

IN STATE SCHOOLS

CIRCULAR LETTERS TO THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

Urging Haste in Preparing Annual Reports—Papers to Applicants from Other States—Examinations.

Prof. J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, yesterday sent out a circular letter to the several county superintendents in the state, urging them to hasten the preparation of their annual reports. The letter is No. 11, and the text of it follows:

"Although your reports are not legally due until the fourth Monday in July, yet we would consider it a great favor if you would kindly send them in at your earliest convenience, in order that we may forward the work on our biennial report.

"Please inform applicants, who wish to secure state papers on papers from other states, that no papers will be considered of like grade and kind as those of this state, unless such papers have been secured by an examination conducted by the state educational department of the state from which such papers were issued. No diplomas or standings from any institution will be considered as of like grade and kind. It would be manifestly unjust to the graduates of our own institutions, if we were to accept any papers except those granted under conditions mentioned in the foregoing.

"The questions for the eighth grade uniform examinations in physiology will be based on Smith's Elementary Physiology and Hygiene. There is an error in the course of study, on page 27, where it speaks of Steele's Physiology and Hygiene; it should be Smith's Physiology and Hygiene. As there will be no questions sent out from this department until the May examination, any arrangements you may make for the examinations prior to such time, will be entirely satisfactory to this department."

Circular letter No. 12, to county superintendents, was also sent out yesterday by the state educational department. It gives the program for the examination of teachers to be held during the three days commencing April 18th, and is as follows:

"The program which will be followed in the examination for county certificates on April 18th, is as follows:

"Commencing on Wednesday, April 18th, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, April 19th, at 4 o'clock p. m.

"Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

"Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, school law, Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, physiology, civil government.

"The foregoing for county papers.

"Commencing on Wednesday, April 18th, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Thursday, April 19th, at 4 o'clock p. m.:

"Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, reading.

"Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, methods.

"The foregoing for primary certificates."

INSURANCE TAX.—Hartford Fire Insurance Company yesterday paid its state tax, filing the following statement: Gross receipts, \$29,723.43; returned premiums, \$4431.17; losses paid, \$12,201.93; net receipts, \$13,090.33; tax paid, \$261.80.

HAVE BAD RECORDS.

Two Ex-Convicts Arrested for Robbing a Bank.

Portland, March 21.—Charles S. Moore and George Betts have been identified by the cashier of the First National Bank, at Seattle, as the men who robbed that institution of \$500 on Monday. The identification was made by means of photographs, sent from this city. Moore and Betts served terms in the Oregon penitentiary for robbery in 1895. They were released twice on writs of habeas corpus, once at Spokane, and again at Walla Walla, after their arrest for the Portland robbery.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Has Invaded Two Large Australian Cities.

Melbourne, March 21.—Sydney, the capital of New South Wales, and Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, have been declared infected with the bubonic plague.

MURDERED FOR GOLD.

Sajoon Man at Buckley, Washington, Killed Late Last Night.

Tacoma, Wash., March 21.—A special to the Ledger, from Buckley, Wash., says:

Hans Moe, a saloon keeper, was killed by an unknown man at 9 o'clock tonight. The murderer escaped. Moe was closing the saloon when a masked man entered, and demanded the contents of the cash drawer. Moe tried to grapple with the man, but the latter pulled a revolver and shot the saloon keeper, who died almost instantly. The murderer rifled the cash drawer.

HONORED THE DEAD

NATIONAL GUARDSMEN DO HONOR TO DECEASED VOLUNTEERS.

Extensive Arrangements Made for a Military Funeral to Be Held in Portland Sunday.

(From Daily, March 22d.)

Fitting honor was shown the thirteen deceased Oregon volunteers, whose bodies passed through Salem yesterday morning, en route to Portland for burial, by the officers and enlisted members of Company K, Third Regiment, Oregon National Guard of this city. The company assembled at the armory early yesterday morning and marched thence to the Southern Pacific depot. Upon the arrival of the Oregon ex-claimed volunteers, the guardsmen presented arms and marched to a position

alongside the car containing the bodies, where they remained at parade rest until the train pulled out, when arms were again presented.

