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The new United States senate will be composed of 41 democrats, 38 republicans, and 13 insurgents.

A change of cabinet may not quiet the Mexicans who think that six presidential terms are several too many.

Kansas promises a wheat crop of 60,000,000 bushels. That is the kind of politics to oppose to hysterical tendencies.

It is expected that Senator La-Follette will be the magazine candidate for president in 1912, although this will not displace Bryan as the periodical.

Mr Limantour is of the belief that the Mexican war will have to be fought out; now we will see what kind of a contest those non-combatants can put up.

President Taft has a democratic house on his hands, and must wait for particulars before finding out whether the senate is not a more puzzling prize package.

That China would be obstinate with Russia was probable, but how about the preparedness of the most populous of nations to meet the hug of the bear that walks like a man.

The Illinois bill for taxing batchelors is answered by a Wisconsin bill for taxing spinsters; the presumption seems to be general that married people are already overtaxed.

It looks as though Diaz had taken off his hat to some of the most notorious bandits infesting Mexico; but that is now sometimes classed the Oregon system of the best government in the world. Watch for results.

The Black-Hand society followed an Italian grape-grower from Arkansas to Chicago and attacked him there; the Black-Hand is being overplayed in this country and must soon call out hands filled with clubs and spades.

China has yielded everything to the demand of Russia, which is not an argument for peace through disarmament unless we have faith greater than a mustard seed in the beatitude which says that ultimately "the meek shall possess the earth."

A Chicago federal judge has just ruled that the immunity bath given the Chicago packers by Judge Humphrey five years ago cannot keep them clean forever, and that they must have another; as they live in Chicago, and sometimes go to the stock yards, the opinion seems reasonable.

Two dinosauer tracks, $1,000. That is the novel merchandising deal consumated at Grand Junction, Colorado, March 30th by Elmer Terrell, a homesteader, with a Chicago museum of natural history. Marks of the ancient mammals were made in the sandstone formation on the Terrell homestead and the blocks of stone containing the imprints will be quarried and shipped to the windy city.

Mrs. Young's Work in Chicago.

Feminine to the tips of her fingers, Mrs Young is said to be as good a cook as she is a scholar, which is saying much, seeing that the university of Chicago conferred on her the degree of doctor of philosophy, and the university of Illinois that of doctor of laws. She felt, as no man could feel, the needs of the girls in the public schools. Twice as much time as formerly is given to cooking in the grammar grades. She has seen to the appointment of women instructors for girls in the gymnasium work, where important talks on sex hygiene can be given. She has recommended, too, the teaching to the high school girls of the scientific division of the pay check, so they will know how to spend the family income. She believes thoroughly that every girl should be prepared to properly keep house.

Kansas is the state for a scoundrel to run for office; not even the thief on a ticket there can be exposed through the press. Beats Oregon just a little bit.

"Behind the Scenes at Salem," is the title of a nasty little book which has made its appearance pretending to deal with members of the last legislative assembly; it presents the curious feature of abuse of members whom its authors denounce, for political reasons.

Mrs Harriman is reported as arranging to give back to the government 2,000 acres of land in Nevada, said to have been obtained illegally by the C. P. Ry., and also the return of 200 acres of gold mines and valuable mineral land near Reno. Believers in the rapid approach of the millennium will be cheered by such news.

The New York state capitol at Albany, cost $27,000,000, and was considered fire proof; so much so that no insurance was carried upon it; but fire last week ruined it $5,000,000 worth, saying nothing of historical documents that no amount of money can replace. Just how the fire started may never be known, as the janitor is missing and was probably burned with the building.

A revised list of the dead and injured in the holocast of the New York shirt waist fire shows that 141 lost their lives, and 12 are maimed and in critical conditions. The majority of those who lost their lives in this fire were between 16 and 20 years of age, none being over 30. Those responsible for the great loss of lives will be vigorously prosecuted. The cause of the fire was a match carelessly thrown amongst a lot of inflamable waste.

How Old is Your Horse?

There are four ways to tell the age of a horse, according to Prof. Potter of the O. A. C.; by his teeth, by his ribs, by the flesh on his tail, and by the skin on his cheeks.

In a young horse the cheek skin is soft and elastic, and flies back quickly when released; in an old one, it is lifeless and goes back but slowly.

Old horses apparently have a wider and more distinct space between their ribs than young ones; and with age the flesh on the tail of a horse shrinks, making the joints more distinct than they are on a young horse.

Judging by the changes in the teeth is a more accurate method. The coming of the temporary teeth first, and then the permanent ones; the development of maturity; the change in shape on account of wear; the coming of the cups in the teeth, and their wearing away afterwards; and the change in the angle of meeting of the teeth, from straight together at five years to a sharp angle at twenty; all these are signs by which the experienced horseman can read accurately the age of a horse.

