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

CIRCULATION (SWORN) OVER 4000



ADVICE FROM MONTANA.

The agricultural editor of the Anaconda Standard is evidently busy these days. He has been giving some advice on farming, a part of it applicable to any country or climate.

It is seedtime and in the Bitter Root, the Gallatin and the Yellowstone in the Plains valley and the Flathead the Montana farmer goeth forth to sow.

The agricultural editor is in receipt of numerous inquiries at this time of year and, as fast as he can find time they are receiving his careful attention.

To illustrate—a man should not expect, by planting a mixture of corn and beans to raise succotash. Ever an expert an irrigatorist as Professor Fortier of the Agricultural College would not expect to attain this result.

There are some special cases that might be mentioned, but their discussion would occupy too much space this morning.

Salem will have a real hero tonight and she should receive him well and treat him in a manner to let him know her people appreciate heroic services.

This seems to be a time of pools. Now it is a wool pool that is proposed, as will be seen by the notice in another part of the Statesman.

A discerning man who tries to keep track of current events notices that the output of new railroad mergers has been very light the last few days.

The Philadelphia Record is trying to prove that a panic is not necessary to enable the Democrats to carry the next Presidential election.

The owners of the farm on which Daniel Webster was born have offered to give it to the state of New Hampshire to be kept as a memorial.

Work is to proceed at once on the hand stand of the Marion Square Improvement League, or rather the Marion Square Rostrom, as the good ladies of the League have named it.

We have heard a good deal of late of the superiority of the American workmen over the British workers, but now comes an Englishman, according to an exchange.

The American packing houses are making large consignments of cured meats to Vladivostok, and the market for these products in Asia is expected to grow rapidly.

According to the estimates of the Department of Agriculture, the American wheat crop of 1903 will be the greatest that the country has ever produced.

The Presidential boom of Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, has received a decided impetus from the result of his successful municipal campaign this spring.

TWO SIDES TO IT.

There are two sides to the question of allowing a franchise to the Silverton concern asking for the right to do electric lighting in Salem.

The company now doing business here is not making money. It has never made any. It has been out of the use of its money all these years.

The fact that there has been no money in the plant for the owners is due largely to the fact that the street railway system, a part of the property of the concern, has not paid the cost of operating and keeping up.

If the present company is allowed to have the field, perhaps in time extensions will be made to the street railway system. The property is owned by a banking concern.

There is certainly not room enough here now for two strong lighting-companies.

The other side is the one favoring competition. But there are cases where competition is a detriment.

The service of the old company is good. Its managers say it is supplying light and power as cheaply as it can be manufactured or transmitted here.

THE CASE OF HOLLAND.

The matter of the labor troubles in Holland is commended to the consideration of those who believe that national ownership of industries is an ideal policy.

The Dutch labor organizations regarded this legislation as a direct attempt to deprive workmen of the right to leave employments that do not suit them.

ernment railways were for a time independently operated and protected by the gendarmes. Commerce at Amsterdam and Rotterdam was paralyzed.

For a time it was feared the German Kaiser would interfere, and probably attempt to annex Holland, on account of interference with German trade and commerce.

This contention will not strengthen the position of the people of this country who argue in favor of the government ownership of transportation lines.

SURE-ENOUGH REFORM.

Recognizing the importance of the corset in the race-sucide business, some young men in Pennsylvania have declared war against the contrivance.

The declaration of principles of this anti-corset league is a strongly worded document. It sets forth the lofty purpose of these new reformers, who see no hope of the perpetuation of mankind unless the corset goes.

Literature is to be circulated freely by these young men, regardless of expense—literature which will set forth the evils of corset-wearing; men will be urged not to marry a "corset wreck"; women will be implored to break away from the thrall.

And the girls. A writer in an exchange predicts that they will smile at these earnest reformers and go on wearing corsets just the same as ever.

TALKING OF BRIBERY.

For various reasons the people of New England have been very much occupied of late in discussing the prevalence of bribery in elections.

In a New England conference Delaware should not have been brought to the bar, for she is outside the Puritan pale. It happens, however, that the alleged master of bribery in Delaware is Addicks, and Massachusetts has a deep interest in Addicks.

Concerning that phase of the issue Mr. Kennan is reported as saying: "He (Addicks) thought by putting \$140,000 into that campaign he had bought a Senatorship, and no doubt he was going to get it."

Governor Garvin, after reviewing the exposure of bribery in Rhode Island, suggested as a remedy the abolition of the secret ballot and said: "I think the final way to vote will be to hand each voter the voting list, with his name upon it, and at the side of the name a space for him to write the name of the candidates for whom he wishes to vote—opposite his name."

Mr. McCook estimates that in Connecticut there are upwards of 30,000 venal voters and that they hold the balance of power in every election, so that bribery virtually decides every contest.

