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THE Senate has confirmed the nominations of the Inter-State Commerce Commissioners.

A POLICE escort has been arranged for every train which crosses the Isthmus of Panama.

THE total coinage of Mexico for the fiscal year ending June 30, was \$34,433,000, of which \$26,844,000 was silver.

ACCORDING to a recent postal rule letters placed directly on the cars will be left at the first postoffice, where they will be stamped and forwarded by the mail. Hence time will be lost carrying your letters to the cars.

THE dairy interests of the United States represent an investment of more than \$3,000,000,000, nearly five times as much as the entire bank capital of the country, which is \$671,000,000. The number of milch cows is estimated at 21,000,000.

SENATOR DOLPH has introduced a bill in Congress which provides that land which is forfeited along unconstructed roads be subject not only to homestead entry, but to all the land laws of the United States, and it also provides that persons who have occupied such lands under the impression that they could finally be bought from the railroads, be allowed to purchase 320 acres. It also provides that the same privilege be extended to the disputed strip of land between the Harrison and Sparks' lines, fixing the terminal limits of the Northern Pacific at Wallula.

HERMANN has submitted to the House a protest from sawmill owners and employes in Oregon and Washington Territory, against any disturbance of the existing tariff on lumber. They represent that "lumber is one of the most valuable products of Oregon and Washington; that the outgrowth is that white labor is employed and good wages are paid, but it leaves so small a margin to millmen that if they are compelled to compete with the product of free timber lands, low interest and contract labor of British Columbia, their industry must go to the wall; further, that the Eastern carrying trade of lumber on our transcontinental railroads, built by American capital, will be transferred to Canadian roads, owned by Englishmen and built by English capital; that remunerative labor now held by white men on our soil will be transferred to foreign soil, within view of our own, and there monopolized by Chinese coolies."

THE report of the Commissioner appointed by the New York Legislature to report the most humane and practical method known to modern science of carrying into effect the sentence of death in capital cases, recommends killing the culprit by the use of electricity. In regard to the advantages of electricity the Commissioner says: "Its application can be made without injury to the officials, the place for its use may be strictly private, and its certainty is beyond a doubt. One objection to the use of electricity is the shock which people uninstructed in its use suppose is inflicted on the condemned man. As a matter of fact, the electric shock cannot produce a sensation which can be perceptible to the criminal. The velocity of the current is so great that the brain is paralyzed." The Commissioner recommends that a chair with head and foot rests could be used in which the condemned man could be seated in a half reclining position. One wire could be connected with the head rest and the other with the foot rest, which would be a metal plate. The electric current could be supplied by electric light wires. The Commissioner recommends that the date of the execution be made uncertain, so that the criminal may not know what day he is to die, and that the corpses go to the doctors or to a nameless grave without religious rites, and that newspapers be forbidden to give the details of the execution.

COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

Seattle expended \$735,000 in new buildings last year.

The ground is frozen three feet deep in places in Helena, Montana.

Sixty-three students are enrolled at the Grangeville (Idaho) academy.

The railroad fare from Tacoma to Seattle has been reduced to fifty cents.

A little girl of Mr. Tanner, of Wallula, W. T., was burned to death while playing with matches.

A little girl aged 8 years, named Goss, was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun near Watsonville, Cal.

Samuel Ralston, son of the late W. C. Ralston, the banker, suicided by shooting himself at Grayston, Cal.

At Whittier, Cal., James Miles, a carpenter, was shot and instantly killed by George Parks, a saloonkeeper.

Benton, Montana, has a lady barber. The old bald headed bachelors of that town get shaved three times a day.

The prospect of a big stampede to Salmon river is growing every day, says an Ellensburg paper.

There are sixty-four flouring mills in Washington Territory, with an estimated capacity of 3,885 barrels per day.

The Secretary of War has issued an order reserving 640 acres of land for the military reservation at Fort Spokane, W. T.

Charles Robinson, a young man living in Princeton, Cal., was drowned while attempting to skate on Davis lake, near Butte City.

A big black eagle, measuring six feet nine inches from tip to tip, was killed on the Hudson Bay farm near Walla Walla.

For the season now ended the Northern Pacific railroad has transported eastward 74,000 head of range cattle and 10,000 head of sheep.

There are 864 school houses in Washington Territory. Value of public school buildings and apparatus, \$589,768.

