

While S. F. Cody, the inventor of manlifting kites, was practicing the other day with a flight of kites at the Crystal palace, Sydenham, lightning struck the topmost kite and, passing down the cable, fused it near the ground and released the kites. Fortunately they had no human burden at the time.

Hundreds of boys from the Denver juvenile court will be sent into the sugar-beet fields near Longmont, Col., to work this summer. The boys will be sent out in parties of 25 each, in charge of a probation officer, and will be equipped with tents and camping outfits. They can earn from \$1.20 to \$2 per day each.

There is built up within the frontiers of European states a vast group of manufacturing establishments of the most modern type, based to a large extent upon local capital, but enjoying all the advantages of American experiences, machinery and operative skill, for the managers and foremen of these factories are picked men from the factories in the United States.

The life of an eyelash is from 100 to 150 days. They grow very slowly, but fingernails grow quite rapidly in comparison. If a person could live without breaking or cutting her nails for a lifetime they would attain the length of 73 inches! It takes about 121 days for a new nail to form on the little finger and 138 on the thumb.

Mrs. Charles King, of Corpus Christi, Tex., owns more land than any other woman in the world. Her husband was a famous cattle breeder and he left her 1,300, acres in Nueces, Hidalgo, Starr and Cameron counties and there are now about 65,000 cattle on her ranges. The vast estate must be kept intact until her oldest grandchild comes of age.

Dr. William A. Harroun, of Denver, has renounced all claim to a fortune of \$1,080,000, left by his father's brother, in Kilkenny, Ireland. In doing this he gives his sister, Mrs. J. M. Lewis, of Portland, Me., the sole right to the money. Dr. Harroun gives as his reason for refusing the fortune that he wishes to have nothing that he does not earn by his own efforts.

Ross, Herefordshire, can boast of a church where two fine elms are growing, one on either side of a pew once occupied by a member named John Kyrie. Mr. Kyrie was a great lover of trees, and especially of elms, of which he planted an avenue near the church. One of the trees of this avenue was cut down, and it is supposed that its offshoots have grown up inside the church at each end of the new.

The total production of gold from the mines of the world for 410 years, or since there have been any records of the same kept, is officially given at \$10,693,236,302. The total production of gold from the mines of the United States since its discovery is given at \$2,539,503,140. Of this the eastern and southern states produced \$32,492,648, leaving \$2,507,010,492 as the amount of gold produced by the mountainous country west of the meridian of Denver, California and Colorado.

A unique record of engine-driving is reported. Robert Maybank, who has had close on to fifty-two years' service on the London & Southwestern railway, has traveled on his engine during this period about 2,000,000 miles, and has never once been late for duty. He was fireman on the train which, in 1863, conveyed the king, then prince of Wales, from Windsor to Waterloo to meet his bride. During the whole of his long service he has never had an accident to a train under his charge.

For several years Germany made an attempt to bring Bavaria and Wurtemberg into the imperial post and suppress their stamps, but this was not successful until 1902, when Wurtemberg agreed to suppress her stamps and use the German, but objected to the word "Reichspost" (Imperial Post), inasmuch as the kingdom still retained control of its royal postal system, and, in fact, still uses royal postage stamps. Accordingly a new set was issued bearing the legend "Deutsches Reich" (German Empire), but Bavaria has still refused to come into the fold.

Japan contains 162,655 square miles, hence it is a little larger than California, and more than three times as large as New York. If the southwestern part of Japan proper were placed on the Mexican border near San Antonio, Tex., the country of the mikado would stretch northeastward till Yezo would almost touch the Strait of Mackinac, and the Kurile Islands would project into Hudson bay, the latitudes corresponding very nearly. Formosa would then lie off the southern part of Lower California. Korea, with an area of 82,000 square miles, is almost exactly of the same size as Kansas.

The latest bulletin from the Agricultural department on the work of the boll weevil in 1903 is not in the least encouraging. A careful study of the pest, made under the direction of Mr. W. D. Hunter, in charge of the entomological bureau, shows that the boll weevil is destined to cause a serious rise in the price of cotton unless some effective plan can be devised for its extermination. But therein lies the difficulty. The boll weevil lives in the fruit of the plant, and is too well protected from application of poisons.

