

In 1900 the Government of the United States deeded away over 13,500,000 acres of land; in 1901 these disposals reached a total of 16,000,000 acres, a figure which startled the country in its enormous proportions. In 1902, however, there was a gain of 4,000,000 acres, and the disposals made by the government reached the enormous aggregate of nearly 20,000,000 acres. At the rate which has prevailed during the first six months of the fiscal year of 1903, the disposals will probably amount to at least 25,000,000 acres, or fully as much as was alienated at any time during the great rush of emigration to the West.

All this simply means that under the homestead law, as it stands today, under the desert-land act, a measure born in selfishness and chicanery, and under the timber and stone act, the people of the United States are being robbed of their land estate, which, Lord Macaulay said, is the only thing which stands between the people of this country and the time when will come the real test of republican institutions.

During the past winter quiet, but effective, work has been done by those who are aware of the pernicious use to which the present land laws are being put, and, as public sentiment has been aroused to the real situation, the demand for a change of method is becoming more general. The situation is such today that it would practically be impossible to get any bill through Congress which violated the now well-established principle of the conservation of the public land for homeseekers so clearly set forth by President Roosevelt in his two messages to Congress.—World.

Reciprocity With a String.

The Senate yesterday ratified the Cuban reciprocity treaty by a vote of 50 to 16—but only after it had been amended in the interest of the Sugar Trust and other favored interests, and with a proviso that "this treaty shall not take effect until the same shall have been approved by Congress."

This is reciprocity with a string to it, for no one can tell what the next House will do with a treaty which some of the most powerful of the protected interests oppose. The Sugar Trust was able to force an amendment providing against any further reduction for a period of five years of the duty on sugar, fixed by the treaty at 20 per cent below the Dingley rates, while Senator Burton, representing our own farmers, secured an amendment requiring the Cubans to grant a 30 per cent reduction in their tariff on our flour, wheat, corn and meal.

This provisional ratification is but the shadow of a victory for President Roosevelt and the McKinley Republicans. It will afford no relief to Cuba for this year's crops, and will retard the large benefits to our export trade to the island certain to result from genuine reciprocity.—World.

Grafts.

Contented labor digs the grave of worry. The odds in favor of marriages are two to one.

Nothing saddens a man like being jolled by a woman.

A wise saw is presumably one that has out its wisdom teeth.

Never get between a dog and his bone or between a man and his hobby.

Things that formerly came to those who waited now go to those who hustle.

Any man can gain time by stealing a watch—the judge will give it to him.

Experts are guided in their judgment of liquors by the smell; those who taste are more or less misguided.

An old bachelor says that marriage is a lump of sugar intended to mollify the bitterness of the dose.

A girl may consider Friday an unlucky day to be married on, and she may not. It depends on her age.

A jeweler says that diamonds are not worn as much as formerly. Of course not; but just wait until the baseball season opens.

Moulton (La.) Sun: Attorney General Knox says the administration is satisfied with the anti-trust legislation. Of course it is. President Roosevelt is a candidate for re-election and cannot be expected to do anything to injure the corporations to whom he looks for next year's campaign funds.

President Roosevelt was telling a friend about his mail, which averages 500 or 600 letters a day. "One of the most remarkable letters I ever received," he said, "arrived on the morning the full accounts of the Martinique disaster were printed in the newspapers. The writer said he saw that the American consul at Martinique had been named to death. He applied for a passport and was refused with this sentence: 'In case of any application so as to get in a crowd of these loathsome creatures, the officekeeper...'"

Down With Machine Politics.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—The Republican County Convention which meets in Albany, Thursday, April 2nd, to send delegates to the District Convention which meets in Eugene Thursday, April 9th, has some serious matters to take into consideration and settle.

First:—Is it worth while to consider a man a candidate for congress who has formidable opposition in his own party in his own county?

Second:—Is it advisable for the County Convention to instruct its delegates to the District Convention?

Said delegates are supposed to be men of reason and judgment, and they should go to the District Convention free to exercise that reason and judgment; go there for the purpose of exercising their best judgment for the highest interests of state, and not go tied up in some corrupt man's coat tail pocket to be traded off like a lot of cattle to further his selfish and mercenary motives.

No delegate, who is a man imbued with many feelings, wants to be placed in such a humiliating position; wants to be so lowered in his own estimation and the estimation of the rank and file of his party and the public generally. What is a man but part of a machine under such circumstances? Not allowed to think and act and reason for himself, but agrees to let some other fellow do his thinking for him. Delegates his manly privileges away in order to be a delegate to a District Convention. Do men in the secular affairs of life let some other man do their thinking for them? Hardly! Then why in politics, when the right of franchise is the highest God-given right that a man can exercise.

