

WELL PLEASED WITH WESTERN CANADA.

GOOD CROPS, SPLENDID CLIMATE AND WELL ENFORCED LAWS.

Mr. George E. Hunter is a Malton, Saskatchewan (Central Canada), farmer, who writes to a Canadian Government Agent as follows:

"It was the first week in November, 1907, when we arrived here. There was very little snow or cold weather until after the holidays, then the snow and cold increased, but to no great extent. I think the coldest I heard of was 30 degrees below zero, but that degree of cold would not be felt here any more than 10 degrees below zero would be back home in Michigan, owing to the beautiful dry atmosphere of this country. There came a good thaw every month that settled the snow, the fields soon became bare, and on the 12th of April I commenced ploughing. The snow was then all gone and summer at hand. This last season was something more than an average year around here, with fine crops gathered from a large acreage. In parts the crops were less than average, but generally speaking they were above it. The price of wheat was quite good. Some fine yields sold at \$1.10 per bushel, while some were marketed at much less, but hardly any went below about 55 cents a bushel.

"Cats started on the market at 25 cents a bushel, barley about 50 cents, and flax from 90 cents to \$1.00 a bushel.

"As this was my first year in this country, it was a hard year for my horses, owing to their being eastern horses, and not used to the western climate, but they will soon get climaxed.

"The soil on my farm is a black loam, about one foot in thickness, below that we find about six feet of clay, and below that again gravel and sand, with an abundance of excellent water. This was the condition of the ground as I found it when I dug a well. I can say that the water is as sweet and as free from alkali and impurities as I ever saw.

"My opinion is that the man who comes here with a little means can do no better than invest \$500 or \$1,000 in cattle, after locating a homestead adjoining or near some hilly part of the country where it will not be taken up so soon. There is plenty of grass and hay to be found in the hilly country and small lakes and sloughs will afford sufficient water for any amount of cattle. The bluffs with a few hay or straw sheds will make sufficient shelter for them. There is no need to worry about the market for cattle, as there is already a great call for stock of all kinds to satisfy the continued demands of the large packing house at Edmonton, established by Swift and Company.

"The dairy business should by no means be forgotten. It is one of the paying enterprises of this great west. The price of butter seldom goes below 25 cents and reaches as high as 40 cents a pound. Also the new creameries that are fast being erected along the lines of railroad are calling on the farmers for their cream.

"These creameries are greatly welcomed in all communities, because selling cream is better than making butter, even at an average price of 25 cents a pound. For a new country the railroad transportation facilities are good; not yet, of course, what they are in older countries, but the new lines are swiftly gaining as the country gets more settled and supplies them with produce to ship. It is hard to say too much in favor of this country. All one needs is a little money with grit and ambition. I have seen homesteads that were filed on a little over three years ago that the owners have refused \$3,000 for.

"There is much more that can be said in favor of Western Canada, but I think my letter has been long enough."

Tenderness.

It was in the hotel of a western mining town that the New England guest, registering in the office, heard a succession of yowl yells.

"What in the world is that—a murder going on upstairs?" he demanded. "No," said the clerk, as he slammed the book and lounged toward the stairs. "It is the spring bed up in No. 5. That tenderfoot up there don't get the hang of it, and every few days he gets one of the spiral springs screwed into him like a shirt stud. I guess I'll have to go up, if there ain't anything more I can do for you for a few minutes."—Youth's Companion.

GOVERNMENT LAND OPENING UNDER CAREY ACT.

May 6, the State Land Commissioner of Wyoming will distribute 7,000 acres irrigated land at Cooper Lake, near Laramie and Denver, on main line of Union Pacific; 50 cents per acre. Oldest Reservoir and Direct Water Rights; \$5 an acre cash and \$3 an acre annually for ten years. Free trip and no town lots to all who apply before May 1. Write for application and circulars. Tallmadge-Buntin Land Co., Agents, 2nd floor, Railway Exchange, Chicago. Agents wanted.

To Save Time.

A small machine glass with markings indicating different numbers of drops will be found a great saving of time to every mother, while the accuracy of measurements by means of it is well worth taking into consideration.

The Night of the Game.

First Spiffed Person — Does this student belong here? Ladies (coldly)—No, all my students were brought home an hour ago.—Wisconsin Sphinx

Washington Whisperings

Interesting Bits of News Gathered at the National Capital.

Roosevelt Is Ready for Moving Day



WASHINGTON.—The Roosevelt day in the White House is fast nearing its end. On Pennsylvania avenue directly in front of the president's home the carpenters are at work building the stand from which in a few days the next president of the United States will view the parade marching in his honor. Within the White House the packing of the household belongings is practically completed. The presidential books, pictures, rifles and shotguns, rods and whips, and odds and ends of everything known to a man of diversified tastes and pursuits are ready for shipment to Oyster Bay. The cartoons, and there must be 25 or 30 of them that have had places of prominence on the tops of the low bookshelves in the library, doubtless will have places of equal prominence in the big "den" in the Oyster Bay home. These cartoons are prized by Mr. Roosevelt above many of his more costly belongings. They are among the few presents he has consented to receive.

