

Sylvester Pennoyer is Dead.

Sylvester Pennoyer, former Governor of Oregon and former Mayor of Portland is dead. The end came unexpectedly, swiftly and peacefully about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, at the family home on West Park and Morrison streets, Portland. Physicians are undecided whether his death was caused by apoplexy or heart disease. He was alone when the end came.

The news of the Governor's death came as a great shock to the community and was the one subject of conversation around town Friday evening. Many flags were at once raised at half-mast, and the news sent a pall of gloom into the ranks of both political parties, for no man in Oregon had been more closely identified in its political life.

While Governor Pennoyer had not enjoyed hale health for a long time, still he kept about, and frequently appeared on the streets, where he would meet his political friends and give them encouraging words. His condition was such as not to cause any uneasiness or unusual concern on the part of his family.

During the early part of Friday he seemed particularly well, and as had been customary with him for a long time when his condition permitted, he drove to his ranch at Woodstock, where he remained until noon. In the afternoon he went for a short walk, returning, according to the servant, at about 3 o'clock. He went immediately to his room.

Shortly before 5 o'clock Mrs. Pennoyer and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Russell, returning from a street-car ride, were shocked to find the Governor lying prone on the floor near a sofa in his chamber. He had apparently fallen off the couch. His glasses lay broken beside him, and across his face was spread a newspaper which had evidently been loosened from his grasp as he fell.

Drs. White Brown and Dickson were hurriedly summoned but the aged statesman was past all medical aid. In the opinion of the physicians he had been dead fully an hour. There was every indication of a peaceful, painless end.

Blackleg in Kansas.

In a Kansas Experiment station bulletin entitled "Blackleg in Kansas and Protective Inoculation," a general account is given of the occurrence, geographical distribution of blackleg. Brief notes are given on the influence of climatic conditions, breed, sex and age of animals upon the development of the disease. The symptoms of anthrax, malignant oedema and septic metritis are given for the purpose of distinguishing these diseases from blackleg. A historical account is presented of work of various authors in devising methods for vaccinating animals against this disease. At the station vaccination was first made in 1898 to the methods of Arloing. From a total of 54,393 cattle vaccinated by this method 323, or less than 6 percent, died after vaccination. The loss is an equal length of time before vaccination amounted to 4.23 per cent. A few accidents were experienced from improper care in vaccinating. In the manufacture of single vaccine of a virulence intermediate between that of the two vaccines which were used in the previous experiments, the authors also secluded good results. Of 11,268 animals which were vaccinated, thirty-four, or about 3 per cent, died after vaccination. In a smaller number of animals during the same length of time, 303 or 2.75 per cent, died before inoculation. P. Fisher and A. T. Kinsley the authors of the bulletin, believed that the double vaccination is safer and more effective than the single vaccination.

A good grade butter cow will make more butter from a certain amount of feed than a common cow will and it is certainly a reasonable fact that the more water or milk we can secure from a given amount of feed the greater should be the profit. It may not be possible for every farmer to have full blood dairy cows, but it is an exceptional case when he cannot have good grades.

Up to Saturday 119 bodies have been recovered from the Crow's Nest Pass mine, Fernie, B.C. About 35 are still in the depths, the greater part of which are now under water. The miners are now satisfied that the inquiry which the government has begun into the cause of the disaster at the mines will be thorough and impartial. The character of the evidence introduced at the Coroner's inquest and the attitude of the government representative at the inquiry show a disposition to ascertain where the blame, if any, should be placed.

Mrs. Nettie R. Craven has abandoned her fight for recognition as the widow of the late Senator James G. Fair. She has been paid \$50,000 for withdrawing her various lawsuits against the estate of the late millionaire, and with the millions that have so long been in litigation vest absolutely in Charles L. Fair and his sisters, Mrs. Theresa Oelrichs and Mrs. Virginia Vanderbilt. When Mrs. Craven first appeared as a claimant for a share of Fair's millions, she was offered \$300,000 to abandon her contest. She demanded \$500,000 and upon being refused instituted the proceedings that were dismissed Friday. The estate as it vests in the heirs of the dead millionaire to day is worth about \$20,000,000. Each of the three children received a third.

An Irrigation Inquiry.

There is some uncertainty as to whether there will be irrigation legislation at the present session of congress. It was stated two weeks ago that the irrigation bill which passed the senate would come up for discussion in the house, a rule for this purpose having been submitted to the committee on rules, but nothing has since occurred to give assurance that the measure will be taken up, though of course its supporters will spare no effort to have this done. If a rule can be secured for considering the bill its discussion need not be prolonged, since its character and purpose are fully understood.

Meanwhile it is proposed to have an investigation by the census bureau of all facts relating to irrigation up to the date of the crop year 1902, including the total amount invested in irrigation the cost, value and operating expenses enterprising, the area of land reclaimed, of the works, cost and value of crops raised physical conditions and amount of water available, location and cost of reservoirs for storage and other correlated data designed to show the cost and profits of irrigation. If the joint resolution providing for such an investigation shall be adopted it will probably put an end to further consideration of the irrigation question at this session and was perhaps introduced with this in view. It is likely to receive a large eastern and southern support, on the ground that if arid land reclamation is to be made a settled governmental policy inquiry should go before expenditure and as nearly as possible an accurate knowledge be obtained of all the facts relating to irrigation.