Let the convention down machine politics once and for all. Let it set down solidly on this one man power, on this opportunity for a few men to shape and control the destiny of the party, sell the party out to the highest bidder, to further their own personal ambitious scheme, ignoring the interests of the state, and reducing the bone and sinew of the party to a lot of emasculated, powerless nobodies.

MANY REPUBLICANS. Albany, March 30th, 1903.

Peculiar Death Facts.

The causes of death are to a large extent a matter of geography, declares one of the latest reports of the Census Bureau at Washington.

A map of the United States has been prepared under the direction of William R. Merriam, Director of the twelfth census, in which the country is divided into twenty-one districts.

These districts have been marked to show the diseases that are most fatal in different parts of the country.

For instance, the most fatal diseases in the district in which New York City is situated are consumption, pneumonia, Bright's disease, apoplexy, bronchitis and diphtheria.

The most sensational deaths occur in the Pacific coast district region, in the State of Washington. This is the only district in which gunshot wounds are reported as a prevalent cause of death.

Heart disease, suicide and apoplexy show there the largest number of victims, and the record is held for the greatest number of deaths from alcoholism.

Lung troubles appear to be most numerous along the Atlantic coast from New York to Virginia and along the Mississippi River from New Orleans to the Ohio River.

Typhoid fever and malaria come far down on the list in mountainous districts but appear at the top in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Indian Territory.

Although only three out of every 100 die of old age, there are a few fortunate districts where old age rivals consumption and malaria as the cause of death. Among these favored spots are the Catskills, Adirondacks, Green Mountains, parts of Michigan and Wisconsin, and the region on either side of the Missouri River.

Childbirth, eroup and whooping cough appear to be most dangerous in the districts which have the least population and where, presumably, medical aid is most difficult to obtain.

Cancer, heart disease and apoplexy are more to be expected in mountainous parts of the country than in the level districts.

In eight of the twenty-one districts rheumatism reaps a large harvest of death, noticeably in the thinly settled States, where the inhabitants are most exposed to the sudden changes of the weather.

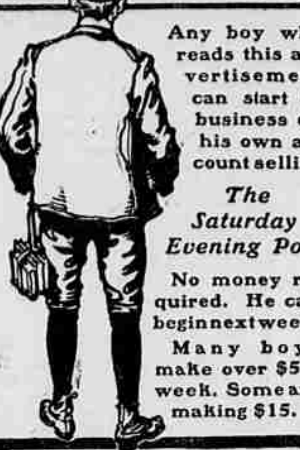
Generally speaking, it appears that the majority of deaths in the country are caused by climatic conditions, while those in the cities are caused by social conditions.

The farmer on the Dakota prairie, for example, needs to guard against rheumatism, but not against malaria or heart disease.

The New Yorker may well dread lung disease, but need have little fear of scarlet fever or rheumatism.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box, 25c.

We Want a BRIGHT BOY to work after School Hours



Any boy who reads this advertisement can start in business on his own account selling The Saturday Evening Post. No money required. He can begin next week. Many boys make over \$5 a week. Some are making \$15.

THE CURTIS PUBLISHING COMPANY 469 Arch Street, Philadelphia

Milwaukee Journal.

To be cheerful when the world is going well with you is no great virtue. The thing is to be cheerful under disadvantageous circumstances. If one has lost money, if business prospects fail, if enemies appear triumphant, if there is sickness of self or those dear to one, then is it indeed a virtue to be cheerful. When poverty pinches day after day, month after month or through the years as they pass, and one has ever to deny self of every little longing for luxury, and the puzzle of how to make one dollar do the work for two has to be solved, then the man who can still be cheerful is a hero. He is a greater hero than the soldier who faces the cannon's mouth. Such cheerfulness is the kind that we need to cultivate.

To acquire this self-command, we need to think of many things. We need to guard against giving way to irritation about little things, if we can maintain self-control in small matters, we shall have less difficulty in maintaining it when great matters are to be met. If we meet with irreparable losses we must adjust our lives to fit the new conditions. There is no great evil so bad but that it might have been worse. Let us congratulate ourselves that the worst is not yet! There is truth in the saying that "every cloud has a silver lining." Though it may for a time look so dark that we can see no glint of the silver, yet we know it is there.

Lebanon.

From the E. A.: H. A. Shorey came over from Albany yesterday to work on the Criterion.