MINERS INHALE DEADLY FUMES

A PECULIAR DISASTER CAUSES LOSS OF TEN LIVES IN PENNSYLVANIA COLLIERY.

Victims Riding on Train Through a Long Tunnel Are Suffocated by Gas and Sulphurous Fumes Which Come from the Locomotive.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 26.—A telegram received at the Susquehanna Coal company's offices in this city Wednesday evening states that ten miners were suffocated by gas and sulphur fumes from a small locomotive during the afternoon in the workings of the Summit Branch Coal company at Williamstown, Dauphin county. The accident was one of the most peculiar in the history of the anthracite mines, and no reason for it can be assigned by the officials. The victims included Michael Golden, general inside foreman of the company, and nine miners and laborers. The tunnel in which the disaster occurred, is one mile in length and is used by the coal company to convey the coal mined in the workings of the Bear Valley to the breaker in the Williams valley. The men employed in the mines in the Bear valley who reside in Williamstown have made a practice for years to ride to and from their work on the trips of cars that are hauled between the two valleys by small locomotives.

Overcome by Fumes. About four o'clock in the afternoon General Inside Foreman Golden and about 50 miners boarded a loaded train which was about to be hauled from Bear valley to Williamstown. Everything went all right until about half of the journey was made, when some of the men attracted the attention of the engineer, who at once stopped, and it was found that nearly every man in the party on the cars had been overcome by the gas and sulphur which emanated from the stack of the locomotive and floated back over them. The engineer at once crowded on all steam possible and the unconscious men were hurried to the Williamstown end of the tunnel. Here help was at once summoned and the men were taken to the surface, where a corps of physicians made every possible effort to resuscitate them, but aid came too late to Foreman Golden and the other victims.

The tunnel had been in constant operation for more than 40 years, and this is the first accident of any kind that has happened in it. It is perfectly free from mine gases and the ventilation is so perfect and the air current so strong and steady that besides being used for hauling cars, the tunnel has formed one of the intakes that furnish air to the mines. No trouble has ever been experienced before from gas from the small mine locomotives and the officials are entirely at sea as to the cause of the tragedy.

TYNER ACQUITTED.

Jury in Post Office Conspiracy Case Finds That He and Barrett Are Not Guilty.

Washington, May 26.—Within 22 minutes of the retirement of the jury in the case of James N. Tyner and Harrison J. Barrett, tried on charge of conspiracy in connection with their duties of law officer of the post office department a verdict of not guilty was returned.

The Tyner-Barrett case was begun on May 2, and has been before the court 19 full days. A great mass of testimony was offered. The prosecution brought forward an army of witnesses, a majority of whom were former officers of bond investment companies, through which Harrison J. Barrett, the junior defendant, was alleged to have profited after he left the post office department by practicing before his uncle, who remained in the department.

Killed by a Woman.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 25.—Joseph Hastings, 45 years old, was shot and killed Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Frank Hicks, 831 Washington avenue. She says she had known Hastings about two years. He came to see her, she says, and she could not make him go away. She says he insulted her and she got a revolver and shot him.

Woman's Convention Ended.

St. Louis, May 26.—After adopting many resolutions on various subjects, the most important of which was one on the marriage question, electing officers and transacting all unfinished business, the seventh biennial of the general Federation of Women's Clubs, which convened at the Odeon on May 17, adjourned Wednesday night.

Heavy Loss to Fruit Growers.

San Jose, Cal., May 26.—The fruit growers of the Santa Clara valley suffered an almost incalculable loss from high wind that at times blew almost a hurricane. It is estimated that more than one-half of the ripening cherry crop is destroyed, and that from 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 pounds of prunes are on the ground.

Three Killed.

Rustan, La., May 26.—Passenger train No. 2 on the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific was wrecked Wednesday between Houghton and Sibley. Two postal clerks and a negro brakeman were killed and a number of persons hurt. No particulars.

Buried Alive.

Portsmouth, O., May 27.—Lee Culvers, aged 30, of St. Louis, fell into a coal tipple at the Norfolk & Western terminals here and was buried alive.

DEMOCRATS OF OHIO.

State Ticket Nominated at Columbus—Delegates Named—Conservatives in Control.

