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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair tonight; Thursday fair, warmer except near coast; westerly winds.

THISTLES.

About 18 years ago an agricultural convention as held in this county, at which a notable professor from one of the Washington colleges was a guest and contributor. This man in the course of his rambles about the city found a small nest of Canada thistles started on Smith's Point, and plucking one by the roots, took it into convention and made it the thesis of a memorable lecture, giving its history technically, and practically, and warning the people of Clatsop against it by every argument and demonstration known to science and the friendliness of a teacher who found he was telling his auditors something entirely new to them.

The result of that lecture was noted for some years by the rarity of the Canada thistle, which was routed out, and kept out, by arduous and constant work. Lately the course has re-appeared, and it is headed in right where he found it, on Smith's Point; and from there it may be easily traced all over the west side. The farmers are again alive to the evil, but it is going to take something beside voluntary work in its extermination. The county and city authorities will be justified in taking instant and comprehensive steps for its annihilation; and especially at this season of the year, when it is blooming and the new year's growth may be easily eliminated by vigorous and thorough action. Like all slow, silent and insidious things, the thistle grows, and travels and spreads at a pace, and in a volume, that staggers one with realization when it thrusts itself upon the communal consciousness. The only way it can be met, is by constant watching and periodical onslaught. In default of this, it soon masters soil and crop and man and rules all these with relentless power.

Go to it, everybody!

MINDING THEIR BUSINESS.

We confess we have never understood the probable, nor possible, ground for Japanese enmity toward this country, and have always deprecated the doctrine; it was easy to make due allowance for the bumpiness of the victorious people who emerged from the Russo-Japanese war, and to condone the ardor and confidence inseparable from such conditions; but why Japan should nurse an antipathy of any sort to the United States, with positive and pregnant predicate, has always been beyond us. Now, our returning Ambassador tells us there is not an atom of ground for the conclusion; that only the best of feeling exists over there for us and our policies, and that the war spirit and war contingency are as remote as any other inconceivable threat or act.

The Japanese seem to be minding their own business with wonderful success in this country and they certainly are refraining from any overt demonstrations on either side of the waters. In this they are furnishing us a lesson that may well be heeded. The jingo is a universal nuisance and is amenable to the most cautious and the coldest treatment, by sensible people. There is enough of known fact to discourage their clamor, such the depletion of the Island Empire exchequer, and other potent impediments to a war program, now confronting Japan and the word brought over by our representative fits the public mood of America admirably and widely.

FIRE PREMIUMS NET.

It is a startling, yet almost conclusive fact, that the fire premiums

paid by this city, for years past, have been, gross and net, assets to the insurance companies doing business here. There has not been a fire of any size or importance recorded here for many a day and what we are sending out annually is a sheer gift to the San Francisco trust. It will pay the Astoria insurer to confirm this before he re-writes his business; especially before he countenances an advanced rate.

All Oregon is up in arms and fending against the proposed access in insurance cost, and our people must not neglect their interests at any stage of the new game. We have enough to contend with in the way of combinations without permitting any excesses in this line. We get protection, of course, even if we do not have any fires to speak of; but, on the present scale of premiums we are paying about double what that protection costs the protecting companies.

DEATH IN SCHOOL.

The greatest achievement of science in the opening decade of the twentieth century is the awakening of the people to the fact that most human diseases are preventable and a large proportion of early deaths avoidable. At least 700,000 of the million and a half deaths a year from the minute parasitic plants and animals gaining access to the body. These invisible foes wage a continual warfare against both strong and weak rich and poor. Civic duty as well as self preservation demands, that these life-destroyers should as far as possible be shut out of the human system.

The evidence condemning the use of the common drinking vessel upon any occasion whether at school, church or home is derived from three sources: 1. the frequent presence of disease-producing bacteria in the mouth; 2. the detection of pathogenic germs on the public cups; and 3. the discovery that where a number of persons drank from a cup previously used by the sick, some of them became ill.