The funeral will be held in Portland Sunday, detailed arrangements for which have been completed. The expenses incident to the burial, including the purchase of a plot in Riverview cemetery, will be paid by the state military board.

Particulars of the program finally decided upon are that the services shall be divided into three distinct parts. At the armory the civic authorities shall have charge, when an address by the governor, an oration by D. Solis Cohen, a prayer, music by the First Regimental band and vocal music by Professor Boyer's Glee Club, all of Portland, will be the program. This will commence at 10 a. m. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock the funeral procession will start from the armory. This will be the second division, and until the procession reaches the cemetery will be in charge of the National Guard, and under the direction of its commanding officer. At the cemetery the bodies will be delivered over to the volunteers, who will give their comrades a military burial, according to the United States army regulations.

At the armory and in the procession all civic and military bodies will be expected to participate. Governor Geer will be chairman during the public services, and will be accompanied by other state officials. Mayor Storey, with the city officials, will also attend in a body. All fraternal organizations will be given place, as well as any other organization desiring to participate. The volunteers' old friends, the Red Cross and the Emergency Corps, will be assigned to the post of honor, if they attend in a body. Light Battery A will have full charge of the transportation. A catalogue that will hold five or more caskets will be provided, and the remainder of the caskets will be borne on artillery caissons, in true military fashion. There will be required thirty-four horses for all these vehicles.

THE BRYAN RECEPTION.

Committees on Arrangements Met and Perfected Plans Last Night—State Officers Invited.

The general Bryan reception committee held a business meeting at the city hall last night, for the purpose of hearing reports from the various sub-committees, seven of the eleven members being present. The chairman of the various committees filed reports, showing the work assigned them to be well under way.

J. A. Jeffrey was chosen to preside and introduce the guest, Col. W. J. Bryan, on the occasion of that gentleman's visit to this city. The selection, by the music committee, of Mrs. Hallie Parrish-Hinges to render vocal selections, was heartily approved. The matter of securing a band is still under consideration, and for the present was left with the committee.

The general committee was ordered to address invitations to the governor, the justices of the supreme court and the other state officials, to be present at the reception of the visitor, and carriages will be provided, to send for these officials, in case the invitations are accepted. The committee hopes for the general attendance of the public and the officials, and a pleasant time is anticipated by all. The place of meeting has not been determined upon, but it will be announced in the course of a few days.

TO GOVERN GUAM.

Lieutenant Schroeder to Succeed Captain Leary as Naval Governor.

Washington, March 21.—Lieutenant Commander Seaton Schroeder, at present secretary of the naval inspection board, has been selected to succeed Captain Leary as naval governor of the island of Guam. Schroeder expects to relieve him before July next.

It is stated that Leary is coming home at his own request and the change is also in conformity with the policy of the navy department to make frequent changes in command of these naval stations in the interest of health and spirits of the officers.

A FREIGHT COMBINE.

To Control Shipments to the Atlin Gold Districts.

Victoria, B. C., March 21.—A combine was today completed, by which the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company, and the John Irving Navigation Company, to control the Atlin transportation business during the present season. Through freight rates have been fixed at \$7 a ton, on general merchandise in less than five ton lots, or \$87 for larger shipments. The mining machinery rate is \$67, with a limit on measurement.

THE AMERICAN GIRL.

Gold Statue Cast to Be Exhibited at Paris Exposition.

New York, March 21.—The gold statue of "The American Girl," which is to be exhibited at the Paris exposition, was successfully cast today. Miss Maude Adams, the actress, was the model, and Mrs. Bessie Potter Vennah was the sculptor.

The statue, mounted on its base, will be six feet in height. It weighs 712 pounds, and the bullion used is valued at \$187,000. Miss Adams' gown is of the simplest sort. The pose is that of taking a step forward, denoting progress.

WILL BUY RAILROADS.

