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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Rain or snow; colder in south portion.

OUR TREATY WITH JAPAN.

It is quite apparent that the statement that the attempt of the President to castigate San Francisco was for the purpose of saving the face of the Japanese had no foundation in fact, and the story that there was in contemplation a treaty by which Japanese coolies would be excluded was equally without a basis.

"It appears then, that the United States and Japan are both free, in accordance with the treaty of 1894, to enact laws excluding from its ports each other's laborers, or regulating their entrance. If Japan now should enact such a law and the United States should enact a similar one, the object which the proposed new treaty would seek to attain would be accomplished without any treaty."

"RELIGIOUS LIBERTY."

The Pentecostal gang now doing its alleged religious stunt in Salem and Portland should be handled without gloves by the authorities and be given to understand, once for all, that humbuggery of that nasty sort is under the ban in Oregon.

GOVERNOR HUGHES' TALK.

It will pay every American to read and remember the text of Governor Hughes' inaugural address at the New York capital on New Year's Day. It is the expression of a thoughtful, earnest, cultured mind, and exceedingly apt to the hour and the conditions of the nation.

doctrines of amendment now underway in Congress. New York and the whole country are to be heartily congratulated upon the wisdom of the Empire electors in smashing the Hearst regime and putting this "kid-glove aristocrat" in the second great office of the Union.

RECIPROCAL DEMURRAGE.

The State Library Commission has gathered for the use of the members of the Legislature the reciprocal demurrage laws of the different States having such a provision in force.

Texas has the most stringent law of the six states which have enacted laws on the subject. It makes the penalty \$25 a day for failure to furnish a car within 48 hours, to be recovered by the shipper together with all damages sustained by him, and he is liable to the railroad in the same amount.

Kansas has the latest law on this subject. It was enacted last year and while it contains some provisions not found in the Texas law, the penalty on the reciprocal feature is only \$1 a day.

The states that have passed reciprocal demurrage laws are: Virginia, North Carolina, Missouri, Kansas, South Carolina and Texas. However, these are not all the states that have such a feature in operation.

TWO RACE TYPES.

Booker T. Washington and Joe Gans are representative types of their race and each satisfies the standards of their respective following. The pity of it is that Gans has the heaviest group of worshippers, but this is inevitable; and there is a quota of good about the plucky little fighting coon that has a compensating element in it.

GOOD OLD "MARK TWAIN."

For half a century Samuel L. Clemens has been cheering the world with his quaint, rich humor, and making things brighter for everybody. The name of "Mark Twain" is a veritable charm in this country and the laughing world swears by the dear old chap, who grows funnier with the years.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

How soon the sensations of the days hide from public view! James Hazen Hyde, for instance.

Next to the Amazon river, La Plata drains the greatest expanse of territory.

France published the first newspaper in 1605; the first English newspaper appeared in 1622.

Only 7 per cent of the men in the French army exceed five feet eight inches in height.

Thomas Hudam, after careful studies declares that the average man of 50 looks back on 18,250 days lived awake and 6,212 asleep. To work 6,348 have been devoted, but to pleasure only 4,192.

It is reported that the invisible radium emanations affect germinating seeds even when these are covered with a layer of soil very much the same as a too powerful application of sunlight to the seed.

KILLED BY COGS. ENGLISH SHOOT WELL.

Engineer of San Francisco Schooner Meets Fearful Death. British Gunners Improve Fifty Per Cent in One Year.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Louis Dereick, first engineer of the steam schooner Phoenix, was crushed to death between cogwheels shortly after the vessel left port today.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Two further reports concerning the gun practice of the fleet have been issued giving the result of practice from 52 torpedo destroyers with 12 pounder and six Phoenix strated from the Oakland pier at 2 o'clock and had reached the point off Point Bonita when the accident occurred.

RAISULI ARRESTED.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—According to a dispatch to the Petit Parisien from Tangier, Raisuli, who was constructing walls at Zinat, was taken prisoner on Tuesday and brought to Tangier.

CARRIE NATION

certainly smashed a hole in the bar-room of Kansas, but Ballard's Horehound Syrup has smashed all records as a cure for coughs, Bronchitis, Influenza and all Pulmonary diseases.

A CARD.

This is to certify that all druggists are authorized to refund your money if Foley's Honey and Tar fails to cure your cough or cold.

It is a gratifying feature to beneficiaries of the Christmastide gift custom that it so increases men's domestic ties.

How to Avoid Pneumonia.

You can avoid pneumonia and other serious results from a cold by taking Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the cough and expels the cold from the system, as it is mildly laxative.

Advertisement for the Rayo Lamp, a perfection oil heater. Includes an illustration of the lamp and text describing its features: 'Does What Other Stoves Fail to Do', 'PERFECTION Oil Heater', 'The Rayo Lamp'.

Advertisement for S E E - S A W. 'Have you Seen our Saw Window. Special Kitchen Saw 25c. We have everything in Saws. The Foard & Stokes Hardware Co., Inc. Successors to Foard & Stokes Co.'

Advertisement for E. A. Higgins Co., 'We wish to thank our customers for their most liberal patronage and to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. E. A. Higgins Co., SUCCESSORS TO J. N. GRIFFIN. Books Music Stationery'.

Large advertisement for Castoria. 'CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fitcher. In Use For Over Thirty Years CASTORIA. THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.'

Advertisement for STEEL & EWART, 'ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS. IN BUSINESS FOR BUSINESS AND YOUR SATISFACTION. STEEL & EWART at No. 222 Twelfth Street. Sole agents for the famous Perfection and World Gas Mantles. Call on us.'

Advertisement for THE COMMERCIAL, 'To Be Happy and Gay. 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.'

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