

DISLIKED BY NATURE

Towns That Seem to Be Chosen Marks of the Elements.

Where Rain Falls Heaviest, Snow Lies Thickest and Thunder and Lightning Exhibit the Greatest Violence.

There is more than one town against which Dame Nature seems to harbor a curious spite, as if she would say: "This site is not meant to build upon."

The climax came on a Sunday evening two summers ago, says the Chicago Tribune.

After a hot day a violent thunderstorm broke. Then there appeared in the west an inky cloud, from which hung four long, twisting black columns.

Suddenly, just after six o'clock, a wall of water came roaring down the hillside above the village. When it struck the upper end of the street it was seven feet high.

No one was killed, but the destruction of domestic animals, of houses, property and roads was complete.

Southbourne-on-Sea, four miles on the east of Bournemouth, has far better air than the latter town, and looks as if it ought to be just the site for a health resort.

A handsome pier was built, supported on the shore by immense cement walls. The pier is now only approached by a single plank.

There is no great city in Europe which nature so evidently wishes to be rid of as St. Petersburg. Built in the first place on a low-lying swamp, which was filled in at a cost of hundreds of lives and hundreds of thousands of pounds, fevers reduced its population and gave it a death rate higher than any other European capital.

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SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

The record aurora borealis lasted for a week in August, 1859. In Germany 70 per cent. of male and 68 per cent. of female cancer patients suffer from cancer of the digestive organs.

There are seven species of salmon in the Taku river, Alaska. Each has its date of arrival from the sea at the spawning grounds.

Dr. Gatling, who invented the gun known by his name, has invented a plow operated by gasoline which will do the work of 30 men and eight horses at an expense of a little more than two dollars a day.

Hailstones nearly three pounds in weight fell during a recent storm at Jessore, in Bengal. Metal veranda roofs were perforated, cattle maimed, trees beaten down, and a man killed outright by the downfall.

A German mechanical genius has published a pamphlet on "How to Steer an Airship with Eagles." He demonstrates (on paper) that eagles can be harnessed to a balloon and made to draw it through the air, and says that he is training a team for a balloon which he has in readiness.

In 1900 there were made in this country 21,254,000 gross of buttons. Of these, 297,180 gross were of bone, 1,372,870 of cloth, 2,407,319 of composition, 717,047 of horn, 3,713,144 of brass, 1,046,527 of other metals, 4,308,584 of freshwater pearl, 4,049,452 of ocean pearl, 2,261,832 of vegetable ivory, 78,200 of wood, 105,086 of celluloid and 496,786 of paper.

Dr. Javal, of the French Academy of Medicine, who is sightless, denies that nature compensates blindness by increased sensibility of touch and hearing, but contends that when a person is blind an extra development takes place in a sixth sense, which is latent in all persons. This sense, which has been called the sense of obstacles, acts by the perception of certain warm and indefinite vibrations. The seat of the sense is believed to be placed in the forehead.

FRIEND OF THE THIRSTY.

Water Coolers in the Capitol Corridors Placed There Through the Efforts of Senator Plumb.

"It took the late Senator Plumb, of Kansas, nearly two years to get these water coolers placed in the corridors of the capitol," said a gentleman as he quenched his thirst with ice water the other day, according to the Washington Post.

The senator was a fighter when he went into a fight, and it is said that some of his constituents who were visiting Washington for the first time called his attention to the fact that it was impossible for a stranger to get a drink of water in the big building. Of course, people who know the ropes can dodge into one of the numerous committee rooms and get a drink of water, and frequently something stronger, but before the coolers were placed in the main corridors the stranger stood little show.

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Americans in Manitoba.

Twenty-five thousands American farmers have migrated to Manitoba this spring, and the Canadians are getting a little uneasy lest these pioneers may sometime start a movement for the annexation of the province to the United States. But as there is really very little difference in the government of the two countries so far as the rights of the farmers are concerned it isn't probable that the immigrants from south the boundary have any sinister motives. What they are after is land and room to expand. The homestead law has resulted in the taking up of all the available arable land in the United States and Manitoba is the "last chance." It is a great cattle country as well as a good place for raising spring wheat. It will soon be settled up at the rate people are pushing in there this year. Most of the immigrants are from the prairie states.—Nebraska State Journal.

Progress in Flying-Machines.

Prof. R. H. Thurston, of Cornell university, speaks of recent experiments with a "double-decked" aviator, by Messrs. Wright, of Dayton, as having distinctly contributed to our knowledge in the field of aerial flight. The Wright apparatus, carrying one man who assumes a nearly horizontal position, has a total spread of 308 feet of canvas, the length of the machine being 22 feet. The planes have a curvature copied from that of a pigeon's wing. Gliding or soaring was successfully accomplished in winds ranging from 11 to 27 miles per hour. Starting from a slight elevation, the longest flight was 400 feet. No motor was used. The operator found no difficulty in steering or balancing.—Youth's Companion.

The Largest Sailing Vessel.

Germany has the largest sailing vessel in the world, the Preussen, of 8,000 tons, just launched at Geestemunde. She is owned by the firm that owns the former largest sailing vessel, the Potomac, of 6,000-odd tons, and will be used in the trade with the Pacific coast of America. The Preussen is 437 feet long and 53 feet wide. She draws 34 feet, and has a spread of sail of 49,000 square feet.—N. Y. Herald.

OUR FLAMING PEAKS

Active Volcanoes Located in Uncle Sam's Domain.

More Numerous Than Those of Italy and Some the Largest in the World—Interesting Facts About Several.

Including islands "outside of the constitution" the United States is the world's leading volcano-owner, both in the number and the exceptional quality of its hot holdings, says the New York World.