Montreal, March 21.—Sir William Van Horn, former president of the Canadian Pacific Railway and chairman of the board of control, returned from Washington Monday, and after a consultation with some financiers, left last night for Washington. The object of his visit is to meet Secretary Root and some American capitalists, with whom he is associated in a project for the consolidation of all the railways in Cuba. It is understood that for the development of this project, Sir William has \$25,000,000 at his disposal.

WILL INVESTIGATE.

Washington, March 21.—The house committee on foreign affairs has decided to investigate the allegations made by Charles E. Macrum, ex-consul at Pretoria, relative to the opening of official mail by the British authorities. Macrum has been wired to come to Washington as soon as possible to come before the committee.

IN MONTANA MINES

ELLTON SHAW'S TRIP TO ANACONDA AND HELENA.

He Visits the Large Smelter at the Former Place—Free Libraries and Splendid Residences.

The Statesman is in receipt of a letter from Ellton Shaw, written from Helena, Montana, and giving a description of that section of the country as seen by him. The letter follows: "Helena, Mont., March 18, 1900.—The weather has been excellent for the past week, the sun shining brightly and beginning to make his power felt. It was somewhat cloudy this morning, and some were predicting snow, but this afternoon the sun has been shining most of the time. The roads and streets are dry and dusty here. The street sprinklers are working now, but no signs of anything beginning to grow, unless it be the huge boulders between here and Butte, which are growing darker and darker all the time by being blackened by smoke from the many stacks belonging to smelters and all kinds of mining operations.

I believe I left off before, with a slight description of Deer Lodge. I have not 5000 population, but only about 1200. They say it is a beautiful place in the summer time, but when I was there everything was covered with snow. There are some very fine dwellings there, owned by the wealthy stockmen and swine breeders in that portion of the state. In the winter these people go to a milder climate and spend their summer in Deer Lodge.

The thermometer has registered 30 degrees below in this place this winter. But everyone says they have had a very mild winter. The town was injured "beyond repairing" in its business relations, I guess, when the capital of the county was moved from there to Anaconda. The state prison is located here, and is a very nice building.

The trip from Deer Lodge to Anaconda was made in the night, so I know very little about the country between these points. Reaching Anaconda a little after 10 p. m., by 11 we were very comfortably lodged at the Silver hotel, after making three or four attempts to secure lodgings at other places, in which we failed. The next morning we awoke to find the wind filled with snow, blowing a blizzard. At 8:30 we started to visit the works of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. The first thing to do was, as we learned from the ever watchful guard, to get a pass from the "Sup." When we applied for the great gates were closed, and among other things, the "Sup." told me he would pass me, but we must not "write up" the works. So that precludes a description of what we saw. Even were I permitted, I could not write you in a week all I saw in those buildings. There are eight large stacks carrying away the smoke from the furnaces. Of these, seven are of brick, and one is of steel. They range in height from 150 to 190 feet. There are 3000 men employed in the works. I saw the ore in all stages from the ground through the stamps, crushers, and in all stages of the washing process when the concentrates and dross are separated.

In this building I saw the greatest sight I ever witnessed. It was the great shafts I saw in the way of manipulating powerful machinery, handling liquid copper, gold and silver, as this is what is left when the fluid is poured from the monster converters as easily as you could pour out a pint, a quart or any amount you wished. Scarcely a drop is spilled on the floor in the process. The copper (nearly pure) contains some gold and silver on leaving here. It goes, then, to the refinery, but this is "holy ground" no one being admitted. We tried, but failed as others do. A certain grade of the ore, upon leaving the converters, is sent to Baltimore, Maryland, to be refined.

While we were in Anaconda they began work on a new smelter, known as the Washoe smelter. It keeps five large switch engines busy conveying materials from the yards to the works and returning the output. This place has a population of 15,000. But a great portion of the people are of foreign descent. The south side is where the "blue bloods" live, and through this portion of the town many fine dwellings are to be seen. One especially noticeable, is that of Marcus Daly, a massive brick structure. The Montana is the leading hotel and is a very moderately equipped house. The Anaconda Standard block is a good building, and this is claimed to be the best newspaper of the state.

