting them to maintain immoral resorts in defiance of law, he acknowledged that he had descended to the lowest level of degraded humanity.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

A new German invention is a machine for picking chickens. After the bird is killed it is placed in the machine. A button is pushed and transverse currents of air are operated by the turning of fans at the rate of five thousand revolutions a minute.

A German mine owner has just paid \$106,000 for a Raphael, of date 1514, the portrait of a brother of Pope Leo X., to the astonishment of Berlin art circles.

At any rate, one citizen who will come pretty near knowing how the State of New York is run will be the Governor of New York.

Pittsburg is discussing when is the best time to take a drink. In New York, drinks are so timed as just to avoid rear-end collisions.

"For the first time in thirty years," says Mr. Rockefeller, "I am able to eat a mince pie and digest it." Thirty years of his life wasted!

Los Angeles plans a world's fair to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal in 1915. Isn't that selling dates short?

New York's aged congressmen need not borrow trouble on account of the anti-child-labor bill; it isn't aimed at second childhood.

WHAT'S

worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism, use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be well cured.

FOR PRISON REFORM.

Victim of English Prisons Advocates Changes in America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who passed many years in English prisons and is now trying to reform the penitentiaries of America, discussed prison reform work last night before the Young Men's Club of Dr. Parkhurst's church.

"I claim for all men," said she, "human rights, the right to sunshine, to ordinary decencies and to labor. At Sing Sing strong men are shut up in cells six feet square. I know what it means. In England for nine months I had solitary confinement in a cell seven feet by four with a log for a seat and my food was passed in through a trap door. They do these things for the salvation of souls; they lead to damnation."

She declared the Eastern penitentiary of Philadelphia to be the worst of the 24 prisons she had visited in America. Their prisoners are practically buried alive. But at Trenton, N. J., she found strange contradictions. "They still have underground dungeons where not even the step of the warden can be heard. As I visited them I heard a poor man call, 'For the love of God, let me out. I have been here five days and cannot bear it any longer.' Yet, as I came up I heard a sound I had never heard in a prison before. 'Yes,' said the warden, 'that's our string band practicing.'"

Mrs. Maybrick declared prisoners must have more sunshine. She asserted that at Sing Sing at high tide one could write one's name on the wall in the moisture.

In conclusion she put forward an earnest plea for such an awakening of public sentiment for reform as had already brought about the separation of the first offender and the habitual criminal.

INSURANCE TRUST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—More than 20 life insurance presidents, including the chief executives of the "Big Three," will meet at the Waldorf today to discuss the question of forming a national organization. The meeting will be in response to the circular letter of President Morton of the Equitable.

NEW CURE FOR EPILEPSY.

J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years."

Cosmetics will ruin the complexion. There's no beauty practice equal to the effects of Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It keeps the entire body in perfect health. Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. For sale by Frank Hart.

Beecham's Pills

When lack of appetite is caused by overeating, take Beecham's Pills to relieve the feeling of heaviness. When a sick stomach takes away all desire for food, use Beecham's Pills. They invariably tone the digestion and

Create Good Appetite
Sold Everywhere. In boxes 10c and 25c.

STAR THEATER

Special Stock Engagement.

Eckhardt's Ideals

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the great pastoral comedy drama

"A WOMAN'S STRUGGLE"

Companion play to "Way Down East" and York State Folks.

Special Bargain Matinee Christmas Day at 2:30 p.m.

Evening prices, 15c, 25c and 35c.

Matinee 10c and 25c.

Free Xmas Ticket for Opening Night, Monday, December 24. Cut this out and present at Box Office before 7 p. m., Monday.

Ladies, Free Ticket.

This ticket will admit any lady FREE to a Reserved Seat at the opening performance of ECKHARDT'S IDEALS AT THE Star Theatre, Xmas Eve., Mon. Night, Dec. 4. If accompanied by a regular paid 25c reserved seat ticket. Seats must be secured before 7 p. m., Monday, Dec. 24.

DANGER IN ASKING ADVICE.

When you have a cough or a cold do not ask some one what is good for them, as there is danger in taking some unknown preparations, Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs, colds and prevents pneumonia. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. T. F. Laurin.

SURE TO PLEASE HER.

If you select something at Jaloff's new store as an Xmas gift. 120 11th street near Commercial.

OUTWITS THE SURGEON.

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for Coughs, Influenza, Bronchitis, and all Pulmonary cases. One bottle will convince you—at your druggist, 50c, 80c, \$1.00. Hart's Drug Store.

WHY NOT BEAUTIFY THE HOME?

Is there any one thing that will make your table more attractive on Christmas day than flowers? They are the gems that will add good cheer to your home festivities.

Anticipating a large rush this year, we have been equal to the occasion. We have a gorgeous assortment for table decorations. We will dispose of them at prices that will be within the reach of all.

Fragrant Roses.

Carnations. Holly.

Wreaths and pretty Green Roping suitable for decorating. Why not add cheer to the occasion?

Leave your orders early.

Delivery made to all parts of the city. Mail orders given prompt attention. Come and see our display of Palms and Potted Plants. The Orchid plant, the only one of its kind on the Pacific Coast.

Columbia Nursery Company.

Store call Red 2306. Nursery call Black 2194.

THE CORRECT CLOTHES SHOP

A man said yesterday: "I have been trying merchant tailors—had to come back—no clothes suit me like yours."



Saturday is a great clothes buying day—men put off till the last minute buying what they want for themselves.

The advantage of a big stock like ours is apparent to men in a hurry.

No trouble to get suited. No trouble to get fitted. The category of our sizes and our models is very large and we are constantly adding to it.

And we have a big assortment of sizes in all grades—\$15, \$18, \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$28, \$30 and \$35.

Besides this, a corps of salesmen who can put their fingers on the very size and often the very style you want at a minutes notice.

Grand Central Depot for Men's "Fixens." Happy Suggestions For Christmas Giving.

- House Coats as low as \$4.50; as elegant as \$12.50
Lounging and Bath Robes, too—the same price range.
Fancy Vests, wash fabrics, and silk worsteds, \$1.25 to \$5.00
Suit cases, \$4.00 to \$20.00
Chest Shirts, \$1.50 and \$2
Monarch Shirts, \$1.00
Underwear, in silk, wool, lisle or Balbriggan, the garment \$1.00 to \$3.00
Dent's Famous English Gloves \$2.00

Open evenings until Xmas.

STERLING SILVER FLATWARE

What is nicer for that Christmas gift than a nice piece of our Flatware

PRICES THE LOWEST

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Means not only good things to eat, but also the best of things to drink, and the best of all good drinks is Sund & Carlson's

Rye and Bourbon Whiskies, Choice Wines and Champagnes.

THE COMMERCIAL

509 Commercial St.

The Old Stove Man

Has been hunting around for a year or more to find a line of

STOVES

as good or better than the kind he sold here twenty years ago (some of these are beginning to wear out). He thinks he has found the line. He will show them to you if you will call at the store of

W. C. LAWS & CO.

Plumbers and Steam Fitters.