

HAMPTON, PHOEBUS AND OLD POINT—Continued.

AFTER FIRE COMPANIES

Underwriters Who Have Failed to Pay to be Prosecuted.

U. S. GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE

Metcalfe Takes Action Which May Result in the Californians Getting Their Just Dues From the Defaulting Insurance Associations.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—An investigation of the fire insurance companies that have failed to pay their policies in San Francisco is to be made by George E. Butler, of Ross, Cal., under the direction of Commissioner of Corporations Garfield.

Secretary Metcalfe, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, ordered the investigation this morning. It is one of the results of his recent trip to San Francisco where he went to inquire into the Japanese school problem.

Several foreign insurance companies, and some of those in the United States, have failed to settle claims of losses due to the fire which followed the earthquake.

Attorneys representing policy holders have gone to Germany to endeavor to obtain settlements. The rebuilding of the stricken city depends greatly upon the settlement of these claims.

ORIENTAL TRADE DECLINES.

Exports to China and Japan \$38,497,885 Less Than Last Year.

Exports of the United States to China and Japan have declined materially as compared with 1905. Great Britain and other nations suffered similar losses, showing there was no special objection to American exports.

The exports from this country to China and Japan, in 1905, were abnormally large, owing to the lack of all kinds of merchandise caused by the war. There was a rush after the war to fill the gap, and that caused a large increase in the imports. But normal conditions have now followed, and while the importations have fallen off, they remain much above normal of years preceding the war.

For the eight months ended with August, last the exports from the United States to China were in value, \$22,316,216, as compared with \$42,390,596 in the corresponding months in 1905. But the largest exports in any preceding year were \$17,013,848, in 1902, showing that the exports this year are \$5,000,000 greater in eight months than they were in any year preceding 1905. The exports to Japan, for the eight months aggregated \$20,752,377, as compared with \$39,174,682 in the eight months of 1905.

Only once before, in 1900, were the exports to Japan for the corresponding time greater than they were

this year, while in 1901-02, and up to and including 1904, they were very much less than for 1906. The exports to Asia and Oceania for the eight months of this year were in value, \$86,611,375, which was much larger than in any year preceding 1905, but in the eight months of 1906 the exports aggregated \$116,225,663.—Washington Post.

PUPILS AS JANITORS.

Professor Jackman Would Banish Professional Caretaker.

Dean Wilbur S. Jackman, of the University of Chicago, has a solution for the school janitor problem. Banish the janitor and let the boys and girls do his work, is his advice. Provide the girls with large aprons and the boys with overalls and set them to work, he urges.

"Parents, generally, are ready to attribute their own success in life to some form of labor which circumstance made necessary, but, curiously enough, they are usually anxious to shield their children from similar sturdy influences," he writes. "They desire their children to have a smoother road than the one which they travelled themselves."

"In a school properly organized there are as many duties to be done 'around the house' as there are for the children to perform. In a well regulated home. There is no natural division in kind, between the work of the janitor and much of that which the pupils should do, if the highest efficiency of the school is to be secured.

"To this end the girls should be provided with large aprons and the boys with overalls, that they may meet these duties with dispatch and without the necessity of soiling their clothes. Every part of the building should be in the charge of a group of pupils who are responsible for its condition, and there should be definitely appointed times when all such matters should receive attention."

Professor Jackman also vindicated the boy who carved his initials in the desk, declaring it showed an affection for his school. In this connection he writes:

"Since schools begun on this earth children in various feeble ways have shown a devotion to their institution that has been little appreciated. The carving of a cross or other symbol on his desk, or the scratching of his name on a window pane, is the child's rudimentary, though abortive method of expressing an affection for the school that might easily be fanned into the flame of worthy service."

"What any one actually lives with, into that he must and will put himself. The soft pine wood of the desks and the smooth glass of the windows were the extent of his opportunities for impressing himself in the schools of the past."—Chicago Tribune.

FREAK POTATO.

Frightens Farmers, Who Thought It Was a Rattlesnake.

"Snakes!" shouted H. E. King, of Harbor Beach, and he dropped his spade and deat a hasty hot foot out of his garden yesterday morning. "Rattler, sure enough!" exclaimed Harvey Bassett, twelve years old, as he hastily mounted to the roof of the woodshed.

But the squirming, twisting object that dropped from the older man's spade lay quietly in the grass where it had rolled and showed no signs of life.