Our snow storm lasted but one day. A small snowfall occurred during the following night, but the remainder of the week we had fair weather. On Sunday morning we took passage on the B. & P. railroad for Butte. The two places are twenty-seven miles apart. There is a splendid roadbed along this line, it being built up of the refuse from the smelters. There are some pretty scenes along the line, but nothing of importance unless (to some minds at least) it is what is known as Rock Spur. Here the whole mountain side is crumbling into pieces not any larger than your head, and most of them like apples, and tumbling or sliding down toward the track. To a studious and imaginative, or curious mind, it is a very interesting piece of work by mother nature.

We reached Butte in due time and about noon were quartered in the Stevens block, on Park avenue, one of the leading business streets. The town is built on humps and bumps and is very poorly laid out, and not the cleanest place in the world. The streets are crooked, and the blocks are of all shapes and sizes. There are shafts being operated all over the city. In the same block with the postoffice is being worked one of the paying mines. The whole town is undermined, the earth being honeycombed in all directions. There are large mills and smelters here, but no trees or grass, everything is bare ground. The hills here, as at Anaconda at one time, had trees upon them, but the smoke and smoke from the furnaces have killed them. In this place, as in Anaconda, there is a large free library. In these towns, where men work night shifts as well as day, there are about as many people on the streets at 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning, as at 1 or 2 in the afternoon. The Hennessy Mercantile Co. has the largest department store here, and has it fitted up in modern style.

From here to Helena you have the pleasure of traveling over a 5 cents per mile railroad. The country, if it

can be called such, between Butte and Boulder, is surely all the name of the best, or even both these towns, signify. It is simply one huge pile of gigantic boulders after another. The massive piles look as though they had been placed in position by human workmen. You see large smooth, almost round, boulders lying on top of some heap, just as though some small boys had been playing soldier and erected a play face of massive boulders, and then, to top the thing off, and see what they could do, carried up and placed carefully in position the capping stone of the whole works. For miles out from Butte these are all blackened by smoke. All over the mountain side you can see little heaps of light colored dirt of broken up rock. These mark a prospector's shaft; or you can see a small hole in the mountain side, showing the entrance to some mine.

Between Butte and Boulder, a distance of forty miles, we passed through four tunnels and over some high trestles. At Basin, a small mining camp, there is a shaft, that is now worked out—just finished last fall. The mine was worked for twenty-two years, and they reached a depth of 2500 feet. It is wonderful to see how rapidly the hoisting engines can raise a cage from these shafts, the above-mentioned distance being covered in one minute or less.

Going from Boulder, which is a small place of 500 or 600 inhabitants, to Helena, we crossed the summit of the main axis of the continent the water on this side flowing toward the Mississippi. We can see across the Missouri river from here, but cannot see the water. This is quite a pretty place. The business buildings along Main street are splendid five and six story structures, built of brick or stone, the fronts of some of them being finely decorated, the upper floors being almost wholly of glass. The streets are narrow and somewhat crooked, but are paved with stone and are kept nice and clean, as are the sidewalks, store windows, and other things in this line, so that the town has quite an inviting appearance to a stranger. There are a great many better residences here, some of them massive ones, built of dark gray stone, the architecture resembling that of the old baronial castles of England. The high school building, constructed of beautiful stone, stands adjoining the public library. The site for these buildings was created by grading down a hillside, and making a site large enough for the buildings and their yards, but not a plant nor a spear of grass is in sight. This country is a hard looking sight to a "Webfoot," to be sure, but there is more push and rustle in the people here in one day than in the people of "Old Williamette" in a week.

You can see an increase in the colored population here, over that of the coast states.

Should I remain much longer in a mining country I would need another trunk to carry my specimens that I pick up. Every pretty rock I find I want to keep.

ELLTON SHAW.

REMAINS LAID TO REST.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Hittie L. Staples at Turner, on Wednesday Was Largely Attended.

(From Daily, March 23d.)