It must be remembered that the permanent teeth, above and below, come in at the same time, says Prof. Potter, but that the cups above do not wear away until all the cups below are gone. It must also be remembered that the changes begin at the center and continue at the rate of one pair a year; that a horse at maturity, which is at five years; has everything; that is, all his permanent teeth, and all the cups. If one remembers this much, he has the whole thing in a nut shell.

A Case of Couldn't.

Some doctors couldn't cure a ham.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

And some lawyers couldn't try a case of lard.—Scranton Tribune.

And some pianists couldn't play a line of hose.—Mobile Register.

And some artists couldn't draw a pint of beer.—Boston Transcript.

And some newspaper men can not write a check.—Syracuse Post.

And some druggists cannot fill a long felt want.—Aurora Beacon.

And some cobblers cannot shoe a hen.—Burlington Hawkeye.

And some dentists couldn't fill a pulpit.—Keokuk Gate City.

And some preachers couldn't save their own soles.—Atlantic Telegraph.

And some commissioners won't even commit themselves—Spokesman-Review.

And some editors cannot be expected to tell the truth; see Kohlsaat.—Moro Observer.

Arithmetic for April.

It was the busy hour of 4,
When from the city hardware store
Emerged a gentleman who bore
1 hoe,
1 spade,
1 wheelbarow.

From thence our hero promptly
went into a seed establishment
And for these things his money
spent: 1 peck of bulbs,
1 joblot of shrubs,
1 qt assorted seeds.

He had a garden under way
And if he's fairly lucky; say,
He'll have, about the last of May
1 squash vine,
1 egg plant,
1 radish.

DeMoss Correspondence.

C W Diekman was a businesss visitor last week.

Mrs M L Evans is visiting at the Dalles and Hood river.

Alex Hunter was a business visitor at The Dalles last week.

A J Syron and family spent Sunday with Alex Hunter and family.

R A Murray and wife of Monkland, and W M Taylor and wife of Moro, were visitors Sunday at the Hardin farm.

Death and Funeral of Dr. Beers.

Dr. Harland Edgar Beers died at his home near Wasco, Saturday March 25th, 1911, 2 p. m. Dr. Beers was one of the pioneer physicians of this county. He came here in 1890 and spent the greater part of his life here; going east in 1892 to take a regular course in the Medical University at Buffalo; then to New York city for a three months course in surgery; he returned to Albany, Oregon, and followed his chosen profession there for five years, then coming to this county again, still following his profession until 1907, when his health failed.

Harland Edgar Beers was born in Linn county, near Albany, September 14th, 1864; died March 25th, 1911, aged 46 years, 6 months and 11 days. He leaves a wife and one child, father and one brother, and many friends to mourn their loss. Funeral services held at the M. E. church in Wasco, were conducted by the pastor of the Christian church assisted by the pastor of the M. E. church, Sunday, 3 p. m. The seating capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the large crowd of friends who gathered to pay a tribute to their friend and physician for whom they had often anxiously awaited his coming to relieve the suffering of some loved one. Being a prominent member of the Elks, immediately after the services the brotherhood took charge and conducted the remains to the cemetery where he was laid to rest with the honors of the order.

North Pacific Coast Events.

Rose Festival, Portland, Oregon, June 5-10, 1911.

Christian Church Convention, Portland, Oregon, July 4-11.

Centennial Jubilee, Astoria, Oregon, August 10, Sept. 9.

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ERSKINVILLE ENTERTAINS.

Local Teachers' Institute Meets In Most Modern School Building In County.

One of the most successful local teachers' institutes ever held in Sherman county took place at the Erskinville school house on Saturday, April 1st. Seventeen teachers from all parts of the county were present and enjoyed the hospitality of the good people of that district. In opening the program, Supt. W C Bryant called the attention of the visitors to the new Erskinville school house and the equipment; the model rural school of Sherman county. At the same time he took occasion to compliment the school board and the patrons of the district upon the progressive spirit shown in erecting and furnishing their school. Aside from the building which is modern and up to date in every respect, some features worthy of special mention are the single adjustable seats and desks, and the patent heating and ventilating system which has been installed. In no other school in the county, rural or town, do we find a system for ventilating that makes it possible to cause pure air to circulate through the room and at the same time keep an even temperature throughout. We trust that it will not be long until every school board in this county will follow the lead of the progressive farmers of Erskinville.

After a short musical and literary program rendered by the pupils of the Erskinville school, under the efficient leadership of Miss Lottie Covey, the subject of Spelling was taken up. Miss Bamber of the Grass Valley schools opened the discussion; she was followed in the discussion by Miss Peterson of the Wasco schools, Miss Taylor of the Moro schools, and Mr Woods of Wasco.

A fine, bounteous lunch was served at noon by the patrons of the school, after which a meeting of the executive committee of the S. C. D. A. & A. A., was called. It was decided that the coming annual meet should be held in Wasco. The secretary was also instructed to confer with the officials of the Columbia Southern Ry. in regard to cost of operating a special train from Kent to Wasco and return on May 26th.

Read in Sunset Magazine.

Motoring through California, by Lloyd Osborne, beautifully illustrated in four colors.

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