About that time several neighbors, attracted by the noise, arrived on the scene, and occupying various places of vantage on the fence and side lot began to pass judgment on the queer thing that poked its nose so threateningly from the edge of the lettuce patch.

A scientific appearing gentleman from the East, from a safe distance, predicted it was a snake—he had seen many of them before of such size—but he modestly retired when asked to investigate.

A Westerner was sure it was a rattler. "See," said he, "it is all curled up ready to strike—I know 'em."

"Will you kill it for us please?" asked a fair maid with plaintive voice.

"Er-r, sure, with pleasure—um—but you see, I must go to town at once," and he decamped in a hurry, to the fence and paused a moment.

After an hour a youth, braver than the rest, volunteered to kill the "beast."

Approaching cautiously with a rake he struck the intruder a violent blow, and then with a stifled laugh turned it over with a stick.

"What is it?" whispered the maid. "Potato!" chirped the youngster.

"Potato!" echoed all in chorus as they gathered around.

And it was a potato sure enough—one of the most peculiar potatoes ever seen and a very freakish one—but still a potato.

The twisting object circling around, it is a heavy wire spring about an eighth of an inch thick.

Evidently the seed sprouted between one of the spirals of the spring which lay upright in the ground, and as the potato grew it followed the wire around.

A remarkable feature of the freak is the pressure which it exerted on the spring on the second turn. A strong man cannot pull the spring out of shape, but the potato forced this part an inch out of place.

The entire history of its growth is recorded on the spring, which shows by the force exerted on it which way the potato grew and where it started.

The foliage reached the surface of the ground through the top part of the spring.

It was sent to Detroit by young Bassett, of No. 399 Brooklyn avenue, this city, and will be presented by him to Fred Postal, president of the state fair, to be placed as a exhibit in the next show.—Detroit Free

THREE NEW METHODIST MINISTERS FOR COUNTY

Rev. J. E. Cuthriell to Central; Rev. Babcock to Fox Hill; Rev. Davis to Hampton Roads.

The Virginia Methodist conference made three changes in the pastors of churches in Elizabeth City county.

Rev. J. E. Cuthriell, of Manchester, will come to Central Methodist church to succeed Rev. Asa Driscoll. Mr. Driscoll has been sent to Campbell, near Lynchburg. He has accomplished splendid work in Hampton and his transfer will be a source of much regret to a number of his congregation.

Rev. V. R. Turner has been sent as a student to Randolph-Macon College and he will be succeeded by Rev. W. F. Davis in the East Hampton and Cottonwood Avenue churches.

Rev. Thomas E. Johnson is sent from Fox Hill to Batesville, being succeeded there by Rev. J. O. Babcock. Mr. Babcock comes to Fox Hill from Gordonsville. He is a young minister of good standing in the conference.

Rev. J. W. Stiff who was returned to the First Methodist church arrived home yesterday and will conduct the usual mid-week prayer services tonight. Mr. Stiff's congregation is slated over his return.

FOUGHT TO A TIE.

Hampton High and Phoebus Graded Schools Played Great Football.

In one of the cleanest and hardest fought battles of the season the football elevens of the Hampton High School and the Phoebus Graded Schools played to a tie on National Soldiers' Home gridiron yesterday afternoon.

The game was seen by a large crowd, both from Phoebus and Hampton, and much enthusiasm was manifested.

The cleanliness of the contest was a decided feature. The two elevens were evenly matched and it was a battle royal throughout the two halves of twenty minutes each.

Counsel—Come, sir, do you mean to tell me you didn't see the complainant's cow on the land? How near should you be to a beast to be able to recognize it?

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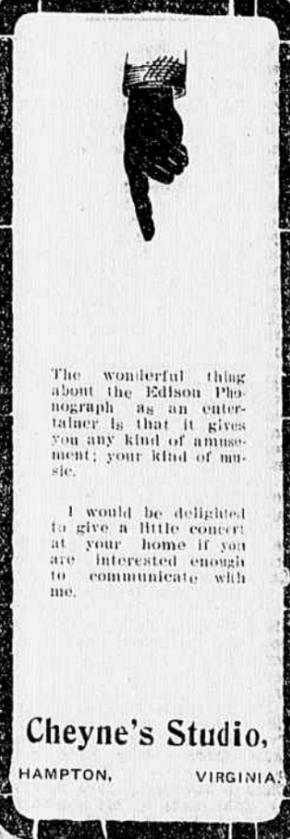
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