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DISLIKES NAME "INDIAN."

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There is no satisfactory denotive term in use to designate the aboriginal tribes of America. Most biologists and many ethnologists employ the term "American"; but this is inappropriate, since it connotes, and is commonly used for, the present predominantly Caucasian population.

The term "Indian," first used (in the Spanish form "Indio") by Columbus, in the belief that the lands which he had discovered in the West were on the confines of India, in Asia, is universally used in popular speech and writing, and to some extent in ethnological litsrature, but is objectionable in that it perpetuates an error, and that it connotes, and so confuses, distinct peoples. Such an error was excusable at the time at which it originated, but there is no reason for its continuance, and it evidently would be well if the term "Indian" could be supplanted by some appropriate scientific designation.

During a discussion of the subject at a meeting of the American Anthropological Society on May 23 of last year, Maj. J. W. Powell advocated the use of the name "Amerind," an arbitrary compound of the leading syllables of the frequently used phrase, "American Indian." The proposed term carries no implication of classic relation, raises no mooted question as to the origin or distribution of races, and perpetuates no obsolete ideas. So far as the facts and theories of ethnologists are concerned, it is purely denotive. The term is sufficiently brief and euphonious for all practical purposes, not only in English, but also in the languages of continental Europe. It may be readily pluralized in those languages, in accordance with their respective rules, without losing its distinctive senatic character. Moreover, it readily lends itself to adjectival termination in two forms, viz: "Amerindian" and "Amerindic" and is susceptible also of adverbial termination; while it can be readily used in the requisite actional form "Amerindize," or in relational forms, such as "post-Amerindian."

The term is proposed as a designation for all the aboriginal tribes of the American continent and adjacent islands, including the Eskimo.

The working ethnologists in the society were practically unanimous in approving the term for tentative adoption, and for commendation to fellow students in this and other countries. As the working specialists form the court of last resort, it cannot be doubted that any term acceptable to them may be expected to come into use with considerable rapidity, and be eventually adopted by thinkers along other lines.

DRIFTWOOD.

Picked Up from the Current of Time as it Swiftly Passes By.

Eight million gallons of rock oil are pumped each year from under the bed of the Pacific Ocean.

The army of the Pope consists of 100 Swiss guards, 120 policemen and 400 gentlemen guards.

A "rubberneck" is a person, male or female, whose life is dedicated to attention to other people's business.

The average height of the heavy rain cloud is 1,680 yards; of the delicate, fleecy cirrus, 9,760 yards.

"Put away the little roorback, salve the spots where you feel sore; grab a root and go to hustling for the fight in 1904."

No matter how good a musician one may be there are times when he cannot make the key to the door harmonize with the key hole.

The growth of grass that comes in a long, mild moderately rainy autumn is said to be far more nutritious for cattle than the spring grass. It is richer.

The *Astorian* says: "Professor Arthur Thompson, after careful research has decided that Adam was a nigger. Without careful research we have decided that Professor Arthur Thompson is Adam fool."

Nearly 20,000 petitions in bankruptcy were filed last year, the liabilities aggregating $300,000,000. Illinois and New York, the first with 3,008, and the last with 3,007, furnish the greatest number.

The entire number of pupils in all schools, public and private, last year in this country was 16,687,643. There are 101,058 young men and women in the universities and colleges, 54,231 in schools of law, medicine and theology, 67,538 in normal schools, 70,950 in business schools, 23.501 in reform schools, 97,737 in kindergartens.

Let Us Begin Now.

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Using the word campaign to connect this greater movement to educate the people up to a full comprehension of their rights and duties as citizens, up to a full understanding of what true demoracy is and necessitates, when should the next campaign begin?

At once.

Now is not the time for inaction, much less is it the time for discouragement or despair.

The Boers have captured England's "four hundred" on the field of battle, and London society has again been thrown into consternation. The Dutch farmers refuse to stay licked.

THE population of the State of Washington, as officially announced, is 518,103, as against 349,390 in 1890. This is an increase of 168,713, or 48.2 per cent.

