

THAT MYSTERIOUS LIGHT.

Was It an Air-Ship or a Will-o'-the-Wisp?

Stories That are Floating Around Concerning the Supposed Floating Visitor.

Regarding the aerial visitor that passed over Sacramento Tuesday evening, and which was described at the time as being a pure white light of about double the power of an electric arc light, many queer stories are told.

Whether the light was a meteor, or attached to a balloon, or whether it was a genuine flying machine, is not positively known, though ninety-nine out of 100 men in the city regard the matter in the light of a huge hoax.

Mr. P. De Long, whose residence is not mentioned in the city directory, said he saw the light and heard voices, but couldn't hear what was said.

Daniel Curl, a horse-trainer, is authority for the statement that he not only saw the light, but heard someone suggest that "they go up higher."

F. E. Briggs, a motorman on a G-street car, said he saw the light and called attention to it. His passengers requested him to stop, which he did.

He heard singing which appeared to come from the direction of the light, and seemed to be wafted down in gusts.

M. F. Shelley, a motorman on a J-street car, saw the light and heard a voice shouting orders.

C. H. Lusk, Secretary of the street-car company, noticed the light. He said it had an up-and-down and side-to-side motion.

G. C. Snider, foreman of the street-car barn, saw the light, and gave it as his opinion that it was an aerial machine of some kind.

Frank A. Ross, Assistant Manager of the street railway company, said he had talked with many persons concerning the matter, and, having seen the light, is fully assured that it was some kind of a flying machine.

Thomas Allen stated very seriously that a flying machine, the invention of a citizen of Sacramento, actually did ascend from the vicinity of Oak Park, and that four men, among whom was Nat Lieblich, ascended with it.

There are other puzzling things also, but the average citizen will choose what he wishes, and the burning question still is, "What was it?"

Charter Committees. The Charter Revision Committee met last evening, Trustee Devine presiding. Three hours were spent in consultation and debate, and the committee then adjourned until next Wednesday evening.

Residence Burglarized. The residence of Sparrow Smith, at 1501 N street, was entered by burglars last night, and a number of small articles stolen.

Boys' Rain Caps, 10c. Child's Wool Mittens, 5c. What is the cheapest shoe? We say a \$3 shoe. That is, in five years, if you wear \$3 shoes, you will spend less for shoes than if you wear \$2 or \$4 ones; and you will get more style and satisfaction.

THE \$5 HAT HABIT. We've cured many a man of this expensive habit. Styles change often and you don't get \$5 worth out of any hat. OUR \$5 HATS (either Fur, Silesia or Young's blocks) look as well and you'll wear them just as long.



window. The value of the articles stolen is not yet known.

FOOTPADS ABROAD.

They Stood Up John Farrell on N Street Last Night.

About 11 o'clock last night John Farrell, who resides at 2222 N street, was held up by three footpads, who got nothing for their pains.

Farrell, in reporting the matter to the police, stated that he had a small sum of money upon his person which the thugs failed to find. He believes he knows one of the men.

ORGANIZED BAND OF ROBBERS.

Their Den Unearthed, Three Arrested and Much Plunder Recovered.

HASTINGS (Neb.), Nov. 17.—Chief of Police Lepinski returned this morning from Hanover, Kas., where he traced the Davenport (Neb.) bank robbers, and succeeded in unearthing an organized gang of the boldest kind of robbers which has been operating through this part of the State for several months.

Last Saturday morning the Bank of Davenport was robbed of several hundred dollars. Chief Lepinski got onto their trail and followed the robbers to Hanover, Kas., where he arrested three of them yesterday. The robbers' den was what is called a "hole in the wall," and was run by one of the gang who disposed of stolen goods.

The three robbers were taken to Washington, Kas., to await trial. It is thought this is the most thoroughly organized gang of thieves that has ever existed in the West, as there is no telling how many are in the band. The police are busy scouring the country.

BIG DYNAMITE BOMB

Found Lying on the Pavement Near the City Jail of St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 17.—This forenoon Detective Kelly of the Central District found a dynamite bomb ten inches in circumference lying on the pavement on Clark avenue immediately in front of the Four Courts building and within 100 feet of police headquarters.

The police are inclined to believe that the bomb was intended to shatter the building, and in the confusion following the explosion permit a number of prisoners confined in the cells in the basement to escape. The City Jail adjoins the Four Courts building, and over thirty prisoners, arrested for murder, are confined therein.

