

WASHINGTON LETTER.

A Year's Work of the Land Office—A Siege of Typhoid Fever—Payment for Samoan Rifles.

[Special Correspondence.]

The report of the commissioner of the general land office, made public the other day, shows a large increase in the current work of the office for the past year.

There was a proportionate increase in the amount of land disposed of, the total this year amounting to 13,453,887 acres, an increase of 4,000,000 acres over the previous year.

There has been a decrease in the number of mineral land entries made during the year, but this is to be accounted for largely by the number of suspensions, notably in Colorado and Montana, under late rulings made by the secretary of the interior.

Important work has been accomplished in the forestry division. Two of the existing forest reserves, the Prescott reserve in Arizona and the Big Horn in Wyoming, have been enlarged by 423,680 acres and 1,180,800 acres respectively.

A Siege of Typhoid Fever. Washington is suffering from a siege of typhoid fever. The hospitals are taking care of an unprecedented number of patients suffering from this disease, which also has entered scores of Washington homes.

There are 35 typhoid cases at Providence hospital, 22 at Garfield, 11 at the Children's hospital, 6 at the Homeopathic, 6 at Georgetown university, 2 at the Washington asylum, 2 at the Columbian university, 1 at the Columbia, 1 at the Foundling, 1 at the Sibley and 3 at the Naval. This makes a total of 88 existing cases of typhoid fever now being treated at hospitals.

"In my opinion," said Health Officer Woodward yesterday, "the cause of the spread of typhoid in this city is due to the dry spell we have had, which has caused the ground to have an insufficient amount of moisture. The wells have been obliged to absorb from a larger area of country and oftentimes have drained through impure places. In other cases the wells have run dry, and the people have procured their drinking water from the Potomac river."

"I notice that a large number of typhoid cases are among men and women having just returned from their vacations. They probably were at places where the wells ran dry and where the obliging landlord gave his guests water from the nearest stream."

Payment for Samoan Rifles. Baron Speck von Sternberg, German charge d'affaires, was at the state department the other day in reference to closing up that branch of the Samoan agreement relating to the payment to the native Samoans of the value of the rifles surrendered by them.

When the Samoan commissioners arrived at Apia, they deemed it expedient first to secure the disarmament of the belligerent native factions. This was agreed to by the natives on the understanding that \$12.50 for each rifle would be paid. Some 3,000 rifles thereupon were turned over. The natives now are asking the payment of the money, and Dr. Solf, the governor, has proposed that the payment shall be made under restrictions proposed by the foreign consuls in order that the considerable amount of money involved shall not lead to disorder among the natives.

The three parties interested in Samoa at the time of the surrender of the rifles—the United States, Germany and Great Britain—will jointly contribute the amount required, and no difficulty is apprehended in making the settlement.

Civil Service Information. Acting President John B. Harlow of the United States civil service commission has issued a statement to the special committee of the National Civil Service Reform league denying the charge that the commission is holding back information. An agent of the reform league recently attempted to possess himself of information, but was refused permission to consult the files. The reason assigned for this action, as given by Acting President Harlow, is pursuant to a minute adopted at a meeting of the commission July 14, requiring that all information should be given out through the officials of the commission and that access should be denied on account of the demands of public interests.

The series of pictures which have been prepared under the direction of Admiral Hiebhorn and recently placed in the circular spaces above the windows and doors of his office represent the evolution of what might be called national naval architecture in this country from its earliest beginnings to its latest development and includes a representative of each distinct type.

CARL SCHOFIELD.

THE TROTTING CIRCUIT.

Nelle Rooker, 2:10 1/4, has been sold to a Canadian horseman.

Directum, 2:05 1/4, still holds the race record for trotting stallions.

Dreamer's heat in 2:14 1/4 at Readville is the best this year by a 3-year-old trotter.

Jim Lawrence, 2:20 1/4, at Bowling Green, Ky., is a new trotter for King Belmont, 2:21 1/4.

The French administration of the Haras entered seven trotting stallions at the exposition horse show.

When Paul Revere scored 2:07 1/4, he came dangerously near the record for 4-year-old pacing geldings, the 2:07 of W. Wood.

The bay mare Alice, that won the 2:40 trot at Welland, Ont., Aug. 14 and took a record of 2:25 1/4, is said to be Susie G, 2:11 1/4.

Free Bond, 2:04 1/4, showed a half in 1:00 1/4 at New York, to a wagon, and was sold for \$6,000 to C. K. G. Billings of Chicago.

The pacing stallion Rainbow, owned by Allen Pence of Trinidad, Colo., won the 2:30 pace Sept. 7 at Rocky Ford, Colo., and took a record of 2:25.

Millard Sanders has driven three trotting mares into the 2:15 list in California this season—Dolly D, 2:11 1/4; Bon Saline, 2:14 1/4, and Janice, 2:13 1/4.

