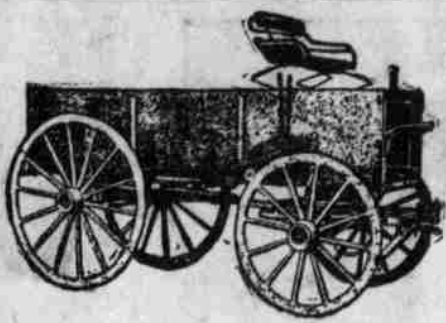




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Among the stringent regulations of the Canadian government to prevent coal lands from being held for speculative purposes in the Yukon country are that leases shall be limited to twenty-one years, the annual rental shall be \$1 an acre, payable in advance no lease shall cover more than 2,500 acres and the land must be contiguous, the lessee cannot assign his rights without leave of the minister of the interior, and actual settlers shall be entitled to buy coal for their own use at the pit's mouth at not to exceed \$1.75 a ton. In addition, the lessee must pay 5 cents a ton royalty, and this will keep the government informed of the amount being mined.

Tendencies toward more liberal teaching in religious colleges are observed from time to time. The Rev. S. A. Hoffman of St. Louis, has refused to pay to the Missouri Bible college \$5,000, for which he gave a note. He has been sued by the college and his defense will be that the note was given with the understanding that college should teach orthodox doctrines. This not being the case, he holds that he is not bound to pay the note and thus contribute to the spread of religious doctrines in which he does not believe and which he thinks are in conflict with the teaching of the Bible.

Alfred Austin is quoted as saying that there are no poets in America. In as much as he is the poet laureate of England it is hard to see where he heads in. He might come here and help swell the deficiency however.

Jouah may have swallowed the whale or the other way about, so far as people now are concerned. Just at the present time they are busy enough trying to catch even a small trout.

A Texas paper solemnly declares that a jack rabbit fell into a creek and

was gobbled up by a bass. In all probability that bass is home retailing the size of the jack rabbit he caught—and it didn't get away either.

Roosevelt is suggested by some of the New Orleans people as manager of their big exposition in 1915. Roosevelt has said nothing in regard to that however, as this third term matter is keeping him busy.

An Iowa brakeman was killed last week by a fall from a car superinduced by dodging snowballs thrown with the merriment of the school boy. Here in Athena they use snowballs now for decorations.

A Grand Forks, N. D., girl jilted her sweetheart and he slapped her. Now she wants \$1,000 for damages to her complexion. Anyhow its a whole lot cheaper for him than a breach of promise suit.

SENATORS BY DIRECT PRIMARY.

A few days ago a list was published of the states in which direct primaries for the election of United States Senators have been established. There were 13 states with such a law when the Legislatures began their sessions this spring, and five more have been added, of which Iowa and Washington are the latest. In addition, Pennsylvania has come within a single vote of adopting such a measure.

Now, if one takes this list of states, including Oklahoma, and examines it in connection with a map, it will appear that 15 of the 18—the other three being in the far Northwest—make a contiguous territory stretching from the Southern Atlantic Coast to the Rio Grande and up through the Mississippi Valley to Lake Superior.

Begin at Lake Superior and we have Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, making the northern spur. To the southwest lie Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. To the southeast we have Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and Virginia. Out of the whole South only Louisiana and North Carolina have yet to adopt the custom. The three remaining direct primary states lying detached in the Northwest are North Dakota, Oregon and Washington.

The country is thus practically divided into three sections, of which two have still to adopt the new plan. One is the Northeast and the other is the West beyond the Missouri, but both in the Northeast and the West the germ is at work, and results may be expected still more rapidly in the next few years.

The Legislatures are thus being in part set free from the interference with their strictly legislative duties which the senatorial contest involves. They will not be entirely set free unless

a constitutional amendment is passed, or unless the states adopt the still more radical plan in which Oregon has set the lead and pledge the Legislators to choose the man who gets the most votes at the polls, even though they be of the opposite party.—Chicago Record-Herald.

SANITY AND THE CONSTITUTION.

The Courier-Journal is doing what it can unexcitedly, intelligently and disinterestedly—to consider and discuss the political situation as it slopes slowly down toward the presidential period of 1908. It truly wants to elect a Democrat President. It invites its Democratic contemporaries, in and out of Kentucky, to share its investigation of the actualities of the situation. But, in a spirit of inquiry and of brotherhood.

Does any one of them propose, without an effort at agreement and preparation, to surrender our chance of victory in advance; with our eyes wide open to walk blindfold to defeat? There are serious differences. Can they not be reconciled? There are many factions. Must they continue to baffle our hopes? The Courier-Journal may be mistaken, but it is sincere, it is unselfish, and it is in earnest. It seeks nothing but a triumph. If the party can be unified it believes this possible; yet not, however, if many Democrats follow our two Lexington contemporaries in stigmatizing the Constitution of the United States as a "fetion" and its worship by Democrats as "a dangerous form of political idolatry."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

WHAT ONE DID BY HARD WORK.

C. C. Frasier, one of the wealthy men of Union county, has passed away. His life exemplifies what can be accomplished within a few short years in that county. Twenty years ago Mr. Frasier went to that valley with \$300 in money, which comprised his entire capital. His estate is worth \$100,000. This large fortune was made farming. Mr. Frasier was possibly no better manager than others, but all give him credit for being a tireless worker. Until the last three years, when his health began to fail, he scarcely knew what it was to rest. He was a pusher. Everything on the Frasier farm moved and thus accumulated his thousands. He paid the price, but after all, did it pay? He practically wore himself out much sooner than he should have done. However, this is only conjectural, as Mr. Frasier's temperament was such that he could not take it easy. That kind of a life, to him resulted in greater loss to his nervous system than to keep everything going under full pressure. Mr. Frasier was a man of honor and his word was equivalent to his note.—La Grande Observer.

MILLIONAIRES SHOPPING.

"Our American millionaires, with Pierpont Morgan at their head, are the world's chief collectors of objects of art," said a dealer. "As a woman loves shopping, so do they love collecting. Collecting is, in fact, the millionaire's way of shopping."

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"I have sold them a hunting horn of Limoges enamel for \$33,000, a Sevres jardiniere for \$47,000. To you, none of those things would seem worth more than \$10 apiece."

"Furniture, especially old French furniture, looks its value to a certain extent, but would you believe that this Louis Quinze writing table, with its tarnished ormolu scrolls, was worth \$3,000? It is though. It is from the famous Hamilton collection, which realized, all told, \$2,000,000."

"Old silver is not sold by the piece, but by the ounce. At auctions this practice causes errors among such shopping millionaires as are greenhorns. A splendid Jacobean platter will be put up, and the experts will bid \$20 or \$25 for it. A greenhorn will snap it up eagerly for \$30, to find that he must pay in the end, not that sum, but \$1,000 or more, according to the platter's weight."

Following the Flag.

When our soldiers went to Cuba and the Philippines, health was the most important consideration. Willis T. Morgan, retired Commissary Sergeant U. S. A., of Rural Route 1, Concord, N. H., says: "I was two years in Cuba and two years in the Philippines, and being subject to colds, I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which kept me in perfect health. And now, in New Hampshire, we find it the best medicine in the world for coughs, colds, bronchial troubles and all lung diseases. Guaranteed at Wm. McBride's, druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free."

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