Missoula county, Montana, has decided to start a poor farm, as it will be cheaper than the present system, which costs \$5,500 per year.

By an explosion of giant powder in the blacksmith shop of the upper Roelyn (W. T.) mine, two miners were wounded, one having since died.

There are eighty-three convicts in the Idaho penitentiary, which is the largest number the institution ever contained at one time.

There are, it is estimated, some 20,000 sheep in the Kintias valley, W. T., the majority of which belong to non residents.

A boy named Henry Peterson, who was stealing a ride, was run over by the cars at Tulare, Cal., and instantly killed. His body was cut in two at the waist.

A coal field 300 miles long is said to have been discovered in Montana, reaching from the Big Horn mountains in Custer county to the British lines.

The articles of incorporation of the Washington Commandery, Knights Templar No. 1 of Walla Walla, with a capital stock of \$25,000, have been filed with the Territorial Secretary.

A huge salmon, weighing fifty-five pounds, was captured in a net in the harbor of Victoria, B. C. It is the largest salmon ever captured in those waters.

During the year 1887, the business at the Helena United States Land Office amounted to 252,841 acres, of the value of \$16,059,347. This is the largest year's business ever done by the office.

Two Chinamen were drowned in the Nooksack at Ferndale, W. T. The bodies have not been recovered. The river has since frozen over, and the bodies will probably go out to sea in the spring freshets.

Arrangements are being made for a telegraph line from Ellensburg to the Salmon river mines. The project anticipates having it ready for business by the middle of March of the first of April.

About 56,000 persons have been vaccinated under the auspices of the San Francisco health department since last May, and something like 10,000 have been vaccinated privately at physicians' offices and residences.

E. L. Johnson, a Swede who operated a slab-trimming machine in a sawmill at Tacoma, met with a horrible death. The rope which holds the saw in place broke, and the saw thus freed dashed forward, nearly severing Johnson's body in two. He died almost instantly.

Mrs. O. Caroline Meacham, widow of Alfred B. Meacham, of Modoc war fame, died in Walla Walla. Mrs. Meacham was for many years a resident of Salem, and subsequently of Portland. She leaves two children, Geo. F. Meacham and Mrs. J. W. Redington. She has been for several years a recipient of a pension of \$50 per month in acknowledgement of her husband's services in the Modoc war.

SCIENTIFIC TRUTH.

How Escape Small-pox With a Post House on Broadway.

Some time ago an article was published in the *Scientific American* which at the time attracted wide attention. By request of a correspondent we reproduce the leading points therein:

To understand how intimately related are the human kidneys to the physical health, "we propose, metaphorically speaking, to take one from the human body and place it in the wash-bowl before us and examine it."

You will imagine that we have before us a body shaped like a bean, smooth and glistening, about four inches in length, two in width and one in thickness. It weighs in the adult about five ounces.

The body of the average size man contains about ten quarts of blood, every drop of which passes through these filterers or sewers, many times a day (as often as through the heart), making a complete revolution in three minutes. The kidneys take away deadly impurities from 65 gallons of blood each hour, or about 49 barrels each day, or 9,135 hogsheds a year.

Let us slice this delicate organ open lengthwise, and roughly describe its interior.

We find it to be filled with hundreds of little tubes, short and thread-like, starting from the arteries, ending in a little tuft about midway from the outside, opening into a sac which holds the water to further undergo purification before it passes into the ureters, and out of the body. These little tubes are filterers which do their work automatically, and right here the disease of the kidney first begins.

From the slightest irregularity in our habits, from cold, from high living, from stimulants or a thousand and one other daily causes, they lose their force.

What is the result? Congestion or stoppage of the current of blood in the small blood vessels surrounding them, which become blocked; these delicate membranes are irritated; inflammation is first set up, then pus is formed, which collects in the sac; the tubes are at first partially, and soon totally unable to do their work. The sac goes on distending with this corruption, pressing upon the blood vessels. All this time, remember, the blood, which is entering the kidneys to be filtered, is passing through this terribly disgusting pus, for it cannot take any other route.

It would be just as reasonable to expect to escape contagion if a pest-house were set across Broadway and countless thousands were compelled to go through its pestilential doors, as for one to expect the blood to escape pollution when constantly running through such a diseased kidney.

