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No reservations. Equal chances for to secure desirable locations in these popular new Towns. Attend the sales. Get in on the ground floor. Some of them will be big towns.

About the Last of the Popular New "Soo" Towns for This Year.

7--Exceptional Opportunities--7

C. A. CAMPBELL, Townsite Agent "Soo" Line, Minneapolis.

Notice for Publication, Department of the Interior, Land Office at Fargo, N. D., Aug. 19 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commuted final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Oscar D. Purinton, Clerk of District Court at Cooperstown, N. D., on Oct. 9, 1905, viz:

FREDERICK H. WILLIAMS
 H. E. No. 25066 for the lot 4 of section 6 in township 145 n of range 59 w.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz:
 August Steinborn, Fred Steinborn, Charles Houghton and John Watne, of Cooperstown, N. D.
 C. C. SCHUYLER, Register.

A Progressive Institution.

Keeping pace with business development in Minneapolis we find that educational matters have not been neglected. One of the largest educational institutions, the Eclectic Business College, after years of prosperity has, by reason of its increased patronage, been pushed into larger quarters.

The College is located in its new home at the corner of Third Avenue South and Fifth Street. The location is the best of the city affords, being a quiet corner in a refined section.

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An attractive feature will be a thoroughly equipped gymnasium for both ladies and gentlemen.

The large number of graduates holding responsible positions is a standing tribute to the thoroughness of the work. An inspection of the new quarters discloses the fact that the Eclectic will be the best and most thoroughly equipped commercial school in the Northwest.

The fall term opens September 4th. Any young person interested in commercial work should write the Eclectic Business College, Minneapolis, for terms and catalog. 40

BIDS WANTED.

Bids for furnishings Lignite coal to supply the Village School for the school year, will be received by the clerk up to October 3rd, 1905, at 9 o'clock p. m. Bids to be in writing and state price on the track at Cooperstown, and also price delivered at school building. By order of Board of Education.

JOSCAR D. PURINTON, Clerk.
 Dated at Cooperstown, N. D., Sept. 5th, 1905.

THREE PECULIARITIES.

The eucalyptus tree dries up springs rapidly.

The olive will live longer under water than any other tree.

There are forests of leafless trees in some parts of Australia.

A nutmeg tree of the largest size will produce no more than five pounds of nutmegs.

Whenever a plant is wounded a positive electric current is established between the wounded part and the intact parts.

In Tibet there is a most curious tree known as the tree of the thousand images. Its leaves are covered with well defined characters of the Tibetan alphabet.

On the island of Loochoo grows a tree about the size of a common cherry tree which possesses the peculiarity of changing the color of its blossoms. At one time the flower assumes the tint of the lily and again shortly takes the color of the rose.

Weatherwise River Men.

River men who have followed the Potomac from youth to old age are full of wise weather sayings that come as near being correct as do the predictions of the more scientific observers. An old river man who as master on sailing vessel and steamer has traveled to and fro on the Potomac for the past fifty years said that he had often noticed that as the weather is on the first three days of December in each year so will the weather be in the three months of winter—that is, as the 1st of December is so will December be; January will be like the 2d and February like the 3d. Another saying is as the weather is on the Thursday before the new moon so will be the weather for the greater part of the moon.—Washington Star.

An Evident Alternative.

"She married him in spite of great opposition, didn't she?"
 "Yes. If her marriage doesn't turn out well she'll only have herself to blame."

"Good gracious! Why? What's to prevent her blaming him?"

Love's Labor's Lost.

Poeticus—Have you read Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost?"
 Cynicus—No, but I've taken a girl to the theater and had her talk to the man next her all through the show.

Bishop Clark and the Polite Stranger.

There was no limit to the humorous situation for which the Right Rev. Thomas L. Clark, bishop of Rhode Island, was responsible. Some years ago while attending a lecture in Boston he observed a man sitting three seats in front whom he thought he knew. He requested the person sitting next to him to "punch" the other individual with his umbrella.

The polite stranger did so, and the disturbed person turning his head a little, Bishop Clark discovered his mistake. It was not the person he supposed. Fixing his attention steadfastly on the lecturer and affecting unconsciousness of the whole affair he left the man with the umbrella to settle with the other for the disturbance, and this man being wholly without an excuse, there was, of course, a ludicrous and embarrassing scene, during all of which Bishop Clark was profoundly interested in the lecture.

At last the man with the umbrella asked, rather indignantly, "Didn't you tell me to punch that person with my umbrella?"

"Yes."
 "And what did you want?"
 "I wanted to see whether you would punch him or not."—Boston Herald.

A Lawyer's Nerve.

A self satisfied young lawyer went over to Michigan from Ohio to represent a client of that state who was mixed up in some litigation over which the Wayne county court had original jurisdiction. In the course of argument the Buckeye lawyer became tangled, and the judge kindly advised him to back up and repeat with greater deliberation. Then the court let the youth down by saying, "If you do that I will be better able to follow the thread of your contention." "Glad to accommodate you, judge," said the young man as he recovered his confidence. "I am dealing with a very complicated point of law, and I suspected that it might be too intricate for your honor to follow at the rate I was going." The dignity of the court was knocked out, and he joined heartily in the general laugh.—Kansas City Star.

Passport to the North Pole.

A passport to the north pole was issued some years ago by the governor of the province of Tobolsk, which stretches along the Russian shores of the Arctic ocean. The official was approached by two men who had been engaged to proceed to the north with an English expedition, then fitting out. Their petition was for a passport to the pole itself, but the governor pointed out that the pole was as likely to be in their home province as in any other, that it was extremely unlikely they would reach it, and that, if they did, there were no police there to examine their credentials. At last, however, to satisfy them he ordered the issue of a document allowing them to pass without let or hindrance to the north pole.

