

Texas has the largest number of counties of any state, and Delaware the least (three.)

The largest territory of the United States is Alaska, one-fifth the size of the entire national domain.

The average weight of the egg of the ostrich is three pounds. Its contents are equal to about twenty-four hen eggs.

The observatory at Pekin is the oldest in the world, having been founded in 1279 by Kubla Kahn, the first emperor of the mogul dynasty.

Report of school in district No. 54, Box Butte county, for month ending Feb. 28, 1896.

No. days taught 20. No. of scholars enrolled 13. Average attendance, 11. Neither absent or tardy, 7, as follows: Waddie, John and Annie Jones; Joseph, Frank, Emma and Annie Nerud. Visitors, G. W. Jones and Lorenzo Scott.

G. E. MARK, Teacher. Each teacher in the county is solicited to send a similar report at the end of each month for publication.

A few observations made while visiting schools last week:

School in Dist. No. 4, in charge of H. F. Goodenough, contains a bright group of children. A recitation in physiology was conducted while I was present and the pupils discussed this elementary branch of science in a manner which showed their ability to think. Let us all make a greater effort to get our pupils to think.

School in district No. 60 was closed, as the teacher, C. L. Snelaker, was suffering from an attack of grip. Hope he is able to be back at his work ere this date.

Dist. No. 42 is a model little school of busy little workers, under the guidance of an energetic teacher, Mrs. G. C. Alexander. I formed a very favorable opinion of the work, but was especially pleased with the work done in vertical writing. The neatness and legibility of their work is marvelous.

Box Butte Bulletin.

A dance will be given Feb. 27th at Mr. Weber's old home.

S. J. Howard went to Hay Springs on business last week.

Rev. Fries failed to put in an appearance at Box Butte last Sunday evening.

Miss Emma Texley expects to return to her home in eastern Nebraska soon.

There will be a musical entertainment in the Wykoff building on the evening of March 4th.

A number of our farmers have taken advantage of the fine weather and are hauling wood from the Ridge.

Miss Lulu Blair closed a six month term of school at Box Butte, Feb. 21st. The pupils rendered "Washington's birthday" exercises in a highly creditable manner.

The local newspaper is expected at all times to stand up for local interest. It has a right to expect that its patrons will, as an act of reciprocity, stand up for the local paper.—Ex.

Mr. Hurd died Sunday February 23, at the home of his daughter Mrs. Gadsby. The funeral was held at the North Hall on Wednesday. Mr. Hurd was about 85 years old and had been sick but a short time. He was highly esteemed by all.

Assessors Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the assessors will be held at the clerks office in Hemingford on the third Tuesday of March, being March 17th.

Subscribe for THE HERALD.

A new lot of shoes just received by W. K. Herncall.

Wilky's received a new line of

A UNIQUE OVERCOAT.

It is made of the skins of unborn musk oxen. S. N. Malterner of Spokane wears an overcoat that is bound to attract attention, no matter where it is seen, says the Spokesman-Review. The coat is made out of fur of the unborn musk ox, and, while not only very rare, is exceedingly pretty. The coat is light in weight and were it not for the weight of the lining would seem as though made of the softest down. The color is a light silver gray when the light is upon it from one direction and as soon as the light is shifted it turns to a clear gray. When seen under a light not very bright it has the appearance of jet black. Mr. Malterner says that it has attracted so much attention in the eastern cities that he had to lay it aside to keep from being bothered answering questions as to what it was and where he got it.

"The fur of the unborn musk ox," said he, "is very rare. In fact, cannot be had for money. The way I got the fur to make this one was peculiar. Two years ago I made a trip to the Great Slave lake and in fitting out at Athabasca Landing I bought a canoe, paying \$100 for it. It was along toward fall when I got back to the landing and there I met an old trapper, who had been hunting and trapping along the lakes and rivers for a number of years. He seemed to take quite a fancy to my canoe, although he did not say anything, but was looking it over carefully and noting its good points, as a horse fancier would a blood horse. Finally he stepped up to me and said: 'Say, mister, what are you going to do with that boat?'"

"At that time I had no expectations of ever going up in that part of the country again and, as the boat could be of little value to me, I answered, 'Just to show you that the Yankees are all right I'll give you that boat.' He was greatly pleased and, after looking it over again, he said: 'Well, I'll just show you that the old trapper is all right, too,' and, taking me over to his warehouse, he got a number of these furs and gave them to me. At a cash value they would be worth many times the canoe and they were his accumulation for a number of years. "After making the coat I found that I only lacked two of having enough to make a jacket for my sister, and when I went on my trip down the Mackenzie this year I met the trapper again and told him that I would like to get three more. He loaned me the canoe that I had given him the year before, and when I returned to the landing in the fall he had three furs for me."

She Never Told Her Age. It was the busy season at a great bank. Long rows of women, some anxious and depressed-looking, all of them with an unmistakable air of weariness, were waiting their turn with books to be presented for the semi-annual interest. A pompous and many-buttoned official paced back and forth with a look of determination to keep order or die on his grim visage. The woman at the window was a new depositor, and there was a longer wait than usual, while she answered all the questions relative to her genealogy and that of her sisters and her cousins and her aunts—information which one must always give to a great bank before it will condescend to receive, and sometimes lose, your money.

At last came the fateful question: "What is your age?" A faint blush stole over the faded cheeks, the antiquated and corkcreased curls quivered with agitation, as she murmured, "I'd rather not tell, please." The bank clerk meant business. He had no sympathy with the maiden modesty of the trembling aspirant to financial dignity. "O, but you must tell," he replied, somewhat brusquely.

The blushes grew painful, but there was still a loophole of escape. At least all the world should not know her age, and, raising herself on tiptoe so as to bring her face close to the window—for she was short of stature—she said: "May I whisper it, please?" And the woman behind will never know how old she was.

Dr. Johnson's Bashfulness.

On the eve of leaving London for Canada Mrs. Brooke, who wrote "The History of Emily Montague," the first novel written in Canada, gave a farewell party, Hannah More, Johnson and Beswell being of the company. Dr. Johnson was obliged to leave early and apparently departed, after wishing his hostess health and happiness. Shortly after a servant whispered to Mrs. Brooke that a gentleman was waiting below to speak to her. Running downstairs, the fair novelist found the venerable lexicographer, "Madam," said he, ponderously, "I sent for you downstairs that I might kiss you, which I did not choose to do before so much company."

The Floating Reed.

One of the most curious enemies of British fresh water fishes is a small floating water reed—the bladder wort. Along its branches are a number of small green vesicles, or bladders, which, being furnished with tiny jaws, seize upon the little fish, which are assimilated into its substance. This is a subtle poacher the true character of which has only lately been detected.

A Large Trout.

What is probably the largest trout on record, weighing thirty-two pounds, taken by Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Haggard (brother of Rider Haggard, the novelist) in Lake Nepigon, Canada, has been deposited in the museum of the U. S. Fish Commission.

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In the Matter of the Estate of James McCullough, deceased. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Hon. W. H. Westover, Judge of the District Court of Box Butte county, Nebraska, made on the 10th day of February, 1896, for the sale of the real estate heretofore described, there will be sold at the west front door of the courthouse in Hemingford, Box Butte county, Nebraska, on the 9th day of March, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the Northwest quarter of Section 32, in Township 25 north, Range 47 west, of the sixth principal Meridian, in Box Butte county, Nebraska. Said sale will remain open one hour. J. W. WEIN, JR., Administrator of the estate of James McCullough, deceased. Dated February 14th, 1896.

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