Now, what is the result? Why, that the blood takes up and deposits this poison as it sweeps along into every organ, into every inch of muscle, tissue, flesh and bone, from your head to your feet. And whenever, from hereditary influence or otherwise, one part of the body is weaker than another, a countless train of diseases is established, such as consumption in weak lungs, dyspepsia where there is a delicate stomach, nervousness, insanity, paralysis or heart disease, in those who have weak nerves and bad circulation.

But the medical profession, knowing that they cannot cure diseases of the kidneys, treat the manifold symptoms caused by this primary or causative disease. As fast as they cure one symptom, another secondary one appears, and so they go on, uselessly treating effects, the cause being untouched.

But you say "my kidneys are all right. I have no pain in my back." Mistaken man! People die of kidney disease of so bad a character that the organs are rotten, and yet they never there had a pain nor an ache.

"How can you know that you have kidney disease?"

Only by noting the general effects wrought by the kidney poisoned blood in other parts of the body. Kidney disease disguises itself under symptoms of common head, lungs, skin, liver and stomach disorders.

If you notice that you are not in as reliable health as formerly, in any respect, then the chances are that, though you may have no known chronic disease, your blood is full of uric kidney acid. Then comes in the ounce of prevention. Then you should use Warner's safe cure, the only trustworthy specific for uric acid or kidney diseases, primary or secondary.

The most skillful physicians cannot detect such disease at times, for the kidneys themselves cannot be examined by any means which we have at our command. Even an analysis of the water, chemically and microscopically, reveals nothing definite in many cases, even when the kidneys are fairly broken down.

Then look out for them, as disease, no matter where situated, to 93 per cent, as shown by after death examinations, has its origin in the breaking down of these secreting tubes in the interior of the kidney.

Warner's safe cure, as it becomes

year after year better known for its wonderful cures and its power over the kidneys, has done and is doing more to increase the average duration of life than all the physicians known. It is a true specific, mild but certain, harmless but energetic and agreeable to the taste.

Take it when sick, as a cure, and never let a month go by without taking a few bottles as a preventive, that the kidneys may be kept in proper order, the blood pure, that health and long life may be your blessing."

AN IMPORTANT LAW.

How It Affects the Credit System Between the East and West.

An innocent-looking little law, so small that it slipped through the last Congress without more than passing attention, is about to have a serious effect upon the business of large Eastern merchants and will entirely revolutionize the credit system existing between the East and the West. This apparently trifling law limits the jurisdiction of the United States courts to suits involving over \$2,000 exclusive of interest. The old law has fixed the limit at \$500. The effect of this change, as already developed in the West, is to cut off the trade between the Eastern merchant and the Western dealer who buys less than \$2,000 worth of goods and to direct the immense trade into the hands of Western jobbing houses. It is, in short, a blow to Eastern merchants and Western credit and a blessing to Western jobbers. The reasons for this are already becoming apparent in the West.

Under the old rule an immense credit was built up between the East and West. All that a Western tradesman needed was a letter of introduction from responsible parties and he was assured credit in New York. Even though unknown he was trusted, for the merchant had recourse to the Federal courts, where the law was the same for all the States. Now, however, all bills of goods less than \$2,000 cease to have the protection of the Federal courts. The New York merchant must collect all such bills before the cross-road circuit courts of the West, and must suit his credit to the various collection laws of the different States. The difficulties which this makes for trade are numerous.—*Detroit Dispatch*.

—Mr. Bumpus—"I saw you taking a horseback ride this morning. Your own horse?" Mr. Wumpus—"No; only a livery hack." "He looked like a very fine charger." "So I thought until I paid the bill. Then the owner of the stable cast him all in the shade."—*Harper's Bazar*.

—Raw Tomatoes.—Skin the tomatoes by putting them in scalding water for a minute, allow to cool, cut into slices and squeeze a good lemon over them.—*Boston Budget*.

GOT THEIR MONEY.

Mention was made in a recent issue of the *Times* of the fact that Jim Baker and Sam McArthur had drawn \$15,000 in the Louisiana State Lottery. Last Thursday the money was received through the Missoula National Bank, and turned over to the lucky holders of the ticket. The boys did not know but that there might be a mistake somewhere, and were naturally restless until the money came and was placed to their credit in the bank. The Louisiana State Lottery has stood the test of years, and is just as solid and reliable as any concern in the country. We believe the drawings are absolutely fair and that the lottery is conducted as honestly and equitably as any other business. We are informed that three or four other minor prizes were secured by Missoula parties at the last drawing. Another tenth of the capital prize of \$150,000 was drawn by William Posd of the town of Anaconda, in the adjoining county of Deer Lodge, and was collected through the Omaha National Bank of Omaha, Nebraska. Messrs. Baker and McArthur have secured a snug little sum, and by carefully investing their stake, they should be able to keep the wolf from the door during the balance of their lives.—*Missoula (Mont.) Times*, Dec. 7.

