

Becomes State Land Agent.

Salem, Or., July 31—Governor Chamberlain today appointed Oswald West, of Astoria, State Land Agent to succeed J. W. Morrow, who tendered his resignation in order to accept a position more to his liking. The appointment of West is to take effect September 1. Mr. West, the new appointee, was raised and educated in this city, and for a number of years he'd the position of teller in the Ladd & Bush Bank. For more than a year past he has held a similar position in the First National Bank in Astoria, and is secretary of the Astoria regatta committee.

Mr. Morrow, it is understood, will accept the position of tax commissioner with the O. R. & N. West is a Democrat, and was a strong supporter of Governor Chamberlain in the last campaign.

Growth of Our Railroads.

From a little wooden track over which the first locomotive had its trial in 1829, the railroad systems of the United States have grown to such an extent that the tracks if placed together would extend eight times around the world. There is also a wonderful growth behind the celebrated Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It was first presented over fifty years ago, and during those years has made such an unequalled record of cures that today finds it foremost in its class as a reliable family medicine. It will cure sick headache, belching, heartburn, indigestion, constipation, and malaria, fever and ague. Hundreds have so testified and we therefore urge you to try it. The genuine must have our Private Stamp over the neck of each bottle.

Plans for a rebellion in Cuba have been discovered and drastic measures taken to head it off.

Work on the Tacoma Eastern railroad has been suspended on account of the scarcity of men.

Death Penalty.

A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cuts or puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best Salve on earth and will prevent fatality, when Burns, Sores, Ulcers and Piles threaten. Only 25c. at Slocum Drug Co.

William Smith, of Geneva, N. Y., a millionaire nurseryman, will build and endow a college for women, one building of which will cost \$150,000.

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The wrecked coal mine at Hanna in which over 200 men were killed, is full of water below the 20th level, and nearly all the bodies are in the immersed levels.

End of Bitter Fight.

"Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an abscess on my right lung" writes J. F. Hughes of Du Pont, Ga. "and gave me up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. The benefit I received was striking and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I've entirely regained my health." It conquers all Coughs, Colds and Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed by Slocum Drug Co. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

A field of fall-sown wheat at Independence, Or., consisting of 100 acres averages six feet in height, and will yield 60 bushels per acre.

Suicide Prevented.

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide has been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent the condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nerve will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great Stomach, Liver and Kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Slocum Drug Co.

ILLITERACY OF IMMIGRANTS.

Portuguese and Southern Italians Rank Lower Than People of Other Nations.

An estimate has been made by the immigration bureau of the illiteracy of our immigrants according to their various nationalities, says *Quinton's Magazine*. So much is heard of the strictness and efficiency of German schools that most persons would think the German immigrant would rank first; that new-comers from the fatherland would have the smallest percentage of adults who can neither read nor write. In fact, the German immigrants rank neither first, second nor third. The Scotch and the Scandinavians come out far ahead of all others in educational qualifications for intelligent citizenship, only one per cent. of their number being in the illiterate class. The English, Finns and Moravians come next with two per cent. of their number illiterate; the Irish and Welsh three per cent.; Germans, Swiss and French, four per cent.; Japanese five per cent.; Dutch six per cent. Then the percentage of poorly educated immigrants takes a sudden leap upward. The Italians from the north part of their country and the Magyars have 12 per cent. of illiterates; the Hebrews 18 per cent.; Russians 21 per cent.; Greeks 23 per cent.; Slovaks 26 per cent.; Roumanians 29 per cent.; Polish 32 per cent.; Dalmatian, Bosnian and Servian 31 per cent.; Croatian and Slavonian 37 per cent.; Lithuanian 40 per cent.; Syrian 44 per cent.; Rutherfordian 48 per cent.; Portuguese and Italians from south Italy 49 per cent. It may be remarked that a number of our states could not make any better showing than is made by immigrants from several nationalities mentioned.

A PHILOSOPHICAL TRAMP.

Carried His Household with Him and Resented the Intrusiveness of an Officer.

What seemed to be a thieving tramp, but what turned out to be merely a stoic philosopher seeking light, air and pleasure, drifted into Macon from the north a few days ago. "On his back," says the Macon Republican, "was strapped a rifle, a small tent, provision bag, coffee pot and tiny oil stove. His garments were frayed and dirt-covered, but he whiffed a cob pipe cheerfully and walked with a sprightly gait. As he rounded the courthouse corner Deputy Turner ran out and hailed him.

"Look here! Where'd you get all them things?" he demanded.

"The traveling household looked the questioner squarely in the eye.

"Buy'd 'em. What's it to you, anyway?"

"A good deal. Maybe you stole 'em. I'm an officer."

"Well, my friend, you don't look like one. You'll have to show me."

"The deputy had to go back in the office and get his star, and then the wanderer gave an account of himself. He said he was alone in the world, and had started from Dakota and would keep on till he reached Florida, where it was warmer! Robert Glass was the name he gave, and his age as 50.