Chair of the Giant Idris.

One of the mountain peaks of north Wales is known as the Chair of Idris, or Cader Idris, as the Welsh people call it, because its top is hollowed out like an immense couch. According to local tradition, whoever spends a night in the Chair of Idris will on the following morning be dead, ravaged mad or endowed with the loftiest poetical inspiration. No one seems to know exactly who Idris was or when he lived, but he must have been a giant if his body was in proportion with his celebrated "chair." Mrs. Hemans has a fine poem with the Chair of Idris as the theme, and Tennyson also mentions it in "Enid."

Circassian Beauty.

Painting the eyes and eyelids is considered a great aid to the fascination of the female orbs. A Circassian to be really lovely must, in addition to being very corpulent, have golden hair and jet black lashes. Kohl is used by the Persian and Armenian women to lengthen their eyes. The basar women and natch girls of most eastern countries dye their finger nails with henna, and where they wish to be thought great ladies they allow their finger nails to grow to an immense length and keep them in finely wrought gold sheaths.

A Curious Tale.

This curious tale of the Venerable Bede is told in the mediæval "Golden Legend." One day, when he was old and blind, the desire to preach came upon him. An attendant led him to a spot where he faced a heap of stones, and Bede, believing that a human audience was before him, delivered an eloquent sermon. At the end, it is gravely recorded, the stones cried "Amen!" no doubt to save Bede's feelings.

Headstrong.

Mrs. Homer—Don't you think your husband is rather headstrong for an invalid? Mrs. Neighbor—Yes, and the doctor is to blame for it too. Mrs. Homer—Indeed! And why, pray? Mrs. Neighbor—He won't allow him to take any nourishment but goats' milk.

A CHINESE DINNER.

The Tidbits Were Cantonese Pappy and Eggs Fifty Years Old.

An officer of the British army says that one of the finest dinners he ever ate was served to him by a Chinese host in Hongkong. He thus describes it: "First on our menu came the little oysters which cling to the bamboo stems in the salt water marshes of upper China. They are, I should fancy, the smallest and the sweetest oysters in the world. Bird's nest soup followed, prepared as it should be. I fancy that a chicken broth was the liquid to which the nest gave its peculiar and attractive taste of the sea at our feast, and the combination was excellent. Tri-pang, which we know as beche-de-mer, followed. It is the sea slug from the Loochoo islands, and served as an entree it tastes very much like turtle fat, though richer. To counteract its richness a great china bowl of boiled bamboo shoots was handed round with it.

"Next came a very small roast. I thought at first that it was a tiny sucking pig, but it had no crackling, and the flesh was like that of an agneau de lait, the little lambs whose meat is snow white. It was one of the Cantonese puddings of a particular kind, which are doomed from birth to take their place on the roasting spit and which are fed on rice and milk only. I looked down the table and saw that my friend was eating with zest, so for the first time in my life I ate dog—and liked it exceedingly. With this puppy were served all the vegetables in season and a salad which had the taste of young nasturtium leaf as its strongest flavor. Rice birds followed. They are smaller than ortolans, each tiny plump creature being but a mouthful, but they are the most delicious eating of all the feathered small fry.

"Nankin eggs were next brought round. They had been buried for fifty years, and a Chinaman detects some special flavor in them. To me they tasted just like an ordinary hard boiled egg, and their appearance, being almost black, was not inviting. They were, in my opinion, the one failure of the dinner. The sideboard had been spread with a variety of cold viands, among them pheasants and game pies from Shanghai and a Kobe round of spiced beef. Baskets of fruit were brought in and little orange trees in pots, from which we were invited to pluck the ripe fruit."

THE REDEMPTIONERS.

Miseries of Those Who Got into Debt in Olden Times.

In Daniel De Foe's time debtors were frequently compelled in seeking means to extricate themselves from their embarrassments to consent to anything if they thereby could avoid the horrors of the debtors' prison. In many cases they took advantage of a custom that in one form or another had a sanction of antiquity, and being generally able-bodied men they placed themselves in the hands of some merchant or agent, who, having effected an arrangement with the creditors, took possession of the unfortunate debtors and, hurrying them to the nearest seaport, shipped them abroad, generally to Virginia or Maryland, as so much merchandise. Sometimes the dealer accompanied his cargo in order, if possible, to obtain a better price at the end of the voyage.

Arrived at their destination, the captives to give them their real names—were sold to any planter whose offer would recoup the agent for the sum he had expended in purchase and transit and also allow him a handsome profit. By the terms of this sale the captive was bound to serve his new master for several years, his liberty being nominally secured at the end of that period, and from the hope of redemption and deliverance thus held out to him the term "redemptioner" came to be applied to these unfortunates.

But any hopes that the redemptioner might cherish of his ultimate liberation soon proved fallacious, and he found himself plunged into fresh embarrassments long before his period of servitude had expired. Changes were made upon him for clothing, for tobacco, even for the necessities of life—charges which he had no means of meeting, however good his inclination—and too late he found that he had in fact become a slave, without money, without rights and without hope. Such friends as he had were in England and probably had forgotten him altogether. Perhaps if even they remembered him they were without the means of assisting him, and the chance of money reaching the individual for whom it was intended was in those days very small. Pacific railroads and "ocean greyhounds" were unknown in the "good old times," and communication was slow and insecure. Some of these redemptioners were of course more fortunate than others and had friends and connections more powerful and more kindly disposed, and such often ultimately attained their freedom. But these were the exceptions, and generally speaking, the unhappy victim labored on from year to year, his "redemption" receding further and further into the distance till at last death put an end to his sufferings.—Chambers' Journal.

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