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"Whimsical weather" suits it well enough.

Airships are almost as brittle as gingerbread.

The most popular book in the home of the workman is his bankbook.

Surely the professor had a bad ear for music who killed himself because the baby cried.

New York society makes a better appearance at the horse show than in the divorce court.

The Indians never invented anything finer than the Indian summer that bears their name.

The auto is said to promote appendicitis, but this will not deter those who can scrape up the price.

If in 1,000 years from now it will be possible to live 120 years it is to be hoped that it will be worth while.

Virtue does not consist in doing right, but in choosing to do right. This is the great distinction between the animal and man.

Germany is now viewing with complacency the Monroe doctrine, which has all along viewed Germany with imperturbability.

King Manuel of Portugal has gone to England to get him a wife, if possible. St. Joe, Mich., is also recommended for that purpose.

Many a man is wearing a plush hat who would shudder at the idea of borrowing a feather from his wife's top piece to make it complete.

Word comes that a New Yorker is to be relieved from the stress of poverty by an inheritance of \$100,000. He is not much of a New Yorker.

It will be almost impossible to counterfeit the new French bank notes, but we get this information from the designer, not from the counterfeiters.

Women may, as the learned Dr. Hillis says, own all the property in 1,000 years, but many of those now living willingly would discount their share.

After reading about mental malpractice and treatment for prosperity in New York we have more charity for the ancient New Englanders who believed in witchcraft.

Vienna has an enterprising marriage broker who offers to unite bankrupt European titles to useful American millions. Judging the present by the past, he can do it.

Just at present we have in the North Dakota the fastest and best Dreadnought in the world, but some other nation may get a better one next week.

Honduras has lost its navy. The only warship of that country, a tugboat transformed into an armed cruiser, was run into near Puerto Cortez by a fruit steamer and sunk. Thus the coast of Honduras is defenseless against foreign aggression. But the Hondurans can go inland and out of range if serious danger shall threaten.

A heartless court has appointed a conservator for the 70-year-old bride who recently married an eastern university student, aged 21, and the young husband will be arraigned for perjury in gallantly swearing that his wife was only 24. There was a time in this country when people admired an enterprising young man who tried to work his way through college.

The international art exhibition at Venice has just come to an end, and one feature of the finale was the sale of some of the paintings on exhibition. Six of the more notable were by American artists, and they were bought for the gallery of the International Art association at Venice. That is a tribute to American talent the significance of which will be recognized.

Turkey, after disposing of old and obsolete war vessels, proposes to construct a new navy at a cost of not less than \$100,000,000, and part of the outfit planned will be seven battleships of the Dreadnought class. No doubt a navy will serve a useful purpose, but could not the Young Turks spend the money to better advantage? Does not Turkey need other things more than a big fleet of war craft?

The treasury department at Washington has given orders that revenue cutters shall patrol the waters about certain Hawaiian islands where poachers are ruthlessly destroying the birds. This protection is intended to prevent such indiscriminate slaughter and to assure the preservation of birds the value of which is coming to be more thoroughly appreciated. This is another form of conservation that is to be commended.

SPEAKING OF NATURAL RESOURCES—



UNCLE SAM—IF I COULD ONLY APPLY ALL OF IT TO PRACTICAL SERVICE!

COL. HARRIS DIED IN CHICAGO

FORMER KANSAS SENATOR VICTIM OF HEART DISEASE.

He Had Been Assisting in the Management of International Live Stock Show There.

Chicago, Illinois.—William Alexander Harris former United States senator from Kansas, and regarded as the foremost authority on shorthorn cattle in the United States, died here. Mr. Harris's death occurred at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lydia McCord Mackey, 5465 East End avenue, heart disease was the cause. The former senator's death came as the climax of a brief illness following his activity in the promotion of the recent livestock show.

Mr. Harris's home was in Lawrence, Kan., where the body will be taken. Burial will be at Lawrence. When he died, shortly before three o'clock, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Mackey were at the bedside. He had been under the care of a physician.

Since when his services in the United States senate came to an end Mr. Harris has been devoting himself almost entirely to the shorthorn cattle business and farming.

