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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Fair.
Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair, followed by cloudy and threatening weather.

PLANS WILL BE SIMPLIFIED.

The alleged inconveniences attributed to the federal quarantine service at this port, are chargeable more to the natural conditions existing here than to any personal laches either on the part of the ship-masters or the officers in charge of the station. Dr. Holt has intimated that he intends to do all in his power to so re-adjust conditions as to largely mitigate the delays now complained of, and this he will do strictly in the interest of the shipping, since time is of the essence of their business and contracts, and not so particularly essential to the administration of his duties. The specific line of work he is now engaged on that of detecting, and restricting the spread of the bubonic plague, is an emergency duty, so to speak, and its importance imposes a detail rather more exacting than would ordinarily prevail. We have no doubt the situation will clear itself, in good time, of all disagreeables, only it is expedient that all concerned contribute to the scheme of re-adjustment and harmonious action. No one man is to blame for everything that delays or annoys the public; yet the many may mimic the larger evils and the sooner lay them.

EXPLAIN, SOMEBODY!

The starting report comes from Topeka, Kansas, that the State Federation of Female Suffragists, called in convention there on Thursday last, was attended by scarcely a half dozen ladies of that ilk, and had to adjourn without transacting any business beyond roll-call.

What does it mean? Has the erstwhile Kansas, too!

What does it mean? The erstwhile spirit of political reform that made the name of Kansas all but immortal, fled the State! or is it so immersed in the present livelier engagement of trying to raise cash on clearing-house certificates, that it cannot send its women to the halls of its most cherished ambition and long-sought glory?

Solve us this riddle, some of you jay-hawkers that once made it your proudest boast that you would finish the civilization of the world with the aegis of your female domination, perfected, and centralized, in Bleeding Kansas! We have waited long for the culmination of your old-time challenge; and now you offer us the pitiful spectacle of such a slump as this! A beggarly half of a beggarly Baker's dozen of women at a state convention of women's clubs banded in the lofty cause of universal female emancipation! WHAT?

HAS AN ALROUND BEARING

The circular communication from the Retail Grocers' Association of Portland, in the matter of prompt monthly payments of accounts, and its adoption here by the Astoria retailers, published in these columns yesterday morning, is timely and significant, and, no doubt, will be accepted with good faith everywhere; but there is one element of the affair that must not be overlooked, since it is likely to cut considerable of a figure in the case, and that is that the wage-earner and salary-man and woman, are absolutely dependent upon the ready access of money as it falls to the employing class in these restricted times and their ability to meet their current obligations will depend very largely on the ease with which the businesses they serve shall get the money coming to them, and the timeliness with which they shall be able to disburse it among

their employees. This is a season for careful and judicious handling of money, but no season for arbitrary exactions on the part of either the employer, employee, retailer or wholesaler; fore-bearance is the key-note of the hour; bad accounts are always bad, whatever the season may be, the square debtor is always a good asset; the bad one is ever discounted, and the house of clever discernment has ever been the popular one, whatever the market, or the times.

THE BLOOD MARKET.

There is a standing advertisement in a prominent Eastern paper, calling for a quart, or more, of pure, healthy, normal human blood, at \$50. per, to be used for an anemic sufferer. This is the first time we have noted anything like a market value on this plentiful, yet rare commodity. We are glad to know just about what it is worth; though of course there must be a relative, sliding scale for the different qualities, consistencies, and hues of the precious fluid.

The blood of the fool, the thief, the drunkard, the lecher, the liar, the fighter, the coward, the hypocrite, with all the rest of the contaminated specimens, must have a graduated value of from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per quart, according to the actual healthfulness of the subject, and these should be made manifest, that their unsuspected price and utility may become known to these perverted people; it is not always the really good who have the best and healthiest blood.

In these piping times of expansion and money-venture, it might not be amiss to look into this new field of supply and organize a trust for the accumulation and dispensing of this very necessary agency. There are worse combinations already in existence and doing famously well.

A TYPICAL, TRUE SPORT.

James R. Keene, the noted "plunger" of Wall Street, who was so badly outdone in that field some months ago, seems to have something left to fall back upon in the midst of his collapse. His racing stables have netted him nearly half a million during the present year, and his winners are all alive and ready and able to win again next year. The truth of the matter is, James R. Keene is a typical American sport of the first water; game, and intelligent to the last degree, and a real mixer among men. Generous, yet exacting, and manly above all things, he wins and holds respect and the devoted service and advantage that go with such qualities.

He is the incarnation of a popular type, not altogether the most amenable, socially, perhaps, but practically indispensable in an age when fine distinctions are quoted oftener than they are enforced. He is a national figure, albeit his pedestal does not tower loftily.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Many of the Chicago water mains are clogged with snails. The French might call this a bonanza in meat and drink, but the Chicagoan would prefer frogs' legs.

