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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington - Cloudy; probably occasional rain.

MONEY VERSUS LIFE.

The terrible wreck of the Valencia is bringing many things to light, that people have hesitated to broach before, for one reason and another, and among the strange and questionable episodes that have reached this office is the following: A certain person high in authority on the federal roster of the coast service, lately, had occasion to review the condition of certain life-preservers on board a local steamer and he deliberately repudiated and condemned the cork-block savers and as deliberately passed the flimsy rush-stuffed buoys that were offered as the next best thing at hand. This may be in strict accord with the rulings of the Department of Commerce and Labor, but we do not believe it. We believe it is part and parcel of a commercial deal and that certain government officers are deep in the affair on a basis of commission or some other tangible profit. The matter was not deemed of especial moment at the time, but since the awful disaster at Cape Beale, the slightest thing of the sort takes on immediate and vital importance. We shall have more to say anon this business.

FROM UNDER THE CLOUD.

The recent action of the Department of the Interior in removing the embargo from the inhabitants of this State, imposed by reason of the conviction of certain persons in the land frauds, is exceedingly gratifying. Just why hundreds of clean and honest men should have been subjected to the extraordinary delay and loss involved in the "hold up" will never be explained to the entire satisfaction of the victims; but that the cloud of suspicion has been dissipated and the good name of the State has been released from the disparagement and tacit dishonor put upon it, is the main cause of congratulation. Now, every man who has claim or title to the public lands within the confines of Oregon, may file them at any of the land offices and proceed to make good as the law directs, without being deemed a pirate of the McKinley or Puffer stripe. That the department should reach the conclusion that there may be a few straightforward men out here, despite the findings of the federal grand jury during the two years past, is comforting, to say the least.

NEW YORK IDEA.

The wreck of the steamship Valencia off the southern coast of Vancouver Island, with over a hundred human beings facing death as the vessel pounds herself to pieces on the rocks, affords a suggestion of one great field for the coming flying machine which Alexander Graham Bell sees in his vision of the very near future. It is the dangers of the deep that the aeroplane should early lessen. The practical, compact and individual aeroplane, workable for limited distances on limited power, stowed aboard beside the cork life-preservers, may in due time come to figure in every steamer's equipment, and great loss of life in wrecks in sight of the coast would thus become a thing of the past. -N. Y. Commercial.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Count Witte is anxious to be just enough a reformer to get on borrowing terms with the rest of the world.

To relieve distress among the very poor the following reasonable prescription is offered: Equal parts of sympathy and beefsteak.

France picks out presidents over 60, and selected one of 74 in the time of storm and stress when the present republic was founded. According to the verdict of history, it was a wise choice.

In looking for a new president the Chicago university will seek an exponent of high finance, but the names under consideration are not understood to include McCall and McCurdy.

In Carthage, Mo., the oldest inhabitant, well on toward 90, is getting ready to set out an apple orchard in the spring. No man who plants trees ever reaches the chloroform dead line.

A Congressional Committee has refused to abrogate the eight-hour law for work on the Panama Canal. Just how much this will increase the amount of work done, if enforced, is not known.

The college boy who, in paying his terms bills, asked the receipting official if they gave trading stamps, is now believed to have come from the village, just reported, where they give trading stamps for Sunday-school attendance.

The guessing contest in the stock market is on again with a vengeance. Those who guessed right in 1905 have another guess coming, and those who guessed wrong—well, guess not!

Tom Lawson presided at a farmers' institute in Massachusetts last week. In agriculture Mr. Lawson takes the view that there is water enough in turnips, though more might be grown to an acre.

If the people will help a little with their contributions, Tom Lawson proposes to put The System upon the verge of financial ruin. In no case, however, will he agree to refund the money.

The old darky stood outside the gilded gin palace, shiveringly waiting for a job, and this is what the passerby overheard: "De ole daddy, he lef' out in de col'. Ah reckon as how some of dem fellahs in dere as gets nex' de fire in dis world 'll sure get nex' in de colder."

It is stated in behalf of the Kansas cornob that after it serves as a base for large quantities of maple sirup it is manufactured into a breakfast food that sells for 10 cents a pound. But everybody knows that the vast possibilities of Indian corn keep on growing.

A Missouri paper objects to the term "defective bookkeeping" in regard to the conversion of the school fund, and says the phrase should be "dishonest bookkeeping." There is no telling how had defective bookkeeping is until every one of its dark places are made light.

Ten thousand Democrats in Ohio are waiting for Governor Patton to recover his health sufficiently to take up appointments. As the lieutenant governor is a Republican, the favor of the Democratic interest in the health bulletins from the executive mansion at Columbus is something tremendous.

Mr. Rockefeller has just given the Chicago university \$1,500,000, which, among other uses, will wipe out the deficit for 1905. It would be terribly poor strategy on the part of the institution to turn up at the end of the year without a balance on the deficit side. There's millions in it.

There is a bill in the Ohio Legislature for the killing of incurables. If it should pass, think of the number of special elections that would have to be held to fill vacancies in the Ohio Legislature!

In ten months of last year the southern states shipped nearly 3,000,000,000 feet of yellow pine. The best remaining supply of hardwood timber is in the south. Will it be of perpetual use under the principles of forestry, or be recklessly slashed off and the opportunity for permanent revenue destroyed?

A Pittsburg club woman advocates the wearing of gymnasium suits while doing housework. By thus popularizing this form of physical culture the mistress may solve the servant problem by doing her own work.—Atlanta Constitution.

Out in some of the central countries of this State the women adopted something like the gymnasium suit, though they called them "bloomers," many, many years ago, and they were an immense success.—N. Y. Commercial.

Former Governor Black claims to have the indorsement of President Roosevelt for the presidential nomination in 1908. Secretaries Root and Taft have similar recommendations, no doubt, and there is reason to believe that Secretary Cortelyou will produce one at the proper time. Mr. Roosevelt may be said to have the rare faculty of doing the jollying act to the satisfaction of the most ambitious statesmen in the land.

"That is done," remarked the member of a Wall Street firm, whose number and floor shall remain unnoted, a few days before Christmas, and added, with a finally accomplished-thank-Heaven air: "I have put a package on Santa Claus' sleigh for every blessed stocking that hangs at my fireplace, and"—fondling a box of choice cigars—"I haven't even forgotten Santa Claus himself." "But how about the little deers?" archly inquired the prettiest of the office typewriters. And every typewriter in the firm's employ went home that day with a box of Hayler's sentimentally inscribed: "For the little deers to nibble, but don't give me away." They did not—until a month later.

WANTS THE MONEY.

Heir to John Emery Wants Half Astor Fortune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—A special from Pittsburg to the Tribune says: "Declaring it his intention to get possession of \$180,000,000, half of the present fortune of the Astors, a man introducing himself as Abner Emery of Lewiston, Oklahoma, is in Pittsburg, trying to find the heirs of John Emery, John Emery, according to the story told by Abner Emery, was a partner of John Jacob Astor, and they were in business together when Astor started the fur trade in Astoria, Oregon. It is asserted that John Emery left a will leaving his share of the business to his heirs, but that this will was not discovered for 75 years. Abner Emery says that this will was opened several years ago, and that since then he has been hunting the other heirs, of whom he has found 480."

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The office-holding career of General Luke E. Wright will eventually take him clear around the world, if he can retain possession of the rabbit's foot which he has been carrying for the past few years.

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