Mrs. Dumond returned to Albany yesterday after a visit with her daughter in this place.

Mrs. S. V. Blodgett and Misses Hattie Canfield, May Bland and Myrtle Harris went to Albany this morning for short visits.

A few darkies are in town and they will give an entertainment this evening. Henry Morgan, formerly of Lebanon and Albany, is in the party.

One of the most interesting things that is to take place this week will be the handkerchief bazaar to be held in the Raleigh building on Friday afternoon, April 3d, by the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

Shedd.

Miss Mary Wilson has returned from Eugene, where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Miss Mary Sutherland of the O. A. C. came home Friday for a few days visit, with her parents.

Mr. W. H. McConnel expects to start east next week for a visit to his old home and will attend the General Assembly of the U. P. church.

Mr. John Sutherland has returned from Wash. state where he has been at work the past month.

Albany Market.

- Wheat 88 cents. Oats 30. Eggs 12 cents. Butter 23 to 25 cents. Potatoes 45 cents. Hams 13 cents. Sides 13 cents. Shoulders 10 cents. Hops 15 cents. Pork, dressed, 7 1/2 cents. Hay, 45 loose, 47 baled. Flour 95c per sack. Beef, gross steers 3 1/2c, cow 3c. Mutton, gross, 2 1/2c. Veal, gross, 4c. Wool 10 to 11c. Mill feed, bran 17, shorts 22 1/2. Poultry, 8 cents live weight. Lard 12c. Prunes, dried, 4c. Apples, dried, 4c. Apples, green, 50c.

MISFITS.

April fool's day.

The best time to fix a sidewalk is just before some one falls through it.

If the fool killer was to appear in earnest he would find plenty of victims.

The Eugene Journal says the nomination of Binger Hermann is well assured.

Physical Culture says: Whiskey, ignorance and disease are boon companions.

People are being torn asunder at the court house this week. Sixteen divorce cases on the docket.

The subject of keeping the Lewis and Clark fair open on Sunday has already begun to be a bone of contention.

The city cannot afford to permit a hole in a sidewalk even for a day. Notices to property owners won't do it in many cases either.

A labor commissioner will soon be appointed to begin business May 21. The position is one that should be filled by a clean as well as able man.

Hon. Joe Simon, of Portland, is after the President. President Roosevelt will come to Oregon in May just the same. With a big body guard he will be safe.

The papers and magazines are full of eating theories these days. Here is one man who says starched foods should never be eaten cooked but always raw. Wouldn't that jar a wheat field.

The Tacoma newsboys have passed resolutions providing for a fine of \$2.50 for the first offense and \$5 for the second for riding on the street cars during the strike. Now, stand from under.

Portland military men and citizens did the fine thing by Admiral Schley, but he deserves all the fine things done for him. No naval officer in the U. S. is closer to the hearts of the people.

Tomorrow will be April Fool's Day. It will be well to keep your eyes open and your ears shut, and not loose your equilibrium. It is particularly well to have your senses about you early in the day.

The mail is now filled with spring and summer catalogues of big wholesale mail order houses. The Democrat's advice is to keep your money at home and consult the columns of the Democrat for bargains.

Bids are asked for at Eugene for the conveying of one hundred people from Eugene to the Three Sisters and for the furnishing of the Commissary department. The Three Sisters are wanted to be on their guard.

The Willamette Valley according to all reports is growing together. Good reports come from every city in the valley of new buildings going up, with a larger demand for houses and rooms than the supply. This is the way to go ahead.

In the collection at one of the churches yesterday was a round piece of brass, upon which were the words "Good for One Cigar" on one side and "J. G. Williams, Hastings, Neb." on the other side, perhaps swept out here by a cyclone and placed on the plate by some mischievous Nebraskan.

The Marion County delegates to the congressional convention will favor J. A. Jeffrey for congressman. Jeffrey is an able young man and those who know him well declare him to be absolutely clean in his personal character and upright in his business affairs.

Where a sidewalk is not fixed when ordered it is the business of the street superintendent and streets committee to have it fixed at the expense of the property owner at once. The trouble is that it has been the practice to notify property owners and if they do not attend to it let it go until they notify them again, which is a poor way to do.

These stories about the hardness of the heads of negroes will have to cease. Last week at Tacoma Miss Lou Storme, a young lady, attempted to commit suicide by leaping from a balcony sixty feet high to the ground, striking on her head, making a hole three inches deep. She was not even unconscious, not a bone broken and was able to walk.

