

# March, April, May

There is a best time for doing everything—that is, a time when a thing can be done to the best advantage, most easily and most effectively. Now is the best time for purifying your blood. Why? Because your system is now trying to purify it—you know this by the pimples and other eruptions that have come on your face and body.

## Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Are the medicines to take—they do the work thoroughly and agreeably and never fail to do it. Hood's are the medicines you have always heard recommended.

"I cannot recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla so highly as a skin medicine. When we take it in the spring we feel better through the summer."—Mrs. E. N. McCreary, St. Louis.

Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keep the promise.

His Lead With Him. De Tanque—Guzler says he doesn't believe in carrying other people's burdens.

O'Soague—No wonder; he is generally carrying a pretty good load of his own.—Philadelphia Record.

TWO REASONS. No One Neglect Their Feet Any More—No Pain, Small Cost.

The two great reasons why people used to neglect their feet were: Fear of being hurt, and the expense. When you come to think it over now, it is truly remarkable what a revolution has taken place in modern dental methods.

Portland dentists, are among the foremost in the United States in this respect. Their announcements that there is not a particle of pain connected with any dental work done in their office is literally true.

Again, a word about the children. When a young person has second teeth, fathers and mothers should see to it that their son or daughter goes to the dentist and has the teeth examined.

"I shall never marry," said Miss Ann Teck, with an air of determination. "Perhaps not," replied Miss Peré, "but everyone admits you have had a brave fight against the inevitable."—Brooklyn Life.

How much different a can of Monopole peaches or pears or corn or other variety of fruits and vegetables taste from the ordinary brands we hope you will instruct your dealer to send you a can of Monopole today.

Wadhams & Kerr Bros., Monopole Grocers and Dry Coffee Roasters, 81-83 85 Front Street, Portland, Ore.

That Would Never Do. She—Why don't you go out occasionally, dearest, and enjoy yourself, say at the club? He—But I don't want to get into the habit of having a good time.—Life.

White Tailed Eagle. Although the golden eagle has disappeared from Wales, white tailed eagles are still to be found in north Wales and Shropshire.

Millions in a Minute. One of the marvels of the recent Durbar was the display of jewelry and precious stones worn by the Maharaja Galkwar of Baroda, who wore his state mantle of woven pearls, with its arabesque border of diamonds, rubies, emeralds and sapphires, whose value, estimated by a famous London jeweler, is \$5,000,000.

The Importance of Steel. Steel, when made into a sword, was the emblem of power. Steel, in the use of peace and civilization, is just as important as it is in war.

A Peasimist. Rev. Thomas R. Slicer, during a recent discussion with a friend, asked him if he knew the definition of a peasimist.

"Of course," replied his friend, "he is one who is sure on himself and the world in general. Is not that your definition?"

"Hardly," replied Dr. Slicer. "A peasimist, in my opinion, is a man who has just left an optimist."—New York Times.

Loquacious. The family was discussing the high prices of provisions generally, when the small boy butted into the conversation.

"Yes, sir, in a few minutes." "Well, when you've finished, stretch the hills out over the front pavement. Mrs. Hibaw has just telephoned from the top floor that her husband has fallen out of the window."—Smart Set.

At Delhi. Posterity will look upon the picture of a vast and utterly barbaric population numbering nearly one-fourth of the human family, subdued, governed, educated, Christianized and led up to the dignity of self-government by a handful of strangers who come from an inconsiderable island 15,000 miles away.

Geographical. Kentucky Teacher (of infant geography class)—Tommy Blood may tell us what a strait is.

"Tommy Blood—It's jes' the plain stuff 'bout nothin' in it."—Ohio State Journal.

His Theory. "There's no doubt that colored men often make good soldiers." "Course dey does," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "You put a cullud man along of a purceusion an' he's gwine ter foller it to de finish, no matter what de danger is."—Washington Star.

The Influence. Jerry—How do good clothes make a man a gentleman? Joe—They make him feel as if he was expected to act like one.—Detroit Free Press.

To Break in New Shoes. Always shake in Allen Foot-Eze, a powder. It cures chafing, damp, sweating, itching, swollen feet. Cures Corns and Bunions. At drug stores and shoe stores. Don't accept any substitute. Sample mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Olmstead, LeRoy, N. Y.

Ending the Dissertation. "Would you call a cat herbivorous or carnivorous?" asked the man who is learned but tedious. "Neither," answered the man who yawns, "merely voracious."

An Ingenious Clock. Brussels has a church clock wound by atmospheric expansion induced by the heat of the sun.

Won in a Walk. Say, low did you get off in the glee club try-out? Made first base on four bawls.

## START THE JETTY CHANGE OF LIFE.

SECRETARY ROOT PROMISES TO BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY.