Cardington Girl, 2:20 1/4 at Le Roy, Ill., Aug. 29, is the thirteenth trotter for Bartholomew Wilkes and next to Billy Mack, 2:19 1/4, is his fastest performer.

Coney, 2:02 1/4, driven by McHenry, equaled the world's pacing wagon record of 2:03 1/4, held by Bumps, which makes him the champion hobbled pacer to wagon.

Sphinx is credited with nine new performers this year, which places him at the head of speed contributors for 1900 to date. Recent additions to his list are Myra W, p, 2:24 1/4, and Master Sphinx, 2:29 1/4.

THE GLASS OF FASHION.

China silks of the pompadour period form some of the newest petticoats. Shades of yellow with cream play the part of accessories to the brown cloth gowns which are to be so much worn this season.

Black velvet embroidered with gold is used for decoration on the new rough materials. Zibeline is especially pretty ornamented in this way.

Stockings to match the gown are the latest fad, and one way to obtain this is to purchase the white ones and have them dyed to match the sample of your gown.

Empire gowns of beaded and embroidered nets are shown among the new evening gowns. The neck is cut low, and the sleeves are long and transparent.

White broadtail is used as a dress trimming this season, a two inch band widening into scallops on the upper edge, sewed on the flounces of a pale gray gown, being one example.

The craze for machine stitching has assumed another form, and the chain stitch is used in close rows around the edge of cloth coats, the rows being so close together that the effect resembles military braid.

Some of the newest gowns for house wear introduce a sash either at one side of the back or one side of the front. A black mousseline sash with bands of gold across the ends is very effective in some colors.

It is reported that eastern embroideries are to adorn the revers and collars of our fur coats, but it is to be hoped that such a fancy may not materialize, since the beauty of fur is rarely if ever enhanced by anything except very dainty lace.—New York Sun.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Properly cared for, currants will bear fruit for 25 years without losing vigor. If the orchard bears little fruit, and that of poor quality, give a good dressing of manure.

When pear trees refuse to grow and appear dormant, cultivate well and apply wood ashes.

One advantage with well drained land is that on it the fruit will come to maturity earlier.

A complete change of soil in flower-pots is sometimes necessary. It will give the plants more food.

Trees will make a growth of leaves and wood on poor land, but mineral manures are required to perfect fruit.

Pears need better land than the apple and more constant culture, but should not be cultivated after midsummer.

Potatoes and roots, which grow in the soil, may be placed in contact with the soil, but fruits must not be, as it gives an earthy flavor, though this will partly pass away.

If strawberry plants were set out early, it is a good plan to go carefully over the rows now and, if any plants are missing, replace them, as it is quite an item to have a good stand of plants.—St. Louis Republic.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

About one-quarter of all the United States pensions go to widows.

Michigan holds title to over half a million acres, most of it primary school and tax homestead land.

Every year on June 30 the pensioners of the civil war are counted. In June, 1898, the number on the list was 905,714. Last year there were about 2,000 less, and this year also there are fewer than in 1898.

The smallpox has almost disappeared in Spain and Portugal as well as in France and Germany. In Italy there are still 4,000 fatal cases annually. Fifteen years ago there were 17,000 such cases annually.

TRUE LOVE.

Alaric Leigh bore his fate like a man when he learned from the lips of Aurora Stanley that she was the promised wife of another. Aurora's betrothed husband was expected from Europe, and the preparations for the wedding had already begun. But one morning the thunderbolt fell.

Her father had speculated heavily and lost. Hoping to retrieve his losses, he had become an embezzler and a forger, and his sin had found him out.

The dainty, spoiled child of luxury was forsaken by her butterfly friends and sneered down at the beggarly daughter of a fleeing criminal.

"I am so glad Charles is rich," she thought. And for the first time since she knew him she thought of him with something like affection and yearned for his coming. "The steamer came in this morning, and in a few hours more he will be here to comfort me."

But before he came she had another guest. Looking from a window of the grand mansion that in another week would be her home no longer, she saw Alaric Leigh coming up the marble steps.

"Miss Stanley," he began gravely, "I have come on a most disagreeable errand. I am commissioned to inform you that your unhappy father has returned to the city and means to give himself up to justice."

"He must not!" she gasped. "He has no means to do otherwise," answered the young man gravely. "He sent me to tell you that if you could dispose of your diamonds he might by the proceeds not only reach Europe in safety, but also establish some sort of business there by which he might some time regain an honorable name and place among his fellow men."

"Here they are," she said hurriedly, placing a heavy casket in his hands. "Oh, Alaric, go quickly, and tell him if he loves his suffering daughter to never give himself up to a felon's punishment."

In her trouble she never thought to inquire how Alaric Leigh had become the confidant of her disgraced parent.

As she spoke the bell rang loudly. "It is Charles!" she said gladly. "One word more, Aurora, before I go," said Alaric. "If you ever feel that you need my friendship, do not hesitate to seek for me."