The Eugene Register has found some deadly parallels and we may now expect another plagiaristic confab. Here they are:

Though dead as a nation—as we speak of nations—yet they live.—Vance. Though dead as a nation—as we speak of nations—yet they live.—Orator Smith. The Jew is, beyond doubt, the most remarkable man of this world, past or present.—Vance. The Jew is the most remarkable man of this world.—Orator Smith.

A few days ago near Morristown, N. Y., some workmen found in the dry bed of a lake hibernating in an igneous rock a live triambunthegium, said to be the only reptile of the cenozoic epoch ever found. It is the connecting link between the perodactyl and archaopteryx and the animal it is declared had been hibernating there for 10,000,000 years. The animal is twelve feet long, fifty inches in circumference and has six legs. It is probably a fake newspaper item.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

H. W. CORBETT DEAD.

PORTLAND, March 31.—Hon. H. W. Corbett died suddenly at 8:45 this morning. He was in his usual health yesterday.

A Southern Oregon man may be given his place on the fair board.

(Mr. Corbett was Portland's leading citizen for many years, a leader in every enterprise that went to the upbuilding of the city. He was born in Massachusetts in Feb. 1827 and came to Portland in 1851, engaging in the hardware business, developing a large wholesale business. Mr. Corbett became interested in many of the principal institutions of the city, the First National Bank, Oregonian, and other large properties. He was U. S. Senator one term and in recent years was again a candidate. Mr. Corbett was at the head of the Lewis and Clark exposition until a few days ago when he resigned. His loss is a great one to Portland.)

Lyons Burned.

SALEM, March 29.—Roy Goodhue, who returned this morning from a visit to Lyons, reports that on Friday night all the business houses in that town were destroyed by fire. The principal property destroyed was as follows: Hotel, valued at about \$1000, owned by Colonel Reed; a store valued at \$500 and small stock of merchandise, owned by J. O. Lyon. A number of buildings owned by Henry Lyons and used as warehouses, valued at \$500. The fire is supposed to have been set by an incendiary.

Can't Agree.

SEATTLE, March 29.—After laboring all day the representative of the Seattle Electric Company, the representatives of organized labor, and the committee of business men, who are striving to settle the street-car strike, failed to reach an understanding, and another meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce to continue the efforts to reach a peaceful solution of the matter.

A Bryan Rumor.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—One of the curious rumors floating in the East is that Bryan's visit to Washington about the time Congress adjourned was for the purpose that he should be chairman of the democratic national committee next year. The story goes that Bryan thinks he can manage the campaign so as not to lose all trace of Bryanism and the Bryanism and the Chicago and Kansas City platforms.

Simon Scores Roosevelt.

PORTLAND, March 29.—Ex-United States Senator Joseph Simon says that he is not at all surprised that President Roosevelt has appointed A. S. Dresser as Register of the Land Office at Oregon City. Not that Senator Simon is pleased with the President's action, for, on the contrary, he casts an unequivocal charge of broken promises—"picaroon promises"—was the expression that Mr. Simon used—at the occupant of the White House.

Schley Appreciated.

GRANT'S PASS, March 9.—A grand ovation was given Admiral Schley as they passed through Grant's Pass this evening on their way to Portland. Fully 2000 people were at the train, and it was amidst the shouts and cheers of these, the music of the city band and the enthusiasm of the multitude that the great hero found himself when he appeared on the rear platform of his Pullman.

Under the Water.

GREENVILLE, Miss., March 29.—The backwater from the La Grange crevasses is rising slowly and nearly all of the city is submerged. Bad cases are paralyzed, and people in the southern section of the city are moving about in skirts. The rise in the last 24 hours has been two inches.

Will Visit Ireland.

LONDON, March 30.—It is officially announced that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will visit Ireland in July or August of this year. The announcement of their Majesty's intended visit has been received with great satisfaction in Dublin and Belfast where the visit will be a triumphant success, as they will see Ireland in a happier frame of mind than she has been for many years.

Mitchell Better.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Senator Mitchell expects to argue the Montgomery dock case before the Supreme Court on April 8. On the following day he will leave for a month's rest and recreation and will not return to Washington again until next Fall. After his rest he expects to visit his children in New York, St. Paul and Tacoma, reaching Portland just prior to President Roosevelt's arrival.

Terry Whipped.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—William Rothwell, better known as "Young Corbett" of Denver, tonight showed decisively that his victory over Terry McGovern a year ago last Thanksgiving, was not a fluke, by defeating McGovern in the 11th round after a fight in which there was not a second of idleness for either man.

Systematic Kobbery.

