

FALL

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

The local societies of Christian Endeavor will enjoy an excursion to Lake Lake next Friday. They will go by special train over the C. & W. M. railway.

Albert Morgan, supreme president of the Equitable and union of Columbus, Pa., will give a free lecture at I. O. O. F. hall on West Leonard street, corner of Turner, this evening.

The people's party of the fifth congressional district will hold its convention in this city in Greenwood hall on Thursday afternoon, September 8, to nominate a candidate for representative in congress.

Commencing today the Valley City Transportation company will sell tickets to Grand Haven and return for \$1, going by boat and returning either on the boat or by the C. & W. M. railway.

Physicians who have claims against the board of health for cases reported can have them audited now at any time. They are entitled to ten cents for every case reported.

The Mikants Engraving company of Traverse City will soon move its plant to this city. The company will publish an illustrated quarterly paper with J. V. Mikants as editor.

The Doctors union will hold an open meeting tomorrow evening. The meeting will be followed by a pedro party and several good speakers are expected to be present.

Number fifty-two won the chair in the race for the benefit of Mrs. Grunich held at No. 146 West Bridge street. Thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents was realized.

The Rev. J. Brewster Hubbs who has been visiting in the west since the biennial encampment of the Knights of Pythias is expected to return today.

The democratic county committee will meet in the Jefferson club rooms tomorrow night to make the call for county nominating convention.

The South Congregational church will hold its annual picnic tomorrow at North Park. All friends of the church will be welcome to participate.

Several colored citizens will express their political opinions at the meeting of the Independent Colored club in the fifth ward tomorrow night.

The Building and Trades council will hold a meeting Wednesday evening to complete arrangements for Labor Day celebration.

Clerk W. S. Stevens of the police court will be at his desk today, having returned yesterday morning from his vacation trip.

L. H. Norman of Reed City, one of the leading jewelers of that town, is at Savelle's. He is buying a stock of holiday goods.

Miss Minnie Messenger of No. 41 Fourth street spending her vacation at the residence of her sister at Cooperville.

Mrs. Cyril Perry of No. 170 Lagrave street has gone to Saranac for a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

Twenty-three new numbers will be issued by Harry Judge A. O. U. W. in Shannahan's hall this evening.

Miss Daisy L'Amour of No. 456 Jefferson avenue is visiting the resorts at Spring Lake and Grand Haven.

Fred Brundage, a Muskegon druggist, is registered at Savelle's. He is in town buying holiday goods.

The funeral of Frank Wagner will be held this morning from St. Joseph's church at 9:30 o'clock.

George Holland and Henry Kalmbach have returned from their trip around the lakes.

George H. Davidson of No. 174 Lagrave street and family have returned from Ottawa Beach.

Charles E. Jarrett has accepted a position with Steuber and Gredlich.

The Ottawa Beach hotel will close September 1 for the season.

Compressed Tea.

Tablet tea is manufactured at Hallow in factories belonging to Russian firms there. It is made of the finest tea-dust procurable. The selection of the dust is the work of skilled experts; the end result from twelve cents a pound upward. This dust is manufactured into tablets by steam-machinery. About two ounces and a half of dust are poured into a steel mold on a steel cylinder. The dust is poured in dry without standing and the pressure brought to bear is two tons per tablet. Great care is required in the manufacture and packing of tablet tea and the cost is comparatively high. The tablets are wrapped first in tinfoil, then in expensive and attractive paper wrappers, and finally packed in tin-lined cases for export to Russia. The tea, it is stated, comes none of healthier by being pressed into tablets, and as tablet tea is only one-sixth of the bulk of leaf tea, it is most convenient for travelers and also for transporting into the remote regions of Russia.

A Man Who Ate Fire.

From the following account, taken from Key's diary, where it appears under date of "19 mo. 9th, 1073," it appears that fire-eating freaks are not altogether modern innovations. "I took leave of my lady Sutherland, who was going to Paris by my land, now unknown name there. She made me stay to dinner at Levenor house and afterward went for Richardson, the famous fire-eater." Before we he demoted him- self on glowing coals, allowing and enveloping them. He then melted a beer-glass and ate it quite up, then taking a few more of his kind, he got

on it a raw oyster; the coal was [then] blown and sparkled in his mouth and so remained until the oyster was done. Then he washed plain with sulphur and drank it while it down. I saw it flaming in his mouth."

