

Walrus skin is the latest thing to be used for covering the hundred and one things necessary for man's happiness.

Harboring venomous reptiles, caressing them, loving them, teaching them tricks, and attending to their needs and comforts quite as eagerly as other girls look after their cats, dogs or canary birds, is the strange fad with Miss Lillian Sanderson.

A curious example of the reward of excessive virtue is the case of certain British pickle manufacturers who have been making their pint bottles hold a little more than a pint.

The aborigines of Venezuela dwell in huts built of palm leaves. Each family has its little garden, the chief crop of which is cassava root, useful for bread.

Americans in Alaska are discovering that great profits may be found in reindeer farming. The animals are useful in so many ways.

The mighty peaks of the Himalayas, several of which rise far above the loftiest elevation attained by any other mountains on the globe.

It appears that Great Salt Lake, in Utah, is doomed. Weather Bureau officials announce that the waters of the lake are rapidly receding.

With sixty feet of water above them and but a steel rim and ten feet or so of mud between, a little group of human ants is toiling day after day.

All the women who have written to the bachelor governor of Kansas proposing marriage will receive courteous replies, but not from the pen of Gov. Bailey.

A recent analysis of the water of the Dead sea shows that there is over 24 per cent. of solid matter in it.

Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, who died recently, had known every president of the United States since Jackson.

HOLIDAY RECESS IS OVER

Both Branches of Congress Resume Business in Washington After a Rest of Fifteen Days.

SUMMARY OF THE DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The Coal Situation Predominates in the Senate - Omnibus Statehood Bill Comes Up and Senator Nelson (Minn.) Opposes the Measure - Nothing Done in the House.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The senate recommended yesterday, after a recess of 15 days, a concurrent resolution providing for the preparation under the direction of the attorney general of a compilation of all laws enacted by the various states relating to trusts or to combinations in restraint of trade.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The day in the senate yesterday was eventful because of a notable speech by Senator Hoar on his bill regulating trusts.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The senate yesterday discussed the bill for the reorganization of the militia and also the statehood bill.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Vest's resolution to put anthracite coal on the free list was debated in the senate yesterday.

Washington, Jan. 5.—At noon yesterday the house reconvened after the holiday recess.

Washington, Jan. 8.—In the house yesterday the senate bill for the redemption of the silver coinage of the Hawaiian islands and its recognition into United States coin was passed.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Friday was private pension day in the house and 144 bills were passed.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 7.—Senator H. C. Hansbrough was on Tuesday chosen by the republican caucus to succeed himself as United States senator from North Dakota.

COAL STRIKE HEARING.

The Commission Resumes Work in Philadelphia and Hearings on Union Side of the Controversy.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—After a recess over the holidays the anthracite coal strike commission resumed its work yesterday of hearing the nonunion men's side of the controversy.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—A clash between President Mitchell, of the Miners' union, and Chairman Gray, of the coal strike commission, was the feature of yesterday's hearing.

Philadelphia, Jan. 10.—After occupying eight days, during which time they presented about 150 witnesses, the nonunion men, who are a party to the arbitration agreement, closed their case yesterday before the coal strike commission.

A MICHIGAN TRAGEDY.

Estranged Couple Meet in Adrian and Husband Kills His Wife and Himself.

Adrian, Mich., Jan. 10.—William B. Chio, aged 45, of Toledo, on Friday afternoon, shot and killed his wife Elizabeth, aged 35, and then fired the revolver at his own breast.

FOUR PERISH.

Mother and Three Daughters Lose Their Lives in a Hotel Fire in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Fire in the Hotel Somerset, Wabash avenue and Twelfth street, caused the loss of four lives—Mrs. Margaret Perry and her three daughters—at an early hour.

EX-CONGRESSMAN DIES.

Denver, Col., Jan. 10.—Ex-Congressman H. P. H. Bromwell died in this city Friday.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 8.—Both branches of the Michigan legislature met at noon yesterday and organized.

DROPPED DEAD.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 8.—Capt. Benjamin H. Ferguson, president of the Springfield Marine bank, dropped dead in his office at the bank shortly before noon Wednesday.

HAS 4,000,000 MEMBERS.

Boston, Jan. 8.—The twenty-second anniversary of the formation of the first Christian Endeavor society, February 2 next, will be celebrated by at least 4,000,000 members in all parts of the world.

IN MEMORY OF MCKINLEY.

Columbus, O., Jan. 10.—Gov. Nash has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of Ohio to observe January 29 with exercises in all schools, colleges and universities.