STEVENSON, Wash., March 31.—H. G. Roberts, a young man 20 years of age, languishes in the county jail here charged with larceny. According to his own confession he and a pal by the name of Jim Connor have done a systematic business of stealing from the store of Ladd & Bourne at their logging camp on the Washougal River, in the western part of this county.

Gatch Ahead.

SALEM, March 31.—"Clara Gatch has carried Marion county in the republican primaries today," says Frank Davy who was Gatch's opponent. "Gatch has a large majority of the delegates to the county convention. I shall do all I can to give him a strong and solid delegation to the congressional convention and I will be at Eugene with my coat off working for Gatch for the republican nomination for Congress."

A Remarkable Shower.

WEAVER, Idaho, March 30.—A remarkable occurrence happened this afternoon. During a heavy shower there was a fall of some white alkaline substance. It made white spots on everything it touched. It had a salty taste. Just previous a large yellow cloud was observed in the heaven.

The Strike Ended.

SEATTLE, March 31.—The street-car strike is settled. The strikers decided at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon to go back to work by practically a unanimous vote. About 25 of the 600 men in Eagles' Hall, where the closing scene was enacted, were sulky and held out.

The settlement was effected by the company and the strikers agreeing to arbitrate the question of seniority between the men who were on strike and the men who took their places.

The Presidential Train.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The special train on which the President will leave here tomorrow for his Western trip will be furnished by the Pennsylvania road, and will be one of the finest that ever ran out of Washington. It has been especially decorated and equipped for the trip. It will consist of six cars, manned by a picked crew with Conductor William Johnson, who has been the President on many trips, in charge.

Pennell Did It.

BUFFALO, March 31.—The verdict in the Burdick inquest, handed down by Judge Murphy today. While stating that the identity of the murderer of Edward L. Burdick has not been proven, practically charges Arthur Pennell, the dead lawyer with the crime. Pennell has a stronger motive than any one else for putting Burdick out of the way, Judge Murphy says.

Tired Out

"I was very poorly and could hardly get about the house. I was tired out all the time. Then I tried Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and it only took two bottles to make me feel perfectly well." Mrs. N. S. Swinney, Princeton, Mo.

Tired when you go to bed, tired when you get up, tired all the time. Why? Your blood is impure. You are living on the border line of nerve exhaustion. You need Ayer's Sarsaparilla. \$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

Ask your doctor what he thinks of this grand old family medicine. Follow his advice and we will be satisfied. Take Ayer's Pills with the Sarsaparilla. They act on the liver, cure biliousness, headache, constipation. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the Postoffice at Albany, Linn county, Oregon, March 31, 1903. Persons calling for these letters must give the date on which advertised:

- Oasis, Mr. Cooper, Mr M J Davis, A B Deitrik, J. Jos Echin, Dona Marston, Mr W J Marston, Mr Jasper Morin, John Miller, Mr Wayne Read, Mr A E Stickey, Mr Wm J Stormer, Pearl Reeves, Miss Bessie Sched, Mr and Mrs Henry S. S. TRAIN, P. M.

Notice of Public School Examination.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the final eighth grade examination for the public schools of Linn county, will be held in compliance with the rules of the State Board of Education, on the following dates, April 7, 8 and 9, May 20, 21 and 22, June 17, 18 and 19. Teachers having pupils who have completed the work of the Eight grade should make application for the examination thirty days prior to the examination. W. L. JACKSON, Co. Supt.

"Reaping the Harvest."

What is described as a common sense melodrama, bearing the above title is announced for the attraction at Albany Opera House Thursday April 2nd.

"Reaping the Harvest" is considered the best work of that rising young playwright, Tom Fitch. It is one of those beautiful stories of human emotions that appeal so strongly to our theatre going public to-day. All the principal Cities of the East and West have taken to its arms, as it were, this most charming play, and the result is capacity business everywhere. The Company to appear at the Opera House is the original and is headed by the author, Mr. Fitch who portrays in his customary skillful way the character of his own creation, Donald Stewart, the reckless youth who goes the pace that kills. No business man can well afford to miss seeing the first act of "Reaping the Harvest," as it is pronounced by critics everywhere to be the most laughable and yet most natural stage picture of an insolvent firm trying to hold its head above water offered. A carload of beautiful scenery is used in this production of the best melodrama of the age.

Fat Chickens Wanted

At Schultz Bros. Market. We pay the highest cash price.

THE GREAT COLD CURE our Syrup of White Pine Compound "with Tar" put up by us in 25 and 50c bottles. Your money cheerfully refunded by us if it fails to cure your cough or cold. Once tried always used. BUKHART & LEE.