

the final statement of the Commission, which, from the very nature of the case, it has not been possible to complete at this time.

The White House, February 13, 1905. February 13, 1905.—Read; referred to the Committee on Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT.

- 1. This report is based on a broad general view of the public-land situation, not on specific cases.
2. The present laws are not suited to meet the conditions of the remaining public domain.

It is the duty of the Commission to study the public-land situation, and to report thereon to the President and Congress.

The total area of the public lands of the United States, exclusive of Alaska, was 1,441,486,000 acres, of which 473,826,000 acres still remained on June 30, 1904.

Antiquated Land Laws. In our preceding report reference was made to the fact that the present public-land laws do not fit the conditions of the remaining public lands.

Second Partial Report of the Public Lands Commission.

By: This Commission, appointed October 22, 1903, to report upon the condition, operation and effect of the present land laws, and to recommend such changes as disposition of the public lands to actual settlers, and to secure in permanence the full



A Fake Irrigation Reservoir and Ditch supposed to Reclaim Two Desert Entries near Great Falls, Montana.

A Desert Claim in Eastern Washington.—No Water Supply.

less and most effective use of the resources of the public lands, submitted to you a partial report, dated March 7, 1904, which was printed as Senate Document No. 188, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session.

HOW TO ATTRACT WILD DUCKS TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Wild rice, the favorite food of wild ducks, is a plant worth growing for beauty alone, says the November Garden Magazine.



AMERICAN WOOD DUCK. near their club-houses. Hitherto they have always bought the seed in the spring, as was natural, and hundreds of dollars have been wasted.

the present laws are wholly unsuited to existing conditions, but also in part because some of these laws are originally drawn contemplated certain conditions or practices which have been greatly modified by various rulings and decisions.

Lobsters Becoming More Scarce. The Massachusetts Board of Fish and Game Commissioners, in their last report, do not give a very rosy view of the lobster industry in that State.

A Few Afterthoughts. Weyler has been decorated in France. The same Weyler who came very nearly being perforated in Cuba.

Does advertising pay? The New York man who advertised for a wife and now being sued for divorce and alimony thinks it does not.

KING HONORS MIKADO.

JAPANESE SOVEREIGN HAS BESTOWED HIM COVETED ORDER OF THE GARTER.

Ranks First Among all the Orders of the World.—Covered by the Great Personages of Europe.—Twenty-five Recipients the Limit.

The bestowal by King Edward of the order of the Garter on the Mikado is as significant of Japan's new position among the powers as the raising of the status of the British minister at Tokio to the rank of ambassador.



THE EMPEROR AND THE KING

grecs she must have money. So she taught during vacations, and fought her way through college, and graduated for the third time, from the Denver University Medical School, in 1903.

With Great Ceremony. The last royal investiture was that of the King of Spain, and the ceremony was performed by the Duke of Connaught, who went to Madrid especially for the purpose.

Its Origin Mythical. Although technically known as the Order of the Garter, from the picturesque but probably mythical incident which has always been looked upon as its origin, the decorations are not limited to that distinctive badge.

The Order of the Garter. The following lines of ancient verse is a description of how an early Edward of England founded the Order of the Garter.

The Redactions of a Bachelor. From the New York Press. Hash is at the bottom of more divorce than any other influence in the world.

He Is Making Good. If any other member of the Cabinet has "made good" more quietly, steadily and thoroughly than Secretary Hitchcock—Ethan Allen's great-grandson—we'd be pleased to have him pointed out.—Hartford Courant.

WOMAN CITY PHYSICIAN.

Greeley, Colorado, Appoints Ella Mead to Guard Municipal Health.

"So I have put my neck in the yoke and will hope to accomplish something for the public good." If strong personality, native ability, and a well-disciplined mind are essential factors in the problem of success, Dr. Ella Mead, of Greeley, Colorado, will make good.



For a time Dr. Mead was house physician in the Woman's Hospital, at Denver, and later, in the County Hospital. The latter position came as a result of competitive examination.

The doctor is proud of her record in the County Hospital. She did not miss a day. Regularly she took her turn with the men, in the wards and on the ambulance.

In Greeley the City Physician is also the Health Officer. Dr. Mead's jurisdiction includes two absorbing municipal questions—sanitation and the milk supply.



DR. ELLA MEAD

City Physician of Greeley of a city is concerned one is reminded of Charlotte Perkins Gilman's apt epigram: "Politics is not outside the home, but inside the baby."

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Within the past few years the civilized nations of the world seem to have all reached the same conclusion—"Export trade means busy factories and domestic prosperity."

Nearly all of the precious stones have been successfully copied in glass, some so accurately that even experts have been deceived. A prominent New York Jeweler, in discussing the achievements of art in this direction, says:

Elevated Train Wreck. New Yorkers were expecting it for years and when a train of cars on the elevated road in that city was derailed, precipitating a car into the street below there were thousands of people who



NEW YORK ELEVATED WRECK. exclaimed "I told you so." In the early part of September, during the rush hour on the Ninth Avenue "L" through a wrong setting of a switch, a train was derailed.

Had Been Regularly Licensed. An old darkey, who had presided at a camp meeting, was asked by one of the white lady visitors, who had been interested in the exercises, how long he had been a preacher.

Remnants of Ancient Races. In the Caucasus are remnants of some of the races of pre-historic Europe that have nearly perished from the earth.

Vain Resistance. "Do you mean to say that you permitted Mr. Huggins to put his arm around your waist of your own free will?"

Charlie closed his prayer the other evening with, "and Lord, don't forget to bless brother and little Willie, and make him as good a boy as I am."



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