

NEW STATUTE IS NOW TO BE MADE

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION SEES A GREAT DANGER IN RAILROAD COMBINES.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The tendency to combine continues the most significant feature of railway development, according to the annual report of the interstate commerce commission, issued today.

The report shows it is not open to question that the competition between railroad carriers which formerly prevailed has been largely suppressed, or at least brought to the condition of effective restraint. The progress of consolidation in one form or another will in no distant day confine this competition within narrow and unimportant limits, because the control of most railway property will be merged in a few individuals, whose common interests impel them to act in concert.

"A law which might have answered the purpose when competition was relied upon to secure reasonable rates is demonstrably inadequate when that competition is displaced by the most far-reaching and powerful combinations. So great a change in conditions calls for corresponding change in the regulating statute."

The commission reaffirms its recommendations for amending the interstate commerce law and urges the grave necessity for legislation.

The report says that the fact that no convictions have yet been obtained nor indictments found in the cases of the roads which were shown by an investigation last winter to this giving secret rates to grain shippers emphasizes the fact that the criminal provisions of the present interstate law are practically a dead letter.

PERILS OF THE TRAPPERS.

How the Famous Scott Met Death on the Platte.

[Outing for December.]

In the United States the free hunters approach the mountains by three main routes. It was coming down the Platte that poor Scott's canoe was overturned, his powder lost and his rifles rendered useless. Game had retreated to the mountains with spring's advance. Berries were not ripe by the time trappers were descending with their winter's hunt. Scott and his famishing men could not find edible roots. Each day Scott weakened. There was no food. Finally Scott had strength to go no farther. His men had found tracks of some other hunting party far to the fore. They thought that in any case he could not live. What ought they to do? Hang back and starve with him, or hasten forward while they had strength to the party whose tracks they had espied? On pretense of seeking roots, they deserted the helpless man. The next spring, when these same hunters went up the Platte, they found the skeleton of poor Scott sixty miles from the place where they had left him. The terror that spurred the emaciated man to drag himself all this weary distance can hardly be conceived; but such were the fearful odds taken by every free trapper who went up the Platte, across the parched plains of the headwaters of the Missouri.

BRONCHO-BUSTING

As a Sport It Attracts Immense Attention in the West.

[Outing for December.]

Twelve thousand people turned out in Denver a short time ago to see 20 or 30 cowboys risk life and limb riding outlaw ponies for a silver belt and a few cash prizes. In several cities west of the "Big Muddy" this sport of range and corral is in not less high favor.

To recount the marvels performed at these bucking contests would be to tax the imagination of the lay reader. It is nothing for a horse to turn a complete somersault, headfirst, and to come up with the rider in the saddle. Cowboys grow so used to having horses fall on them that they seemingly pay little attention unless they are caught under the saddle and badly hurt. They insist upon resaddling and riding the animal again, in case of a bad fall; and many a winning ride has been made under such circumstances, the rider perhaps suffering agonies from a bruised or broken limb.

AN ALASKAN LANDSLIDE

Rather a Leisurely Thing, but It Eats Up Groves and Fills River Beds.

[Outing for December.]

All the next morning, as we chopped spongy cottonwood, blew out our lungs over the fire, and flipped water from the blankets, a dull roar, which we thought the river swelled by the rain, was growing louder. I said, "I guess a moraine-choked pond on the glacier has broken through," and just then Jack stepped out from under the soaked tarpaulin.

"Look at that, Bobbie, look at that!" I heard him shouting. Outside, he was pointing across the stream. A landslide was roaring down a gully from the very top of the Rainbow Hills. It was a stupendous sight. We looked at it silently, and then said, both at once, "This thing wiggled like a huge snake down a sheer three thousand feet of rock. The roar seemed forever to increase. Dust—or smoke—trailed from this thing, and enormous boulders, skipped solemnly from side to side of its path like pebbles. Water mingled with it, and when it reached the terrace it was a black stream, vicious and heavy."

Jack bet it wouldn't cross his half-mile of flat to the river. But in a moment we saw boulders shooting out over the terrace and aspen groves fall as if laid with a scythe. A cancerous fan ate out to the bank, and gravely sloped over like lumpy paint, cutting deep channels down to the river.

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ATHLETICS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

They Arouse Intense Enthusiasm and Produce Some Strange Triumphs.

[Outing for December.]

Athletics attract much more attention in England than in America. The people are more enthusiastic, and it is not unusual to see 15,000 or 20,000 people attending the games. There are sports three and five times a week, so that an ambitious runner can fill his trophy room with any number of suitable prizes. An American champion has no idea of the reception that awaits him. The many sports committees attend him and he is shown the hospitality of the cities.

It is no extraordinary thing to be invited to a dinner in your honor, or to stay a few days with the lord mayor of the city. All of these affairs, one must admit, are a great handicap to his training.

The prizes abroad are, as a general rule, very valuable, much more so than in America. They are not wholly confined to silverware, such as cups and the like; but it is nothing extraordinary to see an athlete departing from the races with a sewing machine or hat-rack, and in some cases I have seen orders for beds. The lucky competitor, as a rule, can have any article he desires, and as many British athletes are married, they generally take the most serviceable article. My prizes last year consisted mostly of diamonds, watches, silver tea services and cutlery, altogether worth nearly £200.—Outing for December.

THE KADIAK BEAR.

