

Salt Combine.

United States District Attorney Marshall B. Woodworth, of San Francisco, has sued out a restraining order in the United States District Court there, Judge W. W. Morrow presiding, that put the Federal Salt Company at least temporarily out of business.

Mr. Woodworth asks the Court to determine whether or not the Federal Company is a trust within the meaning of the Sherman anti-trust law, being in restraint of trade, and therefore repugnant to the Sherman statute and the common law.

These are present prices compared with those before the coast trust got hold of the control:

Table with 2 columns: Former, Present. Rows include Coarse salt, used by stockmen, a ton; Refined salt, a ton; Table salt, a bale; Bales weigh 150 pounds.

The plan of operation is to regulate the output of salt by various companies in the trust, and those who have the privilege of buying from the trust and selling to others must pay what the trust dictates.

A Million Pensioners.

Twenty-three years ago James A. Garfield said the pension list had reached its limit. At that time, 1879, the number of pensioners was 242,755 and the sum paid for pensions was a little more than \$33,000,000.

It will be interesting to note that Nebraska has 17,630 pensioners, who receive annually \$2,414,213; Iowa has 37,908 pensioners, who annually receive \$5,481,092; Kansas has 41,083, to whom is paid annually \$6,051,054; Missouri has 53,738 pensioners, receiving annually \$7,169,934.

Many Die in War.

LA VICTORIA, Venezuela, Oct. 18.—A messenger has arrived here from the scene of the engagement near this place between government troops and revolutionists, bringing news that after several days of terrible fighting, 9000 rebels under General Mendosa abandoned the field, having retired from their last position, six miles from La Victoria.

During the last days of the fighting, the temperature rose to 116 degrees, and a visitor to the scene of the engagement declares he never saw such a terrible spectacle as was presented by the battlefield.

The victory of the government troops which is said to be due to the personal courage of President Castro, who, twice, with a Mauser rifle in his hand, charged at the head of his soldiers, is considered a serious setback to the cause of the revolutionists.

A courier from Valencia, who arrived here today, reports that up to yesterday that town was not in the hands of the revolutionists.

Lost.

Old-fashioned gold breastpin, trimmed with black enamel. Return to this office. Reward.

The jury in the case of Thomas H. Lovell, charged with murder of Horace L. Roadman, near Wilbur, July 6, 1902, after deliberating 6 1/2 hours, returned a verdict of manslaughter, recommending the defendant to the mercy of the court.

The Public School Library.

[TO THE EDITOR TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT]

There is nothing so much needed today in Tillamook County, as an adjunct of our public schools as a library well adapted to all their grades. Time was when the school contented itself with the simple act of teaching the school to read. But the mere ability to read is a new and dangerous power in the possession of a child unless he is taught what to read.

The school law of the State of Oregon should be amended so as to compel school districts to establish school libraries. The primary object of a school library, as we use the term in this country, is to supplement the work commenced by the children in our public and private schools.

The library, then, in our sense, broadens the school. In the schoolroom the child is expected to study his text-books and to know what they contain, not that the knowledge itself is the most important, but the acquisition gives him power to meet and overcome difficulties for himself.

Among the many wise things that Henry Ward Beecher has said there is none wiser than his words about books in the house: "If on visiting the dwelling of a man in slender means we find that he contents himself with cheap carpets and very plain furniture in order that he may purchase books, he rises at once in our esteem. Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house.

One of the great functions of the school library is to afford the very best that has been preserved in our language for the benefit of the whole school. By means of it the child supplements his school work, and when he passes out into the world the library then becomes his university, and he still continues to pursue the studies that he commenced in childhood.

There has sprung up, of late years, a growing dependence upon the school library. Reports from every city of importance throughout our country show the relation between the school and the library is becoming every day more clearly defined and more firmly strengthened.

