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The Minnesota labor authorities estimate that the lumber mills of that state averaged 517 feet a day to the man.

With McKinley on the elephant and Teddy on the Mustang almost any kind of a race may result. Sweepstakes are posted and Bryan and his mule and Allah and his turtle are especially challenged.

TALK ABOUT versatility, an Oregon saw mill man has recently sold his business and is now studying for the ministry. Another Oregon lumberman's letter-head announces as a side line, "first-class brick and tile, feel ground and cider made to order."

THE ORGAN factory at Dallas, Oregon, is finishing its first lot of 23 organs in Oregon oak. It has found some difficulty in obtaining lumber in proper condition, but is now preparing to saw its own stock, and will have boiling vats and drykilns for the preparation of the wood.

HOMESTEAD LAW CHANGE.

The United States land office has just received a notice from the department of the interior, which is of the greatest importance to every one who is in any way interested in taking up the government lands.

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Mr Thompson will preach in Point Terrace and in Mapleton. Mr Wight will preach in Florence at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. and in Acme at 3 p. m.

HELD FOR EXAMINATION.

Guard: As an aftermath to the event of a couple of weeks since, in which Walter J. Shelly, at that time night clerk of the Hotel Eugene, claimed to have been held up on North Willamette street and relieved of \$90, left in his care by a barber at the hotel, Shelly was this afternoon placed under arrest by Sheriff Withers, charged with larceny by bail of the sum of \$90.

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AT PEKIN.

The allied forces have reached Peking and liberated members of the legation. The allies are reported to be in need of reinforcements. Serious trouble is threatened in the neighborhood of Canton.

Reports say that the emperor and empress dowager have left Peking.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.)

Washington, August 13, 1900.

If Russia's order to its minister to accept a Chinese escort from Peking to Tien Tsin, after all the other governments had ordered their ministers to remain in Peking, should turn out to mean that a deal had been made between Russia and China there would be very little surprise in Washington, where the probability of one or more of the powers supposed to be acting in concert against China making some sort of a dick on their own hook for their own benefit has been recognized from the first as one of the most perplexing things about the whole business.

Neither this government nor the Chinese Minister has received any official notification of the appointment of Li Hung Chang to be an envoy for the purpose of suing for peace. There is nothing improbable, however, about such an appointment; but if made it is not likely to stop any of the warlike preparations on the part of the powers. If present plans are carried out before the end of September there will be nearly a quarter of a million foreign troops in China, of which less than ten thousand will be Americans.

Much depends upon how a thing is done. For a Cuban or Spaniard or anybody else, to call the average American a liar means to get knocked down, yet in effect they are constantly calling our government a liar and a cheat and the most that any American does about it is to scratch his head and wonder if the talker has got it straight. Following are words used by Mr Roderick Alvarez, of Havana, in a Washington hotel, while discussing the announced intention of our government to withdraw from Cuba next year.

As usual, the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies submitted bids for supplying armor to warships which divide the lot required and made the price the same. A new bidder, the Midvale Steel Co., of Pennsylvania, entered the contest with a lower bid, but setting a longer time limit for the delivery of the armor and failing to specify that the armor would be made by the Krupp process.

Representative Allen (Private John) of Mississippi, whose defeated aspiration for a seat in the senate caused him to make promises necessitating his retirement from the house at the close of his present term, doesn't appear to be at all downcast over his early return to private life.

Speaking of the possibility of an extra session of congress, Mr Allen was inclined to be a little sarcastic about the sizzard with which Washington has been wrestling for a week. He said: "There isn't much change in an extra session of congress, but in view of Washington's well merited reputation as a summer resort, I have no doubt the members and senators would be glad to be summoned here to enjoy this balmy weather."

Mr Albert Cobb, of Augusta, Ga., is one of those who believes there will sooner or later be a big rush of gold hunters to the abandoned placar mines in Northern Georgia. While he was in Washington a day or two ago he said: "Long years ago plenty of people were making money in the placer business there, and I know a number of men now who are washing out ten or fifteen dollars a day in the little streams or branches that run in the mountains. Some very large plants are in operation, and are panning out good profits, but

the real extent of the gold veins in those old hills is not understood generally. In the olden days primitive machinery was in use in the numerous mines that were opened and worked until that machinery became ineffective. Then the mines were deserted, and the consequence is that you can find deserted gold mines scattered all over that section.

FREE TO INVENTORS.

The experience of C A Snow & Co in obtaining more than 20,000 patents for inventors has enabled them to helpfully answer many questions relating to the protection of intellectual property. This they have done in a pamphlet treating briefly of United States and foreign patents, with cost of same, and how to procure them; trade marks, designs, copyrights, infringements, decisions in leading patent cases, etc.

THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN GAME.

In our last issue we mentioned the convention which was recently signed in London for the preservation of wild animals, birds, and fish in Africa. It is gratifying to note that America has not been backward in the movement, which may be called international, to protect animals of certain species from wanton destruction.

A careful inquiry recently made by the New York Zoological Society reveals the startling fact that throughout thirty states and territories the decrease in the volume of bird life during the last fifteen years has reached an average of forty-six per cent. The decrease in the number of edible birds has even been greater than that, and a number of our finest species are now approaching practical extinction and many of our song birds are being killed for food.

The sportsman has long realized the need of protective measures, but the farmer has only recently learned to appreciate the full value of birds as insect destroyers. Cheap guns, lax laws, the mania for collecting and shooting, and more especially the enormous demands for the market and millinery trade, are responsible for this reduction of bird life.

The league of American sportsmen was organized for the purpose of creating in every state and territory a well organized standing army of game protectors, which shall secure the enactment of more stringent general laws, which shall see that lawlessness is punished, which shall discourage game slaughter, and protect the wild creatures that still remain.

At present the league has working divisions in twenty-four states, and in two provinces in Canada, the membership including the governors of several states, members of congress, presidents of colleges, judges, etc. The league has been very prominent in securing the passage of the Lacey bill, which is considered to be the greatest victory ever achieved in the interest of game and song bird protection.

in all the large cities watching for any violation of the Lacey law, which imposes a penalty of \$200 for every infraction of said law.

The league of American sportsmen does not wish to curb sport in any way. It believes in a reasonably filled game-bag, but considers that the killing of game and the taking of fish should be limited by law, not only as to seasons, but that the bag of one man for a day and for a season should be defined by law. The league has rendered efficient service in ascertaining the fact that seven of the hotels in New York, and several game dealers, had been selling game in closed season, and has secured from them written pledges to stop violating the game laws.

The people of the country are becoming satisfied that some organized measures must be taken to preserve the feathered tribes which inhabit our woods from the wicked and ignorant slaughter which bids fair to render some varieties of our birds extinct species.

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