Our flaming peaks are not historically so famed as Etna or Vesuvius, but they are many times as numerous as Italy's. Our Hawaiian Kilauea has the largest active crater known, and Mauna Loa one of the largest. From the cone base of the latter in 1852 burst a fountain of blazing lava 1,000 feet wide and from 200 to 700 feet high—the most awesome spectacle recalled by living man. In Haleakali we have the largest extinct crater.

Much of the soil of the Philippines is volcanic. Luzon, the largest island, has in the north the "smoking mountains" of Monte Cagua and the Baboyones group, and in the south the three "burning mountains." Of the latter, Taal has its crater in a low cone rising from a volcanic lake as big as New York's lower bay. Alibay killed 12,000 people in 1814, and Bulusan in 1852 broke out in sympathy with Mauna Loa. There are three active volcanoes in Mindanao, one in Negroes, and the name of Fuego ("Fire") tells its own story.

Porto Rico's only volcanic symptom is the earthquake habit. This is shared by the Danish islands, for which we are kicking. The opponents of the Nicaragua canal number 14 volcanoes near its route upon which we have an option.

Our tallest volcano, surpassing all save a few remote chimneys in South America, is St. Elias, in Alaska. Steaming away westward from his majestic summit lies a succession of high volcanoes, the last a trifling affair of 8,000 feet on the island of Unimak, well out in Behring sea.

Uncle Sam's "home farm" sustains its place among the outlying fields. The Yellowstone geysers are a semi-volcanic phenomenon seen nowhere else except in Iceland and New Zealand, northern California and a large part of the Rocky mountain states record in their physical features some of the vastest upheavals in geological history. Shasta, Hood, and numerous lesser cones are volcanic. On Mount Scott the climber can wade in recent volcanic ash, while the flat lands to the eastward are old lava beds of vast extent. Active eruption might take place at a number of points in this region. In Nebraska, whose soil is pitted with dried-up volcanic lakes, and low, extinct craters, the people of Ponce have recently been apprehensive of trouble from the smoking mountain Iona, which was in eruption in 1871.

As a rule, however, our volcanoes are fortunately so placid as to do comparatively little harm if they explode.

WILLIAM TELL UP TO DATE.

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H. E. 11646 for the Ne 1/4 of Nw 1/4, S 1/2 of Nw 1/4, sec. 20, and Se 1/4 of Ne 1/4, sec. 19, Tp. 5 S, R. 9 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Harry V. Hill, Frank Wallace, Mortin Peterson, of Dolph, Oregon; J. S. Stephens, of Tillamook, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

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H. E. 1287, for the Se 1/4, Sw 1/4 and lots 3 and 4, sec. 14, Tp. 2 N, R. 7 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Walter J. Smith, of Wilson, Ore.; Isaac Smith, of Glenoec, Ore.; Joseph Hickenbottom, of Glenoec, Ore.; Albert Hall, Wilson, Ore. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Oregon City, Ore., September 27th, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Tillamook County, at Tillamook, Oregon, on November 14th, 1902, viz: BESSIE ELIZABETH MISERVE.

H. E. No. 1286, for the lots 5, 6, 11 and 12, sec. 14, Tp. 3 S, R. 10 W. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Henry Hayes, Mrs. Henry Hayes and Nellie Newberg, of Spruce, Oregon; Frank Wheeler, of Tillamook, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

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H. E. 1291, for the Ne 1/4 of Nw 1/4, sec. 27, Tp. 3 S, R. 9 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles N. Johnson, Noah Cou son, Marcus D. Swabb, David F. Coulson, of Beaver, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Oregon City, Ore., Sept. 26th, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before County Clerk of Tillamook County, at Tillamook, Oregon, on November 7th, 1902, viz: HARRIE V. HILL.

H. E. 11985, for the E 1/2 of Nw 1/4, Nw 1/4 of Nw 1/4, sec. 28, Ne 1/4 of Se 1/4, sec. 29, Tp. 5 S, R. 9 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Eric A. Hart, of Dolph, Oregon; J. S. Stephens, of Tillamook, Oregon; Frank Wallace, of Dolph, Oregon; Mortin Peterson, of Dolph, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Ore., August 17, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

CHARLIE SEABURG, of Astoria, county of Clatsop, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5961, for the purchase of the S 1/2 of Sec. 24, sec. 9, T. 5 N, R. 9 W, in Township No. 5 N, Range 9 W, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Monday, the 27th day of October, 1902. He names as witnesses: Sebastian Elaser, of Olney, Oregon; John E. Larson, John Deuck, Jack Deuck, of Astoria, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 27th day of October, 1902. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Ore., August 5th, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

MRS. SOPHIE BACKER, of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 594, for the purchase of the Se 1/4 of Ne 1/4, S 1/4, Se 1/4 and Ne 1/4 of Se 1/4 of section No. 10, in Township No. 2 North, Range No. 10 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Ore., on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 1902. She names as witnesses: Charles W. Mead, Robert Osborn, John Nendell, Robert London, of Portland, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 4th day of November, 1902. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Ore., Sept. 24th, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

JENNIE A. JONES, of Mount Tabor, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 5910, for the purchase of the Sw 1/4 of Ne 1/4, Nw 1/4 of Se 1/4 and S 1/2 of Se 1/4 of sec. No. 24, in Township No. 3 North, Range No. 8 W, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Ore., on Saturday, the 26th day of December, 1902. She names as witnesses: W. N. Jones, Thad S. Potter, E. W. Mead and R. W. Herdwick, of Portland, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 26th day of December, 1902. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

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