"I don't see anything funny about my way of doing," he said. "It's the cheapest on earth when time's no object. And it ain't with me. I've got the money to go on the steam cars if I want to, tapping his pants pocket, but I don't like their noise and rush. Excitement don't agree with me. When I find a good camping ground I set up my tent, put things on to cook and eat with an appetite. I go to bed when I feel like it and get up the same way. I don't bother around farmers' barns and houses because I've got my shelter and grub right along here, and when I get out I stop in town and buy more at the stores like a white man."

"Guess the reason people think I'm a funny kind of a tramp is because I don't 'pushhandle' my way. If I hadn't been carrying my own commissary and stuff along you wouldn't a-stopped me, would you?"

"Guess not. But you see, you look like a fellow that's raided somebody's house and cleaned him out."

"Of course. And if I'd been going along with my hands in my pockets waiting for a chance to steal, you wouldn't a said a word, 'cause that's the way all of 'em do." Now, if you're through with me I'll just move on because the further I get away from this infernal cold climate the better it'll suit your humble servant."

"And this innovation in trampdom shook hands with the deputy and headed for a railroad track running in the direction of the land where the magnolia and alligator sing the song of eternal summer."

A FATAL OMISSION.

Mother Overlooked an Important Item in Posting Her Loving Daughter.

The mother's suspicions were aroused, and that night when the young man left the house and the daughter came upstairs she interviewed her, relates the Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Elizabeth," she said, sternly, "didn't I hear Mr. Simply kissing you

in the drawing-room as I came along the hall?"

"No, mamma, you didn't," responded the dear girl, emphatically.

"Well, didn't he try to kiss you?" persisted the mother.

"Yes, mamma," demurely.

The mother spoke triumphantly.

"I knew it," she said. "Did you permit him to do so?"

"No, mamma, I did not. I told him you had always impressed upon me that I should not permit any young man to kiss me."

"That was right—that was right, my dear," said the mother, encouragingly.

"And what did he say to that?"

The girl blushed, but was undaunted.

"He asked me if you had ever told me I was not to kiss a young man."

The mother began to realize that possibly she had omitted a vital link in the chain of her instructions.

"What did you tell him?" she asked, nervously.

"I said I didn't remember if you had."

The girl stopped and the mother broke out, urgently:

"Well, go on—go on."

"I guess that's what you heard, mother," and the daughter waited for the storm to burst.

New England Dish.

An old-fashioned New England dish is made by boiling green peas and new potatoes together. Boil the peas for 20 minutes, then add the potatoes, which should be small; put in a teaspoonful of salt, and boil 20 minutes longer. Pour off the water, add a teaspoonful of butter, a cupful of cream or rich milk, heat through, and serve. —N. Y. Post.

How Nice of Him.

Blossom—Well, I have found that Mr. Geldsky returns your love in full. Flossie—Oh, isn't that delightful. Then I'll have the fun of giving it to somebody else. I was really afraid the selfish thing was going to keep it.—Baltimore American.

Assumed at the Altar.

Tess—She's traveling under an assumed name now.

Jess—You don't say so! What is it? "Her husband's. She was married yesterday."—Modern Science.

A Noble Aspiration.

Bibbs—I should like to be a philanthropist.

Gibbs—Why?

"I need the money."—Smart Set.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The equator of Mars is inclined to the plane of its orbit about 25 degrees. That of the earth is inclined 23 degrees 24 minutes.

It was a Japanese scientist, Prof. Kitazo, famous as a microscopist, who discovered that the long, narrow lockjaw germ lives in the earth and can only work at its dangerous trade when buried deep in a wound where no air can reach it.

Capt. Scott, with the Discovery, has penetrated 100 miles nearer the south pole than any previous explorer, and discovered an extensive mountainous region, hitherto absolutely unknown. He thinks this indicates that land stretches to the pole in a series of very lofty mountains.

Dr. Dempf, the head of the German malaria expedition to New Guinea, announces that he has discovered an aquatic insect which destroys the anopheles mosquito, and that he proposes to cultivate the creature artificially in the hope of exterminating the mosquito, thereby exterminating malaria.

Eye strain, usually unsuspected, Dr. George M. Gould attributes much of human misery. He finds evidence that it was indirectly responsible for the opium habit of Le Guiney, caused the morbid condition and breakdown of Carlyle, and gave Browning his headaches and vertigo. Printing books in white ink on black paper is a suggested means for lessening eye strain.

Burge and Precht, Reine Scientific, have classified radium by the spectroscopy. The most intense lines of the spectrum of radium are rigorously analogous to the strongest lines of barium and its congeners magnesium, calcium and strontium. They place the atomic weight of radium at 227.8. This high atomic weight furnishes in part the explanation of the ease with which its elements split into electrons to produce radioactivity.

Ozonizing apparatus for vitalizing the atmosphere of the sick chamber may become a necessary part of the physician's outfit. Dr. J. E. S. Barnes, an English medical man, reports having used the ozonizer in a severe case of pneumonia complicated with pleurisy, and the result was an immediate and important change in the air of the room, which was followed by rapid improvement of the patient's condition. Ozonizers are being used also for bettering the air of factories.

Entry Tales in Danger.

If that long-distance wireless electric photography proves a success, says the Chicago Record-Herald, many a choice stock of fairy tales will be put out of business.

English Workmen Gamble.

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