The funeral of the late Mrs. Hittie L. Staples, of Turner, whose demise occurred on Sunday, was held from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Hussey, on Wednesday afternoon. A correspondent who attended the last obsequies over the remains sends the Statesman the following obituary:

Mehitabel Littlefield was born in Prospect, Maine, on March 27, 1831. There she passed her early life, and at the age of 22 years was married to Captain George W. Staples. There were born to them three sons and one daughter, all of whom are living except the oldest son, who died in San Francisco at the age of 14 years. In 1877 the family came to Oregon, and settled on a farm near Turner, and here, for 23 years, Mrs. Staples has lived a life of helpfulness, cheer and comfort, to all with whom she came in contact.

Eight years ago Mrs. Staples buried her husband, and since that time she has lived on the farm with her son George. She met the greater part of the past year, when she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Anna Hussey, and during which time she was almost a constant sufferer from pain and disease. Through her long and painful illness, Mrs. Staples retained her sweet, amiable and patient disposition, and the influence that went out from her sick room has made all who waited upon her nobler and better. It can be truly said of her, she was "made perfect through suffering, and her end was peace."

The funeral services were held at the residence of Mrs. Hussey, and were conducted by Rev. B. F. Hinshaw, of Marion. Following the services the remains were escorted to the Twin Oak cemetery at Turner, where interment was had, by the side of the grave of the late husband of the deceased. When the casket, containing the precious remains, was placed in the grave it was almost buried in flowers, and the grave, too, was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens, as a token of the esteem in which the deceased was held. Aside from a large concourse of friends and neighbors, following the remains to their last resting place, were the members of the family including Mrs. Morrison, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Childs, of Roseburg, nieces of the late Mrs. Staples.

AGAINST FREE TRADE.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, on the Puerto Rican Bill.

New York, March 22.—"I do not believe in free trade with Puerto Rico," remarked United States Senator Jones, of Nevada, last night. "I am opposed to making Puerto Rico a territory of the United States. It was a mistake to make Hawaii a territory. We should have Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines archipelago colonies of this country, with a colonial form of government.

Just as soon as we establish free trade relations with the islands named, just so soon do we bring hundreds of thousands of cheap laborers into competition with the free labor of this country. I favor the highest kind of a tariff for Puerto Rico.

"About Bryan Well, his platform is all right enough in the main. I do not know that he will be elected, but his renomination cannot be prevented."

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INJURED HIS FACE

STAYTON'S MARSHAL-ELECT MEETS WITH AN ACCIDENT.

A Salem Man Arrested and Fined For Striking a Merchant in that Little City.

STAYTON (Or.) March 21.—J. E. Yeoman, Stayton's marshal-elect, met with an accident Saturday afternoon, which came near proving serious. He was engaged in rolling a sawlog from the wagon, and the log struck an iron crowbar in such a manner as to cause it to fly up, striking him in the face with sufficient force to knock him down. He was unconscious for some time, and now carries a badly swollen face in evidence.

G. D. Trotter one of Stayton's business men, and a traveling agent for White's music store, from Salem, had a small sized row on the street yesterday morning. Only one blow was struck, Trotter got that in the face, for which he had the agent arrested. He was fined \$5 and costs for the offense. It is believed the matter is not yet settled, and other arrests may be made.

Mrs. J. H. Anderson and daughter, Roxie, went to Scio Saturday for a week's visit with relatives.

Wheeling is the rage now during the nice weather. Quite a number of wheelmen pedaled out Meham-ward Sunday. They reported the roads in a fairly good condition.

Miss Ivy Riggs returned home on Saturday from Watsonville, Cal., where she spent the winter.

Mrs. Ephraim Shepherd is visiting in Oregon City, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Eccleson.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Kitchen drove down to Salem Tuesday on a shopping tour, and a brief visit with their daughter, Mrs. Bowser.

Joseph Fisher and his estimable wife made a round of visits in the Wadsworth hills Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nixon gave a delightful dinner party to a few friends Tuesday in honor of the birthday of their daughter Julia.