REAL GOOD GOVERMENT.

Perhaps few Americans realize the model conditions that surround the residents of New Zealand. A well known citizen who passed several years of his life there says that the inhabitants have come nearer solving the vexed social question than any other people on earth. The government, he says, owns and controls almost all the public enterprises, such as railroads, banks, the postal system, lands, etc.

"New Zealand, he says, is very prosperous undar the present system. A part of the prosperity is attributed to the land tax and land policy of the government. It is not a tax upon land, but upon land values. It ranges from a penny to the pound to three pence to the pound, with an extra penny added for absentees. This has been the cause of reducing alien ownership, and gives actual settlers a chance to obtain homes at reasonable figures. Under this plan large estates are rapidly breaking up, and in a very few years they will have ceased to exist. Settlers are exempt from land taxation to the value of $2500. The graduated income tax is a source of revenue to the government. All incomes under $1500 are exempt; from that sum to $5000 the tax is 2½ per cent; all over that pay 5 per cent. and all corporations and absentees pay the full 5 per cent. without exemption. The old property tax has been abolished.

"The government buys up large tracts of land, which it leases to settlers for 999 years. Those who are deserving and have not enough money to lease the land can secure a loan from the government with which to build houses and clear the land. The government will also provide such with public work so that they can earn enough to support their families until the land can be made to produce a living. The law provides that eight hours constitutes a day's work. This applies to private enterprises as well as to government work.

"The telegraph, railroads and telephones are owned by the government. In the country districts where the settlers are some distance from the schools the railways carry the children to and from the schools free of charge. The government manages the express business. Through the enterprises mentioned, are not only settlers given the benefit of a cheap and uniform rate, but the investment pays the government.

"The post banks established by the government have grown so popular that it was found necessary to fix a limit upon the amount that could be deposited. The limit is $2500. It was necessary to do this in order to protect the private banks, which were being crowded out of existence.

"In New Zealand the temperance question must be submitted to the referendum every three years. The sale of liquor can be prohibited only by a three-fifths vote; on the other hand, a single additional license cannot be granted except by a three-fifths vote. The number of saloons, however can be reduced by a bare majority, but no more than 25 per cent. can be reduced at one election. The women are allowed to vote.

"The government has established life insurance, and does more business than all the private companies combined. Among other improvements are several government farms for the unemployed, but these are scarcely used, for the simple reason that there are few unemployed people in New Zealand. The factory law makes it obligatory upon employers to provide dining-rooms apart from the work-rooms for the employes. Eight hours constitute a day's work, and no children under 15 are allowed to work in the factories. All stores and factories close on Sunday. The government does its own contracting work, and deals directly with the people.

"Strikes are unknown in New Zealand. All disputes go to a board of conciliation, and then in case of an appeal to a board of arbitration, the judgment of which is final."

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P. Bartell, of Seattle, was the victim of a peculiar accident Monday afternoon. He went to catch a chicken and seized it by the tail feathers. The bird fluttered and made considerable noise, and attracted the attention of one of the male birds. The male bird attacked him, and caught his free hands in its bill, and, swinging itself off the ground, struck him with its gaffs. The gaffs struck on each side of his left hand, entering just at the base of the thumb and the base of the little finger. His index finger was also badly lacerated by the bird's bill. His hand began to swell immediately, and for a time it was feared that blood-poisoning would set in.

SODA water fountains, an American institution, are slowly but surely being introduced into English drug stores. During the past summer a chemists' shop in Birmingham sold as high as 1,000 drinks a day. The physicians of that city made strenuous objections to the use of the icy drinks; nevertheless they were continued to be sold.

A PIPE line built to carry Caspian petroleum to the sea is 142 miles long. Heretofore the petroleum has been carried to its destination by trains, which has proved rather too expensive. Hence the new pipe line.

STATE NEWS.

A Brief Summary of News Gathered from All Parts of the State.

Spokane has voted to purchase a $5,000 fire engine.

