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"Coin" Harvey attributes the democratic defeat in 1896 and 1900 to bad management. We shouldn't wonder. If our recollection doesn't fail us "Coin" solicited the funds and held the purse strings for these campaigns.

The Celtic, the new White Star Liner's steamer, is a wonder. She is the largest ship in the world, being twice as large as either the battleships Oregon or Massachusetts. She can carry, feed and sleep double the number of people the biggest hotel on earth could accommodate. Such a vessel is nothing less than a floating island. Think of such a monster plowing through the water at the speed of an express train!

For years and years French has been the language in vogue in diplomatic intercourse, but that language threatens to be superseded by English. Japan has taken the initiative and announced to the world that henceforth all their official language of diplomacy shall be worded in English. The giving way of French to English is but another phase of the survival of the fittest. Less people are speaking French, more people speak English. English will succeed French so rapidly as to soon make it the universal language between diplomats of nations.

The first money order ever received by this office from Canada was received this week in payment of a subscription for King Tetherow, who is now located at Rossland, B. C. The order differs from the American order, in-as-much as it is the same size of a sheet of note paper, and neither contains the name of the postmaster issuing the same or to whom it is to be paid. Also the order is void if not presented for payment within twelve months from date of issue, while the American order only requires the issuing of another order from the postoffice department.

A New Method.

Congress has adopted a new plan for opening Indian reservations. The first experiment was tried last month when the Kiowa-Comanche and Apache reservations were thrown open to settlement.

The new plan consisted in setting apart sixteen days (June 10 to 26) for any who wished to file on land on either of these reservations to register their names and personal description and also show evidence of their qualifications to enter public land. 167,006 applicants were registered, but there were only claims for only thirteen thousand persons. The names thus registered were placed in wheels and drawn by chance. The name so drawn was numbered and the number represented the applicants turn to file, or in other words gave him the choice of land in the district according to his number. The lands were divided into the El Reno and Lawton districts and simultaneous drawings were held in each district, until the 13,000 claims were exhausted.

The drawing was begun July 29, when there were one thousand names drawn

from the wheels. The first names drawn from the El Reno district were Stephen A. Holcomb, of Falls Valley, I. T., and the first from the Lawton district was James R. Wood, Weatherford, O. T.

Miss Mattie H. Beals, of Wichita, Kansas, was the first ladies' name to appear and she drew the second number from the Lawton district. This will give those drawing the first numbers the choice of lands adjoining the townsites in the El Reno and Lawton districts and which are estimated to be worth at least \$25,000. The three towns are Aradarko, Lawton and Hobart.

The lands were thrown open to entry August 6th, and the entries were made according to number. The purpose of this new method was to do away with the old time rush for the land and the attendant litigation which always follows such openings.

It seems doubtful if either of these two objections have been overcome in this case, for there were over thirteen reasons to each claim. And it seems that in the matter of litigation that a great many homeless Indians have taken advantage of the old law to "squat" upon this reservation and upon lands which have been selected by those who drew numbers that entitled them to an entry of lands. There seems to be no method of preventing the hearing of these individual claims, as their rights are based upon settlement, and if the Indian is allowed to be heard there is no telling when the litigation will end. The Wood's claim adjoining the Lawton townsite has been jumped by two hundred squatters, and so far four contests have been filed against it.

Beresford's Choice.

Like many another man who has made a success of life, Lord Charles Beresford was the despair of the teachers of his boyhood. They reported to his father that young Charles would do nothing he did not care to do, and on the boy's thirteenth birthday his parent formally announced that he must make his final choice of a profession. Collier's Weekly reports the conversation which followed:

"What is it to be, my boy—the army, the navy, or the church?"

"The navy, sir."

"And why the navy, boy?"

"'Cause I'd like to be an admiral, like Nelson."

"Pshaw, like Nelson! Why Nelson?"

"'Cause I want to."

"But even if you were to join the navy, why do you think you will ever become an admiral, Charlie?"