Fred Rock, the genial hardware man, held the winning number on the horse, harness and buggy given away by Ves-Helene Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Williams and Ed. Sutton, of Albany, are guests at the home of their mother, Mrs. Sutton, of this city.

Mrs. Williams will remove the remainder of her household goods upon her return home.

AT AUMSVILLE.

Aumsville (Or.) March 22.—Miss Maude Porter has returned to the state normal school at Monmouth, after spending a week visiting at home.

D. E. Swank is preparing to move the blacksmith shop onto the North property and other extensive improvements are talked of.

Mr. Merrifield is making some improvements in Merrifield's addition in the way of fencing some vacant lots.

Snaw & Spencer have just sold, to an Eastern man, the Baker or Bard farm adjoining town. The newcomer will bring his family and take possession in a few days.

A W. C. T. U. organization was effected at this place recently, by a lady organizer. Other temperance speakers are also expected to be here in the near future.

Three or four respectable citizens, supposed to be law-abiding men, started in to paint the town a few days ago, and, judging from the neat appearance of the A. O. U. W. hall building and Thomas Johnson's residence, they are succeeding very well in their undertaking.

T. S. Townsend, the creamery man, is talking of collecting cream in this vicinity. Speer Bros. will look after his interests in the matter here.

THE WICHSER-BOOTH WILL CASE.

Judge Boise Decides in Favor of Miss Jeanette Booth's Contentions—The Will Is Void.

Judge R. P. Boise held a brief session of his department of the state circuit court yesterday, and one case, that has attracted considerable attention for the past few months, was disposed of.

The appeal from the decision of the county court, in the matter of the last will and testament of Verena Wichser-Booth, deceased, was decided in favor of the appellant, Miss Jeanette Booth, administratrix of the estate of John C. Booth, deceased, holding the will of Mrs. Verena Wichser-Booth, made before her marriage to John C. Booth, as void.

The action grew out of the estates of the late Mrs. Verena Wichser-Booth, and that of John C. Booth, deceased. Mrs. Booth, in 1888, made a will, bequeathing all her property to her relatives, and the relatives of her deceased husband. Later, she became the wife of John C. Booth, and a year or so after, died. At that time no will was offered for probate, and John C. Booth, the only heir-at-law, was appointed administrator, and came into possession of the property. Within less than one year he, too, died, intestate, and his daughter, Miss Jeanette Booth, was appointed administratrix of the estate—she being one of four children and heirs of the late John C. Booth—and at once qualified and began administering the estate. At this time the will of Mrs. Verena Wichser-Booth, deceased, made before her marriage to John C. Booth, deceased, was presented for probate. Miss Booth, administratrix of the John C. Booth estate, by her attorneys, appeared before the probate court and argued against the admission of the will, on the ground that the marriage of the testator, subsequent to the date of her will, invalidated the will, and that John C. Booth, her husband, who succeeded to the estate as the heir-at-law, came properly into possession of the property, and, on his demise, it was properly his estate, and his children and heirs-at-law, were his proper heirs. The attorney for the heirs named in the will of Mrs. Verena Wichser-Booth, argued that the will was of full force and effect, that under the statute removing the disabilities of a woman the will of a married woman, made prior to her marriage, remained in full force, until a subsequent will set it aside, and that the heirs named in the will should properly come into possession of the estate. County Judge G. P. Terrell decided in favor of the will, admitted it to probate, and ap-

pointed F. A. Tarper as administrator with the will annexed, as both executors named in the will were unable to serve. From this decision Miss Booth appealed to the circuit court, with the result as stated above.

Under this decision, the heirs of John C. Booth, deceased, come into the estate. It was stated yesterday that an appeal to the supreme court will be taken.

A COMPLETE CHANGE.

Business Solely Owned by A. B. Buren—Undertaking Goods At Prices Lower Than The Lowest.

It has been well known for some time that A. B. Buren was the owner of the undertaking business known as A. M. Clough & Co., although the business has not been conducted in his name, but he now assumes full control unhampered by any former arrangement, bound by no trust or combination. He also in addition to this has spent freely on improvement in all modern advantages in the business to reduce prices lower than the lowest and now invites the public when in need of goods in this line to call and get his prices before purchasing elsewhere.