The agent of a powder company to whom the bomb was taken for examination declared it was filled with sufficient dynamite to cause great destruction had it exploded.

FURLONG'S FATE.

The Well-Known Mining Engineer Drowned Near Vancouver.

BUTTE (Mont.), Nov. 17.—A private telegram received in this city yesterday states that Francis F. Furlong of Butte, a well-known mining engineer, was drowned at Vancouver while trying to cross the bay for the purpose of examining some mines for English capitalists.

Furlong had been engaged in mining in Mexico, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Portugal, Japan and all over America. He was 50 years of age and unmarried. His brother resides in London.

Auction Sale.

On Tuesday and Wednesday next, R. E. Greer & Co., auctioneers, will sell at their salesroom, 1094-1095 J street, 100 new \$100 standard bicycles, ladies' and gentlemen's, of the '96 model and in first-class condition. They are on exhibition at the salesroom.

De Moss Concert.

The De Moss concert will take place at the United Brethren Church, Fourteenth and K street, on next Friday evening.

Benefit Ball.

The Western Star Verein will give a benefit ball this evening at Turner Hall.

Do not feed the baby because she cries; this may be due to pain, and it is harmful to fill an infant's stomach at such a time.

Highest of all in Leavening Strength.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

MRS. L. BRACE SHATTUCK. Chairman of the Woman's Republican Central Committee of Illinois.

Mrs. L. Brace Shattuck, who is so successful as Chairman of the Woman's Republican State Central Committee of Illinois, has been prominent in the enterprises of the women of Chicago for a number of years. She is so well versed in affairs political as to be a fit leader of the women of the State, who are carrying on a dignified and womanly campaign of education.



Though they urge the support of the Republican ticket at all times, they are not politicians, not seeking further franchise. Their object is to organize the Republican women of the State so that they may exercise the franchise they now have.

Mrs. Shattuck is a woman of large experience and wide acquaintance. In the philanthropic and charitable work of the city she has always been active.

MENTAL EPIDEMICS.

The Medieval Man in a State of Light Hypnosis.

"I protest," says Dr. Mall, a great authority in hypnosis, "against the terminology which has been to a great extent adopted, and which many doctors have helped to propagate, but which is none the less erroneous. It is often said that hypnotized persons are 'asleep,' and the two states have been partly identified. I think this a misuse of words, since there are a whole series of hypnotic states in which not one symptom of sleep appears, and mistaken conclusions are often drawn from the mistaken terminology, with resulting confusion. Susceptibility to suggestion is the chief phenomena of hypnosis." And he goes on to say that, "however strange and paradoxical the phenomena of hypnosis may appear to us at first sight, we may be sure that there is no absolute difference between hypnotic and non-hypnotic states."

Man carries with him the germ of the possible mob, of the epidemic. As a social being he is naturally suggestible; but when this susceptibility to suggestion becomes under certain conditions abnormally intense, we may say that he is thrown into a hypnotic state. We know that a limitation of voluntary movements induces light hypnosis, which is characterized by inhibition of the will; the memory is unaffected, self-consciousness remains intact, and the subject is perfectly aware of all that goes on; a loss of voluntary movements is one of its chief phenomena. Keeping this in mind, we can understand to a certain extent medieval life. The medieval man was in a state of light hypnosis. This was induced in him by the great limitation of his voluntary movements, by the inhibition of his will, by the social pressure which was exerted on him by the great weight of authority to which his life was subjected.

The life of the medieval man was regulated down to its last detail. The order, the guild, the commune, the church, had many regulations for all incidents of life. Nothing was left to individual enterprise. Even love had its rules; there were laws governing love-making and the treatment by a man of the lady of his heart. There were curious love trials, one of the lovers accusing the other of having trespassed some fixed rule of love. Society was divided and subdivided into numerous parts, each having its own fixed rules, each leading its own secluded, narrow, diversified life. Bound fast by the strings of authority, medieval men were reduced to a state of hypnotic automatism.

The religious ecstasy that animated the medieval man was especially favorable to his spontaneous self-hypnotization; for, as Ribot points out, ecstasy is mono-idealism, the intense concentration of attention on one object, an essential condition of hypnosis.

