

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATES AND PROVINCES OF NORTH AMERICA.

The first serial number of Vol. 1, of this forthcoming work is announced, appearing as a supplement to the Medical Legal Journal, and embracing the states of Texas and Kansas.

The historical sketch of the former is by ex-Judge A. S. Walker, of the Supreme Court of Texas, with the approval of Chief Justice Sayton. Besides illustrations and sketches of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Texas, there are portraits and sketches of the Judges of the court of appeals. The historical sketch of Kansas is from the pen of the Chief Justice of the State, the Hon. Albert H. Horton. It is divided into the Territorial and State history. Portraits and sketches of the present court are given as well as a portrait and sketch of Gen. Thomas Ewing, the first Chief Justice of the state. The historical sketch of the Supreme Court of Oregon was written early in the present year by Judge C. H. Carey, of Portland, at the request and under the supervision of Hon. R. S. Strahan, then Chief Justice of that Court, whose term of service expired July 1, 1892, and who has been succeeded by Chief Justice Hon. Wm. P. Lord. It treats of the early history of the Territory and the later history of the State.

The illustrations embrace portraits of the present bench, and of the earlier State and Territorial Judiciary of that Court, and will embrace some of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Oregon.

Among these are the retiring Chief Justice, Hon. R. S. Strahan, Chief Justice Hon. Wm. P. Lord, Associate Justice Hon. R. S. Bean, and ex-Chief Justices and Associate Judges Williams, Waite, Trim, Boise, Stratton, Kelsey, Shattuck, Upton, Nelson, A. J. Thayer, McArthur, Bonham, Mosher, Burnett, J. F. Watson, E. B. Watson, W. W. Thayer, and several of the present and ex-Judges of the Circuit of Oregon.

The price of the first complete volume will be \$5, and it can be sent in serial numbers as issued, if the subscriber desires. The bar and judiciary interested in this work wishing to subscribe will address the Medical Legal Journal, No. 57 Broadway, of which the series can be obtained as issued and the volumes as completed. Series No. 2 will be ready for delivery by January 1, 1893.

TO LATE.

The president has extended by amendment to the postal rule classification, the civil service so as to include all free delivery offices, of which there are understood to be 601. Fifty three of these offices are at present classified. Before the extension, the civil service rules applied only to those postoffices which had as many as fifty employees; now the service extends to all offices where carriers are employed. This is done so as to fix all republican employees now holding these positions so there will be no power to remove them when the new administration comes into power. But Cleveland can very easily suspend the operation of the order and secure the appointment of persons whom he deems fit to fill these places and then remove the suspension.

People who have plenty of clothes to wear and a good roof to shelter them from the storms that come will be sorry to hear that of the entire human race 250,000,000 go entirely without clothes, that 700,000,000 live in huts or caves, and that 250,000,000 more have practically no shelter at all. Many of these clothesless and homeless ones, however, live in warm climates, where their condition is not altogether hard one.

Judge Boise, speaking about the report that he is in favor of the repeal of the mortgage law denies the report, but says he is in favor of the repeal of the law allowing deductions for indebtedness except when the indebtedness is a matter of record, and such indebtedness, he thinks should be allowed. This proposition will meet with much favor as it is too palpable in its discrimination. The proposition to allow no deductions at all on account of indebtedness is meeting with such favor, and it is probable that it will pass. At an open meeting of the Salem and the other day speeches were made by Hon. Thos. Paulsen, John Minto, Representative Lawson of Clackamas and others all favoring repeal.

At the recent international congress of physiology at Liege, Prof. Hermann demonstrated his method of photographing the end of the vowels. The vowels were cut out before one of Edison's phonographs. Immediately afterwards they were reproduced very slowly, and the vibrations recorded by a microphone. The ether was furnished with a mirror, which reflected the light of an electric light upon a glistening cylinder, covered with sensitized paper, and protected by another under with a small opening which gave age to the rays of light from a reflector. His means was obtained very distinct graphic traces, and the constancy remarkable for the different letters.

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GROUND OF CONTEST.

A reader of the DEMOCRAT wants to know the ground of the contest for member of legislature of Montana, upon the decision of which depends the question whether the democrats shall have a United States Senator from that state. The laws of that state provide that when fraudulent votes are found to be cast in any precinct and the canvassing board are unable to determine just how many legal or how many fraudulent votes have been cast, it shall be their duty to throw the whole precinct out. This was done by a canvassing board throwing out Box Elder precinct in one of the counties in that state because the judges of that precinct had permitted a large number of men to vote who were not registered and had permitted a number of Indians to vote whose votes were bought by one of the Judges of that precinct. The county canvassing board that rejected the vote of Box Elder precinct was composed of two republicans and one democrat, and their action in rejecting this precinct elected a democrat to the legislature, and it is his right to a seat that is now contested. It was upon exactly a similar case that the republicans secured two United States senators from that state two years ago. Then the republican court of that state held that the throwing out of a precinct on account of fraudulent votes, the number of which could not be determined, was valid and that gave the republicans a majority in the legislature, and two senators. Now they want to reject this very decision which they established then, but they will fail.

Contracting for medical services by the year is a new idea of some Hartford societies. Each member pays a sum averaging \$1.50 per year, is examined to see that he is in good health to begin with, and thenceforth his personal doctor's bill for the year is paid. Some members do not call a doctor all through the year. Others get many times the value of what they pay in medical attendance. The doctors do not like it, but the idea seems to be a good one. Better still is the Chinese method of paying the doctor only when in good health.

The moon, whether full or not, has not the slightest effect either upon food, the weather, or the mental condition of insane persons. The common belief of the influence of the moon upon terrestrial affairs is an interesting survival of an astrological superstition. As far as the earth is concerned, the action of the full moon is limited to the tides, lovers and poets.

The largest artificial stone in the world forms the base of the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island, New York Harbor. This immense stone was made from broken trap rock, sand and American cement. Five hundred carloads of sand and over 23,000 barrels of cement were used in its manufacture.



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Walter Besant has been making some melancholy estimates of the number of authors who fail, and he finds that out of 3500 who try 3260 are completely dashed, 220 make a very little money, 70 do pretty well, and 50 get a substantial income.

It is said that mail matter dropped in the post office at Paris, is delivered in Berlin in an hour and a half, and sometimes within 35 minutes. The distance between the cities is 750 miles, and the mail is sent by pneumatic tubes.

The number of men employed on railways in the United States during the last year was 784,285, being an increase of 34,984.

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A new steamer has carried a cargo of 4500 tons for 35 days on a coal consumption of 13.4 tons per day.

TEACHES INSTITUTE.—Following is the program of Institute No. 5, to meet at Shedd, Jan. 14th, 1893 commencing at 10 a. m.

Teaching of proportion—J. G. Gibson, Maggie Dunlap, Mattie Cross. Primary geography—W. H. Latta, Daisy Lee, Linnie Ramsey, Grace Stafford.

AFTERNOON.

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