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The storm in Montana seems to have been as destructive as it was unusual. Heavy losses are expected from time to time in all the northern cattle states on account of severe winter weather, but when that sort of weather comes almost at the threshold of summer, it is as astonishing as it is unfortunate. Had the recent fall of snow come during the winter months stockmen would in a measure have been prepared for it. A heavy snow just at a time when most people are preparing for hot weather would naturally find both men and cattle badly fixed to contend with it. That seems to have been the condition of things in western and central Montana, and the loss in consequence has been large.

Persons who feel that their talents do not at present declare a large dividend ought to find some consolation in the fact that five of the leading jockeys have been engaged at salaries ranging from \$15,000 to \$40,000 for the season. An eminent actor makes more than twice as much as the most successful author, and so does a popular dancer, and probably a successful prizefighter makes more money than a popular actor. The only man of brains that seems to find a market for his wares is Finley P. Dunne, the popular humorist, who is reported to have made an engagement to write for the Harpers for a salary of \$40,000 a year.

The pepper sown by the Yellow Kids in Athens baseball history was so hot that nothing short of the Yellow Kid standard can interest Athens fans. This was practically shown Wednesday afternoon when the Colfax-Walla Walla League teams played on the home diamond. It would have been easier to find the north pole than squeezed any interest in the game. To be sure, the diamond was rough, but the diamond is not located in the atmosphere, and it was above ground where so many howling errors were made. It was a listless game, with one sacrifice hit, a double play and one neat catch sandwiched in.

It is a peculiar fact that there are people in the United States, and New York in particular, who have traveled in many of the countries of Europe, have roamed the seas over, and yet know almost nothing of this country. In fact some of them have never even been in the city of Washington, and Yellowstone Park is simply a little spot on the map to them. When asked by Europeans about our wonderful country they display the most profound ignorance on the subject, and Americans in general are judged by their standard.

With the picnic over, the shooting tournament at hand, don't overlook the big celebration that takes place in Athens July 4th. Athens always puts up a good time for the people at her celebrations, and this year will not be an exception to this long ago established rule. No street celebration in the broiling hot sun goes in Athens; she has a cool, shady grove.

There is yet once in a while a Portland sporting editor who comes to the front with the reiteration that "the Portland teams can play ball." If they can there is no one to be found who knows it, if we may except these self-same sporting editors.

It appears that a large percentage of the American people are still interested in professional baseball. The great beauty of baseball is that a lazy man can thoroughly enjoy it without exercising a bit.

Don't be discouraged, Mr. Morgan, who is 66, has made most of his fortune of \$28,000,000 in the last six years. And you know the proverb says: "What man has done, man may do."

MEN WHO "DO THINGS."

Schwab's generosity has taken a much more practical turn than that of Carnegie. That of the latter expressed itself in the gift of libraries; that of the former has taken the shape of an industrial school at Homestead, Pa., the seat of the most magnificent steel industry in the world. This school offers to every child in the borough an opportunity to learn a trade before graduating from the high school—a long felt want indeed.

Nothing could be more sensible or practical than this idea worked to its sequence. It fits admirably a time wherein the tendency is to overcrowd the professions, and encourages the broader and better trend toward industrialism of the type wherein the hand is trained to follow the brain. There are still many parents who are ambitious to push their children into the clerical and professional vocations, but these are giving place yearly to those who see in "captains of industry" men whom they would have their sons emulate. The men who "do things" are those who are prominent in the world's view today. The ambitious youth takes for his model the men of commerce and of industrial achievement, and it is to help him work out his model that states and individuals are founding and equipping industrial schools. The awakened industrial ambition means much to the nation and for men.

The library scheme is useful in its way. It seeks to make the leisure of the working community profitable. The industrial school seeks to make the hours of labor profitable both to the workman and capitalist. Time was when men "picked up" their trades and blundered through life with unskilled hands. But the time is coming, and, indeed, now is—when boys must learn to use their hands if they would, as men, succeed in industrial life.—Oregonian.

MR. HANNA'S LAME EFFORT.

In objecting to an endorsement of President Roosevelt by the Ohio state convention for the nomination of 1904 Senator Hanna is not as logical and convincing as he might have been could he have had reason, common sense and precedent with which to fortify himself. He criticizes the propriety of a convention of 1903 assuming the prerogative of the one that is to meet next year, but it is not forgotten that from the adjournment of the Minneapolis convention in 1892 down to the time of the state conventions in 1896 he did not seem to object to republican conventions expressing a preference for a presidential candidate. In fact, the earlier the endorsement of Mr. McKinley, the better it suited Mr. Hanna, especially as Mr. Reed and Mr. Allison were serious and worthy candidates, while Cushman K. Davis and Senator Quay had intensely loyal local followings.

Today not a name in the republican party other than that of Roosevelt is mentioned in sincerity. Men who might have had aspirations three years ago are never spoken of. Mr. Hanna himself avows that he is not and will not be a candidate and the somewhat unusual spectacle is presented of Ohio making no claim for the chief office of the nation. This is because the nomination is as good as made. There is no question as to the desires and intentions of the rank and file of the republicans of the nation, in Ohio and elsewhere. They are for Roosevelt because he is the kind of a president that suits them. And with no other men seriously mentioned, it is specious if not cheap for Mr. Hanna to make trivial observations about reflecting the sentiments of the people or inviting the criticism of others who may aspire to the nomination of 1904.—Spokesman-Review.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the undersigned, and at Athens, Ore., until 2 p. m., June 15, for the erection and completion of a brick and stone Methodist church, according to the plans and specifications now on file at the study of Rev. Armfield and office of A. M. Gillis, of Athens, Ore., or at the office of the architect, room 7, over Boston Store, Pendleton. Bids will be received separately for each branch of the work or for the entire work. A certified check of 5 per cent of the bid must accompany each bid, to be forfeited to the building committee should the bidder fail to enter into contract as per specifications.

C. E. Troutman, Architect, Pendleton, Oregon.

School Report for District 11. For month beginning April 27 and ending May 22: Whole number of days taught, 20; whole number of pupils enrolled, 30. Those pupils who are on the roll of honor for the month are as follows: Ernest Bell, Philip Gagnon, Ruby Williams, Amelia Gagnon, Anna Ross, Mandey Bergevin, Merta Williams, Daisy, Ethel and Rose Waddingham, Annie Bergevin, Edna Ross and Della Pruet.

Visitors for the month are: J. F. Nowlin, county superintendent; James King, chairman of the board of directors, and Miss Lillie Waddingham.

LILLIAN DOWNS DOBSON, Teacher. A. L. Swaggart has sold a couple of Poland China pigs to a farmer at Riverside, Wash. Mr. Swaggart's fine herd is becoming known throughout the Northwest and breeders are giving it liberal patronage.



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