"'Cause I mean to," was the blunt reply. He had his wish and entered the navy.

Oregon Notes.

The water agate crop at Newport is of good size and quality.

Across the Snake river, opposite Weiser, lives a farmer who uses gas from his own well as fuel. This is Ed Ashley, and he has a well some 1500 feet deep that he has bored. The expense was partly paid by donations given by the people who hoped artesian water would be struck.

This is how it looks in Harney county: "When the old cows on the mountain range look down and see the big stacks of winter feed that are punching holes in the atmosphere of Harney valley, the aforesaid cows lie down in the shade of a pine tree and laugh till their tallow gets all out of shape. And the little wether lamb that doesn't know anything about hay is sleeping away the summer that is giving him a big start towards \$2.30."

\$112 IN PRIZES.

Beginning August 8, 1901, and ending October 31, at 6 p. m., the INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE will give away nine of the most beautiful prizes.

TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES \$112

Correspondents Contest

THE ONLY CONDITIONS.

Every person sending in a letter of news containing less than five items, which are acceptable for publication, will be credited with two points; over ten items five points; over twelve items ten points. An item worthy of an extra head will be credited with twenty points. One new yearly subscriber entitles the person sending it in to seventy-five points. A renewal thirty-five points. Less than a year thirty-five points.

We want a correspondent from every vicinity of Polk county and for any person who will get us a good correspondent from the following places will be credited with 100 points: Chandler, Butler, Lincoln, Polk, Smithfield, Independence, Dove's Landing and Ballston. Each correspondent must send in six letters, each containing at least swaping points. Correspondents only wanted from places called for.

Remember, correspondence from out of the county only accepted as special headed articles and the credits passed to the person sending them in or designated by the writer. The 100 credits only given for those called for in this ad. We don't expect our correspondents to divide their stationery with other correspondents or use it for any other purposes than for corresponding. Suggestions very gratefully received from any correspondent as to the advisability of establishing new correspondents in the county, and credit for 100 points given when accepted.

Prizes with a value of \$112.

Prize No. 1.	Latest Improved Davis Sewing Machine	\$60.00
" " 2.	Marlin Repeating Shot Gun, Take down, 12 gauge	28.00
" " 3.	Beautiful Silver Fruit Dish	6.00
" " 4.	Stevens, 22 Caliber Rifle	6.00
" " 5.	Genuine Gold Mounted French Brier Pipe	4.50
" " 6.	Parker Lucky Curve Fountain Pen	2.50
" " 7.	Any good copyrighted book	1.50
" " 8.	One Lincoln Fountain Pen	1.50
" " 9.	Any good copyrighted book	1.50

Always keep track of your own points. The conditions are plain and you can figure them for yourself. In the future all errors must be reported same week or it will be most impossible to make corrections.

ARE YOU A PRIZE WINNER?

First Prize	Monmouth N.	340
Second "	Buena Vista	35
Third "	Rocca	34
Fourth "	Falls City	30
Fifth "	Perrydale	30
Sixth "	Monmouth B.	30
Seventh "	Riverside	25
Eighth "	Ailie	25
Ninth "	Parker	25
	Lewisville	20
	Suver	20
	Highlands	15
	Calvary	10
	Monmouth D.	10
	Monmouth F.	10
	Buell	5
	Crowley	5
	Zena	2

READ THIS, TOO.

All our correspondents are authorized to absolutely guarantee all subscribers that if their paper is not stopped when the time is out there will be no extra charge. Remember, we cannot accept subscriptions with the assurance of a settlement in a few days.

Correspondents having prospective subscribers in view are welcome to send this office their names and we will send them sample copies for a few weeks without extra charges. In fact, if you would send in twenty or thirty names and let us sample copy them for a few weeks you would be surprised with the success you would have in securing names.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS.

Under this head we will try every week to give our correspondents a few pointers as how to secure more items and what kind of items we want. A great many of these suggestions will call for articles that will go in under the special heads.

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