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### DEPARTMENT REFUSES CONTEST

C. C. Brower, attorney for E. L. Forker, has just received notice of the decision of the Secretary of the Interior in the case in which R. C. Foster, of Lake County, tried to bring a contest against the homestead of Mr. Forker, near Bly.

The Secretary confirms the decision of the Acting Commissioner, denying Foster the privilege of bringing such contest.

This decision will be good news to the friends of Mr. Forker and is also of general interest as it appears to be along unusual lines in protecting homesteaders from useless expense and annoyance of contests.

Mr. Forker made final five year proof upon his homestead in the fall of 1907 and received his final certificate for the same.

In the spring of 1908 Mr. Foster made an ordinary contest affidavit, which was forwarded by the land office to the Commissioner, as is required in such cases, for an order allowing the contest to be brought.

Mr. Forker learned of this and through his attorney, Mr. Brower, made objections and argument of the law direct to the Commissioner to prevent the contest being brought.

Mr. Foster's counsel contended, and others agreed with his view, that objections could not be heard before the Commissioner, but only upon trial of a contest in the usual way. But the Acting Commissioner ruled otherwise and refused to allow a contest to be brought, upon the ground that the affidavit of Mr. Foster did not set forth facts sufficient to overcome the evidence produced by Forker upon his final proof, or to justify a contest after final proof had been made.

Foster appealed to the Secretary and also put in further affidavits, but the Department sustained the decision of the Acting Commissioner and dismissed the case.

The American Journal of American science last week published for the first time details of the discovery by Dr. Randle C. Rosenberger of Philadelphia of blood and test methods in the cure of consumption. It is said that the discovery enables physicians to detect the presence of the disease germs in the blood long before they attack the lungs and before the disease reaches what is called the "incurable" stage. It is expected that the number of tuberculosis victims that can be saved from the grave is incalculable. The test consists of drawing two spoonfuls of the patient's blood. A salt solution containing a small per cent of citrate of soda is introduced into the test tube and the mixture placed on ice for 24 hours. The sediment is spread on glass slides, which are dried over a flame. These are immersed in distilled water and the red corpuscles are removed. The slide is dried and is "stained" first red, in carbol fuchsin, and then blue in what is known as "Pappenheim's solution." The disease germs remain red and its presence is thus discovered. Where there is one germ, there are hundreds of thousands, hence early precautions can be taken and in many cases a cure effected.

Fish cooked in a hundred different ways will be served in the Alaska building at the Seattle Exposition next year. This will be done to demonstrate the value of Alaska fish as a food product.

Some of the finest French tapestry is manufactured so slowly that an artist can not produce more than a quarter of a square yard in a year.

Those who dance must pay the fiddler, which is but another way of saying that every man must reap his own wild oats harvest.

### RAPS POLITICAL SCHEMES.

President-elect Taft in speaking of the Panama Canal at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, said:

"The Panama Canal is going to be built, and what I want you to do and what I want every American citizen to do is to stand by the men who are building it. Don't set a fire in the rear, don't distrust the men who are giving up their strength and energy and enterprise to put that great work through. When you have agents who are doing your work, you must stand behind them. If you don't you can't get your work done. The men who do your work are entitled to your help and confidence and you ought not to allow yourselves to be led astray by buncombe speeches in the House of Representatives or by headlines in sensational newspapers and go back on the men that are doing your work.

"I don't care whether you are Democrats or Republicans, you want the work done, and when the Army engineers who are doing this work are giving all their time to it, you are not men to go back on them or to believe every idle story that comes from the mouth of some politician who is seeking to make himself prominent or to give himself the advancement of a little unfounded sensational statement.

"That work is being done honestly. I know what I am talking about. It will be built, and all the windy opposition that comes merely from a desire to exalt and exploit the man who makes himself responsible won't obstruct it.

"I know what the people of the United States want in that regard, and insofar as I have the power as the Executive of this country, I am going to push that work, and I am going to stand behind the men who are doing it. And now, gentlemen, you have gotten me into more heat than I expected, but I thank you very much for your welcome."

A young man who works in a Denver bank endorsed a check for \$100 for a friend about two months ago. Later the check came back protested and the young bank employee had to make the amount good. He was very much broken up over the matter. "Well," he said to his wife, "I'll have to make up that \$100. I won't smoke another cigar until the amount I would have spent for tobacco equals the amount I have lost in this transaction." He cut smoking out entirely. The other day the father of his friend paid the \$100. Now the young bank employee and his wife are happy. He has the \$100, he's ahead about \$20 on cigar money, and he has no desire to use tobacco any more.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi of the Free Synagogue of New York City, retains an ardent affection for the Pacific Northwest, his residence for several years. In commenting on the prize apples recently sent to European rulers and exhibited in New York, he writes: "Why is this fruit sent to such indifferent Oregonians as Edward, Wilhelm, Nicholas and Mr. Fallieres? If you really want Oregon apples to count, don't waste them on European monarchs, but get them into the systems of Oregonians who love and treasure everything Oregonian from little Mount Hood to big Hood River apples. But the apples wouldn't be kept long on exhibition in our homes here—they would vanish as the mist hovering over the summit of Mount Hood before the morning sun."

In the Alaska exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is a collection of Indian baskets valued at \$15,000. It consists of 1800 pieces made by the Thlingit Indians.

### HISTORY TOLD IN SLEEVES.

A day or two ago as I was walking through the crowded avenues among the throngs of women gaily picturesque in their charming winter toilettes, it struck me forcibly that more than one woman there was wearing quite unconsciously some bit of history—sordid, tragic, heroic as the case might be—emblazoned on her sleeve, writes Edouard LaFontaine in the February Delineator.

