

THE SOUTH'S RESURRECTION.

In railroad construction as in other activities the South is pushing rapidly to the front. According to the Railway Age there were 1815 miles of railway track laid between January 1, 1901 and June 30. Two-thirds of this, or 1275 miles, were laid in the Southern states. The other third or 540 miles, is all that the rest of the country—the far West, the middle West and the East—have to show in the way of track laying in the first half of 1901. Texas leads this year, with 295 miles, as it led last year, and Oklahoma is second in number of miles of track constructed.

Until recent years the South was far behind the rest of the older states in railway in operation, but it is pulling up fast these days. The comparative absence of railroads in the confederacy in 1861-65 seriously hampered that section. The North was far ahead in railroads, and thus had an advantage in the quickness with which it could concentrate its troops, which told heavily in its favor. Even after the close of the war there were a dozen years in which through the South's poverty and general demoralization, comparatively little railroad building or business activity of any sort was indulged in, but a change in all respects began in the 80s, and the South has been expanding rapidly ever since.

As usual, it is the part of the South which lies to the west of the Mississippi which is showing the greatest growth. St. Louis territory is expanding faster than any other section. Oklahoma and Texas are showing gains in population and in business which are the surprise of the country. The growth is not of the boom order, but is solid and promises to be continuous. All this is reflected in the increase in the business activities of St. Louis. The expansion of 33 per cent in the bank clearings of this city in the past six months, as compared with the same time in 1900, is a showing which hardly has a parallel in the case of any other large city in the United States. This section of the country is high on the wave of prosperity.—Globe Democrat.

A NEW GUSHER.

A correspondent writing from Corpus Christi, Texas, July 7, states: Your correspondent has returned from a visit to Piedras Pintas, Duval County, thirty miles from Corpus Christi, and was astonished at the magnitude of the great oil strike made there last Thursday. While every effort is being made to control the flow, it continues to pour over the casing and thousands of barrels are going to waste. It has been used for the engines of the Texas-Mexican road and by machinists in Corpus Christi, and is pronounced of excellent quality. The well is located at a railroad switch but a new town will be laid off at once. The plug will be removed this week and the well allowed to spout. Many capitalists are en route. Lands near the gusher have increased in value ten fold. There are now being sunk at least six other wells in this vicinity, and if they are as successful as the Piedras Pintas, the lubricating market will undergo a thorough readjustment. A prominent geologist in a published interview states that underneath Nueces and Duval counties is a lake of a thousand feet of oil, which extends as far south as Tampico and is the greatest in the world.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Civil rule has been organized in twenty-seven provinces of the Philippine islands and the first civil governor, William H. Taft, has formally entered upon his duties. The experience of the United States with this large and populous group of islands has been unique in many respects. Previous to the war with Spain their possession was not foreseen and certainly not desired. But at the beginning of the conflict the authority of Spain in the islands was destroyed by a master stroke and this country was compelled to assume the resulting responsibilities. Spain was utterly powerless to govern the islands. If they had been turned back to Germany, or perhaps to several European powers. One of the things that pestered the United States in the Philippines was an insurrectionary war of large size and presenting many novel difficulties. Yet the task was imperative unless, for the first time, the American people confessed themselves unequal to the consequences of a work they had deliberately undertaken. It has required three years to reach the civil government just begun, attended with a consulatory message from the President, expressing the hope that it will lead to the "highest advancement, happiness and prosperity" of the people of the islands.

Three generals, Merritt, Oles and Mac Arthur, have been successively as the head of military affairs in the Philippines and all have done well in the face of many strange prob-

lems. The war department, also, under different heads, has distinguished itself in dealing with new territory on the other side of the Pacific. The Filipino population is eight or ten million. There were fifty or sixty thousand well-armed insurgents, their weapons and munitions in many cases having been obtained from the retiring Spanish garrisons. At first 20,000 American troops were supposed to be enough. The number was increased to 35,000, and finally, to 60,000. A stream of transports has been kept busy crossing the Pacific back and forth. Volunteers were replaced as their comparatively short terms of enlistment expired. The fighting was often severe and always harassing, the tropical climate adding to the hardships experienced. A tremendous labor has been performed by American troops in the Philippines and only when the intelligent historian brings the threads together will it be appreciated.