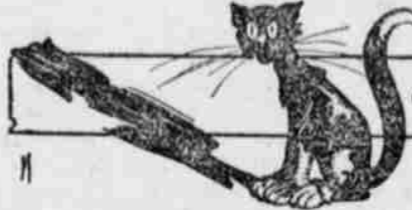
The cartoon which has held the special place of honor is one showing an old farmer, representing the American

common people, seated before his open fire reading the president's message. The cartoon is called "His Favorite Author." It was to this farmer Mr. Roosevelt once pointed when he said in effect that he could not stand for a "second elective term" as president because "that man wouldn't like it." The president has declined to receive any gifts of great intrinsic value since he has come into high office. He has had things given him which money cannot buy, at least from him. Authors have sent their books with their autographs inscribed upon the blank page. These almost invariably have been taken gratefully and in most cases there has been a return gift of a copy of one of the Roosevelt books, generally "The Wilderness Hunter."

Thousands of valuable presents have been offered that have been declined courteously, but firmly. There have been some things which have come from monarchs, articles of an innocuous kind, and they have been taken in the spirit in which they were given. King Menelik's gift was innocuous as long as it was kept behind bars. It consisted of two lions which are now in the Washington zoo.

If President Roosevelt had taken all the horses offered him he would have as many as a Sioux Indian chief has ponies, and that would mean enough to eat up all the bunch grass in half a day's trail. He has been content with two or three favorites of his own purchasing.

Tom Cat Is Devoted to His Old Home



AN EXAMPLE of devotion seldom witnessed in a dumb animal is enacted every day by an old white cat that strays about the corner of New Jersey avenue and C street.

Born in the old Baltimore & Ohio railroad station, that occupied that site for years, Tom, the untamed feline, has never left the corner, and even while the old structure was being razed he managed to make his bed in the building until the last wall had been pulled down.

Now that the site has been completely filled up and graded, leaving no vestige of the once famous depot, this old cat still remains and makes his home beneath the chair of the switchman at this crossing.

At night Tom quietly leaves his friend when the last car has passed and wanders off down C street to a nearby lumber yard, where he has

made his bed since the destruction of his birthplace.

At five o'clock every morning back he comes and takes his accustomed place beneath the chair, where his saucer of milk awaits him. No matter how inclement the weather, Tom always manages to find his way to the switchman's stand, and there remains all day.

Tom was the only member of a family of six kittens who refused to depart from the depot when workmen began to demolish it, and despite the fact that nothing remains to mark the once famous structure, this feline creature is so strongly attached to the surroundings that he cannot be induced to forego an uncomfortable home for luxurious quarters up-town.

During the recent snowstorm that lasted two or three days, said Mr. Nichols, the cat was late one morning in reporting at the little platform where the chair is located, and he was just preparing to go down the street to bring him out of his left when he heard the wanderer calling for help.

He was stranded in a pile of snow and trying vainly to resume his journey to the favorite spot on the corner.

House Parliamentarian No Longer Shy



SHER C. HINDS, parliamentarian of the house of representatives, is by nature one of those modest and retiring men who can tell a speaker how to bring consternation to his political and parliamentary antagonists when the speaker does not know how to do it himself, and the next moment meet those confounded face to face, to hear some such expression as this:

"Well, Hinds, if we had had you on our side we would have won a mile."

Somewhat or other the things Hinds does to members of the house through the mouth of the speaker in carrying out his official duties, which are to help the speaker control the parliamentary procedure of the house at all times, never start a riot, and never create animosities, resentment or antagonism to himself.

But Mr. Hinds is rapidly getting over his modesty. Recently he received

from the presses eight large volumes labeled "Hinds' Precedents," each of which is as large as the standard doctor's book, usually found in all well-regulated homes. These volumes are full of the lore of parliamentary procedure in the house of representatives, and out of them Mr. Hinds has already demonstrated to the satisfaction of Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, at any rate, that "a preponderance of the testimony" in favor of any ruling by the chair can always be found to rest on Hinds' side in any controversy. Recently Mr. Hinds wrote what he declares was a 10,000-word explanation of the rules of the house, and one well-known newspaper boiled the manuscript down to two lines.

A newspaper man has paraphrased the old song, "Jane of Maine," so that it runs as follows:

Hinds of Maine, he never looked the same;

When he went down to Washington he was shy, shy, shy.

But since he came back, when Hinds came back, He had a naughty little twinkle in his eye.

Mr. Hinds declares he now has the publicity germ as certainly as have most congressmen.

Washington an Expensive Municipality



The pending appropriation bill for the cost of running the District of Columbia one year carries \$11,974,033, being at the rate of \$55.21 for each inhabitant. This does not include the cost of new buildings for the government itself or the maintenance of such as now exist, excepting the appropriation of \$220,000 for new buildings for the district.