It wasn't alone the Directoire and Empire periods—"And who was 'Directoire'?" I heard a woman asking the other day, quite as if she were inquiring into the antecedents of the Ellirabéthan ruff or the Marie Antoinette fichu—but the whole Moyen Age and the Renaissance that had come to life again.

The idea rather caught my fancy and I began to look for dead queens and forgotten favorites who doubtless swayed the fate of nations by the cut of their gowns or the coquetry of an elbow sleeve in days gone by.

I saw tall, stately Marguerite of Valois in groselle—the new shade of red that is as old as the gooseberry from which it takes its name. Her sleeves were carefully buttoned along the outside down the entire length with gold buttons that should have borne the arms of Valois and Orleans. Perhaps they did, but I lost her at the entrance of the Ritz before I had a chance to ascertain.

I reread the dark, sinister history of Beatrice Cenci in the scallops of another sleeve below a laughing holiday face on its way to the skating rink. I passed Anne of Brittany in her favorite Beauvais blue with a whole wall of Troy castellated on her sleeves from her elbow to her wrist. I saw a famous creole beauty as Citoyenne Josephine Beauharnais in a small-close sleeve of unpretentious cut, as Madame Bonaparte, wife of the First Consul, in a leg-o-mutton sleeve that looked quite modern till I saw that it buttoned to the elbow in true incroyable fashion; as the Empress of France in a small puff sleeve in an evening gown displayed in a shop window.

### WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

A little while ago, the Delineator was asking the question, "What is the matter with the public schools?" There were a number of suggestions that developed from that investigation. Out of them all one detail in our educational system stands out glaringly. It is most tersely told in the last report of the United States Commissioner of Education. It's a simple statement of the salaries that American cities pay their school teachers.

And that, ladies and gentlemen of the school boards, is what is the matter with our public schools. We pay our unskilled street laborers something like a dollar or a dollar and a quarter a day. We are paying our school teachers some less and some a little more. It is the wages that a doll brain and a primitive mind are worth. In return for such wages we are requiring a service that should be entrusted only to a mind and a heart enriched with all that literature and art and science can contribute to a perfect culture. It should be only such a personality into whose training we give the future children of the nation—Can we get personalities like that to serve us in our public schools? Not any longer than they can help it. Just so soon as their force of character and intelligence and initiative enable them to reach a better paying position, one that will allow them to buy books and hear music and have the other good things of life that their larger natures crave, they go after it.

Until we realize with a conviction that reaches our pocketbooks that the school laborer is worthy of her hire, we aren't going to keep the best school laborers in the public employ. And there will continue to be something the matter with the public schools.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is called "the fair that will be ready."

The all-around man tries to be square with the world.

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### CITY BRIEFS.

J. R. Elliott, of Klamath Agency, was in the city Tuesday.

J. H. Hessig came down Monday from Fort Klamath.

Miss Grisis, who has been visiting with Miss Lula Straw, left Tuesday for her home at Montague.

Have E. W. Muller add an attachment to your phonograph so you may enjoy the new 4-minute Amberol records. 12-17

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J. M. McIntire has disposed of his interest in the Oregon & California Transportation Company to Robt. Garrett.

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Capt. J. P. Lee returned last Friday from Salem where he was attending the conference of county assessors with the Tax Commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kirkpatrick left Wednesday for Medford, where they will make their home. Mr. Kirkpatrick having accepted a position in that city.

The quarters of the Fire Department are being papered, painted and improved. As soon as this is completed the fire boys will have a very comfortable home.

Engineer E. R. Rankin, of the Southern Pacific Company, and wife, left Wednesday for San Francisco. The greater portion of the surveying crew accompanied Mr. Rankin.

C. J. Ferguson, who has been here as special attorney for the Reclamation Service in looking up land titles, left Saturday morning for Portland, having concluded his work here.

Engineer T. H. Humphrey, who has been engaged on the Klamath Project for the past two years, left Tuesday morning for Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Humphrey has been transferred to the Salt River Project in Arizona.

Mrs. J. C. Mongold has again taken charge of her studio and will be glad to welcome all of her old patrons. The studio has been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Joslin during Mrs. Mongold's absence last summer in Washington.

The Klamath County Bank has received the fixtures for their new building and the same are being installed. As soon as the new fixtures are in place and the interior of the building finished, the bank will have very handsome quarters.

Members of the Methodist Church and the friends of Rev. Price, the pastor, tendered him a pound social at his home Thursday evening. The attendance was large and the evening was spent in discussing the welfare of the church and in social chat.

Klamath County headquarters in San Francisco is the Hotel Savoy, corner Van Ness Ave. and Ellis St. Walter E. Conner, Prop. Take "Turk and Eddy" street cars at Ferry, get off at Van Ness and walk one-half block north. 2-18tf

Earl Whitlock left last Thursday for Portland where he will be a witness before the Grand Jury. Mr. Whitlock, as Coroner, investigated the death of Sid O. Jacobs, who was found dead on the Reservation, and is supposed to have been murdered by William Barclay.

Cock fighting, an ancient institution preserved in San Antonio, Tex., for over two centuries through the Mexican element, is doomed and will soon be a thing of the past. The district attorney has rendered an opinion to the effect that cock fighting is a species of gambling and action will be taken by the sheriff and constable to abolish the sport. Only a few cock pits survived the wave of reform that swept over that city four or five years ago. A day or two since one of the most famous of these pits on Laredo street was raided by the police and the famous old cock fighter who conducts it was arrested and fined. Three years ago the sport of roping cattle for prizes was abolished by an act of the legislature. That too was a typical Texas institution, but was held to be cruel and accordingly abolished. The Texas of today is nothing, if not law-abiding.

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