Columbus, O., May 26.—The democratic state convention here Wednesday nominated the following ticket: Secretary of State, A. P. Sandles, of Ottawa; supreme judge, Philip J. Renner, of Cincinnati; clerk of supreme court, Peter Mahaffey, of Cambridge; dairy and food commissioner, Quintin M. Gravatt, of Wooster; member of the board of public works, William H. Ferguson, of Springfield; electors-at-large, John A. McDowell, of Millersburg, and A. J. Pearson, of Woodsfield; delegates-at-large, William S. Thomas, of Springfield; John A. McMahon, of Dayton; Edward H. Moore, of Youngstown, and Charles P. Salen, of Cleveland; alternates, David L. Rockwell, of Ravenna; John Sheehan, of Cincinnati; Henry C. Gray, of Hamilton, and William E. Decker, of Paulding.

There were three presidential elements involved. The Hearst men originally wanted instructions, but finally limited their opposition to the unit rule. The friends of Col. James Kilbourne, of Columbus, who was the democratic candidate for governor three years ago, wanted "indorsement." The friends of Judge Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, who was attorney general under Cleveland, wanted neither indorsement nor instructions, but the unit rule. The Harmon men evidently won out. The delegates and alternates-at-large are claimed by the conservatives, who also claim 30 of the Ohio district delegates. Their poll of the Ohio delegation to St. Louis is 36 conservatives (friendly to Harmon), Hearst six and Folk four, and that under the unit rule the conservatives will have the Ohio delegation more than three to one.

PROHIBITION CANDIDATES.

Several Men Who Would Like to Receive Presidential Nomination by the Convention.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 24.—Oliver W. Stewart, of Chicago, chairman of the prohibitionist national committee, was in the city Monday in conference with C. E. Newlin, Indiana state chairman of the party, on arrangements for the national convention, which is to be held in Indianapolis June 29 and 30. The Tennessee state convention indorsed James A. Tate, of Harri-man, Tenn., for president. "A resolution was introduced," said Mr. Stewart, "instructing the delegates to the national convention to vote against Nelson A. Miles, but the resolution was withdrawn for the reason that the delegates were all opposed to Miles anyhow, and there was no good reason for taking any negative action." Mr. Stewart says that besides Tate the most discussed for the nomination for president are: Alfred Manierre, of New York; A. A. Hopkins, of Hornellsville, N. Y., and A. G. Wolfenbarger, of Lincoln, Neb.

TOWN IS IN ASHES.

Yazoo City, Miss., Swept by Fire Which Causes a Loss of Nearly \$2,000,000.

Jackson, Miss., May 26.—The most disastrous fire in the history of Mississippi laid Yazoo City, a town of 5,000 inhabitants, in ashes Wednesday. The business section is swept away and scores of persons are homeless. The loss is estimated at nearly \$2,500,000. Relief trains are being sent from a dozen cities in the south. The burned area is 12 blocks long by three blocks wide, and includes many handsome residences, all the churches, the opera-house, city hall, Elks' building, hotels, scores of stores, all the banks in the town, the depots and other public buildings.

Chambers White, a citizen, was killed by falling walls, and three other persons were injured. Mayor Holmes was among those badly injured during the day, and later he declared the city under martial law and called on Gov. Vardaman to send troops to protect the goods and wares saved from destruction.

Alleged Defaulter Arrested.

Chicago, May 27.—Herman E. Haas, auditor of the Corn Exchange national bank, who disappeared from his home here ten days ago, has been arrested in San Juan del Rio Querotaro, Mexico, on a charge of embezzlement. He was arrested by private detectives employed by the bank, who traced him from point to point in Texas, New Mexico and Mexico, until he was arrested in San Juan del Rio Querotaro, where he posed as a cowboy. Officials of the bank say that the exact amount of his defalcations has not yet been learned, but it is thought that it will exceed the amount now estimated, \$17,400.

To Be Judge Advocate.

Washington, May 27.—The announcement was made at the navy department that the president had appointed Commander Samuel W. B. Diehl to succeed Capt. Samuel C. Lemly, as judge advocate general of the navy, when the latter's term expires June 3. Commander Diehl now commands the cruiser Boston, which is en route from Panama to San Francisco. He has seen more than 17 years sea service.

Texas Building Dedicated.

