

The Daily Astorian.

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In another column is published in full the fishery bill introduced by state senator Gray. It is not likely that the bill in its present form will pass.

Now that the United States government has, by statute, virtually prohibited and put down the manufacture of oleomargarine, does the state of Oregon need the continuance of the present office of dairy commissioner?

THOS. WATSON, of San Francisco has been sentenced to the state prison for six years by a wise and upright judge. Tom stole ten cents. That was his crime. His mistake was in not killing a man. Then he would have got off with a severe reprimand.

FRANCE now has a total debt of about \$7,200,000, or twice as large as that of the United States at the close of the war, and six times as large as our present interest-bearing debt. The French debt is nearly \$200 per head of her population, while that of the United States is less than \$20 per head. There is an interest charge of \$140,000,000 a year, beside annuities and other burdens not clearly stated, amounting to nearly as much more. The annual revenue wrung from the people is \$660,000,000, and yet that is insufficient to meet the necessities of the government.

BOULANGER, who will be the biggest French general next to Napoleon if he lives to beat Germany, is working hard to prepare the victory which many Frenchmen are prophesying. His last investment is in 200,000 shells loaded with melinite, the new explosive invented by two French officers, who guard the secret jealously. The principal component of the new shatterer is ether, and it is said to be ten times more powerful than nitro-glycerine and dynamite, and as many times again more destructive than gunpowder. Near Bourges, 83,000 francs have been spent in erecting three specimens of the most valuable sort of defensive works, one being block asphalt and flint, measuring 12 meters at the base and 3 at the top. Shells filled with melinite are to go into these blocks and blow them to atoms, as evidences of their ability to destroy anything that exists in Germany. Another discovery yet to be proven is an explosive for use in ordinary firearms which makes no smoke and would be useful to sharpshooters.

ORDERS have been sent by the secretary of the treasury to San Francisco directing the immediate refitting of the Bear for cruising in the waters of Behring sea. The rumors that the government would not continue to vigorously enforce the law prohibiting the killing of fur seals in Alaskan waters, are unfounded. Energetic action in the line of last year's work will be repeated during the forthcoming season. The revenue cutter Bear will be followed by the Corwin, and the joint cruising of these vessels is expected to sweep every seal pirate from Behring sea. The treasury department, in this matter, simply carries out the law. The state department is now considering the claims of Great Britain as to whether or not international law in this matter has been violated. All the precedents and the history of Russian control and ownership are now under review. The right and title to Russia to exclusive jurisdiction over the waters of Behring sea from 1745 up to 1867, when she sold part of her claim to the United States, is a very strong one, well guarded and fortified by the terms of all her treaty stipulations with this government in 1824, with Great Britain in 1825, later in 1841, and finally with this govern-

ment again in 1867. Any statement that the state department will carelessly surrender the rights and title acquired by the purchase of Alaska by the United States is irresponsible and groundless.

When Ladies Give Flowers.

All yellow roses mean coquetry, writes an esthetic young woman in the Chicago News. White roses mean silence, withered white roses despair, pink roses bashfulness, and moss roses love. Stripped of its thorns a rose says: "Everything to fear." A single rose leaf means, "I fear to presume." The ordinary fern that florists sell means sincerity, but maiden-hair means discretion. A bouquet of tulips is tantamount to a declaration of love. Narcissus means uncertainty, and a girl who wears white hyacinths declares herself frivolous. Hydrangea conveys a reproach for coldness, and ivy is a request for friendship. White lilac stands for platonic love.

Violets, of course, as everybody knows, stand for modesty, and pansies "think of me." A gift of scarlet geranium implies that you think the person to whom you present it is behaving foolishly. Silver leaved geranium means that you will "take it back," and a tuberose declares that you won't "give it away." A little bit of smilax is an entree for confidence. Clematis is considered to convey admiration of intellect. Cedar or evergreen is emblematic of constancy, and common grass means submission.

From Charles II to Victoria I.

It seems hardly credible that any one who has himself died in the jubilee year of Queen Victoria's reign should be the grandson of a man who lived for twelve years under Charles II. Yet this was actually the case with the late Capt. Maude. His grandfather, Sir Robert Maude, was born in 1729, his father, the first Lord Hawarden, in 1763, and he himself in 1798. Thus three generations have covered 213 years, or an average of 71 years to a generation, and have lived under ten sovereigns. The first Lord Hawarden having been born, as stated, in 1729, married in 1777 for his third wife a young lady of 18, who lived to be 92, and died in 1851. There were thus 122 years between the birth of the husband and the death of the wife. Such a case is probably unique.

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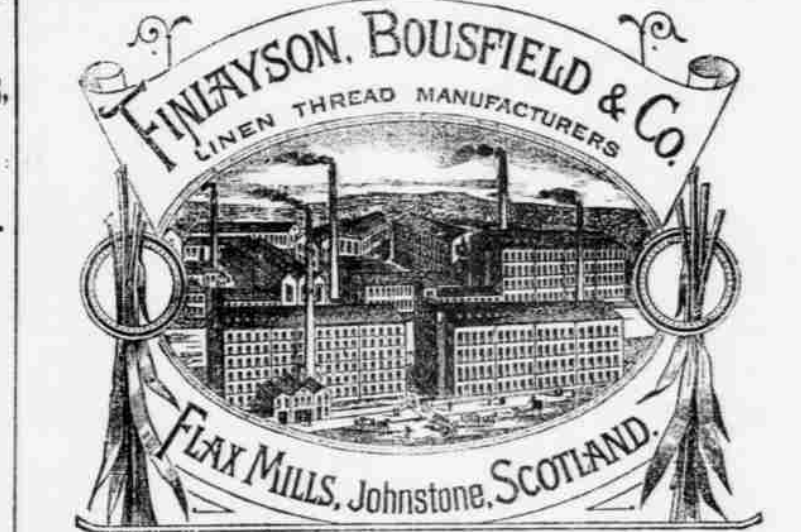
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