It is very important that the habit of reading should be formed early in life. There are some persons who are so fortunate as to be unable to tell when they formed this habit: who find it a constant and ever-increasing advantage and pleasure, their whole lives long, and who will not lay it down so long as they live. Happy are they whose early school readings thus permit them to form the habit unconsciously; whose parents and friends surround them with good books and periodicals; and whose time is so apportioned, in childhood and youth, as to permit them to give a fair share of it to reading, as well as to study in school, on one hand, and physical labor, on the other.

It is theirs to furnish the books, and to stimulate and suggest, in every wise way, the best methods of reading.

Whether the reader, thus helped by wise counsellors, be young or old, he should soon become familiar with the advantage of making his reading a part of his daily life. The history and the geography lessons must join on to that of the newspapers; it is almost worse to know the name and date of a writer or a hero, without an independent familiarity with the nature of his books or actions than to be frankly ignorant of all at once.

With young or old, there is no such helper toward the reading habit as the cultivation of a warm and ardent feeling of the friendliness of books. When one book has become a friend and fellow, the world has grown that much broader and more beautiful. Petrarch said of his books considered as his friends, "I have friends, whose society is extremely agreeable to me; they are of all ages, and of every country. They have distinguished themselves both in the cabinet and in the field, and obtained high honor for their knowledge of the sciences. It is easy to gain access to them, for they are always in my service, and I admit them to my company, and dismiss them from it when ever I please. They are never troublesome, but immediately answer every question I ask them. Some relate to me the events of the past ages, while others reveal to me the secrets of nature. Some teach me how to live, and others how to die. Some, by their vivacity, drive away care and exhilarate my spirits, while others give fortitude to my mind, and teach me the important lesson how to restrain my desires, and to depend wholly on myself."

The largest sum ever paid for a prescription, changed hands in San Francisco, Aug. 30, 1901. The transfer involved in coin and stock \$112,500.00 and was paid by a party of business men for a specific for Bright's Disease and Diabetes, hitherto incurable diseases.

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Deal With Morgan. CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—The Evening Post to-night prints the following dispatch from its New York correspondent: "It is said that the bond purchase this week has direct connection with the settlement of the miners' strike. The Government's decision to buy bonds was reached, according to report, at a conference between Administration officials and Mr. Morgan on strike matters, and Secretary Shaw's action was in a way a consideration in return for a yielding to arbitration of stock questions by the operators. In this connection, it is pointed out that Secretary Shaw, a little over a week ago, refused to purchase a tender

of \$7,700,000 long 4s, at 138 flat; whereas this week's purchase was made at 138 for \$5,000,000 of these bonds, and 137 1/4 for interest for \$10,000,000, or a flat price of about 138 1/2 for the latter."

GREAT RUIN BY VOLCANO. St. Vincent is Worse Off Now Than Ever Before. KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, Oct. 18.—The eruption of the Soufriere volcano October 15 and 16, the fourth terrific outburst since the catastrophe of May 7, has plunged the colony into deeper distress than before existed, crippling its agricultural resources by further devastating the arrow-root fields, and completely destroying wide areas of growing crops on lands which had been considered outside the volcano zone.

Many refugees and other persons left Georgetown for Kingstown, a distance of 20 miles, October 16, and many of them fainted on the way from hunger and thirst and the fatigue engendered by trudging through the hot sand. Animals even broke down under the strain of the journey. Hundreds of poor persons were driven from their homes by falling clinders, stones, etc. The situation is desperate. Comparatively no damage was done on the leeward coast by the outbreak. No lives were lost.

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Recognizing the demand for a deep channel at the mouth of the Columbia River, Secretary Root authorized the Chief of Engineers to convert the Army transport Grant into a sea dredge, and to commence operations on the bar at the earliest possible date. This action is taken on recommendation of the special board of engineers that recently visited the mouth of the river. It is proposed to scour out a channel of about 30 feet depth to begin with. When this has been completed, the dredge will probably be used in maintaining and deepening the channel until the jetty is completed. The Grant, now at San Francisco, will be outfitted with complete dredging machinery of the suction type at a cost of about \$100,000. This sum will be taken from the fund appropriated for improving the mouth of the Columbia River.

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