The most striking phenomenon in medieval history is that of crusades, which agitated European nations for about two centuries, and cost them about seven million men. People were drawn by an irresistible longing toward the Holy Sepulcher, which fascinated their metal gaze, just as the butterfly is blindly drawn toward the candle. This attraction of devout Christians by the Holy Sepulcher manifested itself in pilgrimages, which at first were rare, but gradually spread and became a universal mania. Bishops abandoned their dioceses, princes their dominions, to visit the tomb of Christ. At the time of its highest tide the flood of pilgrims was suddenly stopped by the Seljukian Turks, who conquered Palestine about 1076. As a mania, when thwarted in his purpose, becomes raving and violent, so did Europe become when the flood-gates of the pilgrim torrent were stopped, and only drops were let to trickle through. European humanity fell into a fit of acute mania, which expressed itself in the savage ecstasy of the first crusades.—"A Study of Mental Epidemics," by Boris Sidis, in the Century.

Tin Plate Industry of America. Tin and tin plate are not one and the same thing as many many people suppose. Tin is mined from the ground and is largely imported into this country in blocks or bars and is commercially known as pig tin, and is used to coat the thin black iron or steel plates to keep them from rusting.

In 1890 we imported 329,435 gross tons of tin plate, valued at \$23,670,158; whereas in 1885 we imported only 229,545 gross tons, valued at \$11,482,789—a saving of \$12,187,378, or more than one-half in value, and more than one-third in weight. Foreign tin plate is imported largely to be used in the manufacture of cans for meats, fruits and

vegetables exported from this country, on which a foreign tariff rebate is allowed to the exporter; if put up in foreign and not in American tin. The saving of \$12,000,000 in imports has, however, directly benefited American labor to that extent, and it has indirectly benefited the American farmer also, since it has created a home market for his farm products, which otherwise must have been wasted or sold abroad. These benefits, as shown in the table printed below, are continuing and increasing benefits. What we will amount to in the years to come, it is impossible to calculate. American tin plate tends more and more to replace the Welsh product.

The following table shows the progress of the tin plate manufacturing business in America for a period of four years:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Tin Plates, Terne Plates, Total. Rows for 1892-3, 1893-4, 1894-5, and Total.

In addition to the tin plate manufactured in the United States during these four years, the stamping companies made 29,977,151 pounds (or 12,043 gross tons) of articles and wares in tin or terne plated.

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TO-DAY

In the Domestic Department we shall offer such special inducements in the price line on goods which meet the demands of every household for winter, as will make it an easy and economical task for the prudent buyer to supply all such needs.

68 Dozen Good Heavy All- linen Crochet Towels, size 20x30, very absorbent and good weavers. THE SPECIAL PRICE TO-DAY, 12 1/2c EACH.

1 case each of the well-known brands, either Fruit of the Loom or Homestead 36-inch Bleach Muslin at THE SPECIAL PRICE TO-DAY, 14 YARDS FOR \$1.

Out of a lot of ten cases on hand the 1st of September we have two left of that Unbleached Canton Flannel, 32 inches wide, firmly woven back, thick, close nap; the correct weight for men's undershirts, children's wear, etc. You pay 25c to the yard regular. OUR SPECIAL TO-DAY, 9c YARD.

21 pieces lighter weight Canton Flannel, but heavy enough for family use; unbleached and regularly worth 10c. THE SPECIAL PRICE TO-DAY, 7c.

Probably you want Wool Flannel at this season for family use. How would a 30-inch Cream White Ballard Vale Flannel, worth 50c, answer for your purposes? 39c YARD SPECIAL. PRICE, 38c YARD.

50 pair Heavy Gray Wool Mixed Blankets, 11-4 size, makes a warm covering for the cold, rainy nights which are approaching. Regularly sold for \$2.50. THE SPECIAL PRICE TO-DAY, \$1.98 PAIR.

100 pair Mottled Gray Blankets, all cotton, but they have a heavy fleecy nap and are an excellent and warm substitute for cold, cotton sheets these cool nights; the regular \$1.25 pair. SPECIAL TO-DAY AT 68c PAIR.

500 pieces of the best makes of Flannels in cream ground, pink and blue stripes, pink and blue ground, cross stripes, checks, etc., for making wrappers, gowns and overshirts; all special quality. Ranging in price from 5c to 12 1/2c.

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607 J STREET.

A PAINFUL RECOLLECTION.

Uncle Doddridge Realizes That Life at Best is Full of Misery.

"Uh-ah!" sighed old Uncle Doddridge, removing the well-polished head of his ancient hickory staff from between his toothless gums. "Life is full of misery at best, and I have had my full share of sorrows and privations."

