



In the good old days the sexton announced a death in the community by a stroke on the church bell for every year of the life that was gone. People expected, then, to live to old age, and speculation at the first tap of the bell took a narrow range including only those who had lived the allotted time. There is no reason why people should not have the same expectancy of age to-day, except for the neglect and abuse of the one organ on which all the other organs depend—the stomach.

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The Good Old Oregon.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Rear-Admiral Evans, Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic fleet, who recently made a cruise from Yokohama to Honolulu, says the cruiser squadron, which made 12½ knots, was obliged to drop the collier, because it was deficient in speed, and that the battleships could have increased the speed a knot or a knot and a half. As to the performance of the battleships under trying conditions of weather in the great Pacific swells, the Admiral has this to say:

"Heavy swells with practically no wind, continued from the fourth day out until the third day before arriving at Honolulu, and I doubt whether at any time during my experience of 42 years I have seen swells so uniformly high as was experienced. I estimate that the height from the crest to hollow of the waves for about three days of this run, ranged as high as 30 feet, and the general average height of the swells would be at least 20 feet. The behavior of the battleships during this weather was particularly good and their speed practically not at all hampered. The Oregon, considering her age and design, acted particularly well throughout the passage. During the entire trip the engines of none of the three battleships was stopped except for about 30 miles during the ceremony attendant on the burial of one of the crew of the Wisconsin.

Secretary Moody complimented the officers and the men of the fleet on the success of the trip.

Gambling in Washington.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 7.—In spite of the fact that the last Legislature passed a law making gambling in Washington a felony, faro bank is being dealt more or less openly in at least two gambling houses in this city, while innumerable black-jack games have been opened. The passage of the felony law, which was confidently expected to end gambling for all time, had the immediate effect of causing an exodus of the gambling fraternity to other fields where the restrictions and penalties were less severe.

The revival of open gambling here, made possible by public indifference, has found the proprietors of the houses without a sufficient number of dealers to handle the games. Orders and transportation have been hurriedly sent to their old time employes, and every train as bringing back members of the sporting fraternity to fill the vacant places at the gambling tables.

The failure of the law to prevent gambling is ascribed largely to the fact that the penalty provided is

too severe. As a general rule public sentiment seems to be against the placing of a man in jail because he bets money upon the turn of a card, and no agitation seems likely to be made against the daring gamblers who are taking a chance of going to the penitentiary by opening up their houses.

New Uniform For Army.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—Since Emperor William saw General's Corbin, Young and Wood in their new uniforms at the German Army maneuvers in September, 1902, the army clothmakers of this country have been experimenting with similar shades and have produced a blend between straw color and light olive green, which will presently be substituted for dark blue throughout the army as the uniforms of privates and noncommissioned officers.

The cloth has been tested for a year under service conditions, for wear and cleanliness. It was found in the last Summer maneuvers that the new uniforms were scarcely distinguishable at a distance from dry stubble or grass. It will be three or four years before the present uniforms entirely disappear, as the government has upwards of 3,000,000 old uniforms in stock, though the greater part of these have been seen service.

The German government is the largest ready made clothes manufacturer in the world, turning out 600,000 to 800,000 uniforms a year, the exact number depending on the weather.

In Favor of Tillamook.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—The Senate committee on commerce today favorably reported Senator Mitchell's bill to establish a life saving station at the entrance of Tillamook Bay and also reported Senator Foster's bill establishing a similar station at Cape Flattery, Wash.

In addition, the committee reported Foster's bill permitting vessels of less than 30 tons register to engage in commerce between the islands of British Columbia and ports on the North Pacific and his bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to fix the salaries of Deputy Collectors of Customs at Seattle and Tacoma is not to exceed \$2500. The committee ordered favorable reports on the following extra bills:

For an immigration station at San Francisco, costing not more than \$200,000; establishing a life saving station at the entrance of Tillamook Bay, Or.; allowing foreign goods to be received in ports adjacent to Canada and Mexico in vessels of less than 30 tons; exempting the clothing of seamen from attachment.

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Makes Assignment.

Pendleton, Oregon, January 6.—C. B. Wade, cashier of the First National Bank, of Pendleton, and one of the most prominent men in the state, today assigned his property to W. F. Matlock and T. C. Taylor, for the benefit of the creditors. It is estimated that Wade failed for \$200,000, although W. F. Mat-

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lock, one of the trustees does not believe the liabilities will exceed \$150,000. Wade has resigned his position.

Wade has been a heavy investor in Eastern Oregon mines, and, it is stated, the heavy drain of unproductive properties has occasioned his embarrassment. His friends state that his financial troubles are only temporary.

An Important Case.

The following clipping was handed the GAZETTE by Geo. Swaggart, of this city. The article was taken from the Times, of Trenton, Mo., and in itself is explanatory:

"Last Saturday, Judge J. W. Alexander, of Gallatin, handed down an opinion in an interesting land case from the forks of the river which he has had under advisement since last July and which involved the title to 160 acres of very good land. The facts are about these:

"Away back in 1851, James Austin deeded this land to Cynthia Clark, for and during her natural life, remainder in fee to the heirs of her body. This means, so the court holds, that Cynthia Clark was to have the land as long as she lived, and, then, it was to go to her children. Afterwards, in 1865, Cynthia Clark sold her interest in this land to William B. Tabor.

"Then, Cynthia Clark, whose husband had died leaving her and her children surviving him, went with her children to the Pacific Slope. They crossed the plains and winded around the mountains with an ox team.

"Cynthia Clark lived until September of last year, dying at Heppner, Oregon.

"Then her children and grandchildren at once returned to Missouri, and claimed this land. They claim it by reason of the deed from James Austin. It seems that the heirs of Cynthia Clark had safely kept all ancient documents pertaining to the land, with a view of claiming it at their mother's death. The heirs of Cynthia Clark claim that they believed that those occupying the land were occupying it only as life tenants under Cynthia Clark.

"But, however that may be, it seems that Mr. Tabor to whom Cynthia Clark had conveyed her life estate, made an additional claim to the land. In 1869, Mr. Tabor instituted a court proceeding in which he sought to secure to himself the absolute title to the land, and, to exclude the claim of the Clark heirs.

"Those who occupy the land claim that the proceeding thus instituted by Mr. Tabor is a legal one. It is these conflicting claims that Judge Alexander decided. The Clark heirs claimed eight tenths of the land, there being ten of the heirs and two of them having sold their interests in it.

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