Col. Harris came to Chicago a month ago, acting as a managing director of the International Live Stock exposition. Beside being active in this enterprise, Mr. Harris was a member of the American Shorthorn Breeders' association, and was vice-president of the Denver, Laramie & Northwestern railroad. Besides the widow, five children survive him. They are: Page Harris, general superintendent of the Texas Pacific railroad, New Orleans; Craig Harris, with the same road at Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. Harry Paterson of Independence, Mo.; Mrs. Isabel Byrne of St. Louis, and Mrs. Hugh F. Finley of Spokane, Wash.

Trouble for Standard Oil Company. Springfield, Massachusetts.—"Five or six hundred suits against the Standard Oil company involving claims for damages of \$250,000,000 or more will surely be filed if the circuit court decision ordering the dissolution of the big monopoly is upheld," was the statement made by Thomas L. Hisgen, president of the Independent Petroleum Makers' association of the United States, and also president of the Four Brothers Independent Oil company, the most aggressive competitor of the Standard Oil company in the East.

Two More Bankers in Prison. Leavenworth, Kansas.—Grayson H. Osborn, ex-teller of the National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, and Daniel C. Abbott, ex-bookkeeper of the First National Bank of Columbus, arrived at the federal prison to begin serving their sentences of six years for embezzlement and false entries.

To Texas for Evidence. Topeka, Kansas.—John Dawson, attorney for the railroad board, has gone to Galveston Tex., where he will investigate express rates in Texas. He is digging up some evidence to back him in his suit filed before the Kansas railroad board to reduce express rates in Kansas.

New York Owes a Billion. New York, N. Y.—The bonded debt of New York City has now reached a total amounting to \$1,000,000,000, according to a report just issued by the comptroller. This amount, however, includes more than \$200,000,000 which is held by the city sinking funds.

SO FARMERS' WIVES MAY KNOW

The Teaching of Domestic Science May Soon be Taken up by the Government.

Washington, D. C.—The teaching of domestic science on a broad scale may be undertaken by the federal government as the result of representations that have been made to congress by the National Pure Food association. This organization wishes the government to conduct investigations of the best methods of food preparations and dispense information and instruction upon the subject as done on matters pertaining to crop cultivation.

Miss Emma C. Sickells, secretary of the association, appeared before the committee on agriculture and asked that an appropriation be made to provide for such investigations and the dissemination of the information obtained. The senate committee already has voted money for such an appropriation.

Miss Sickells pointed out that the government is doing much for the farmers through the department of agriculture, but practically nothing for the farmers' wives. The latter need instruction in the selection and preparation of foods quite as much as their husbands do in the handling of soils and crops.

ZALAYA'S MESSAGE TO TAFT

In Order That His Country Might Resume Friendly Relations With United States He Quits.

Managua, Nicaragua.—President Zelaya cabled a conciliatory message to President Taft saying that he had shown his good faith by resigning in order that Nicaragua might resume friendly relations with the United States. The message read:

On December 4 I cabled Washington this message: "Secretary Knox: I believe that the sources of your information are prejudiced and request that the United States send a commission of investigation. If its findings show my administration to be detrimental to Central America I will resign."

I have received no reply. To avoid harm to my country and desiring that it shall renew friendly relations with the United States, I have sent my resignation to congress. As my opponents consider my presence a disturbing factor I propose to show my good faith by leaving Nicaragua. I stand ready to account for my acts.

Must Use Government Bonds.

Washington, D. C.—After January 1 only United States bonds will be accepted by the treasury department deposits in national banks. An order to this effect was issued by Franklyn MaeVeagh, secretary of the treasury. The purpose of the order is to stimulate the demand for Panama 2 per cent bonds, which have been selling around par, or slightly under for some time past.

Wounded Officer Shot Negro.

Kansas City, Missouri.—It cost a negro thief his life to shoot Joel B. Mayes, county marshal. With a bullet wound in his head, the marshal steadied himself against a showcase in a North End pawnshop and slew the negro with a bullet from his revolver. Mr. Mayes will recover.

To Continue in the Service.

Washington, D. C.—Among the United States marshals named by President Taft was Creighton M. Foraker of New Mexico, who has held the office there for 16 years. Foraker is a brother of former Senator Foraker of Ohio.

COOK'S CLAIMS WORTHLESS

UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN MAKES FINDINGS KNOWN.

