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The rush to Oklahoma has ended; the rush from Oklahoma has begun.

The railroad business is increasing at an almost incredible rate of speed.

The grade crossing boasts a far more appalling record as a life-destroyer than dynamite.

Postmaster-General Wannmaker is said to favor the reduction of letter postage from two to one cent.

The Legislature of New Jersey reduced the legal rate of interest in that State from six to five per cent.

There has been a marked decrease in the Boulanger excitement at Paris since the General's exit from the scene.

The Chinese Minister at Washington has a great admiration for American woman. He says they are the most beautiful in the world.

The once fighting Modoc Indians have become industrious farmers in the past twelve years, and half of them have professed Christianity.

According to Dr. Piny Earle, the cure of insanity is becoming more and more difficult. It is said that less than thirty per cent. of the patients recover.

The New York Commercial Advertiser asserts that it is noted in Massachusetts that the prohibition amendment is the first constitutional amendment ever rejected in the State.

The Land Commissioner says there will be an interminable lot of land contests in Oklahoma, and that it will probably take many years to clear up the titles to much of the land which will be in dispute.

The Toronto (Canada) Mail says that owing to the prosperous condition of affairs in England at present, Sir George Stephen does not think there will be a large emigration from that country this season.

It was a strange coincidence that forest fires were raging in many localities at a time when most of the States were about to celebrate Arbor Day. History points the moral of tree planting better than a hundred sermons.

A Minnesota man has set up a bear ranch, where he feeds cornmeal to the bears he traps just as he would do dogs till they are in prime condition, when he slaughters them, and, besides selling the meat at high figures, gets a good many dollars for each of the pelts.

An interesting case is pending in the New York Supreme Court which involves \$200,000. Two little boys, who were heirs to a considerable fortune, were drowned while skating. The relatives are now trying to prove which one died first, and upon this depends the settlement of the money.

Major Burke, the Manager of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, says a snakebit Indian is the drollest thing afloat. First he gets on his knees and sings a death chant. Then he dances a war dance, and finally falls himself down content to die in his moans, a thing every respectable, scalp-loving Indian abhors.

It is not often that such a little matter as three minutes stand between a man and the penitentiary. Yet that was the case in Toledo, Ohio, the other day, when it was shown that a theft was committed just that period of time before sunset, and hence was petty larceny not a burglary. Great is the ingenuity of the lawyer.

A \$100,000 mill, for the manufacture of sugar, salt and pepper, is now being built at Arkelton, Kan. For three months it will make sugar from sorghum, then work up the cane chips into paper, and the rest of the time turn out bushels and bushels of salt. To encourage sorghum sugar-making the Kansas Legislature has exempted all sugar plants from taxation until 1895.

The military authorities at Berlin are beginning to practically utilize the balloons for war purposes. At Tempelhof, where the balloons are made, rope-makers are hard at work, and a tailor shop has been erected, where the balloons are cut and sewn. In another shop they are made waterproof and dried, and in a final day a number of soldiers sit on the floor of the tents occupied in making nets.

The courts of Boston decided a day or two ago that the law could not permit a local collecting bureau to persecute delinquent debtors by sending after them agents gotten up as corpses in burlesque grave clothes. The notion was not only ingenious, but humorous as well, conveying a cheerful suggestion of pursuing the dead even to the tomb. But some of the attorneys did not enjoy being followed by sanitation cadavers, and so the law was put a stop to.

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STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE. Steam a quart of ripe strawberries, sweeten and mash. Rub two ounces of butter into a quart of flour, add a teaspoon of salt, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and sufficient milk to make a soft dough; mix quickly, roll out about an inch and a half thick, put in large square pan well greased, bake in a quick oven for twenty minutes.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS. POLISHING FLOORS. A simple method of cleaning and polishing floors is to rub them every morning with a large flannel cloth, which is soaked in paraffin every fortnight or so.

BUFFALO CARPET BEETLE. It is reported that strips of flannel dipped in solution of white arsenic and placed under the edge of a carpet are sure death to the Buffalo carpet beetle.

ARTICLE FOR A SICK ROOM. For a sick room, the sand bag is invaluable. Get some clean, fine sand, dry it thoroughly in a kettle on the stove.

HOW TO WASH SILK STOCKINGS. Do your silk stockings ever get spoiled in the wash? Have them done at home and make the maid follow these directions, advises an English correspondent.

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A REMARKABLE CONTRAST. CROSSING FROM THE RUSSIAN TO THE CHINESE EMPIRE. Startling Changes Resulting From a Moment's Walk—Visiting a Chinese Governor—Timid Celestials.

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