STORM FATAL TO MEN AND CATTLE.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 9.—Ed Stewart and Dan Bronson lost their lives in the storm, near Arlington, S. D., being crushed under ruins of a barn.

KILLED BY GAS.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—H. Finkelstein and his wife and two children were asphyxiated by gas at their residence in this city.

VILLAGE DESTROYED.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 8.—The town of Vista, in southeastern Oklahoma, has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$25,000.

URGES IMMEDIATE ACTION

President Bringing Pressure to Bear for Enactment of Anti-Trust Law by Present Congress.

HE CONFERS WITH REPRESENTATIVES.

Goes Over Situation in House with Speaker Henderson and Grosvonor - No Particular Measure Discussed - Views of President Expressed by Attorney General Knox.

Washington, Jan. 8.—President Roosevelt had a conference Wednesday with Speaker Henderson and Representative Grosvonor, of Ohio, with regard to proper anti-trust legislation.

"The trust question is a most difficult one to handle in a legislative way," said Gen. Grosvonor, as he left the executive offices.

HE IS WITH US AGAIN



And Other Issues Are in the Shade.

law at this session. It will be necessary to steer a middle course between the desires of the radical anti-trust people and those who profess to see little evil in trusts or combinations of capital.

SEVEN MEN KILLED.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 8.—As a result of a collision between a passenger train and the rear end of a freight train on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railroad to-night at Cochrane station, just above Duquesne, seven men are dead, one is dying and five others are injured.

TO HONOR HIS MEMORY.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 10.—The citizens of Carlinville have started a movement looking toward the erection in that city of a monument over the grave of Gen. John M. Palmer, former governor of Illinois and United States senator from this state.

EIGHTEEN DROWNED.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 7.—News of the wreck of the Norwegian bark Prince Arthur and the death by drowning of 18 of the crew was received Tuesday.

HAS SERVED MANY YEARS.

Oil City, Pa., Jan. 10.—G. W. P. nam, aged 84 years, probably the oldest postal official in the country, died at his home in Oil City.

BOY AGED 17 YEARS HANGED.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 8.—Paul Woodward, aged 17 years, was hanged in the jail here Wednesday for the murder last October of John Coffin, aged 11, and Jennings, aged 14 years.

MISS DUNLAP ACQUITTED.

Jury at Alton, Ill., Finds Young Woman Not Guilty of Murder of Allie Dool.

Alton, Ill., Jan. 5.—Antoinette Dunlap was Saturday acquitted of the charge of poisoning her chum, Allie Dool, by means of chocolates containing strychnine.

SAGASTA IS DEAD.

Former Premier of Spain Succumbs to Attack of Bronchitis and Gastric Trouble.

Madrid, Jan. 6.—Former Premier Sagasta died at 11 o'clock Monday night.

CHINESE LABOR NEEDED.

That an amendment be made to the Chinese exclusion act giving power to the government by law to admit a fixed and limited number of Chinamen into the Philippine islands, who are certified to be skilled laborers.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS IDLE.

Since the civil government was completely established in the Philippine Provinces throughout the archipelago in July of last year, the governor says, an American soldier has not been called on once to fire a gun.

KILLED IN A WRECK.

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ASKS FOR GOLD BASIS

The Philippine Commission Urges Congress to Give the Islands a Stable Currency.

WANTS BANKS OF ISSUE ESTABLISHED

Admission of Limited Number of Chinese Skilled Laborers is Recommended—Insurrection in Mindanao and People Are Enjoying Civil Government.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The Philippine commission in its annual report made public here urges congress to establish a gold standard in the islands at once and to authorize the establishment of banks empowered to issue circulating notes.

The commission's report is accompanied by a separate report by Gov. Taft, who reviews the results accomplished by the civil administration of the islands during the fiscal year 1902.

The report of the commission concludes with the following recommendations:

The establishment of a gold standard in the islands, and of banking corporations empowered to issue circulating bank notes under proper safeguards.

The reduction of at least 75 per cent. of the Dingley rates of duty upon goods imported into the United States from the Philippines.

An amendment of the Philippine act so that the limit upon lands which may be sold or be held by individuals or corporations from the public domain shall be increased to 25,000 acres, or in the alternative so that the government shall be given the power to lease for 60 years upon competitive bidding tracts from the public land aggregating in any individual or corporate lessee not more than 30,000.

INSURRECTION OVER.

Referring to conditions in the islands the commission report says: "The insurrection as an organized attempt to subvert the authority of the United States in these islands is entirely at an end, and the whole of the Christian Filipino population, with the exception of a few thousand people in the Moro country in isolated towns, are enjoying civil government."

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