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Volcanoes and earthquakes do not affect the revolutions in Colombia.

It is unfortunate that Tracy did not live to try his famous 30-30 on some of the editors who have been writing poetry about him.

The papers are still talking tariff and protection. A suffering public should be spared this affliction during off years in politics.

Yesterday was election day in Tennessee and up to a late hour a small, unimportant precinct only reported two killed and one wounded out of a four-handed fight.

Governor Geer has just recently returned from the summit of Mount Hood and is now off for a trip to Crater Lake. Mountain trails are easy compared with the road that leads to the senate.

The battle between Judge Jackson and the miners is a long drawn out one. The judge is certainly not a descendant from "Old Hickory," at least he is fighting for a different cause—the trusts.

President Hill will address the people of Great Falls on the subject of agriculture, next Thursday. He may give the farmers a pointer on the "merger" business, and the next thing may be a farmers' "combine."

A great deal is being said nowadays about the "spirit" of different cities and towns of the state. There is more of the spirits frumment in evidence in many of the towns and cities than any other kind of spirit.

The posse that captured Tracy well prepared in many ways. Besides being well armed it took with it a physician and lawyer. The physician's services might have come in handy and in case of suit to recover the reward it would not be necessary to split the amount recovered with a lawyer.

It is claimed by those living near the army posts of the country that the newly enlisted soldiers are of the worst class known in the history of the army. Men who enlist in the army in times of peace for \$13 a month, are not usually worth any more than that price, and need to be under restraint on general principles.

The negro congress is in session in Atlanta, Ga. So far the speakers who represent the advanced thinkers of the race think that education will be the means of elevating the race. They are conservative in their views and understand the situation much better than writers of the North who are constantly solving the race problem.

The old newspaper idea of roasting everything that happens to please the writer is antiquated. The purpose of the modern newspaper is to build up instead of tearing down. The roaster belongs to the past—should be classed with the common scolds. If a thing is not right come out and publish the facts, the public will see the point. The opinion of the writer is worth but little, especially when it is warped by prejudice.

An elderly Michigan couple recently closed out an orphanage by adopting the 22 children, inmates of the place. This ought to prove an interesting experiment. With 22 children brought up with the same opportunities and

nearly every one with different temperament and of different parentage and different mental capacity and inheriting different traits of character, education and kindness have a great opportunity to demonstrate their power over the human mind.

Every loyal citizen admires and respects President Roosevelt and his family in accordance with the station they occupy. He is president and his family is the family of the president. He is not a king, neither is his wife and children celestial beings. He is a common citizen elevated to the chief office of the nation and he and his family are honored thereby. That is all there is to it. They are no better than others, and all the rot about what they do and eat daily is disgusting to the public and is doubtless disgusting to them.

Those interested in woolgrowing should not fail to give their aid in making the coming session of the Eastern Oregon Woolgrowers' Association which meets in Pendleton a success. And everybody here is interested in the industry for there is no one who is not directly or indirectly benefitted by it. It is the purpose to have some able papers read on the subjects most vital to woolgrowers and these should be heard by the public generally for it is claimed that an era of advancement in all branches of the industry is close at hand. It is a day of education in all trades and callings.

Another express messenger has distinguished himself by killing a train robber. With a big reward hanging over the head of every criminal in the country and a chance for promotion in sight for the killers of criminals none of them would live long after the commission of serious crimes. It is suggested that money talks in these matters as in others, and that if a standing reward was offered by the government for the bodies, "dead or alive," of all criminals that this would decrease crime and the number of criminals more rapidly than all of the talk and writing on the subject of criminology.

THE MYTHICAL "AVERAGE MAN."

No person is more talked about than "the average man." But what is he like? Will anyone undertake to describe him?

Physically, yes. We know that "the average man" lives about 33 years; that the chances are five out of six that he will die before he is seventy, 15 out of 16 that he will die before he is 80; that he has only one chance in 133 of living to 90. We know that if he is lean at 36 he usually grows fatter thereafter, and if fat becomes leaner; that somewhere about 48 or 50 his general health receives a setback more or less marked; that after about a year of such experience he starts with renewed vigor and keeps on until he is 61 or 62, when he passes through another and severer setback, sometimes called "the grand climacteric," and that if he passes this experience safely he is likely to round off his three-score years and ten or more, and go about boasting of his remarkable age and strength.

