A SPONGELESS SLATE.

Novel Invention of a Young Woman School-Teacher for the Benefit of the Pupils.

Miss Emma Levi, a teacher of one of the lower grades in the Eagle school, has invented a slate which is intended to eliminate the sponge as a part of the school furniture. And upon the tests made by the authorities there is little doubt of the slate coming into general use in the Cleveland schools, says the Plain Dealer.

Miss Levi, in telling of her invention, says: "I am sure that it will fulfill the purposes for which it was invented. As long as I have been in the profession the sponge for slates has been one of the things which made it unpleasant. Long before the germ theory was advanced and the sponge condemned because of the scattering of disease through it, I reached the conclusion that it could not but have an undesirable influence upon the health of the school children.

"I first tried to find an eraser which would take the place of the sponge, and not need water. Here I found that I was against physical laws, and that the slate is so porous that, while its surface appears to be smooth, under a microscope it can be seen that the use of a slate in writing exercises depends upon the porousness, and that the only way to thoroughly clean them is by the application of water.

"Finally another problem presented itself, which led to the solution of both it and the sponge difficulty. I observed, as have all teachers, that it was practically impossible to use the slate on dark days, which are most numerous in Cleveland. Most school-rooms have no means of artificial lighting, and on cloudy days the effect of having the slates outside the desks was to make the rooms even more gloomy, as putting the eyes of the children in jeopardy. We got orders one day not to use the slates on these dark days, but to allow them to study from their books. This gave me the idea of a white slate, and was the beginning of my research along that line.

"My first object was to produce a slate which would be white, and which could be cleaned readily. When I found such a slate, or possibly it is a misnomer to call it a slate, as it is in reality a substitute for the slate, I then believed that the time had come to get rid of the sponge in the schools.

"I worked until I secured a composition which would have a glazed surface, and then turned my attention to a pencil which would have an affinity for the surface, and its marks still be readily removed. The pencil, by the way, was not the least of the difficulties, but at last I have a pencil and a slate which will go together and eliminate both the difficulty in regard to unsanitary sponges and the darkening effect of the slate.

"Since I have finished the slate I find that it has an advantage over the other slates in the matter of teaching writing, and the free arm movement which is taught in our schools can be acquired from the first over its glazed surface—a thing which has been impossible with the old slate."

An ordinance granting a 25 year's franchise to the Pacific States Telegraph & Telephone Company, was passed by the Portland city council. The company made many concessions from the terms of its original proposed franchise. It agrees to pay the $600 a year license tax, $1000 per year for the franchise, to maintain a first-class fire alarm telephone system and to place the wires underground within the fire limits.

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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"Is it true we're made of dust, auntie?" "Yes, dear." "Then why don't we turn muddy when we drink?"—Sketch.

"Miss Smilax out? Didn't she get my note this morning?" "Shure, sor, I thought it was a bill from the face she made."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Eyebright—"Well, I've got to begin wearing glasses." Skidmore—"Troubled with your eyes?" Eyebright—"Certainly. Didn't think I was going to move to Boston did you?"—Town Topics.

Taking No Chances.—Boarder—"Are you sure, Bridget, that there are no toadstools among these mushrooms?" Servant—"I don't know, sor. They was bought for the missus' table, but she told me to try them on th' boarders first."—Boston Herald.

Oh He Went.—"Oh, my!" exclaimed the deadbeat, who had been ostentatiously fishing for his fare. "I've lost my last nickel. I'm not as well off as I thought I was." "No," replied the wise conductor, as he rang the bell to stop, "but you're really better off."—Philadelphia Press.

Guff—"I thought you said if he insulted you you'd strike him quick as lightning." Bluff—"I did say that, didn't I?" Guff—"Yes, you did, and although he called you a liar and a thief you haven't struck him yet." Bluff—"Well—er—you never heard of lightning striking at this season of the year, did you?"—Catholic Standard and Times.

An Irish judge of the old school, in a recent summing up at the Four Courts, Dublin, created a great effect. The plaintiff was even more beautiful than her beautiful daughter, who was a witness. "Gentlemen of the jury," his lordship began, "everything in this case seems plain—except Mrs. O'Toole and her charming daughter."—London News.

TROUBLED BY RAIN OF STEEL.

Singular Annoyances to Which Some Pennsylvania People Are Subjected.

The farmers up in Rockhill township, in the vicinity of Perkasie, are wishing they could wear armor-proof clothing, and all because of the steel rain that has been causing them to seek shelter at all hours of the day. It has been exceedingly dangerous for a peaceful, quiet-loving agriculturist up in this region to go out into his fields, says a Doylestown correspondent of the Philadelphia North American.

The commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the instance of John P. Elkins, attorney general, has filed a bill of equity here to restrain the Rockhill Industrial company, of which Henry Freed is superintendent, from filling the air with flying missiles of steel, weighing anywhere from half a pound up to 25 pounds. A preliminary injunction has been granted.

The defendant company was organized to crush and break up steel and iron castings, so that they may be handled by the various steel companies. These "scraps" weigh sometimes 20 or 30 tons, and are shipped to Rockhill by the Reading railway. There they are unloaded and taken to the industrial works. Of course, the breaking up of the "scraps" could not be allowed in a populous community, because of the very great danger from flying missiles. The blasting out of the steel requires heavy charges of dynamite, and the pieces are thrown for distances of nearly a mile over the surrounding country.