A PERIPATETIC BARBER.

A Peculiar Maine Industry That Has Its Advantages.

Many of the Maine rural towns do not support a professional barber. Men early learn to shave themselves; and as to hair-cutting, there is always somebody in town, with that neighborliness for which these communities are noted, is ready to trim your locks for you with all his heart and all his art. A writer for the Belfast Age, on an outing, recently fell in with one of these amateur barbers and humorously described his accommodating ways: "Soon I was perched astride of a molasses hoghead with a meatball about my neck to protect it from the fall of hair. I might say the fall was great, or the possibilities of one, from the hoghead as I squirmed about on it to have the light strike the head right so the gears would be even. He was no mean barber, for he scorned to receive any recompense. I wish all barbers were as charitable. After our cutting acquaintance I saw much of the barber. One time he was on the schoolhouse steps cutting a man's hair; again I saw him hard at work on a man's head in the middle of his vegetable patch. The farmer was leaning against a bean-pole with his hoe in his hand evidently making the most of his luxurious ease. Anywhere and everywhere he happened to catch his man the enterprising barber would work. I was on the shore one day watching the fisherman at his salmon nets. Shortly a small skiff went out from a neighboring cove. In it was the barber, who rowed out to where the fisherman was and was soon cutting his hair.

BIG TREES IN FORMOSA.

They Rival the Mammoth Ones of the Redwood Forests in California.

In a Shanghai native newspaper are the details of the remarkable discovery in the southern part of the island of Formosa of trees that rival in size and beauty the giant redwood trees of California. Ten Chinese merchants of Foochow organized the exploring expedition. The vast forests there had never been penetrated by traders, but it was known that the country was broken by high and rugged mountains that had very heavy timber. The expedition started from the Chinese port of Samalan. After seven days of hard travel it reached the Hualin river. It found no roads, not even a trail, and in many cases the members journeyed for hours along the tracks of wild beasts through heavy timber. Many signs of natives were seen, but the savages were too timid to show themselves. Whether the party succeeded in establishing barter with them is not recorded. In one of the great forests trees of enormous size and height were found. Ten men, joining their outstretched arms, were unable to clasp the trunk near the ground. They estimated the height at two hundred or more feet. Another peculiar tree bore red and white flowers as large as an ordinary rose. The forest life, from the descriptions of the Chinese, resembles that of the Amazon.

THE CANNON-BALL TREE.

Something About a Curious Tree and Its Strange Fruit.

The cannon-ball tree owes its peculiarity principally to the mode in which the flowers are borne on long branches, which grow from around the trunk, commencing at its base and continuing in many feet upward. They are arranged in terminal racemes and fall soon after expanding the peduncle, however, instead of falling and withering, bend and enlarge, producing racemes of flowers in succession at its extremity each season.

Years afterward the woody pedicels may still be seen upon the flowering branches. So nearly does the arrangement of the latter resemble a creeping plant growing upon a tree that it is difficult to convince people to the contrary, and that they bear the flowers of the tree itself, says the English Gardener's Chronicle, which describes the flowers as cup-shaped, red within and yellowish-white without.

These flowers measure four inches across. The large brown, ball-shaped fruits, unlike the fragrant flowers, emit a disgusting odor, rivaled only by the flowers of terranilla berries. The latter, when in flower, scents the atmosphere of the garden in a way which suggests to the uninitiated that the sanitary arrangements of the district are in a bad condition. The compound forms a large tree some fifty to sixty feet in height and bears a dense mass of shining green leaves, becoming deciduous once or sometimes twice during the year. The leaves on these occasions fall very rapidly and are replaced again in a few days by a new set.

AN UP-HILL ROAD.

The Zigzag Ascent to the Capital of Venezuela.

There are few more interesting engineering achievements than the little narrow gauge railroad running to Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, from its support, La Guayra. The distance between the two cities, as the crow flies—supposing for the moment that he could fly through mountains—is only six miles, but the railway connecting them is twenty-three miles in length, and consequently twists and turns on itself. The road runs in zigzag fashion up the mountain to an altitude of about five thousand feet above its starting point and then descends about fifteen hundred feet in the same manner into the valley of Orinoco.

