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## PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF WYOMING.

Some writer has said that no portion of the globe is at this time so full of mighty possibilities, or rich in promises for the future, as the broad stretch of rich territory lying west of the Mississippi, and this assertion comes as near the truth as a newspaper man dare get. But a few years ago this portion of the Union was, very appropriately, termed a wilderness. The coyote squatting in the shelter of the umbrageous sage tree sang his tuneful lay, and the cactus stood sadly in the midst of the wide expanse of country known as the Laramie plains, with no human being to love it and cherish it—and sit down on it. The very thought of an orphan cactus being doomed to sit in eternal silence, with no kind word or look for centuries, with no picnic party and no soft-eyed young man with ice-cream pants on to come and nestle lovingly down upon its fuzzy bosom, is sad enough to draw tears from the eyes of Bob Ingersoll himself—at the usual Star Route price. Until lately, too, the Westerner who ventured across the Missouri river, was looked upon as a curiosity, and the people watched him with apprehension for fear he might be loaded. Within the last half score of years, however, the West, particularly this portion of it, has waltzed to the front and demanded recognition among the countries of the world, and got it too. \* \* \*

The only objection to farming on the plains is that the land comes pretty high—about 8,000 feet. The assertion, however, that there is always a sea breeze blowing at that elevation, just moving the leaves of the trees and blowing the cellars out from under the houses occasionally, is false. True, sometimes a whisper of wind springs up on the starboard jib and blows about due west by galley-west for an hour or two, but nothing heavier than corner lots with big mortgages on them have been blown away that we ever heard of.

Raising cattle is Wyoming's chief industry at this writing. With a good branding iron the humble ranchman can get up a pretty nice little herd in a few years. One man who went into the cattle business up in the Sweetwater four or five years ago, with an I. C. mule and a healthy branding iron, is now worth a million. He carried a charcoal furnace with him, and had the brand tied to a rope. He kept the iron hot, and could throw it so as to leave his brand on every maverick he saw, if he could get within twenty yards of it. He just branded all the cattle he could find every spring and let nature take her course.

"I tell you, pard," said old Jimmy Cannon, the guide, to the writer recently, "the West has lost its romance. Only a little while ago, it seemed to me, where once there was nothing but the whoop of the Indian and the song of the six-shooter, now there are railroads and churches, and commercial men, and high schools, and three-card monte men, and lecturers, and daily newspapers, and, every little while, a natural death. Why, within the last two months, if the blasted papers tell the truth, several men have died in Wyoming of disease. I tell you it looks as though us old-timers would have to move away. When we have to wait for lingering disease to snuff us out, its time to light out for the frontier."—*Laramie Boomerang.*

In his speech at the reunion of the survivors of John H. Morgan's command in Lexington, Ky., General Basil W. Duke concluded as follows: "We often hear it said that the men of both sides believed they were right. This plea may be regarded as sufficient. But I am sometimes inclined to believe that, paradoxical as it may sound, both sides were right, and that history will so declare."

## The Salmon Disease.

An interesting lecture was recently delivered by Professor Huxley at the fisheries-exhibition congress upon the disease which makes such ravages among freshwater fish, particularly the salmon, and sometimes in the form of an epidemic. This disease, which is marked by the appearance of whiteish patches on the skin of the fish, is attended with great mortality. In the last five years from 2,000 to 4,000 diseased fish have been taken out of the Tweed, and a like number from the Eden every year. Last year as many as 600 diseased salmon were taken out of a small river like the Leme. On the east coast a few cases have appeared in the Coquet, but none in the Wear. On the Tyne the disease is almost unknown among clean salmon, but it is common with kelts and dace. It may be said that there has been practically no epidemic outbreak in the eastern rivers south of the Tweed. The eccentric course of the epidemic, however, is shown in the fact that on the west coast the state of affairs is totally different, it having made its appearance more and more to the south, until last season it broke out in the Esk and Wye. The disease is due to the fungus *saprolegnia ferax*, which abounds in Irish waters, living on decaying organic matter but having also the property of attacking living organic matter, so that the wonder is that salmon are not always diseased. Professor Huxley pointed out that it was desirable to ascertain the nature of the influences whereby the widespread sporadic disease suddenly assumes an epidemic character. On this point we have very little light at present, for although there is considerable reason for thinking that deficient oxygenation, whether produced by overcrowding or otherwise, may favor the production of the disease, and though it is probable that some kinds of pollutions may favor it, yet the disease sometimes becomes epidemic under conditions in which these two predisposing causes are excluded. The productiveness of a salmon river is not necessarily interfered with by even a severe epidemic, and therefore Professor Huxley's opinion was that on the whole it were better not to attempt to extirpate the diseased fish.—*Scientific American.*

The old ship *New Orleans* is soon to be sold at auction. The house which was built over it at Sackett's Harbor, at the close of the war of 1812, was blown down three years ago, and since then the vessel has been the sport of storms. To-day it stands a sad, weather-beaten object, awaiting its final destruction at the fall of the auctioneer's hammer. Many of its timbers have walked off in the shape of canes. The ship was built in sixty days from the time the timber stood in the forest, and would have been launched in thirty more had not peace been declared. All the rigging was conveyed at great expense and under difficulties from this city. There was no railroad, and the government road that ran in and out of Sackett's Harbor was a very rude affair. The anchor chain of the *New Orleans* weighed from 6,000 to 8,000 pounds, and was carried from Utica on the shoulders of 300 men, who traced their way by means of blazed trees. She was built as a countermeasure on Lake Ontario for the British ship *St. Lawrence*.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Noah's ark has been discovered near the summit of Mt. Ararat. Now that this interesting relic has actually been found it is in order for inquisitive people to stop asking questions as to its capacity and how all the animals had room. There's the ark: you can see for yourself.

The present dry season in Oregon and Washington furnishes texts for eastern papers to prove that droughts are not occasioned by the absence of forests.

## Women at Prize Fights.

Women are gradually coming to know their rights and maintain them. The latest and most significant illustration of this was found in Pennsylvania a day or two ago, where a prize fight was stopped and the spectators dispersed by a body of women, who, armed with knives and pistols, made a dash at the ring. Fastidious dames and damsels may shudder at the thought of the weapons of ruffianism being handled by women, but the raiders probably knew, as do most people who know the class which attends prize fights, that nothing less persuasive than steel and lead would have effect. Besides, the spectators were the husbands, sons, brothers or sweethearts of the raiders, and unless thoroughly cowed they would have made life miserable for the women who attempted to dissuade them from such a deliciously brutal diversion as a prize fight. Brutal men need man-taming women, such as sometimes operate successfully in the higher walks of life, and, if the women succeed, the public will forgive them for the use of means which, like knives and pistols, are not exactly the things which no lady should be without.

The system of peonage still exists in Mexico. In case of debt the debtor's personal services, or wages earned from another employer, belong to his creditors until the debt is paid; but it has been modified of late years, so that it does not apply to debts over \$10. If a man trusts another more than that sum, he does so at his own peril, if he has no property. He can command his services up to \$10 worth, but no farther. The old life-servitude is thus done away with, to a great extent, although many of the lower classes manage to keep perpetually in debt, and, consequently, practically slaves. The law, whether it be good or bad, is executed in Mexico.



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It may be interesting to Dr. Hammond to learn that the brain of a circus employe, who died recently, was found to weigh fifty-six ounces, the same size as that of the first Napoleon and of Daniel Webster.

## MOTHERS, READ.

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