The pieces of steel to be separated are placed in a pit, and a charge fixed in a hole drilled in the metal. The custom used to be to blow a whistle when a blast was to be made, so that the farmers who were out plowing or reaping could hunt a tree to hide behind. The horses had to take their chances. But this whistle blowing was given up, and the first notice the unwary farmer had was when he heard a peculiarly weird, whizzing noise that accompanies the flight of the projectiles through the air. The things came so fast that it was utterly useless to try to get out of the way, and there have been a good many farmers up there who have had ten-pound steel weights dropping within a couple of feet of them and being buried four or five feet in the ground.

And the storekeepers, too, have troubles of their own. Every once in awhile there is a tremendous rattle of crockery, and a lot of dishes piled up on the shelves are hurled to the floor—and all because of the concussion caused by the explosion. The fact is that some of the storekeepers are so much wrought up over the losses they sustain from these crockery breakages that they are thinking of going into some other business.

BEST OF RUSSIAN SINGERS.

Monks Whose Voices Are Capable of Shattering an Ordinary Glass.

Russia boasts of the world's greatest choir. It is in the cathedral of Alexander Nevoski, in St. Petersburg, and is attached to a convent erected in honor of the patron saint of Russia. Its members, of whom there are about 30, are all monks, and are chosen from the best voices in all the Russian monasteries, says a London paper.

When a fine singer appears among the novitiates he is sent to the monastery of Alexander Nevoski, where he is trained as carefully as an opera singer, and remains there doing nothing except assisting at the music at mass in the morning and vespers in the afternoon, until he becomes aged, when he is retired on a pension. Some of the voices are of marvelous strength and sweetness, and it is said that every man in the choir can shatter an ordinary glass into fragments by singing into it, so powerful are the vibrations of his tones.

The monks are all vegetarians. They never eat meat. The rules of the Russian church forbid them to shave, and their hair is worn like a woman's. Unlike ordinary monks, they are fastidious about their appearance, and put up their hair and whiskers in papers every night, so that they are wavy and curly.

If you take this paper and The Weekly Oregonian you won't have to beg your news.

The duel in the dark was a favorite with duelists. Two men were locked in a dark room and crawled stealthily from corner to corner, until some false step made one of them the target for bullet or blade.

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"I was suffering very much with my head and stomach," writes Mrs. W. C. Gill, of Wellington, Shelby Co., Ala., "head was so dizzy when I would raise up in bed would fall right back. Could eat but very little, in fact scarcely anything, there seemed to be a heavy weight in my stomach so I could not rest. I had to belch very often and would vomit up nearly everything I ate. I was in a bad condition. I took four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and five of his 'Favorite Prescription' and am now well and hearty. I feel like a new woman and give Dr. Pierce's medicines credit for it all. I had taken medicine from physicians without any benefit as I could see."

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Sherman county farmers report some of their grain damaged by the recent cold spell in places where the snow was blown off, but in this county no damage is reported.—Dalles Times-Mountaineer.

Farmers from the wheat belt north, northwest and northeast of Pendleton were interviewed by the Pendleton Tribune regarding the condition of wheat as it appears since the late freeze. They are of the opinion universally that considerable damage has been done, but differ as to the amount. Some think that the grain where not covered with snow is almost wholly killed. Others say the damage is less than 50 per cent. Much of the ground will be resown.

There is trouble brewing for the Chinese cooks in Baker City. A branch of the Cooks' and Waiters' Union has been organized, and it is stated that one of the first moves will be to call upon the proprietors of hotels and restaurants to discharge their Chinese cooks and employ white men. Most of the cooks employed in that city are Chinamen. White cooks are scarce, so when the order is issued for the expulsion of the Celestials trouble is expected.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE at The Dalles, Oregon, January 13, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Vawter Crawford, County Clerk, at Heppner, Oregon, on Monday, February 24, 1902, viz: JOHN CONNOR, of Hardman, Ore. Homestead entry No. 4417, for the NE¼, NW¼ NW¼, N½ of lots 3 and 4, sec. 31, Tp. 3 S., R. 25 E., W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Harrison Chapin, W. H. Hicks, J. H. Walker and J. C. Walker, all of Hardman, Oregon. 1-30-74 JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE at The Dalles, Ore., January 11, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before Vawter Crawford, County Clerk, at Heppner, Oregon, on Monday, February 24, 1902, viz: MARTHA B. GRAY, of Heppner, Ore. Homestead entry No. 5452, for the W½ SE¼, Sec. 1 and W½ NE¼, sec. 11, T. 4 S., R. 25 E., W. M. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Louis Farrand, Hector H. Noble, Heppner, Or.; Silas Wright, Hardman, Or.; H. A. Thompson, Heppner, Oregon. 5-5-74 JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE at The Dalles, Ore., January 7, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to commute and make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Vawter Crawford, County Clerk of Morrow County, at Heppner, Oregon, on Saturday, March 8, 1902, viz: STANFORD HOWELL, of Hardman, Ore. Homestead entry No. 5436, for the SE¼ SW¼, S½ SE¼ and NE¼ SE¼, Sec. 31, Tp. 3 S., R. 25 E., W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Selling, Benjamin Duncan, Charles Baker and Harrison Chapin, all of Hardman, Oregon. 5-5-76 JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE at La Grande, Oregon, Jan. 24, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Morrow County, Oregon, at Heppner, Oregon, on March 11, 1902, viz: Homestead entry No. 5084, by WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON, of Lexington, Ore. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: [illegible] E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

[illegible] VAWTER CRAWFORD, Clerk.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, Executor of the estate of [illegible] deceased, has filed his final account with the County Clerk of Morrow County, Oregon, as the place for the settlement of said final account and [illegible] thereof. [illegible] Executor of the Estate of Peter Gleason, Deceased. [illegible] Attorney for Executor. 5-1-74

CITATION.

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