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Of the selection of United States senators by popular vote the Atlanta Journal (Democrat) says: "The conviction that the people should have a direct voice in the choice of United States senators is asserting itself. The custom of popular canvasses for senatorial nominations is extending steadily. Legislators should be instructed as to the choice of their constituents for senator, and we believe that this plan will be adopted in many states. It is already in vogue in quite a number. The Georgia democrats adopted it three years ago, and no other plan will be satisfactory to the people hereafter. The future United States senators from Georgia will be elected practically by popular vote." This is as it should be in all the states in the union.

There are over 200 people to the square mile in the island of Luzon, less than two to the square mile in Montana. The money cost of subduing the Filipinos, if spent in irrigation in Montana, would support a population as dense as that of the island—Helena Independent.

People who are annoyed by flies should remember that clusters of the fragrant clover, which grows abundantly by every roadside, if hung in the room and left to dry and shed its faint, fragrant perfume through the air, will drive away more flies than sticky saucers of molasses and other flytraps and flypapers can ever collect.—Ex.

Drawer Must Stamp Checks.

The commissioner of internal revenue has handed down an opinion governing the matter of stamping checks. It leaves the banks no discretion whatever about receiving a check that is not properly stamped. He says: "You are advised that a bank must not affix stamps to unstamped checks presented, and must return to the drawer any unstamped checks presented for payment. In other words, the person drawing a check must affix and cancel revenue stamp. Furthermore, banks violating this law will be reported to the United States district attorney for prosecution."

Good Cattle Seared.

Of all the thousands of stock and feeding cattle that have been coming to Kansas City recently a bunch of good quality has been the exception. Farmers and shippers have been marketing their best young cattle at home and sending the tail ends and common kinds to the market. The demand for feeding cattle is good—Kansas City Telegram. In commenting upon this the Denver Stockman says: "This seems to be the prevalent situation. It is a positive indication of the scarcity of beef, whether range-fed or corn-fed. The fact has frequently been brought to the notice of the Stockman. The shortage of the cattle of commerce, caused by the severe conditions of last winter and the drought this summer is in evidence more clearly than at any time this year."

Weather Bulletin.

Cloudy and cool weather prevailed during the week. General rain fell during Tuesday night and on Wednesday, and again on Saturday, the total for both rains being from .32 of an inch to 1.64 inches. Rain such as has fallen is unprecedented for this period of the year. It occasionally happens that rain falls in August from the advance of thunderstorms, but

not otherwise. The heaviest today, which is the largest amount in August on record (22 years) for that place.

The mean temperature for the week was 7 degrees below the normal. There has been an entire absence of weather during the week and the percentage of sunshine has been deficient.

The rains have delayed harvesting, but so far no damage has resulted. A large portion of fall-sown grain has already been cut, and considerable threshing has been done. The reports indicate that the grain is generally turning out as well as in former years. Should the current weather continue, which it is not expected to do, damage will result to the grain in shock.

The current weather is of great benefit to spring-sown grain, corn, gardens, etc. Spring grain is in better condition than it was one week ago. It had commenced to color, but that has ceased and the heads continue to fill and the grains are becoming more plump. Unless adverse conditions set in, the spring grain crop will be better than was expected.

The current weather is injurious to hops, though so far no injury has been reported. Cool, cloudy and damp weather conditions are favorable for the development and increase of hop lice; hence, the probable injury that may result to the hop crop. A change to warm, dry weather within the next week will check the hop louse.

Corn is making good growth and it will be greatly benefited by the rain. Much of the corn is now in silk.

Fruit prospects remain unchanged. Peaches, watermelons, late varieties of cherries, early apples and early plums are ripe and quite plentiful. Prunes have ceased dropping, and those remaining on the trees have good growth. The prune crop of Douglas county will probably be larger than the crop in any other county.

The weather during the last two days has been unprecedented. There are no signs of winter weather conditions; hence, the current weather is but temporary. B. S. PAGE, Section director.

Cured Him.

"There used to be the greatest hypochondriac in Detroit," remarked an old merchant of the city as he pointed out a retired lumberman. "Why," he looks the picture of health."

"So he is. Tough as a pine knot, Ough to live to be 100. But when we were younger he was always grunting. He thought he had everything from gout to galloping consumption, and never expected to live the year out. He averaged a quart of medicine a day, to say nothing of external applications."

"What cured him?" "I did. He growled so much that always gave me the blue devils to meet him. One day he was telling me the old story of how his days were numbered and how he had complications enough to kill an alligator in twenty-four hours. "Jim," said I, "you make me tired. You're just about as pleasant company as a skull and cross bones. There's nothing on earth the matter with you. Give me \$1000 a year while you live and I'll insure for \$20,000 and secure payment!"

"Did he take you?" "Jumped at it. Insisted on paying \$1000 down so as to make it more binding. From that minute he began to get strong and take on flesh. He was worrying about the money I was getting instead of about himself, don't you see? I caught him five years running, and since that he dodges. Never speaks and never sees me. Hates me, I suppose. I'd refund, but he'd be sure to have a relapse and old merchant not only checked but winked.—Detroit Free Press.

Miss Ollie Frye wishes us to announce that she has dispensed with her rooms up town and those desiring meeting and cloth cleaning can now find her at home.

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