Action Has Been Delayed by Efforts of Hapt to Secure Adoption of His Plan for Reaction Jetty—Local Engineers Ready to Begin Construction as Soon as Orders Come.

Washington, March 9.—Senators Mitchell and Fulton today called on Secretary Root and other war department officials to urge the early approval of the report of the engineer board on the project for improving the mouth of the Columbia river. They laid before the department a large number of telegrams and letters from commercial bodies and other interested parties, emphasizing the importance of early action.

Secretary Root did not say what action he would take, but strongly intimated that he would approve the board report. He did say that as soon as the report was acted upon the work would be done with the possible speed, and that his department was desirous of affording relief to the commerce of the Columbia river with the least possible delay.

Senator Fulton intends, as soon as he has more data and details, to take up with the war department the matter of the right of way for the state portage road between the Dalles and Celilo, for which the legislature recently made appropriation. He desires to secure permission from the government to construct this portage road over the right of way that was acquired for the old boat railway, which is now the property of the government, and which will not be required for canal purposes.

BLOOD WILL FLOW.

Another Reign of Terror Impending in China—Empress Dowager in Plot. Victoria, March 9.—According to advice received from Peking, an order, and with it a carnival of murder exceeding the Boxer outbreak, is regarded by many as imminent.

The North China Daily News, one of the best informed journals of the East, has received advice that the empress dowager and Yung Lu, the grand chamberlain, are known to be aiding the movement of Tung Fu Haiang in Kansu, and on the authority of a Chinese "of high literary rank" at Peking, a Shanghai paper says that, while the empress dowager is issuing edicts commanding reforms on Western lines and pretending to initiate reforms, she is secretly sending instructions to viceroys and governors prohibiting the inauguration of foreign methods.

The empress is also said to be sending notifications to some viceroys that Tung Fu Haiang is to be aided in marching his army to Peking to escort Fu Chun, son of Prince Chun and ex-hereditary apparent, to the throne. On their arrival, Kwang Hsu, the present emperor, is to be made away with, says the Chinese correspondent, and the representatives of the various foreign powers and all foreigners in the capital as well as in the provinces, are to meet the same fate, without distinction.

Crack Who Wants \$100,000. Washington, March 9.—A Swede who gave his name as Z. Berg, a Providence, R. I., tried for an hour today to see the president. He was urged by the white house attaches to reduce his communication to writing. This he endeavored to do, but failed. One of the secret service officers interviewed him and found him possessed of hallucinations. Berg said that several years ago he had informed the United States government that the Spaniards intended to blow up one of the battleships, and wanted the president to see that he received \$100,000 for his information.

Earthquake Shakes Saxony. Berlin, March 9.—Earthquake shocks have been felt for two days in the district of Voigtland, Saxony, in the Erzgebirge mountains. Yesterday's shocks were slight, but those of today were violent. The inhabitants of Gratzlitz left houses and passed into the streets. The tremors were felt as far as Pölnitz, Riechenbach and Zwickau. Houses at Unter Sachsenburg and at Asch shook for several seconds. There was great excitement throughout the affected district.

Worse Than Blockade. Willemstad, Island of Curacao, March 9.—The steership which arrived here today from Maracaibo, Venezuela, carried only one-third of her usual cargo and brought no coffee. The merchants of Maracaibo say they cannot pay the present export duties, which, they add, are more ruinous to them than was the blockade of the Venezuelan coast. Advice received here from revolutionary sources in Venezuela say the revolutionary forces have captured the island of Curacao, and are holding all the eastern part of Venezuela, except Cumana.

Barclay to Command at Bremerton. Washington, March 9.—While no official announcement has been made, it is believed in naval circles that Captain Charles J. Barclay, commandant at the Boston navy yard, has been selected for similar duty at the Bremerton, Wash., yard, and that the assignment will soon be made. Captain Barclay stands well up on the list of captains, and his promotion to the grade of rear admiral is likely to follow soon after the transfer.

## OVER A BILLION AND A HALF.

Total Appropriations of Last Congress Amount of Each Bill.

Washington, March 6.—The appropriations made during the session of congress which closed Wednesday aggregated \$783,484,019, as against \$800,624,498 for the last session. The total for the entire congress thus footed up \$1,584,108,514, or something more than \$100,000,000 in excess of the total appropriations for the 56th congress. The total for that congress was \$1,440,489,438.

These figures were embodied in a statement presented to the senate by the chairman of the committee on appropriations. The statement also contained an itemized statement showing the expenditures for the past session by bills as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Agriculture, Army, Navy, Postoffice, etc.

FOUND MARINE GRAVEYARD. Many Other Wrecks Where the Bark Alex McNeil Was Lost.