He has also secured the services of T. M. Hurd, an old undertaker of practical experience who is familiar with the best methods in his line and insures satisfaction.

PLAGUE IN HAWAII.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Advice from Honolulu says that F. Hirai, secretary of the trade bureau of the foreign department of the Japanese government, arrived there by the steamer America Maru, specially sent to inquire into, and to report to his government, on the question of losses suffered by Japanese subjects in connection with the quarantine and sanitary fires, and the accidental fires following them.

There is a feeling in Japan that the Japanese in Hawaii are discriminated against the measures adopted to say the plague, and in the matter of compensation to be allowed for their losses. The Japanese government has taken steps to prevent any further immigration of their subjects to the Hawaiian islands while the present situation lasts. There are, at present, more than 1000 Japanese in Honolulu, with out employment.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON'S BIRTHDAY.

The Document by Which He Deeded It to the Daughter of Chief Justice Ide.

Washington, March 3.—H. C. Ide of Vermont, a member of the new Philippine commission, was for several years a resident of Upolo in the Samoan islands, first as land commissioner and later as chief justice under the joint appointment of England, Germany and the United States. While living at Apia Mr. Ide and his family were very intimate with the family of Robert Louis Stevenson, the author of the "Master of Ballantrae" and "Moral Emblems," a man of wealth and literary tastes there sprang up a strong friendship between him and Mr. Stevenson. Mr. Ide's little daughter Annie was a special pet and protégée of Mr. Stevenson and his wife. After the return of the Ide's to their Vermont home Mr. Stevenson deeded to Annie his birthday in the following unique document:

"I, Robert Louis Stevenson, advocate of the Scots Bar, author of the 'Master of Ballantrae' and 'Moral Emblems,' civil engineer, sole owner and patentee of the palace and plantation known as Vaifania, in the island of Upolo, Samoa, a British subject, being in sound mind and pretty well, I thank you, in mind and body:

"In consideration that Miss Annie H. Ide, daughter of H. C. Ide, in the town of St. Johnsbury, in the county of Caledonia, in the state of Vermont, U. S. of America, was born, out of all reason, upon Christmas Day and is, therefore, out of all justice, denied the consolation and profit of a proper birthday.

"And considering that I, the said Robert Louis Stevenson, have attained the age when we never mention it, and that I have now no further use for a birthday of any description;

"And in consideration that I have met H. C. Ide, the father of the said Annie H. Ide, and found him as white as a land commissioner as I require, I have transferred and do hereby transfer to the said Annie H. Ide, all and whole of my rights and privileges in the 13th day of November, formerly my birthday, now, hereby and henceforth, the birthday of the said Annie H. Ide, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the same in the customary manner by the sporting of fine raiment, eating of rich meats and receipt of gifts, compliments and copies of verse, according to the manner of our ancestors:

"And I direct the said Annie H. Ide to add to the said name of Annie H. Ide the name of Louisa—at least in private—and I charge her to use my said birthday with moderation and humanity, et tanquam bona filia familias, the said birthday not being so young as it once was, and having carried me in a very satisfactory manner since I can remember:

"And in case the said Annie H. Ide shall neglect or contravene either of the above conditions, I hereby revoke the donation and transfer my rights to the president of the United States of America for the time being.

"In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal, this nineteenth day of June, in the year of grace eighteen hundred and ninety-one.

"Robert Louis Stevenson, (Seal). "Witness, Lloyd Osborne. "Witness, Harold Watts."—New York Sun.

When ladies go to buy a dress in Japan they tell the shopkeeper their age and if they are married or not, because there are special designs for the single and double relations of life, as well as for ages.

We walk by faith. We know not the next step to be taken, and only take it because we must go forward, and believe it leads in the direction we ought to go.

BORN

M'GILL.—At the home on Oak street, in this city, at 1 p. m., Tuesday, March 20, 1900, to Mr.