The results of the conference are by no means encouraging. Governor Garvin's plan of an open ballot is too much opposed to American tradition to be adopted.

SAD ERROR THAT WIVES DO NOT NEED EDUCATION.

"As I suppose not to marry," said a girl who is about to graduate from a preparatory school, "I think I may as well go to the university and cultivate my brain."

If it were merely the flippant remark of extreme youth it should not be noticed, but it seems to be the real opinion of a good many grown men and women that education is wasted on a girl who afterwards marries, and that college training is good only for a woman intending to remain single and earn her living by teaching, writing, practicing medicine or some other form of gainful mental labor.

No state of life calls for more highly developed intellectual powers in women than that of matrimony. There would be fewer divorcees in the upper classes if the women that marry had better mental training.

The ideal wife ought to be superior to her husband in both ethical and intellectual culture. She ought to be an exemplar for him in conduct and in thinking. She ought to read and reason and keep ahead of him, no matter how fast he grows.

Friction with the world while earning a living or making a career is very likely to blur a man's ideals and dull the fine edges of his character.

Having to spend his strength and his days in earning a living, a husband has not energy or leisure for keeping pace with the development of the world in things of the mind.

Even in the kitchen and the nursery a wife has use for a thorough education. To rule a house well requires brains, and the better a housewife's brain the better she will do her household work.

Those persons that think a married woman has no use for scholarship and mental culture have but a narrow idea of a wife's functions.

A NEAT COMPLIMENT.

Cinnabar, April 15.—In honor of the President's visit, Sally Slick, who will be remembered by all National Park tourists as the young and sprightly brown bear with the banged hair, saucy smile and inordinate appetite for the Mammoth Hot Springs garbage pile, gave birth this morning to a handsome, robust and in every way notable litter of fourteen—count them—fourteen cubs.

President patted Sally on her head and expressed his appreciation of her noble fecundity in terms of warmest gratification. Mother and fourteen cubs doing well.—Anaconda Standard.

Assistant Superintendent W. F. Campbell, of the United-States Indian Training School, may be credited with a fine stroke of policy in securing Mr. Hermann to deliver the address at the laying of the corner stone of the new building on Tuesday morning next.

General W. T. Haines of Maine has been collecting educational statistics with relation to success in life and deduces from them the conclusion that in this country an uneducated boy has but one chance in 150,000 of obtaining distinction, a common school education increases his chances fourfold, a high school training gives twenty-three times as many chances as the common school, and a college education gives nine times as many chances as a high school.

Charles Cunningham, owner of several thousand sheep in Umattila county, predicts high prices for wool the coming spring—better than has been paid for many years.

The San Francisco Call says 20,000 new people have come to California seeking homes, since the first of February. The Golden State is doing better in this line than the Webfoot State but they have been advertising longer and doing it more extensively.

Remarks on exchange: "It affords the country no small satisfaction to learn that the Western Union has equipped the park with sufficient telegraph facilities to insure the delivery of all baseball scores to the President before bedtime."

However the bears of Yellowstone park may have disported themselves lately, those of Wall street have been exceedingly robust, active and joyous. But evidences begin to accumulate that they are not booked for a continuous performance.

In the matter of these April showers, it seems that it never rains but it snows.—Anaconda Standard. You can have the real thing by coming down here to the Willamette valley—and the beautiful, balmy sunshine between the showers.

It threatened rain just enough yesterday to make the farmers busier than they were before, and they were about as busy as they could be already, taking advantage of the period of fine weather.

Remarks on exchange: Although they have been legally divorced, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern are still suspected of considerable conjugal fidelity.

An exchange remarks that from the indications at present, 1903's railroad-merger crop will fall far short of 1902's.

Mitchell Hall and the Congressional campaign will be duly and appropriately dedicated at Chemawa this morning.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

A daughter of Thackeray, a son of Dickens and a grandson of Bulwer Lytton will attend the jubilee of the Manchester Free Library next month in England.

An appeal from the Kansas City Star: The next time the tracer is sent out let him also find out what has become of Nikola Tesla, M. Santos-Dumont and Oberlin M. Carter.

When Mrs. Ellen M. Stone finishes her lecture course this spring, begun last October, she will have told 149 audiences the story of her kidnaping by Macedonian brigands.

Another bit of antiquity gets a severe blow from the Chicago idea: "What a pigmy was old Vulcan," says the Rev. Dr. Stoltz, "beside our Carnegie."

CASTLES: "The kind you know always point."

Poorly? "For two years I suffered terribly from dyspepsia, with great depression, and was always feeling poorly. I then tried Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and was soon a new man." John McDonald, Philadelphia, Pa. Don't forget that it's "Ayer's" Sarsaparilla that will make you strong and hopeful. Don't waste your time and money by trying some other kind. Use the old, tested, tried and true Sarsaparilla.