Victoria, B. C., March 6.—Details were received by the Empress of India of the wreck of the bark Alex McNeil, which was lost on Pratas reef, and was briefly cabled, when bound from Manila to Port Townsend. She left Manila December 10, and 13 days later sailed up on Pratas shoal, which, by Captain Jorgensen's reckoning, should have been 60 miles distant. The mate, Evans, and four seamen left in the ship's boat to explore the reef and nothing further was heard of them. At low water the captain explored the reef and found the wrecks of half a dozen vessels, including the wreck of a four-masted ship and a steamer.

The reef stretched for miles, and at the western end was a deserted fishing station with a joss house and half a dozen Chinese graves. There was a deserted cabin, containing pictures and articles which must have been secured from wrecks. After several days spent on the wreck, the survivors started in their patched-up cutter for Hong Kong. They were four days at sea, suffering great privations, when a Norwegian steamer picked them up and landed them at Hong Kong.

TO RECLAIM 340,000 ACRES. Tacoma Man Given Big Contract to Dam Snake River.

Tacoma, March 6.—Nelson Bennett, of Tacoma, has secured the contract for damming the Snake river in Idaho, at a point 25 miles above Shoshone falls, and building 65 miles of canal on the south side of the river and 24 miles on the north side, not including laterals, which will reclaim 340,000 acres of land under the new government irrigation law. The dam is to cost \$400,000 or more, and the canal \$2,500,000, not including the laterals. The larger canal is to be 80 feet wide at the top, and to carry ten feet of water, which is to be raised from the river 46 feet. The contract is let by the Twin Falls and water company, of Salt Lake. Two bidders of the canal must be complete in one year. For the completion of the entire work five years are allowed.

Alaskan Treaty Ratified. Washington, March 5.—Secretary Hay and Sir Michael Herbert today exchanged ratifications of the Alaska secondary treaty. The preparation of the cases of the two sides will proceed with all speed, as, under the treaty, they must be submitted to the arbitrators within 60 days. It will require the greatest effort on the part of the United States government to have its own case ready within the appointed time. The United States government has come into possession in recent years of a vast amount of data.

Smoking Car Smashed. Kansas City, Mo., March 6.—Outgoing Rock Island Texas train No. 23, which left the union station at 10:30 o'clock tonight, over the Union Pacific tracks, which the Rock Island uses out of here, crashed into the smoker of Rock Island train Nos. 12 and 22, which were made into one, but were late and trying to make a siding at Rock Island Junction, just outside the Kansas City yards. The smoker was thrown from the track, turned over and smashed into kindling wood and all inside more or less injured, but none killed.

Famine in Japan. Yokohama, March 6.—The practically complete failure of the rice crop last year has caused widespread distress in Japan, culminating in famine in the northwestern provinces. From an official report it is learned that the destruction is much greater than was supposed. The number of starving, so far as officially known, is 147,688, with the possibility of these figures being greatly added to. The foreign element is now taking steps for relief.

Murder in First Degree. Eugene, Or., March 6.—Elliott Lyons, who, while resisting arrest for horse stealing at his home west of Eugene on February 5, shot and killed Sheriff Withers, of this county, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by the jury in ten minutes. He will be sentenced today.

Some sensible advice to women passing through this trying period. The painful and annoying symptoms experienced by most women at this period of life are easily overcome by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is especially designed to meet the needs of woman's system at the trying time of change of life.

Advertisement for Dr. C. Gee Wo's Wonderful Home Treatment, featuring a portrait of the doctor and text describing the medicine's benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for Asthma, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing Ayer's Cherry Pectoral as a cure for various respiratory ailments.

Advertisement for Cascarets, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the laxative's benefits for constipation and general health.

Advertisement for Austin Well Machinery, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the machinery's capabilities for various well-drilling tasks.

Advertisement for American Cream Separators, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the machine's efficiency in separating cream from milk.

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Advertisement for Lazy Liver, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the medicine's benefits for liver ailments and general weakness.

Advertisement for Castoria, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the medicine's benefits for infants and children, particularly for constipation and digestive issues.

Advertisement for Wise Women Bromo-Seltzer, featuring a portrait of a woman and text describing the beverage's benefits for women's health and relief of various ailments.

Advertisement for Poultry Netting, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the company's services in providing netting for poultry and other uses.

Advertisement for Bank and Office Railings, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the company's services in providing railings for banks and offices.

Advertisement for Portland Wire & Iron Works, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the company's services in manufacturing wire and iron products.

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Advertisement for John Poole, Portland, Ore., featuring a portrait of a man and text describing his services as a general machinist and repairman.

Advertisement for 210 Kinds for 16c, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing a collection of various items available for a low price.

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Large advertisement for Catarrh, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the symptoms and treatment of the condition, including the use of S.S.S. medicine.