The Seattle Humane Society has prepared a bill for legislative recognition.

The Congregational and Presbyterian churches of Aberdeen may be consolidated.

The prospect for a large wheat crop next year in Eastern Washington is reported to be excellent.

The International Canning Company has filed articles of incorporation and purchased a site 300x600 feet at Blaine for a cannery.

The steam dredger began work Saturday at Everett. The channel will be dug five miles, and the work will require a year and a half.

Contractors are six months behind in completion of the Seattle new water system. They are subject to a penalty of $200 per day; but it is not likely to be enforced.

A curious eye disease is afflicting children in the western districts of Tacoma. The children's eyes become red and inflamed, but so far no serious consequences have developed.

Thomas Lynch has brought action to recover $7,000 damages from the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, at Seattle. While in the employ of the company he was injured by a blast.

John Henry Williams, who has been held at North Yakima for some time on a charge of having murdered W. W. Scott, at Prosser, has been released under *habeas corpus* proceedings.

N. C. Cameron and wife have commenced an action at Seattle against the West Street & North End Electric Railway Company to recover $7,300 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by Mrs. Cameron in a collision,

Annie J. Brobon is suing the City of Seattle for $25,000 for the death of her husband, who was a member of the fire department. He was thrown from a hose-cart last March, while driving to a fire. She alleges his death was due to an obstruction in the street.

The citizens of Colfax are in a flurry because G. H. Hahn, a well-known merchant, is erecting a store building in the very center of one of the principal streets in the city. A petition is being circulated asking the City Council to take some steps to stop the apparent blockade to the thoroughfare.

A. L. Dilley, Deputy U. S. Marshal, has received orders to remove all Federal prisoners from the Yakima County Jail and place them in the jails at the towns where the trials are to take place. Hereafter all prisoners held for trial in the Federal Courts will be taken to Spokane, Walla Walla, Seattle or Tacoma.

Tacoma has a United States Senator, a Congressman, the Governor, Fish Commissioner, Grain Inspector, Horticultural Commissioner, Coal Mine Inspector and Commissioner of Public Institutions, wants a government assay office, U. S. Mint, dry dock and public building, and is said to have designs on the State capital. Some people never get enough.

A special to the Spokane *Chronicle* from Nelson, Wash., brings news of a stampede up Fourth of July Creek, a branch of the Kettle River. Shot gold has been discovered with ground running $10 to the cubic yard. Diggings in that vicinity have been secretly worked by George Arnett, an old miner, for three or four years. It is estimated that he has cleaned up $10,000. The strike extends on both sides of the British-American boundary.

Frank Ragborg, of Republic, has the antlers of two stags firmly locked together. The animals evidently met and engaged in a deadly struggle for mastery. Their horns became interlocked, and, as they could not separate, they died on the battle-ground. They must have struggled as long as life lasted, as their horns are much worn where they locked. Two strong men cannot now pull them apart. The horns are in a good state of preservation, but they have the appearance of great age. They were found about four miles south of Republic, near the Golden Harvest mine.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the Auditor of Pierce county, last week, for establishment of two new timber companies with a capital of half a million dollars each, by Frederick Weyerhauser and other wealthy lumbermen of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Washington, to deal in timber lands and operate logging camps, sawmills, shingle mills and generally do all that pertains to the lumber business, as incorporators. The companies are also authorized to construct railroads, smelters and operate in mining gold and silver Clearwater Timber company and Humbird Lumber company are the names of the new corporations.

Secretary Ernest Lister of the State Board of Audit and Control, it is understood, will recommend in his report that a farm be purchased in Yakima Valley for the purpose of creating an industrial home for some of the insane patients now crowded in the two public institutions. The patients desirous of working on a farm are harmless, weak-minded and aged ones. They do not desire to remain at Medical Lake or Steilacoom, as neither place is suited to their best interests. It is said that the matter has been investigated and prices obtained on lands where all classes of crops can be grown. There are about 100 patients at Steilacoom and 50 at Medical Lake comprising the class for whom such a farm is to located.

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