Twenty-two thousand rails were used in laying the track, and of these over eighteen thousand are bent. It is justly said that the engineer almost died of a broken heart because he could in-

was not secure in getting the remaining four thousand. He did his best, however, and Pease's Weekly states no man who has to ride over the line and find himself shaken at every one of the three hundred and forty-six sharp twists which the track makes will find it in his heart to condemn the poor man for not making a perfect job. Two passenger trains pass over the road daily, leaving La Guayra at half past eight in the morning and at half past three in the afternoon, making the journey in two hours and a half. This is a speed, exclusive of stops, of not quite ten miles an hour.

MILLIONS OF MICE.

They Furnish a Feast of Summer for Dogs, Cats and Birds.

During a first month, when grass and flowers were abundant, mice increased to an abundant extent in La Plata, so that everywhere in the fields it was difficult to avoid treading on them, while dozens could be shaken out of every hollow thistle stalk lying on the ground. The most inconspicuous animals swarmed to the feast which they provided.

Ducks lived almost entirely on them, as did the domestic fowls, assuming the habits of rapacious birds. The cats all left the houses to live in the fields. Tyrant birds and cuckoos seemed to prey on nothing else.

Foxes, weasels and opossums fared sumptuously and even the common armadillo turned mouse with great success. Stories and short-tailed owls gathered to the feast, so that fifty of the latter birds could often be seen at once, and they got fat and bred in the middle of the winter, quite out of their proper season, in consequence.

The following winter was a time of drought, the grass and herbage had all been consumed or was burnt up, and the mice, having no shelter, soon fell a prey to their numerous enemies and were almost wholly exterminated.

Oyster Basket Signs.

When a sailing master wishes to buy oysters in the ports of the Chesapeake he runs up to the masthead an oyster basket and presently has plenty offered at the vessel's side. Down at Chincoteague island the basket at the masthead is sometimes accompanied by a flag of concentric squares in different colors. During the closed season for oysters the flag and basket indicate that the master wishes to buy clams. The Chincoteague clam digger works during the greater part of the year and a very spy man in a spot where clams are thick can treat out a great many hundred in a day. Clams fetch from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per thousand at Chincoteague, which seems a great deal for the money when one thinks of clam chowder at a fashionable restaurant.

Sulphuric Acid and Civilization.

A famous scientific man has declared that the measure of a nation's civilization may be gauged by the amount of sulphuric acid it consumes, since this acid is an essential to the most skillful, speedy and economical methods in the higher mechanical arts. Measured by this standard the civilization of the United States is the highest on earth. Inscriptions on mummy cloths with a material produced only through the agency of sulphuric acid are taken as an evidence of the high civilization existing in ancient Egypt.

Man Was Made to Mourn.

Perhaps, and perhaps not. However that may be, he has no excuse for his misery. It is produced by nervousness, so long as he neglects to reinforce his enfeebled nerves through the medium of improved digestion. He can secure this by the regular use of Dr. Cassell's Food, a grateful tonic and tranquilizer. It should never be forgotten that the brain—which is the headquarters of the nervous system—and the stomach bear the closest relation to the nerves. The brain cannot exist and produce a correlative disturbance in the organs of thought, vision, hearing, etc., unless the stomach and the alimentary canal are in a normal state. Taken before meals it imparts relief for the food.

Low Rates to Toledo Exposition.

For this occasion the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates September 5 to 10 inclusive, good returning until September 12 inclusive. For particulars see local ticket agents.

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Thomas Bates, editor of the Graphic, TEXARKANA, ARK., has found what he believes to be the best remedy in existence for the flux. His experience is well worth remembering. He says: "Last summer I had a very severe attack of flux. I tried almost every known remedy, none giving relief. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended to me. I purchased a bottle and received almost immediate relief. I continued to use the medicine and was entirely cured. I take pleasure in recommending this remedy to any person suffering with such a disease, as in my opinion it is the best medicine in existence." 25 cent bottles for sale by E. J. Wernberg, Druggist, No. 33 Monroe street.

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