The latest fine imposed on a railroad for rebating is \$330,000. This branch of railway operations is the only one that can be quoted dull, with a tendency to dry up.

After the smoke of Tuesday's battle shall have cleared away the old-time Kentucky Democrat will proceed to drown his sorrows and disappointments by the usual process of imbibition.

The American apple crop is reported to be 24,000,000 barrels short of last year's total. If future big apple crops are properly appreciated the failure of 1907 will serve a useful purpose.

The Republicans of Missouri were rather surprised when they carried the state in 1904, but the rate of growth of the party for many years ought to put it on top as a natural result in 1908.

Though in poor health ex-President Cleveland was driven in a carriage to the polls and cast his vote. As long as the American citizen recognizes the fact that the ballot is the supreme fact in politics the government will be in a hopeful way.

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PRE-COOLING FRUIT

New Method of Shipping to Eastern Markets.

ADD MILLIONS TO PROFITS

Demonstrations by Agricultural Department Shows That if Fruits Are Cooled Before Placing in Cars They Will Keep Better.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—As a result of experiments lately carried out by the Department of Agriculture, it is now predicted that California fruit growers will add millions to their profits and greatly improve their product by adopting new methods of shipping fruit to Eastern markets. Heretofore California fruit shipped in refrigerator cars, has been carried about one-third of the way toward its destination before the temperature was reduced low enough to prevent decay.

Pre-cooling of fruits in cold storage warehouses will now be undertaken, the experts of Agricultural Department having demonstrated that oranges, apricots and peaches and other fruits can be left on the trees until almost perfectly ripe if they are pre-cooled before packing in the cars for shipment. The Southern Pacific railroad, which handles the larger part of California's fruit output, is building several of these pre-cooling plants.

On the basis of a valuation of \$30,000,000 for California's orange crop last season, it is believed possible to increase the return on this crop twenty per cent by allowing the fruit to remain on the trees 10 days longer and at the same time avoiding the over-ripening and decay of the fruit in transit. The Southern Pacific is also building ice manufacturing plants to supply its new equipment of refrigerator cars for the fruit crop. This new equipment, numbering 6,000 cars, is rapidly taking the place of the privately-owned refrigerator car service.

The same Government experts who have been conducting the California experiments, are also operating in Georgia and Florida. Although the government considers its work to be still in the experimental stage and is therefore building only portable pre-cooling plants for use in various fruit-producing territories, the railroad is going ahead with pre-cooling plants on a large scale.

BUILT IN TWELVE HOURS.

Concrete Houses Can Be Erected in Half a Day.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Henry P. Phipps, the wealthy steel manufacturer who in 1905 gave \$1,000,000 for the erection of model tenements in New York City, is greatly interested in the possibilities of the two family concrete house planned by Thomas A. Edison, inventor, and which it is claimed, can be built within twelve hours at a cost of \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Mr. Edison will have the mould for a full sized double residence cast this winter, and as soon as the frost is out of the ground next spring he will build one of the houses near his laboratory. If it proves satisfactory Mr. Phipps will probably, in cooperation with other wealthy men, erect a large number of these houses near New York City, a city of concrete.

DEVELOPMENT TOO FAST.

NEW YORK, Armand Frey, head of a firm of Berlin bankers, who has been in New York for two weeks on business, said today of the financial situation, which he has studied while here:

"I think the financial troubles will soon be over, and I believe your financiers will take good care that a similar trouble will not come again in a hurry. Your great country has been suffering from too fast development. An adjustment of values was necessary and now you have had this, business should 'look up'."

CANADIAN NAVY.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 15.—The Canadian government has been requested by the Navy League to ask the Imperial Government for two cruisers and four destroyers to be stationed at Esquimalt upon the understanding that the Dominion will maintain them upon the Pacific Coast, thus providing a training school for young men. The cruisers and destroyers would form the nucleus for a Canadian Navy and would be the first step made by the Dominion toward providing for its own protection.

GOVERNMENT WILL APPEAL.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 15.—The British Columbia Court has decided to ap-

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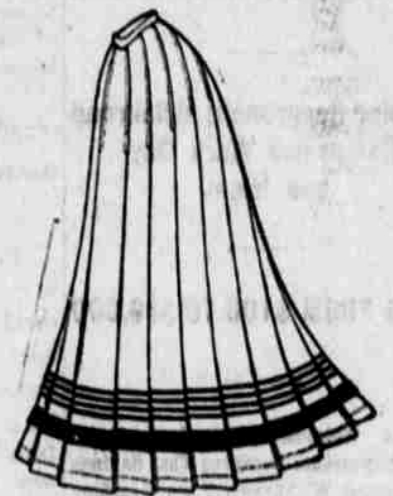
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