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The Statesman has been established for nearly fifty-two years, and it has some subscribers who have received it nearly that long, and many who have read it for a generation.

CIRCULATION (SWORN) OVER 4000



THE SUNFLOWER FOR KANSAS.

By a bill signed by Governor Bailey this week, the sunflower is chosen as the official flower of Kansas, and henceforth the golden prairie flower will be recognized as the emblem of the state.

Kansas has been linked with the sunflower since time immemorial. Away back in the days when the state had not yet been born, the prairies were dotted with the tall golden flowers that nodded to and fro with each turn of the wind.

Aside from the esthetic side of the sunflower it has qualities of a more substantial nature that make it worthy to typify a great state. Its seed is full of oil of a rich juicy consistency that may be converted into delicious salad oil.

Without question Kansas has selected as her official flower a hardy, useful and yet beautiful plant full worthy to stand forth as a symbol for the state.

I Coughed

"I had a most stubborn cough for many years. It deprived me of sleep and I grew very thin. I then tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was quickly cured."

Sixty years of cures and such testimony as the above have taught us what Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will do. We know it's the greatest cough remedy ever made.

You will like Ayer's Pills also, purely vegetable, gently laxative. Keep the bowels regular.

IMMENSE FEE FOR A LAWYER.

When the United States Senate passed the Panama Canal treaty, on Wednesday last, a New York lawyer, William Nelson Cromwell, was made \$2,000,000 better off in wealth.

It is doubtful if any fee approximating that sum has ever been paid to an American lawyer for strictly legal services. Other lawyers have profited to the extent of hundreds of thousands through forming corporations and protecting them against attack.

Mr. Cromwell's arrangement with the Panama Canal Company is reported to be on the basis of five per cent of the amount realized by the sale. With smaller figures this would seem a reasonable compensation.

The United States will be obliged to pay \$10,000,000 to the Republic of Colombia in cash, and when the canal is completed, within nine years from the ratification of the treaty.

Mr. Cromwell, who will get the great fee through the action of the Senate, is the senior member of the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, New York. He has represented many great corporations, including the National Tube Company.

SNAKE-SWALLOWING PROHIBITED.

Says the Portland Evening Telegram: "The Kansas Legislature has passed a law prohibiting snake-eating. It would not be correct, however, to suppose that any considerable number of the people of that state are addicted to an ophidian diet.

NEGRO OPPOSITION.

During his recent visit to this coast, Booker Washington spoke very plainly of the inertia of the negro and his opposition to the practical, industrial instruction given at Tuskegee.

The correctness of his view has been finally certified by meetings of negroes held in several Eastern cities, to antagonize his ideas and, in some cases, to treat him with marked asperity and unkindness.

THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION.

On Wednesday, March 18th, was opened the annual convention of the national association of the women who are the especial custodians of female suffrage.

The convention is held in New Orleans. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt is there, as president of the association, but perhaps the most distinguished personage in attendance is Susan B. Anthony.

During many, many years the two conspicuous figures in the cause were Miss Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton; the death of Miss Stanton occurred since the time when last year's convention of the suffragists was held.

To these the women point with pride; and although far is not so very many of the commonwealths, after all these decades of campaigning, still these crusading dames are a hopeful folk and they will bravely anticipate added stars for the years that are to come.

When the separation act was passed by the Louisiana Legislature, requiring the street car companies of that state to provide separate accommodation for white and black passengers, there was considerable outcry because the operation of the law inflicted a hardship on the white passengers.

EX-GOV. GEER OF OREGON BEFORE THE SENATE.

"Ex-Governor T. T. Geer, of Oregon was invited to address the Senate this afternoon, and made a pleasing talk in relation to the Lewis and Clark expedition centennial celebration to be held at Portland, Or., in May, 1905."

"Ex-Governor Geer, after expressing surprise at being given the privilege of addressing the Senate, and his pleasure said that he was here in the interest of the exposition. He felt a good deal like the California man, who, finding time hanging heavily on his hands, followed a funeral procession to a church where the services were to be conducted."

"The Governor said he would take advantage of this occasion to tell about the exposition which he represented. Oregon, he said, was largely settled by stalwart Missourians fifty years ago, and Benton and Linn had been its best friends in Congress."

"The people of Oregon, he said, regarded the state as the legitimate child of Missouri. If this state did as well, in accordance with her ability to give, as Oregon did by the World's Fair, she would contribute \$400,000, but he was modest enough to admit that he did not expect that much, but would be satisfied with the same amount Oregon had appropriated for the World's Fair, which was \$50,000."

"The above is a part of the Jefferson City, Mo., dispatches in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, under date of March 16."

The Statesman copies the above from its Missouri exchange mainly on account of the fact that there has evidently been a mistake in the transmission of the news item to the Associated Press newspapers. They have all had it that the appropriation asked for from Missouri was \$10,000.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

GEORGE AND CYRUS.

George and Cyrus Hardcastle, the two sons of an honest and industrious harness maker in Allentown, Pa., began life with equal prospects for success.

When they had completed their course at the public schools their father sent them to college.

George was studious and painstaking and after finishing his college course decided to enter the ministry.

Cyrus cared little for study. He devoted himself to athletics and became the star pitcher of the college baseball team.

George is now the pastor of a large congregation in Philadelphia, at a salary of \$5000 a year, and Cyrus makes his living by working in a livery stable, with an occasional lift from George.

WELL ACQUAINTED.

Not long since the notice, "Court adjourned since die," was posted on the door of a certain court, some gentlemen with humor added a "d" to the word, "die" and went on his way rejoicing.

Next day a person who makes a practice of haunting the public buildings and professions acquaintance with every well known man in the vicinity, dropped into the clerk's office.