St. Louis, May 27.—The feature of Thursday's programme was the dedication of the Texas state pavilion. A large delegation of Texans accompanied Gov. Lanham to St. Louis, and after greeting President Francis, of the world's fair, at his offices in the Administration building, the Texans marched to their building, headed by a band, where the exercises were held.

RIVER TOWBOAT BLOWN TO PIECES

DISASTER OCCURS ON THE OHIO NEAR LOUISVILLE IN THE EARLY MORNING.

Ten Persons Are Killed and Many Others Injured—Mud in the Boilers Thought to Have Caused the Explosion.

Louisville, Ky., May 27.—The towboat Fred Wilson was torn to splinters, ten men were blown to bits and 16 others injured by a tremendous explosion of the boat's boilers at 3:30 o'clock Thursday morning. Of the 33 persons aboard the boat only seven escaped unhurt. Of the injured, one will probably die. The force of the explosion was so great that it shattered windows and awakened the occupants of houses in Louisville, four miles from the scene.

Three Bodies Recovered.

Only three bodies have thus far been recovered, those of Sherman Shilber, Patrick White and J. C. Johnson, who died in a hospital. The bodies of the other seven victims are thought to be pinned under the wreckage, and may not be recovered for several days. Three deck-hands reported as missing, and thought to have swelled the number of dead to 13, were afterward found in local hospitals.

The Fred Wilson was the property of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke company, and at the time

THE SWEET GIRL GRADUATE AND HER COMMENCEMENT ORATION.

[By McCutcheon, in Chicago Daily Tribune.]



"I Do Hope My Dress Is Ready in Time."

the accident occurred was arranging her tow near River Valley park, about 60 feet from shore.

Cause Unknown.

No good explanation of the cause of the accident has been offered, and there is little hope that the coroner's inquest, which will be held Monday, will throw any light on the matter. The most plausible theory is offered by some of the deck-hands, who suggest that there may have been an excess of mud in the boilers.

REBELS WIN.

Victorious in Battle with Dominican Troops—Many Killed on Both Sides.

Cape Haytien, May 27.—A serious battle was fought Thursday between the Dominican troops and the revolutionists at Esperanza, on the road from Monte Cristi to Santiago, near Mao. The revolutionists were victorious. Many were killed or wounded on both sides. Gen. Raoul Cabrera, minister of war, who commanded the government troops, was killed and his body was taken to Navarette. The revolutionists are before Navarette, where another battle will be fought.

Wins Brooklyn Handicap.

New York, May 27.—Amid the rousing cheers of 35,000 persons, The Picket won the rich Brooklyn handicap (1 1/4 miles) at Gravesend Thursday by a head (from the favorite, Irish Lad. Proper was third, two lengths back. Time: 2:06 3-5.

Dropped Dead.

New York, May 25.—Myer S. Isaacs, president of the Baron de Hirsch fund, and prominently identified with many other local and national organizations, dropped dead in a Broadway cafe Tuesday. He was 63 years of age.

Famous Horse Put to Death.

San Francisco, May 24.—Ormonde, the world famous horse, is dead. He was killed at the Menlo Park stock farm of W. O. D. MacDonald to relieve great suffering from paralysis.

Banker Named for Congress.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 27.—R. D. Harvey, a banker of Eldon, Mo., was nominated for congress by the republicans of the Eighth congressional district.

BISHOPS ELECTED.

Methodist Conference Confers High Honors on Eight Prominent Divines—Their Names.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 23.—On the third ballot taken Saturday and the fourteenth taken by the Methodist general conference, Dr. James R. Day, chancellor of Syracuse, N. Y., university, was elected bishop. This completes the list of vacancies caused by the death of two bishops and the superannuation of six, and the conference turned to the election of missionary bishops.

The complete list of bishops chosen in the order of election follows: Joseph F. Berry, Chicago; Henry F. McDowell, Newark, N. J.; William F. McDowell, New York; James W. Bashford, Delaware, O.; W. A. Burt, Rome, Italy; Luther B. Wilson, Baltimore; Thomas B. Neeley, Philadelphia; J. R. Day, Syracuse, N. Y. With the exception of Bishops Berry, Burt and Neeley, the newly elected members of the Episcopal board are young men, ranging between the ages of 42 and 49 years.