FIVE THOUSAND AND FIVE DOLLARS DRAWN.

David C. Meacon is the lucky man that held one-tenth of ticket No. 69,368 which drew the Second Capital Prize of \$50,000, from the monthly drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, November 8th. Mr. Meacon also held two other tickets, one of which drew \$500, the other a blank. He also informs us that it was his first venture. This comes as a God-send to Mr. Meacon as he was depending on his daily labor to support his family. His former residence was in Pittsburg. The night before he was to ship his household goods to this place a fire occurred and burned everything, leaving him without anything. He is a worthy and exemplary man, and many friends here rejoice at his good luck.—*Elwood (Ind.) Free Press*, Dec. 9.

FOREIGN GOSPEL.

—Over 3,000 persons were in Vera Cruz last year, and they were sentenced to imprisonment.

—An American art student can have the best his masters if he attends to business and instruction. Nationality means nothing.

—A law of Chihuahua is a fine offense not to vote at election. A married man may vote until he is twenty-five.

—It is estimated that the production of coffee in the world, Brazil alone produces between 280,000 tons and 300,000 tons.

—About fifty miles west of among the ruins at Chama, French have unearthed columns of Jupiter, Venus and Hermes, an old palace a fine mosaic found.

—Not long since there was seen in the window of a shop in an obscure part of this announcement: "Good messages taken, carpets and poetry composed on any *Living Church*."

—The royal English plate kept in two strong rooms, castle and is valued at \$2,000,000. The gold service, which was by George IV., dines 130 persons, the silver wine-cooler, which about the same time, Loida who could sit in it comfortably enclosed with plate-glass a splendid chalice occupied it.

—A curious geological phenomenon exists in the vicinity of the Straits. At Elephant Point, Sound, a ridge two miles long, two hundred and fifty feet high, to be a vast mass of ice, thick with clay and vegetable mold, soil birches, alders and ferns, plants grow luxuriantly, a stratum of perpetual ice as lying rock within less than from their roots.—*The Free Manufacturer*.

—In Cuba a woman never maiden name. After marriage adds her husband's name to her own. If being spoken of she is always by her Christian and maiden name. To a stranger it is often quite a find out whose wife a woman hearing the wife called by her husband's name, one naturally associate them together. They take the names of both parents, place the mother's name as father's.—*Boston Budget*.

—The fortress of Gibraltar is to be no longer impregnable. It consists almost entirely of smooth-bore guns. There is a shell-gun, or a machine-gun, quick-firing gun of any kind, rock, and only two torpedoes, questionable value for water. Any iron-clad could knock the face of the rock to pieces without ceiving a shot in return, so far as the fortress is concerned.—*Chicago*.

—The mining engineer, M. who has been examining the Norway on behalf of the Norwegian Government, states in his report all the rivers in the interior of the mark, a district of fifty square miles, carry gold. The is found in sand contained hollows, which by their shape its being washed away by the weight of the gold grains from ten milligrammes to one gramme. Platinum is also found occasionally.—*Palaestina Press*.

His Dodge Failed.

Thursday morning a doctor's bell at a Sioux Falls house a woman who responded said:

"Madam, your husband had sustained some serious illness this morning and sent me to you."

"Well, you can just go right again," replied the woman, beginning to get red in the face. "I'm all right and you can't get into this house! Just because I had the back steps this morning pail of water that he ought to be carrying and sprained my a little, he needn't think because it over by sending a doctor acting so terribly thoughtless! You just go on, and if you come snooping around here time, just come about noon and gets home and my ankle feels better than it did this morning, he doesn't need your services, then I lose my guess."—*Dakota*.

—A wee maiden, as many small children have done, had her fortune to fall down stairs the day, and in landing at the foot part of the anatomy committee nominated the "funny bone" contact with the wall with more than was calculated to make a comfortable impression. On being up and asked if she was hurt, she bed her arm for a moment and said: "No, but my elbow is awful sore."