Other interesting specifications of our "average man" are that his physical strength is one-fifth that of the average horse; that he wears a No. 7 hat, a No. 8 shoe, has a 36-inch chest and is about 5 feet 7 inches high. Carroll D. Wright has, moreover, computed that if he is employed in any American industry outside of farming, he earns about \$500 a year. But these interesting particulars still leave the description of the "average man" very incomplete, especially so on his mental and moral sides. And if we are able to fill out all the blank and exactly describe him in every relation of life we should never meet any such man. The "average man" is a myth. The

term is not equivalent to "the general run of men," though quite commonly used in that sense. In truth, this wonderful being whom everybody talks of and nobody knows is a fiction created by adding together a thousand human beings, each differing from the other 999, dividing them by 1000, and saying "That is the average man." Manifestly not one item in the list corresponds to the footing.—New York World.

LARIAT BILL.

"Well stranger, 'twas somewhere in 69 I was running the 'Frisco fast express; An' from Murder creek to Blasted Pine Was high on to 18 miles I guess. The road was a down-grade all the way, An' we pulled out of Murder a little late.

So I opened the throttle wide that day And a mile a minute was 'bout our gait. "My fireman's name was Lariat Bill. A quiet man with an easy way; Who could rope a steer with a cowboy's skill, Which he learned in Texas, I've heard him say. The coil was strong as tempered steel An' it went like a bolt from a cross-bow flung. An' arter Bill changed from saddle to wheel, Just over his head in the cab it hung. "Well, as I was sayin', we fairly flew As we struck the curve at the Buffalo spring. An' I gave her full steam and put her through. An' the engine rocked like a livin' thing.

"The all of a sudden I got a scare— For thar on the track were a child An' right in the path of the engine there, She held out her little hands and smiled. I jerked the lever and whistled for brakes, The wheels threw sparks like a shower of gold. But I knew the trouble a down-grade makes. An' I set my teeth an' my flesh grew cold. Than Lariat Bill yanked his long lasso An' out in front of the engine crept— He balanced a moment before he threw.

Then out in the air his lariat swept! He pause. There were tears in his honest eyes. The stranger listened with bated breath "I know the rest of the tale," he cried: "He snatched the child from the jaws of death! 'Twas the deed of a hero—from heroes bred— Whose praises the very angels sing! The engineer shook his grizzled head, And growled: 'He didn't do no sich thing.

"He aimed for the stump of a big pine tree, An' 'er lariat caught with a double hitch, An' in less than a second the train an' we Were yanked off the track an' inter the ditch; 'Twas an awful smash, an' it laid me out; 'An' I forgot an' I neter shall. "Were the passengers hurt?" Lemme see— "Yes it killed about forty—but save the gal!"—Ontario Argus.

COURSE OF HOG PRICES.

It may just be possible that the packers are beginning at this early date to start the prices for live hogs down to where they want to start the regular packing season, which opens October 1st. It is, however, too early for this to be considered as the sole cause of the recent slump in prices.

The more logical cause is found in the recently crystallized demand for fresh meats. On the decline of last week, prices are fully \$1.25 a hundred pounds higher on live hogs than the average for August last year, more than \$2.00 higher than three years ago, and higher than they have averaged at this season of year since 1882, in a period of 20 years. In fact, hog values can go down \$1.00 per 100 and still be above the average at this season.

Ordinarily August and September are months of light supplies and high summer prices, but it looks right now that there will have to be a reaction in the demand for meats if these months, in this year do not prove an exception to the rule.—New York Herald.

In California the newspapers say that among the important gains derived from the engagement of a competent man in the field to gather the state exhibit for the World's Fair, is the collection of a mass of data that will be very valuable to all inquiries concerning the state. Field Commissioner Dietrich, of California, has collected more data of a reliable nature regarding fruit production and profits than all that has been collected by all other agencies.

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