His Winter Habits Are Much Like Those of Bears the World Over.

[Outing for December.]

The Kadiak bear finds no trouble in getting all the food he wants during the berry season and during the run of the various kinds of salmon, which lasts from June until October. At this period he fattens up, and upon this fat he lives through his long winter sleep. When he wakes in the spring he is very weak and hardly able to move, so his first aim is to recover the use of his legs. This he does by taking very short walks when the weather is pleasant, returning to his den every night. This light exercise lasts for a week or so, when he sets out to seek upon the beach kelp, which acts as a purge. He now lives upon roots, principally of the salmon-berry bush, and later nibbles the young grass. These carry him along until the salmon arrive, when he becomes exclusively a fish-eater until the berries are ripe. I have been told by the natives that just before he goes into his den he eats berries only, and his stomach is not so filled with fat that he eats but little.

The time when the bears go into winter

quarters depends upon the severity of the season. Generally speaking, it is in early November, shortly after the cold weather has set in. Most bears sleep uninterruptedly until spring, but occasionally they are found wandering about in mid-winter. My natives seemed to think that only those bears which have found uncomfortable quarters are restless, and that they leave their dens at this time of year only for the purpose of finding better ones.

BEEWAX MINING

Controversy Over Origin of Deposits—Indian Legends.

[Los Angeles Times.]

Mining for beeswax is an industry confined to a small stretch of the Pacific coast, and it exists nowhere else, as far as can be ascertained. About 30 miles south of the mouth of the Columbia river is Nehalem Bay and beach, and here is where the beeswax mines are found. It is hardly proper to call the deposits mines, for they are scattered along the beach in an uncertain fashion and are probably not of nature's production. The deposits are mined, however, but in a manner unlike any other kind of mining. They resemble placer diggings more than any other.

The beeswax miner uses a plow and team of horses to work the alluvial deposits at the mouth of the bay, and sometimes goes at it with pick and shovel. Occasionally some fine specimens of the wax are found floating or cast upon the sands of the beach.

How did the beeswax get there? Authorities differ as to this. Samples have been sent to men who claim to be mineralogists, and they say that it is probably coeserite, otherwise known as mineral wax or natural paraffine. The paraffine made from petroleum products is not much different from that produced from beeswax, gives a similar odor when melting, and it is easy to see that a mistake might be made. On the other hand, beeswax experts insist that it is the product of the bee, the characteristic odor disappearing somewhat from long exposure to the elements. When to work the alluvial deposits, the coloration extends through the substance to some extent. This might be expected, for much of it has been tossed about by the waves or has been buried in the beach sand for two or three centuries.

The alluvial or made lands near the entrance to the bay have trees standing thereon which must be more than 100 years old, some being three feet in diameter, and deposits of the wax are found beneath the roots of these trees in many instances. At present the sea is making inroads on the land and is cutting away the support from quite a tract of lowland covered with forest, and large quantities of the wax are brought to view. The Ne-

halem river is a large stream, carrying an immense amount of water in the winter season, and is constantly changing the country in the region of the delta. Sometimes the old channel is shut up and a new one is made into the open sea. The large bar at the mouth of the bay is shifting, and as the changes take place more of the wax is unearthed, so that miners are not always obliged to depend upon the shovel or plow.

SOME CURIOSITIES OF DIVORCE.

According to Official Figures 30,000 More Divorced Women Than Men.

[New York Sun.]

There are 30,000 more divorced women than there are divorced men in the United States, the official figures being 84,000 divorced men and 114,000 divorced women. The disparity is accounted for by the fact that men procuring divorces or from whom divorces have been procured more often remarry than the women under like conditions.

The number of divorced men is largest in Indiana, which has 5,700. There are more than 4,000 each in California, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, New York and Pennsylvania. Texas has 3,500 and Massachusetts 2,500.

South Carolina, the only state which has no law authorizing or permitting divorces, has 275 divorced men among its residents, and South Dakota, a state which has become noted by reason of the facility with which divorce is granted, has 503.

New Jersey has, proportionately, a very small number, 750, and Kansas, a much smaller state in population, a much larger number, 2,165.

In Utah, where plural marriages were the rule among the Mormons until recent years, the number of divorced persons is 335, a little below the average, and Idaho, with about half the population of Utah, and a considerable proportion of Mormons, has 460.

The state in which there is the largest number of divorced women (divorced and not remarried) is Ohio, with 7,700; Illinois has 7,600 and Texas 5,800.

After Texas comes New York and then Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Massachusetts and California. All these have more than 4,000 each.

In some of the southern states, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and Tennessee among them, the number of divorced women is twice as large as the number of divorced men.

In Alaska there are more divorced women than divorced men; in Hawaii there are more divorced men than divorced women.

Indiana, with a population 300,000 less than Massachusetts, has 12,000 divorced persons, and Massachusetts has 6,000.

KANSAS CRUMBS

If a woman knows that her husband is enormously rich, she never learned it from him.

Remember, the people you would like to see dead may be the pallbearers at your own funeral.

When those we like play it, it is a violin, but when those we dislike begin to finger it, it is a fiddle.

Be good to your children. Then, perhaps, they will remember it when the day comes when you are a "problem" on their hands.

The demand of the times is a writer of a historical novel of such influence that he can revive the style for bald-headed men to wear long, curly wigs.

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