The girl did not hear him. She only seemed to hear the firm, light footsteps on the threshold of the parlor door, and Alaric, passing out of a door opposite, looked back for a second and saw her spring into the embrace of Charles Buckingham.

"Oh, Charles! I am so glad you have come. I am in such trouble," said Aurora, clinging to his arm as she drew him to a seat.

"Indeed, my little goddess!" drawled the exquisite. "What sort of trouble?" "Oh, Charles, have you not heard of our terrible misfortune?" she asked. "I thought the whole city would babble it to you before you saw me."

"I have heard nothing," he returned, growing anxious. "And so she told him all, never heeding as she talked on with feverish rapidity that the face of the man who had plighted to her eternal love and constancy was assuming a smile of lofty and haughty indifference."

"And so the wedding can't be," he observed in a tone that cut through her heart like a thrust of frosty steel. "Is that what you want to suggest, Miss Stanley? Well, you are quite right. Most girls under such circumstances would have held a poor fellow to his contract. But you are as wise as you are unselfish, and honor you for it, Rory—pon my soul I do."

Aurora sprang to her feet, amazed and indignant at this unparalleled act of hypocrisy and his offensive familiarity.

"Thank God, I never loved you!" she cried, and tearing the betrothal ring from her finger, she flung it at his feet. "Go, and leave me alone! In all the world I have not a friend—not one."

"In all the world I have not a friend—not one," was the burden of Aurora's sorrow for many a weary day.

One day Aunt Hetty, in her faded brown silk and ancient bonnet, came for the unhappy girl.

"You must go home with me, Rory. It is a poor sort of place for a fine lady, but it is better than nothing, girls," said she.

So Aurora went, and when the summer came again Alaric Leigh came with it. If he still loved Aurora, he never betrayed the fact by any sign whatever, and perhaps that was why, with the inconsistency of girlhood, she began to think him a paragon among men. But he did love her still, and after a long, long time he told her so.

"An affection like mine, Aurora," he said, in his grave, straightforward way, "never changes. I can give you a comfortable home, and if you will be my wife I shall be the happiest of husbands."

"I can't marry you for a home," she answered, and a tender quaver in her voice made his heart melt.

"Marry me for love, then, dear," he observed audaciously. "Oh, blind Alaric! I have loved you always."

And that was the truth. What a quiet little wedding it was! No satin and lace and orange blossoms; only a slim, beautiful form, robed, like the simplest village maid, in plain white muslin and crowned with white rosebuds.—Exchange.

Laid a Good Foundation.

"I never found out how wise my father was," said the robust, rosy faced man, until I grew up. One of the things he did was to bunko me completely. It was as clean a case of swindle as one could hope for, but I never realized it until I grew up. There were four boys in our family, and we were all pretty healthy eaters, with a boy's natural love for jam, cakes, pies and other indigestible stuff. We had a table pretty well stocked with these things at home, and it was a rule that the boys were to have everything they wanted to eat. There was no restriction as to anything, and cake and jam were just as free as bread.

"There was only one proviso, and that was, 'If you eat rich things, you must lay a good foundation.' This foundation was a great big, thick slice of bread, with butter on it. We always eyed the good things longingly, laid the foundation and then somehow didn't care so much to stuff ourselves. As I say, I never found out how I was bunkoed until I grew up, but I think my good digestion is due to this wise provision."

ROUND THE REGION.

A very attractive-looking young woman, with the aid of a revolver, relieved William Simons of his pocket-book, containing \$125, in Scranton. The robbery occurred on Washington avenue, where the young woman lay in wait in an unfrequented spot. Edith Pond has been arrested, charged with being the highway woman.

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Annie, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar Causine, of Brookside, near Wilkesbarre, was burned to death. The parents had built a bonfire of some rubbish and left the child at home alone. While playing near the flames her clothing caught fire. She ran in the house and locked the doors. Her parents found her dead.

Dr. W. H. Lewis, Lawrenceville, Va., writes, "I am using Kodol Dyspepsia Cure in my practice among severe cases of indigestion and find it an admirable remedy." Many hundreds of physicians depend upon the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure in stomach troubles. It digests what you eat, and allows you to eat all the good food you need, providing you do not overload your stomach. Gives instant relief and a permanent cure. Grover's City drug store.

Josiah White, a farmer at Sweet valley, this county, on Monday shot and killed his nephew, Joseph White, and fatally wounded James White, another nephew. A family quarrel resulted in a law suit on Friday last. The uncle went to the home of his nephews and shot them without warning. He then fled.

It is well to know that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will heal a burn and stop the pain at once. It will cure eczema and skin diseases and ugly wounds and sores. It is a certain cure for piles. Counterfeits may be offered you. See that you get the original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Grover's City drug store.

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Paul Chernick, of Lansford, in attempting to board an engine, fell under the wheels and was killed.

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