A cup which had been in use nine days in a school was a clear thin class. It was broken into a number of pieces and properly stained for examination with a microscope magnifying 1,000 diameters. The human cells scraped from the lips of the drinkers were so numerous on the upper third of the glass that the head of a pin could not be placed anywhere without touching several of these bits of skin. The saliva by running down on the inside of the glass had carried cells and bacteria to the bottom. Here, however, they were less than one-third as abundant as at the brim.

By counting the cells present on fifty different areas on the glass as seen under the microscope, it was estimated that the cup contained over 20,000 human cells or bits of dead skin. As many as 150 germs were seen clinging to a single cell, and very few cells showed less than ten germs. Between the cells were thousands of germs left there by the smears of saliva deposited by the drinkers. Not less than a hundred thousand bacteria were present.—Technical World.

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New York News Letter

NEW YORK, July 14.—Parched by a three week drought and steadily baked under the deadliest sun in many years, Manhattan Island lies to-day practically helpless before the fatal inroads of its record hot spell. Scores of victims are swelling the death rolls each day and the medical men predict sun-slaughter by the hundreds if rain and cool breezes do not break through the blazing skies before the end of this week. It is seven long years since this city has felt as deadly a scourge of the sun as that which has to-day almost brought business to a standstill. In the memorable July of 1901 men and beasts were felled about the streets as widely as they are today; but even that trying time lasted no longer than the hot spell here has already extended to-day. The sight of the poorer quarters has become heart-sickening and death by heat stroke lurks even in the rarer atmosphere of Fifth avenue. One cool night may save hundreds of lives in this severest siege of the sun.

TIMING THE TIMES.

With the valedictory predictions of Gary and Gates, who have joined the army of sea-bound magnates today, much talk of a return to bumper business is being stirred up among the men of affairs here. It is admitted generally in the business district to-day that the arrival of record good times is now only a question of time. That Gary has set this in the immediate future and Gates deferred it a year is leading the majority of commercial ages, to split the difference and name next fall as the birthday of renewed activity. With the wings of Wall street clipped and high finance pruned to the stalk, no more sane conditions have ever existed here than surround the money world to-day. Plenty of cash and commerce will be brought by the next cool weather, it is generally believed.

POTTER'S POPULARITY

Not since all New York hung on the pulse beats of the prostrate Kipling has a general sympathy been shown here as that which the condition of the good Bishop Potter has called forth. Day after day and hour after hour the news of the bishop's fight with death has been sought

throughout the East Side and the rich residential district alike. Not only as a churchman and publicist but as a friend and guide Bishop Potter has been known and loved in every class of cosmopolitan Gotham. The sanity and sense of his master mind has cleared many a great problem for his church and city, while the fruits of his private counsel and guidance are treasured here a thousand-fold. Few members of this giant community could as ill be spared as this stout churchman whose influence is felt in every walk of life.

MELON MOUNTAINS

Huge heaps of luscious Georgia melons, bursting with juice and rich red pulp are today being reared over on the water front to mark the opening of the real summer season. As ship after ship has begun to steam in from Savannah crammed with the delicious ovals, hundreds of brokers and dealers are swarming constantly about these melon mountains bidding briskly for their share to distribute far and wide. Already the summer fruit is appearing on the tables and stalls of the town and within a week its delights will become property to the crowd. With corn on the cob, the water melon furnished Gotham its favorite hot-weather diet and the corn ears are already popping out on every plate. There is a solace for the fiercest heat in the very sight of these tempting pyramids just piling up on the warfs.

PUSHING PEARY

Now that the good ship "Roosevelt" is sailing up the coast to ward its arctic goal and Peary is about to follow for a final dash to the pole, the enthusiasts of this city are keyed to a high pitch of excitement. There has always been a strong band of arctic fans here who rotted steadily for the men pushing for the pole, but of late years little has been heard from them. To-day, however, the arctic club has formed the nucleus for as formidable an array of ice-eaters as ever sat the side lines in any polar contest. If interest, support and good wishes count in the frozen zone, Peary will have ample supply from this metropolis.

LARGE RIFLE MATCH

More Than a Thousand Crack Shots to Take Part

WILL TAKE ABOUT 3 WEEKS

The Question of Expense to Enter Contest is a Serious One to Many States—Costs About \$5000 to Fit Out a Team.

