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WEATHER.

- Western Oregon - Cloudy, southwest winds.
Western Washington - Showers, southwest winds.
Eastern Oregon, Southern Idaho - Cloudy.
Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho - Showers.

HE MEANS BUSINESS.

Modern methods of doing business were well exemplified at the hearing in the coal famine case at Chicago last week, when the evidence was put into shape for the President's inspection in about one-half the time it usually takes.

TEDDY'S NEW CATS.

President Roosevelt decides he does not need nor want Lulu Grover's \$2,000, but is willing to give her two homeless Angoras a home.

JOY OF LIVING.

The Marlon (Kan.) Record finds just one thing lacking to complete the joy of a country editor's life.

Every once in a while some cheerful individual remarks to us: "Well, now that the paper is out I suppose you can take it easy for three or four days." Yes, how delightful it is that a country editor has practically nothing to do between press days.

plate. There is something really strange about the way the news items act. When the paper is out, the editor simply goes to his desk and leans back in his easy chair and looks wise and waits for next week's press day.

CARE FOR YOUR COW.

We offer a plea for the cow. What would she say in her own behalf, could she talk? She might, with good reason, ask: "Why do I have to endure these cold, stormy nights without shelter while you lie in your warm, soft bed? I give you milk, butter, meat and shoes. How can I be expected to do this without shelter and with not enough to eat?"

EDITORIAL SALAD.

What will the homeseeker do and where shall he turn when all the public domain between the great lakes and the Pacific is taken up and Uncle Sam's land offices have gone out of business?

It is not generally known that corn smut contains a very violent poison. A number of farmers have learned this by being infected through open sores on their hands and as a consequence are suffering from blood poison.

One-half of the world doesn't care a straw how the other half lives, or dies either, for that matter. Supreme selfishness and grasping after the almighty dollar are the motives that rule two-thirds of mankind today.

Alfalfa was almost unknown ten years ago, so far as its cultivation this side of the Rocky Mountains is concerned. Thousands of acres of land in Kansas and other western states are today producing crops of it worth sixty dollars an acre each season.

The President gets a salary of only \$50,000 a year and when it was proposed to make an annual appropriation of \$25,000 for traveling expenses a storm of protest was raised.

Here's a pipe dream for farmers: The Department of Agriculture has found near Cape Town a kind of calabash which farmers are growing, which is an excellent substitute for meerschaum. They grow with a bowl the size of a pipe, to which is a natural pipe stem.

Investigation of the capacity of hens to lay eggs results in the discovery that the egg production of hens decreases considerably after the age of four years. Thus, a hen lays at the age of one year about twenty eggs, at the age of two years, about 120 eggs; at the age of three years, about 135; at the age of four years about 115; at the age of five years, about 80, and at the age of six years about 60.

LONG TENNESSEE FIGHTS.

For twenty years W. L. Rawls, of Bella, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c at Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

"UNCLE" JOE CANNON.

"Uncle" Joe Cannon
Steady at his post,
Nothing to growl about,
Nobody to roast,
Hears senators talking,
Listens all the while,
When they get too frisky,
Calls them down in style.

Never had the fever,
To hunt mountain goat,
Thinks more of his cigar,
Than of bear-skin coat,
Likes to argue "tariff,"
And "protection," too,
In fact, will talk of anything,
To make "free trade" skidoo!

Pleased to see the ladies,
In the gallery grand,
Likes "Marching Through Georgia"
When played by any band,
Will tell a "funny" story,
While chatting with the "boys,"
No use for politicians,
Built on plan of puppet-toys.

Goes along serenely,
Traveling to the end,
Not a thing to vex him,
United States his friend,
Knows what he is doing,
No favorites, high nor low,
"Square deal," "fair play," honest man,
Is plain, old Uncle" Joe.

Doesn't need a medal,
For anything he's done,
Public life is spotless,
Bright as mid-day sun,
Does his duty fearlessly,
For stars and stripes, will fight,
Long may he be with us,
"Uncle" Joe's all right.

LUE F. VERNON.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Colonel Mann of Town Topics Fame, Will Receive Judgment.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Colonel M. D. Mann, the editor of Town Topics, who has been on trial for some days before Recorder Goff on the Chicago forgery will know his fate by tomorrow morning.

The charges against Colonel Mann grew out of the trial of Norman Hapgood, editor of Colliers Weekly, who was charged with criminal libel by Col. Mann. There has been some sensational allegations against Colonel Mann by Mr. Hapgood's paper growing out of the issuance by Town Topics of a book called "Fads and Fancies."

SUNDAY TRAVEL TO PORTLAND

Increase and \$2.50 Round Trip Rate via A. & C. R. R. is Popular.

Travel from this city to Portland on Sunday at the low round trip rate of \$2.50 is on the increase and many enjoy that day in the metropolis each week.

COLONIZE RUSSIAN JEWS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Jewish World of London printed recently an announcement of a colonization scheme which included a projected settlement near Galveston, Texas.

PUBLIC SPEAKER INTERRUPTED.

Public speakers are frequently interrupted by people coughing. This would not happen if Foley's Honey and Tar were taken, as it cures Coughs and Colds and prevents pneumonia and consumption.

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."

ON DECEMBER 29 AND 31

Astoria Piano Bargain Hunters Will Have Almost Undisputed Sway at Eilers Branch Store, 424 Commercial Street.

THESE TWO DAYS ONLY

Several buyers are going to have good cause for New Year's rejoicing if saving money and having music in the home will help any.

The annual stock report goes in from all our many stores January 1, and we enumerate below several pianos that are going in as sales, instead of being carried over in stock, if we have half a chance to sell them.

- A \$335 Hobart M. Cable at.....\$ \$ \$
A \$287 Schumann at.....\$ \$ \$
A \$290 Whitney at.....\$ \$ \$
A \$405 Crown at.....\$ \$ \$
A \$300 Bailey at.....\$ \$ \$

No prices are given here because we expect to continue selling them in Astoria and have future business to protect.

If you want a price you must come and get it for without seeing the piano no one can tell whether the price and piano suits or not.

EILERS PIANO HOUSE, 424 Commercial Street. J. M. WARD, A. R. CYRUS, Managers.

THE PERFECT WAY.

Scores of Astoria Citizens Have Learned It. If you suffer from backache, There's only one way to cure it. The perfect way is to cure the kidneys.

A bad back means sick kidneys. Neglect it, urinary troubles follow. Doan's Kidney Pills are made for kidneys only.

Mrs. J. W. Painter, of 310 East Seventh street, Portland, Ore., says: "I have not lost any of my faith in Doan's Kidney Pills since I publicly recommended the remedy in February, 1903. As I stated at that time, a severe spell of sickness early in my life left me with weak kidneys, and as time went on I suffered more and more with spells of backache.

Plenty more proof like this from Astoria people. Call at Chas. Rogers' drug store and ask what his customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

THE CORRECT CLOTHES SHOP
A WORD WITH YOU--FELLOWS!
When a man has made his pile or "his mark," he can violate all the conventional rules of dress with impunity. He can even wear a derby hat with a frock coat—and it will be considered the eccentricity of genius.
But the young chap just entering Life's real arena is badly handicapped if he dresses slouchily, or carelessly. The attire has indeed much to do with the "making" of the young business man of today.
Did you forget anything at Christmas? Suppose you remember him at New Year's. There's a host of good gifts here yet that are sure to please the critical man.
Prices Drastically reduced on all Holiday Goods.
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