

Estimates now made place the corn crop of the United States the present year at not less than two thousand million bushels, which will be the largest ever grown. Of this, poor, bleeding Kansas, erstwhile the home of the populist and of calamity, will have not less than three hundred million bushels, and the crop is now practically safe. Kansas will have more money to lend to New York.

THE KISSING BUG.

It was in the early part of June that the wonderful creature was first heard of. At that time many complaints were made to the police department of Washington by colored women, that a big colored man had stopped them on lonely streets at night and kissed them. In some instances the complainants said that the ruffin had bitten them on the mouth or cheek. The police tried hard to catch the colored man, but were unsuccessful. The policemen were worried, for the complaints continued, and the newspaper men and others began to make fun of the police department. At length as a teaser for the officers a theory was offered that the kissing of the dusky damsels was not done by a human being at all, but by a bug. This notion being duly discussed in Newspaper Row, it was decided to invent the kissing bug, a new entomological terror, and have a little fun with it during the hot spell. Of course, it was necessary to invent a scientific name for the bug, and a gentleman who knows something of Greek invented the name *Melanolestes Picipes*. The vicious work of the bug was first tried on the country through some of the journals most susceptible to fakes, and it took immensely. It made a hit as a warm weather story, and was received in many quarters with serious belief. A few days later the news was that it had been found to be the *Melanolestes*. This clinched the story, and it was believed almost everywhere, except by really scientific men, who knew there was no such insect. No one could have been more astonished than the newspaper men of Washington who started the yarn when they saw reports of the appearance of the kissing bug in the more northern cities sending the victims to the hospitals almost daily. Here was a singular feature of the affair. It was, of course, most singular to the gentlemen who knew that there was no such thing as the kissing bug. It began to appear like something else than simply a hot-weather joke. Pictures of the creature were published in several of the Eastern papers. This picture represents a genuine bug, which is as harmless as a dragon fly, but as dangerous looking, and they gave many people the hot tremors, only to look at them. It was an unexpectedly successful conspiracy to frighten people in the hot weather and cause sleepless nights. The name, *Melanolestes*, which the newspaper men created, is from two Greek words meaning Black Bandt. It is not a word used in etymology, but it was a good one for the occasion. To be sure, it did not do much good to have a kissing bug without also having victims. This was not a hard point. There are insects which bite people, spiders and mosquitos for example, and persons can always be found with sore and swollen lips, and it is not hard for a newspaper man to exaggerate the swelling and make it any desirable size. The story being well established in the national capital,

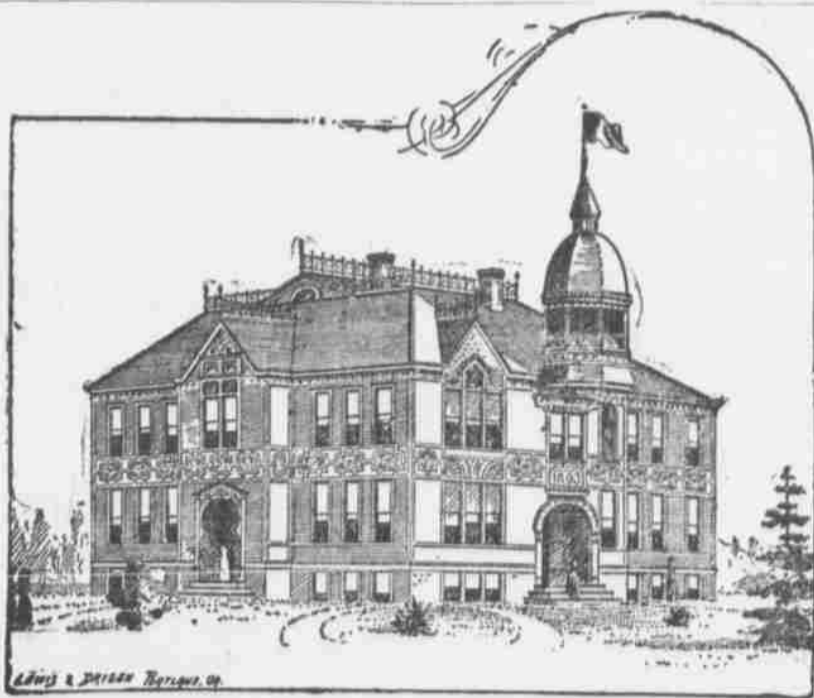
it soon spread over the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean.—Pittsburg dispatch.

Notwithstanding the day of the cayuse horse is past, and he has to get off the earth by the route of abattoir, there is still a demand for good horses at fair prices which neither the electric car nor the automobile is likely to affect. Just now there is a demand for horses in this region which it will take some time to supply. The government wants 2000 cavalry horses, and is searching the whole Pacific coast and going to Texas and east of the Rockies for them. Mr. Henry, who has the contract for the Palmer cut-off of the Northern Pacific railroad, wants 1000 horses. Smyth & Howard, who have a contract on the Seattle water works, have been hunting for teams here, and have secured 20 good horses and want as many more, and there is a constant demand for large, heavy horses for use in logging camps, which are increasing in number. The low price for horses which has ruled for several years and the idea that the day of the horse has passed have had a tendency to check the breeding of good horses, but have not checked the increase of the "cultus" cayuse, which has become a nuisance on the ranges, relief from which is looked for from the slaughter of these animals for shipment to Europe in a pickled condition. There is no probability of an electric car or automobile being adopted for the use of United States cavalry, for grading railroads or for use in logging camps, where the steam engine and wire cable have not taken the place of animals.

The requirements for cavalry horses call for a weight of from 900 to 1000 pounds, height of 14 hands 2 inches to 15 hands 2 inches, age from 5 to 7 years, gelding of any solid color, but perfectly sound and gentle, so as to be easily handled. Such horses, haltered and shod, averaging in cost a little over \$50. It is remarkable how few of those offered come up to the requirements, as often out of lots of 10 not more than three are accepted.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that C. H. Burkholder has been appointed administrator of the estate of J. C. Stouffer, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same to said administrator within six months from the date of this notice, at Cottage Grove, Oregon. Dated this 7th day of August, 1899. JOHN M. WILLIAMS, C. H. BURKHOLDER, Attorney for Estate, Administrator.



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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land office at Roseburg, Oregon, June 27, 1899. 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 Joel Ware, U. S. Commissioner at Eugene, Oregon, on August 14, 1899, viz: John Gray on H. E. No. 6993 for the Lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, sec. 32, T. 21 S., R. 2 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph Perkins, John B. Mosby, William Champion, John Hubbard, of Cottage Grove, Oregon. J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OR., June 21, 1899. 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 Joel Ware, U. S. Commissioner at Eugene, Oregon, on August 9, 1899, viz: Augusta Bonekenheimer on H. E. No. 9091 for the NW¹/₄ N W¹/₄ and lot 1, sec. 30, T. 22 S., R. 3 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Levi Geer, Wallace Shortridge, Mary Massey, Mrs. Allen Shortridge, of Cottage Grove, Oregon. J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

CHURCH NOTICES.

M. E. CHURCH.

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