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 14.—

In one month the great National Rifle Matches will be in progress on the beautiful range at Camp Perry, Ohio. Lying on the banks of Lake Erie, across from Put-in-Bay, adjacent to Sandusky, and within easy reach of Cleveland, Toledo and Detroit, Camp Perry is the most accessible of all large rifle ranges, which fact augurs well for the attendance on these matches. It is expected that more than one thousand of the crack military shots will be in attendance who, with the twelve hundred officers, scorers, markers, guards, etc. will make a camp of about nearly twenty five hundred men.

It is assured that these matches will be the largest in point of attendance ever held in this country, and perhaps will be the best of the National matches to be held, at least for some years to come. Indications point to a change in the methods of determining such contests. It is represented that the attendance on these matches is so large as to necessitate from two to three weeks shooting of which ten days are devoted to the national matches alone. Many shooters are unable to take this time together with that necessary for home practice and competitions for places on the team. The question of expense is also entering largely into the calculations of the state authorities. It costs some of the states as much as five thousand dollars to fit out a team and send it to the National matches which is a very considerable item to the smaller states, especially when

ord shots at 1000 yards, while the President's Match includes everything from the skirmish to the 1,000 yard stage. Both the Leech and Wimbledon cups are historic, and the winner of the President's Match receives an autograph letter from the President in addition to a substantial cash prize. There are medals and cash prizes in each match.

Another very interesting event is the Championship Regimental Skirmish Match, open to teams of six. When won twice the beautiful Silver Trophy becomes the property of the winning team. Last year this match had fifty-one entries. Other N. R. A. matches are the Inter Club Match, Life Members Match, State Secretaries Match and the Press Match. There is also a Championship Revolver Team Match.

The greatest interest in Ohio centers around the Herrick Trophy Match for a magnificent silver trophy presented by Ex-Gov. Herrick of Ohio. It is accompanied by \$375 in cash prizes with medals to the members of the winning team. This match is open to teams of eight who shoot fifteen shots per man at 800,

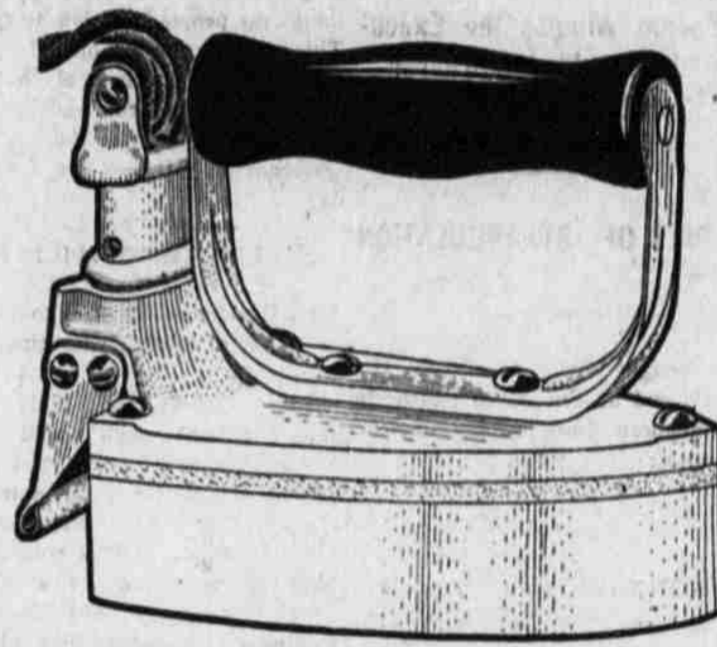
900 and 1,000 yards. Other matches are: Hays Trophy Match for teams of three (limited to the Ohio National Guard); Ideal Company Team-match for teams of three; All-Comers Off-Hand Match; All-Comers 600 yard match; Peter Trophy Match; Individual Rapid Fire Match; and a number of brigade, expert and novice matches with cash medal prizes. In addition there will be a number of revolver matches open to teams and individuals.

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