They Find That the Papers Submitted are Without Value as Scientific Data.

Copenhagen, Denmark.—The University of Copenhagen, the first institution of learning to recognize Dr. Frederick A. Cook as the discoverer of the North Pole, has solemnly declared that the explorer had failed to establish the claim on which his high honors had been based.

The committee appointed by the university to examine Cook's records recently presented its report to the consistory of the university, which reviewed the deductions of the experts with the greatest care and discussed the findings from every standpoint. That both the committee and the consistory were disappointed was soon known.

The Proof Not There.

The consistory met and adopted a written report to the effect that the alleged records submitted for examination by Doctor Cook failed to prove his claim.

The report of the committee, of which Professor Stromgren was chairman, as presented to the consistory states that Cook's papers are without any value; that his report to the university is practically the same as that published in the New York Herald on his return from his Arctic expedition.

The copies of his notebooks submitted, says the committee, contain no original calculations of observations but only results thereof. Accordingly the committee concludes that he affords no proof of having reached the pole.

AMERICANS GOING TO CANADA

More Than 11,000 Representing all the States Except Three Take Homesteads There.

Ottawa, Ontario.—In the ten months ending with October 9, 1909, Americans representing all except three of the states and territories of the United States made homestead entries in Canada. These figures, compiled by officials of the interior department at Ottawa, furnishes striking evidence of the claim being laid to Canadian soil by Americans. With the figures for November and December still to be received from the various registration offices, it is expected the entry list for the year will show more than 11,000 Americans as homestead applicants. The states of Delaware and Mississippi and the District of Columbia are the only sections of the United States not represented among the homesteaders.

JACKSON TO PROSECUTE PACKERS

The Kansas Attorney General Said to be Ready to Commence Action is the Rumor.

Topeka, Kansas.—A well defined rumor is in circulation about the capitol building to the effect that Attorney General Jackson will immediately commence actions against the Kansas City packers for violating the anti-trust laws of Kansas.

The force about the attorney general's office is mum as far as real information is concerned. However, one of the administration crowd practically admitted that such an action is contemplated by the attorney general.

Under a law passed last winter the state may become the custodian of the Kansas City, Kan., packing houses as a receiver in case it can make a case against them.

Kansas Agriculture Meeting.

Topeka, Kansas.—The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Kansas state board of agriculture will be held in Topeka, January 12, 13 and 14.

KANSAS MUST HAVE GAS FIRST

Attorney General Preparing to Institute Suit to Stop Piping it Out of State.

Topeka, Kan.—Prof. W. C. Hoad, state sanitary engineer, and M. F. Amrine, Gov. Stubbs's personal detective, were brought to Topeka and instructed to gather evidence regarding the natural gas situation. It is contended by the state officials that Kansas towns were the first to receive natural gas and that these towns have a prior claim to the gas, and that before Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., can be supplied with gas the Kansas towns must have all that the citizens want or need.

Ignore it, Foraker Advises.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Ex-Senator Joseph B. Foraker denounced the corporation tax before several hundred business men of Cincinnati. Mr. Foraker said the tax is absolutely unjust and advised his hearers to refuse to pay the assessment because the law is unconstitutional.

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WESTERN CANADA

What Prof. Shaw, the Well-Known Agriculturist, Says About It: "I would sooner raise cattle in Western Canada than in the corn belt of the United States. Feed is cheaper and climate better for the purpose. Your market will improve faster than your present one. We have enough supplies. Wheat can be grown up to the 60th parallel. International bonders are not so strict. Your vacant land will be taken at a rate beyond present conception. We have enough people in the United States alone who want homes to take up this land." NEARLY 70,000 AMERICANS will enter and make their homes in Western Canada this year. 1909 produced another large crop of wheat, oats and barley, in addition to which the cattle exports was an immense item. Cattle raising, dairying, mixed farming and grain growing in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Free homestead and pre-emption areas, as well as lands held by railway and land companies, will provide homes for millions. Adaptable soil, beautiful climate, splendid schools and churches, and good railroads. For settlers' rates, descriptive literature "Last Best West," how to reach the country, and particulars, write to Sup't of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or to the Canadian Government Agent, J. S. CRAWFORD, No. 125 W. Ninth Street, Kansas City, Mo. (Use address nearest you). (3)

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