"I have had my dear ones torn from me by the cold hand of death. I have had my home snatched away from me twice by the officers of the law. I've suffered from flood and fire, pestilence and famine. I've been plundered and robbed by them I trusted, and in my hour of need, I've bought gold bricks and green goods and patent churns and corn for lots in Florida swamps, and suffered the disappointments that most generally attend the acquisition of experience."

"I've run for office and been unanimously snored under. I've been pounded several times for the offense of men that I resembled, and been tarred and feathered once by mistake for the fellow for Tom, Dick and Harry, and paid 'em with the sweat of my brow. I've blown out the gas and been buncoed quite generously. I had appendicitis before it became fashionable. I once sold, for \$7 an' a calf with the blind staggers, a scrabby colt that turned out to be a \$10,000 racer. The people who owed me died suddenly, while them that I owed remained well and hearty. I have sustained so many broken legs an' arms over, by a certain peevish cantankerous Major, who bitterly complained that every dish was flavored with sugar—after the Spanish fashion—and quite unpalatable. Finally, he confined himself to a diet on eggs boiled in the shell. 'They can't sugar those,' he cried triumphantly. But his triumph was short-lived. Next morning some mischievous subs were at the mess-table before the Major, and emptied all the salt-cellars, replacing their contents with powdered sugar. The Major soon appeared, and with gloomy complacency began upon an egg, with which, as usual, he took plenty of 'salt.' At the first mouthful his face turned purple with rage. 'Sugarred by Jove!' he exclaimed, and rushed off to his tent.—Argonaut.

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Light Weight Corduroy, for waists or vestings, in navy, mode, myrtle, emerald, bisette and brown, 22 inches wide. 50c YARD.

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Ladies' Hand-made Shell Pattern Fascinators, with chain stitch bordering; colors pink, blue, black and white. PRICE, 50c.

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Our Ladies' Neckwear Stock is a vision of loveliness and daintiness. All that is new and stylish in the latest foreign or domestic novelties are here. No more attractive or inviting line was ever shown.

Ladies' Blouse Fronts of liberty silk, with lace and velvet ribbon effects, in pink, blue, maize, heliotrope and cream or black, with full ruffle collar. AT \$5.50 AND \$4.50 EACH.

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6-inch Wide Pleated Chiffon Ruffling in light shades for evening wear. AT \$1.25 YARD.

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We are able to make to order at short notice any piece of neckwear we show to match garment or alter to any size.

MAKING SURE OF THE DATA.

The Pride of the Broadway Squad Verifies the Guide Book.

A small lady, carrying a hand-satchel and a "Guide Book to the Metropolis," approached the tall policeman on the corner, and, smiling affably, asked: "Can you tell me the height of that building over there, please?" relates a writer in "Puck."

"Two hundred and seventy-three feet and ten inches from the sidewalk to the top of the tower?" "Thank you very much. And is it true that there are 236 deaths in New York every twenty-four hours?" "Can't say for sure, lady; wouldn't be surprised, though."

"Really! Isn't it dreadful? And can you tell me how many parks there are in the city?" "The tall policeman moved uncomfortably, and gave the exact number with a deep sigh. The lady positively beamed on him as she asked: "Is it really so, that thirty years ago this spot was a cow pasture, 'here the loving of the kine stood knee deep in the shaded stream,' and the only building in sight was a church on that corner over there?"

The policeman looked longingly at his watch. "That's what I've been told, but I dare say its sort of exaggerated, you know, lady."

"Oh, do you think so? I hope you're mistaken; it's so sweet to think of these busy, noisy streets once being peaceful green meadows; don't you think so? And to think that a rippling brook once intersected that corner, 'flowing between drooping willows and allers!' Do you not think that is so?"

"Sure of it, lady." "Really? Oh, I'm so glad! That is what the guide book said, but I wanted to be perfectly certain of it. Thank you, ever so much."

And the small lady tripped joyfully away, while the large, tall policeman leaned against the block and mopped his forehead vigorously.

Vote of Arizona.

PHOENIX (Ariz.), Nov. 17.—The official vote was counted to-day in all counties of the Territory and makes little difference in the totals. In this county, Maricopa, one Republican Assemblyman loses by a plurality of four for his opponent, making the Legislature Democratic by 10 to 2 in the Council and 23 to 1 in the Assembly.

"If you would refuse occasionally when these hateful men ask you to drink," said Mrs. Boece, "you would not be coming home in this condition. You lack firmness of character."

"Don't you 'bive nossin' of the sort," said Mr. Boece, with much dignity. "The fellers tried to start me home more'n two hours ago."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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