Joseph Schwab, brother of the United States Steel Corporation's president, has been chosen, according to the World, as president of the new \$30,000,000 consolidation of steel foundries which will be known as the American Steel Foundries Company. The paper mentioned asserts that the office will pay \$50,000 salary. Mr. Schwab is at present traveling in Europe.

By the direction of the President, Secretary Root has issued a general order decreasing the strength of our permanent establishment and changing the ratio of its make-up as provided in the general order issued last May, to carry out the Army reorganization law. Under the general order of last May, the total strength of the Army was fixed at 77,287 men. The order issued today reduces this figure to 66,497—a reduction of 10,790.

The death sentence was pronounced upon August Schieve for the murder of Joseph Schulkowski on Saturday at St. Helens, Ore., after a motion for a new trial had been denied. He was sentenced to be hanged on Friday, July 2, 1902. The prisoner manifested little emotion on being informed on his fate. This is the first time the death sentence has been pronounced in Columbia County. The trial of the case occupied 11 days and was one of the hardest-fought legal battles in the history of the county.

George F. Becker, who gathered some very interesting geological statistics about Alaska for the United States Geological survey, has been making a research into the conditions in the Philippines. He has prepared some data at the request of Admiral Dewey, which that officer has forwarded to the Navy Department. Some few facts have already been published from the report, but it contains many more interesting features than given in the first brief synopsis. Mr. Becker says about a score of the islands contain valuable minerals, but there seems to be an abundance of coal.

The labor troubles which have been brewing for a month are now on the eve of coming to a head at Manila. Three of the largest American employers of Filipino labor have been notified that they must advance salaries 50 per cent all around May 31, or face a strike. One firm three years ago paid employees \$3 per week, and is now paying them \$30 weekly. The firm says a further advance is impossible. It is the intention of Isabela de Los Reys the organizer of labor associations, to secure an increase of wages in all trades or force a general strike. The merchants are alarmed at the outlook. They say Filipino labor costs more now, in proportion to the results than American labor. The wages are now from five to 10 times higher than under the Spanish regime.

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Quaint Features of Life.

Zack Snyder of Byro, Ill., has just won a wager made twenty years ago. In 1880 Snyder and C. A. Mix decided that the spire of the Methodist church was insured and would soon blow over. Mix bet Snyder that it would fall to the north, while Snyder held out that it was going over to the east. The result was a bet of a box of cigars, and they cleverly planned to get the weeds in advance. They went to the store of T. A. Jewett and told him of the bet, and that the looser would pay when it was decided. Jewett, now suspecting the terms of the wager, turned over a box of cigars to the pair, and he has been waiting for his money all these years. Last Tuesday the steeple succumbed to the fury of the storm that prevailed in that region, the structure tumbling over to the east, and Mix, remembering his wager, called on Jewett and planked down the money.

"Do you know why carnations have fallen about 40 per cent in price in the last year or so?" asks a florist quoted by the Philadelphia Record. "It isn't because they are less popular—they are more popular than they ever were—but it is all on account of a little wire machine, recently invented, that costs about 3 1/2 cents. This machine, may be described as an automatic tree box of steel wire. It is a couple of feet high and stands upon three legs. As soon as a carnation begins to grow it is slipped within the machine, and thereafter it remains upright, for there is a series of rings that take hold of it and guide it in its growth. Before the invention of this device the majority of carnations spoiled because when they become tall they fell over and the flowers rotted in the dust. Now none of them spoil, and hence their present cheapness."

"I have been in the business for nine years," says a drug clerk quoted by the Philadelphia Record, "and up to date I have learned of 3,697 cures for rheumatism which regularly licensed physicians know nothing about—or at least, if they do, they don't recommend them. People come in suffering from rheumatism—and it's queer that people who suffer rheumatism all seem to look and act alike—and present a doctor's prescription. The first thing they want to know is how much it is going to cost. I look over the prescription and tell them and they invariably rear up on their hind legs and howl. They tell me about the virtues of something that cured Uncle Henry—goat's milk, drunk at 3 o'clock every morning; a raw onion carried in the vest pocket magnetic rings—oh all sorts of things that I've made notes of. It has become so that I am discouraged over the chances of filling a prescription for rheumatic patients."

Butte, Mont., is regarded by some persons as the most wicked city on earth. One peculiarity of the place is indicated by the following circular recently distributed to people there and especially to women:

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Smiling Remarks.

"So she jilted the son and married the father."

"Yes. She thought an income better than an allowance."

"Remember, my dear brethren," said the minister, "that charity covereth a multitude of sins. I hope you'll be unusually generous in your offering this morning."

Miss Oldgirl (worth a million)—No, sir, I will never marry you. Now, I trust I've made myself plain. Cutting Hintz—Its entirely unnecessary, I assure you.

Young Husband—Seems to me it is costing you a great deal to live. Young Wife—I know it is, but I can't imagine why. I always buy everything in very small quantities.

Albert—Why, don't you recollect that girl? That's the girl you used to rave over last summer—called her a "poem" and all that. Edward—By Jove! so it is! I never could commit a "poem" to memory.

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