The 1906 population of Washington was 329,000. The latest figures obtainable from the census bureau show the cities nearest Washington in size to be Buffalo, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Detroit, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Newark and Minneapolis. In none of these does the per capita cost of maintenance equal that of Washington.

Milwaukee, with a population of 317,908, has a corporate expenditure of \$5,548,143, the rate per capita being \$17.45.

Minneapolis, with 273,825 inhabitants, spent, according to last reports, only \$5,021,530, a per capita of \$18.34. Buffalo has a population of over 400,000. In 1906 she had \$81,819. She spent in 1905 only \$7,609,061—\$19.93 per capita.

Detroit spends \$7,846,305 a year for a population of 353,535. Per capita, \$22.20. New Orleans spent \$6,575,945 for a year of city government for a population of 314,146. Per capita, \$20.93.

Newark, N. J., with a population of 289,834, had a budget of \$6,833,198 for 1906; per capita, \$23.50. Pittsburg, with a population of 375,082, spent \$10,935,738; per capita, \$29.16.

Cincinnati has 345,230 inhabitants, and her total corporate payments were \$10,576,482. The per capita of \$30.93 is the highest of any city in the Washington group except Washington itself.

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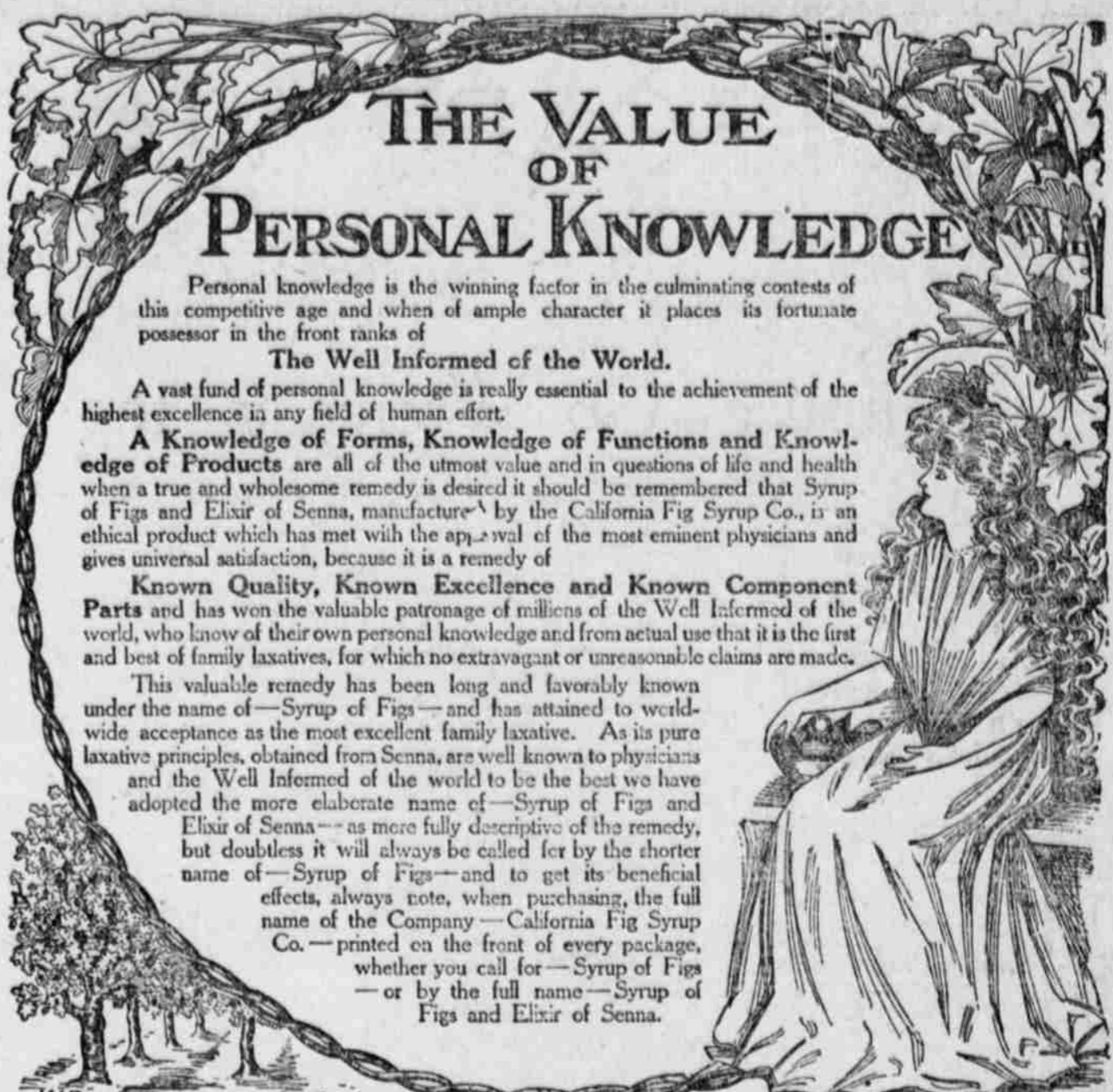
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