The Bishops Have Been Assigned as follows:

New York, Bishop Fowler; Boston, Bishop Goodsell; Philadelphia, Bishop McCabe; Washington, Bishop Cranston; Cincinnati, Bishop Spellmeyer; Buffalo, Bishop Berry; Chicago, Bishop McDowell; St. Louis, Bishop Fitzgerald; Denver, Bishop Warren; Chattanooga, Bishop Wilson; Minneapolis, Bishop Joyce; Portland, Bishop Moore; San Francisco, Bishop Hamilton; Shanghai, Bishop Bashford; Zurich (Switzerland), Bishop Burt; Buenos Ayres, Bishop Neeley.



Another club woman, Mrs. Hauke, of Edgerton, Wis., tells how she was cured of irregularities and uterine trouble, terrible pains and backache, by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—A while ago my health began to fail because of female troubles. The doctor did not help me. I remembered that my mother had used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound on many occasions for irregularities and uterine troubles, and I felt sure that it could not harm me at any rate to give it a trial.

"I was certainly glad to find that within a week I felt much better, the terrible pains in the back and side were beginning to cease, and at the time of menstruation I did not have nearly as serious a time as heretofore, so I continued its use for two months, and at the end of that time I was like a new woman. I really have never felt better in my life, have not had a sick headache since, and weigh 30 pounds more than I ever did, so I unhesitatingly recommend your medicine."—MRS. MAY HAULKE, Edgerton, Wis., Pres. Household Economics Club.—\$5000 Forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

INVENTION AND INDUSTRY.

Municipally owned plants furnish two-thirds of the electric lighting in Great Britain and only about five per cent. in the United States.

The importation of raisins, which formerly amounted to about 2,000,000 boxes a year, has been reduced to almost nothing by the California crop.

Immense quantities of sand equal to that imported from Turkey especially for glass makers have, according to the Westminster Gazette, been discovered not far from London.

The Umschau claims for the newly-invented process of milking cows by electricity (rubber caps being attached to the udders) the advantage of superior cleanliness, and adds that the cows more readily yield the milk than when the hands are used.

A machine has been invented which is capable of splitting wood two feet long and eighteen inches thick. It is run by a three-horse-power gasoline engine and consists of a huge knife which works through the knottiest wood at the rate of 60 strokes a minute.

Steps are being taken to develop valuable deposits of fullers' earth, near Buelah, Pueblo county, and near Akron, Washington county, in Colorado. The few deposits of this substance already located in the Centennial state are said to be among the purest found anywhere in the world.

One of the largest and most expensive mineral collections in existence, owned by John F. Campion, Leadville, Col., forms part of Colorado's mineral exhibit at the St. Louis world's fair. The collection is valued at \$250,000, the bullion value alone being \$80,000. It has never before been placed on exhibition.

A method of producing soft zinc has been patented in France. Equal parts of zinc and aluminum are melted, to which a small amount of bismuth is added to molten zinc until volatilization ceases. The zinc is heated to a temperature of from 900 degrees to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. It is stated that the soft zinc so produced is of 90 per cent. purity.

BOTH JAWS SHOT AWAY

Still a Successful Business Man.

A man who had both jaws shot away had trouble eating ordinary food but found a food-drink that supplies the nutrient needed. He says:

"I have been an invalid since the siege of Vicksburg, in 1866, where I was wounded by a Minie ball passing through my head and causing the entire loss of my jaws. I was a drummer boy and at the time was leading a skirmish line, carrying a gun. Since that time I have been awarded the medal of honor from the Congress of the United States for gallantry on the field.

"The consequences of my wound were dyspepsia in its most aggravated form and I finally proved ordinary coffee was very hard on my stomach so I tried Postum and got better. Then I tried common coffee again and got worse. I did this several times and finally as Postum helped me every time I continued to use it, and how often I think that if the Government had issued Postum to us in the Army how much better it would have been for the soldier boys than coffee.

"Coffee constipates me and Postum does not; coffee makes me spit up my food, Postum does not; coffee keeps me awake nights, Postum does not. There is no doubt coffee is too much of a stimulant for most people and is the cause of nearly all the constipation.

"This is my experience and you are at liberty to use my name." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."