Official figures show the losses among the troops of the United States in the islands up to June 1. The regulars have lost in killed and from disease, 42 officers and 1292 enlisted men; the volunteers have lost 33 officers and 1217 enlisted men. The total number of deaths in action and from disease has been 2584. There is no record of a war of similar dimensions in which the mortality has been kept within such limits. When it is remembered that the United States faced the extraordinary demands in the Philippines at a moment's notice and under conditions entirely strange, it is time to award the highest meed of praise for what has been achieved, and this commendation is alike due the President, Congress, the cabinet, the army, the navy and last, not least, the American people themselves, who have furnished the men and the resources, and also, at a general election, declared that the policy pursued in the Philippines accords with American character and the genius of American institutions.—Globe Democrat.

HOW TO KILL CANADA THISTLE.

W. H. Connell gives the following: from Beal's "Grasses of North America," for killing Canada thistles:

"Canada thistles have long roots which store up nourishment during the latter part of the summer and fall, to feed the spring growth. To kill the thistles without the loss of a crop, have the land rich, if possible, at least have it well seeded to clover, and by top-dressing with land-plaster, ashes, or by some means, get as good a growth to the clover as possible. As soon as the clover is in full bloom, and here and there shows a blossom, mow and make the crop, thistles and all into hay. After mowing apply a little plaster to quickly start the growth of clover. You will find this to come much quicker than the thistles. As soon as the clover has a good start—from July 20th to August 5th—plow down, being careful to plow all the land a d to fully cover all growth. Then roll and harrow at once, so as to cover every thistle. But few thistles will ever show after this, and they will look pale and weak. When they do show, cultivate thoroughly with a cultivator having broad, sharp teeth, so as to cut every one off under the ground. In two days go over with a sharp hoe and cut off any that may have escaped the cultivator. Watch the thistles and keep using the hoe and cultivator until freezing weather. You will see them getting scarcer each time and looking as though they had the consumption. By plowing the land just before freezing you will have it in the finest condition for the spring crop. This plan not only kills the weeds, but oxye daisies and other weeds. It is much better than a summer fallow and without the loss of a crop."

WHERE THE MONEY IS.

The State Treasurer has given out the following statement, showing the amount of funds loaned to each county on account of the common school fund:

Baker.....	44,539 47
Benton.....	108,525 71
Blackhawk.....	92,926 20
Clatsop.....	29,733 95
Columbia.....	57,179 77
Cook.....	68,654 55
Crook.....	13,850 00
Curry.....	32,571 66
Douglas.....	159,268 45
Gilliam.....	24,700 00
Grant.....	62,248 49
Harney.....	28,450 00
Jackson.....	61,939 45
Josephine.....	30,339 95
Klamath.....	38,836 67
Lake.....	11,700 50
Lane.....	138,398 95
Lincoln.....	21,944 90
Linn.....	118,114 20
Malheur.....	14,200 00
Marion.....	213,241 41
Morrow.....	120,849 40
Multnomah.....	20,900 00
Polk.....	93,726 76
Sherman.....	39,300 00
Tillamook.....	33,340 47
Umatilla.....	84,195 92
Union.....	131,617 84

Wallowa.....	404 52
Wasco.....	20,654 89
Washington.....	101,625 42
Wheeler.....	38,973 85
Yamhill.....	97,749 00
Total.....	\$2,210,404 57
Agri college fund notes.....	131,534 37
University fund notes.....	85,897 31
Following were the totals of loans on account of the state funds on Jan. 1, 1901:	
Com school fund notes.....	\$2,999,623 82
Agri college fund notes.....	127,637 37
University fund notes.....	84,925 00

Vegetables are being shipped from Idaho as far east as St. Louis. Last Saturday a representative of the Pacific Express Company went to Boise to make special duty. It is to haul up a vegetable supply for the druggists' store. The company made arrangements for the shipment from the gardens there, the express company making special rates. A shipment went forward this day. This agent stated that it has been impossible to secure a supply of green stuff from the south or middle west.

Sunday night, July 14, a school house 12 miles northwest of Egoz in Lane county was blown up, dynamite being used. The explosive was placed under the organ in the south-west corner of the building. The organ, the desks, and all other furniture and apparatus were blown to atoms, the floor and spongers of the building were completely splintered, the sides of the building were blown out and all that remains is the roof with part of the frame work to support it. Four attempts have been made to destroy the building. A neighborhood dispute as to the proper place for the district school house is a straw that points.

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