"See here," he said, "when did Sine shuffle off this mortal coil?"

"What's that?" demanded the astonished clerk.

"When did Sine die? I see the courts are closed on account of it."

"Oh!" said the clerk, pulling himself together, "he died yesterday. Did you know him?"

"Know him? I should say I did! I knew his father before him. Too bad, ain't it?"

And Sine's bereaved friend passed out with his burden of sorrow.

DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TOWIT:

The Detroit Free Press says: "In making a deal last year," said a Detroit speculator, "I came into possession of the deed to a certain piece of land in North Dakota. The value of the real estate was put at \$600, and I paid taxes on it in January, and in February I wrote to the postmaster of the nearest town to send me particulars concerning my holdings. I sent him \$2 for his trouble and he earned the money. He wrote back:

"Went over to see your land. "Cussed poor road all the way. "Cussed poor road back again. "Most of your land is under water. "What ain't under water is afflicted with drought. "You've either got to wet it all up, or dry it all out. "Can't burn up or run away. "Keep your taxes up and pray to the Lord. "Glad you sent me \$2 instead of the deed. "If you want any further particulars I'll ship you a barrel of water."

HE DID THE TRICK.

A party of drummers were sitting in the observation car of a Pullman that was speeding towards Kansas City. Various subjects were discussed and re-discussed, when a sober looking individual in the corner asked someone to throw him a box of patent matches that were on the table.

"That so? Well I always strike mine on the soles of my shoes."

"Not that kind," from another occupant of the car who had become interested.

"The man with the matches tried it again and failed. The others smiled, and one man remarked again that it was impossible.

"I'll wager a five that I do it before I quit," said the man with the cigar, as he tried and failed again. Several shot their hands in their pockets, but the first speaker got the bet.

"Well, now begin," he said with a smile.

HE DIDN'T LAST LONG.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 23.—Joe Gans, the champion lightweight pugilist, knocked out Jack Bennett, of McKeesport, in the fifth round tonight.

DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable. Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work, in private practice, among the helpless too poor to purchase relief and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble.

When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty cent bottles are sold by all good druggists. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

CATT CONSOLES HERSELF.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 21.—The only cloud upon the National Suffrage Convention was the announcement from Arizona that the Governor had vetoed the equal suffrage bill. Mrs. Catt drew consolation from the fact that the Legislature elected by the people passed the bill while the veto was by one man appointed by the President.

On Friday 250 immigrants arrived in Portland from the East, and they will scatter from that point throughout the state. The movement is greater than

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was anticipated by the railroad people, and it is only a beginning, so far as Western Oregon is concerned, the Harriman lines having only recently organized their immigration department and put it in thorough working order.

The Statesman of this morning prints another one of the series of historical sermons by Rev. John Parsons, of the First Methodist church of this city. There are still one more in the series of four, this one being the third. They form interesting and valuable contributions to the early religious and pioneer history of Oregon.

The "White Lawson" carnation is the queen of this spring's new blossoms in New York City, and the upper "409" are talking about it. It is a hybrid of two pink ones, and possesses great points of merit on which a carnation is judged, having an upright stem and a small calyx, and the petals are toothed very little.

Jefferson is to have four rural telephone lines. These systems are increasing very rapidly, and soon, at the present rate, every important farming neighborhood in the Willamette valley will have its system connecting the farm houses and leading to the nearest town, and thus to outside points.

The Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern Railroads are joining to push the Yaquina Bay summer resort to the front. They are gathering material for circulars to be printed and extensively circulated, and in other ways they will contribute towards making a lively season over there.

Although it is agreed that in a square, stand-up, finish fight it ought to lick the Northern Securities Company, the suspicion prevails in well-informed sporting circles that the United States Government will let its antagonist win in a fake.—Anaconda Standard.

The average family in the Southern central states, from Kentucky to the Gulf, including Arkansas and Texas, is five members. This is the largest average of all the geographical divisions of the Union. Evidently the race question will be with us for a few generations yet.

The bicycle trade is opening up better than at the beginning of any former season, in Salem. If any one has believed the stories that the bicycle has seen its best day, or that it was to be regarded as a fad, let him disabuse his mind. The bicycle is for all time.

On account of the success of the Panama route, Senator Morgan is reduced to the necessity of falling back upon the postulate of the philosopher who held that "minorities lead and save the world, and the world knows them not till long afterwards."

On account of fair crops and good prices for their products, the farmers of the Willamette valley are doing a good deal of talking these days. This helps to explain the rapid growth in the number of rural telephone lines that is now taking place.

Be it again recorded that the street sprinkler has done good and needful service in Salem for several days. And the first day of April will not be here until a week from tomorrow.

Mr. Cleveland is twenty-three years and one day older than Mr. Bryan, and the Anaconda Standard remarks that in other ways it is impossible to maintain a parity between them.

Since she is producing the raw material for them in magnificent abundance, it is no wonder this beautiful Oregon spring is receiving so many bouquets.

Speaking generally, the celebration of Bryan's birthday on the 19th was not of a character to necessitate extensive purchases of bromo seltzer the next day.

There is now something in the atmosphere as well as in the almanac to suggest the remote possibility of a recurrence of the good old summer time.

Both the weather and Congressional politics have warmed up, and there are besides many other evidences of the arrival of the spring season.

Beyond any doubt the criticisms passed upon it from one end of the country to the other make Buffalo's smart set smart.

American hoodlums can no longer take refuge in Mexico, for a new treaty includes bribery as an extraditable offense.

Yes, Mr. Newcomer, this is Oregon, he Webfoot State, where they told you it rains thirteen months of the year.

Farmers wishing for rain begin to tear the Webfoot weather clerk has forgot his cunning.