

Canals.

Since Washington planned a canal from the Atlantic to the Ohio, and Madison urged the need of one from the Mississippi to Lake Michigan, artificial connections have been proposed between almost every two important natural waterways of the country.

The Power of Prejudice.

A curious illustration of deep-seated prejudice is seen in the strong opposition displayed toward the plan to construct a tunnel under the English channel from England to France, which has recently been revived and has a good chance to go through unless British hostility shall result in parliament blocking the scheme.

Indians are not always the graceful orators of Cooper. According to Mr. Leupp, the commissioner of Indian affairs, they are the original American humorists. He once gave some of them a lecture on their duties to the agent, pointing out that he needed time to eat, be with his family and to rest.

There is no more difficult sort of legislation than that which deals with the distribution of water rights, and this is to form the subject of serious study in the near future. The topography of the Mexican republic—a highly elevated tableland sloping gradually northward into the United States, but in almost all other directions furnishing more or less abrupt declivities to the sea, down which flow the mountain streams—in itself suggests untold possibilities in the way of water power.

An attempt to develop the New Zealand flax industry has again failed. There is a large supply of the raw material, which grows luxuriantly in all parts of the rural districts of the island, and there is always a market for the properly cleaned and dried fiber, which is equal to the best New Zealand product.

Gen. Bell reports that nearly all the Cubans have plenty of work probably that is the reason they are dissatisfied.

THROUGHS BURST OUT INTO CHEERS

WHEN THE RETURNS TOLD OF KAISER'S VICTORY.

Monarch and Chancellor Gave Thanks For Loyalty—Thousands Sang Popular Hymns.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—There was a great demonstration here in connection with the government victory in the Reichstag elections. The enthusiastic crowds that had gathered around the newspaper offices formed a procession 40,000 or 50,000 strong, and began marching through the streets, singing "Die Wacht am Rhein" and other patriotic songs. The people finally proceeded to the palace of Imperial Chancellor Von Buelow, to whom they gave a hearty ovation.

Prince Von Buelow walked across his garden to the street, and, speaking through the iron railing, he addressed the cheering populace as follows: "I thank you that your patriotic sentiments have again brought you here to the Reichstag with the words that to the government would do its duty with confidence in the German people. This confidence was not misplaced. What won the victory January 25 and to-day was the German spirit which is immortal. If we remain true to this German spirit, especially if the youths of Germany become thoroughly imbued therewith, then we can calmly and joyfully look forward to the future of the fatherland. And now join with me in the expression of the sentiment of love and fidelity to our German fatherland unto death. Hoch!"

FOUR MEN WOUNDED, But Each Continued Firing Until Revolver Was Empty.

Winnabago, Tex., Feb. 6.—W. A. Milam and his son, W. A. Milam, Jr., met two brothers named Woodford in the road near here and began arguing on local option. They quarreled, and all four opened fire. Each of the men fell wounded, but each continued to shoot as he lay on the ground until his revolver was empty. All four have died. Four widows and 15 orphans are result of the tragedy. All the men were well-to-do farmers, except young Milam, who was a member of the fire department.

OFFICER KILLS SUPERIOR. Said He Was Tired of Seeing Him Strutting Around.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 6.—Policeman Isaac Lewis walked into the office of Police Captain Holzappel in the station here, and without warning or any cause, so far as can be ascertained, shot him through the heart, killing his superior almost instantly. He then fired at Chief Boyle, but missed him. Lewis, it is said, has been drinking of late, and it is thought he must have become insane. In an incoherent statement later he said he got tired of seeing Holzappel strutting around.

Bodies Removed From Snowdrift. Salida, Col., Feb. 6.—Seven persons are now known to have been killed, and 14 injured, two of whom are expected to die, in the snowdrifts that came down Monarch mountain. The slide wrecked three buildings and partly demolished a fourth.

Reports an Earthquake. London, Feb. 6.—Prof. Belar, the seismologist at Lalbach, reports that an earthquake lasting 90 minutes occurred Sunday about 4,500 miles from Lalbach. Its maximum intensity occurred at 9:26 p. m.

Watch For 'Em. London, Feb. 6.—Maine and Ontario will be visited by earthquakes on February 9 and Illinois and Massachusetts on February 10, according to predictions made by Hugh Clements, the meteorologist.

Five Firemen Hurt. Boston, Feb. 6.—The department store of Hunt Bros. at 1275 Tremont street was partially destroyed by fire, and in fighting the flames five firemen were badly injured. Loss \$5,000.

Covered With Ice, Sleet and Snow. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 6.—Advices from middle Tennessee report a deep snow, followed by bitter cold weather. In Nashville the ground is covered with ice, sleet and snow.

Hopeful View of the Situation. New Orleans, La., Feb. 6.—A hopeful outlook for the safe passage of the present crest of high water in the Mississippi river is held out by Chief State Engineer Kerr, who has returned from an eight days' inspection tour through Arkansas City southward.

Knockout Blow is Fatal. New York, Feb. 6.—John Mason, who, it is alleged, received a knockout blow in a friendly boxing bout in the parish house of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal church on January 23rd died in St. Francis' hospital.

U. S. Consular Agent Killed. Constantine, Algeria, Feb. 6.—Antoine Felix Carbe, consular agent of the United States at Bona, met his death here upon his arrival from his post. He was crossing the bridge which spans the river when he fell into the water 300 feet below.

Four Lose Lives in Stable Fire. Pelham, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Mrs. Richard Vaughn, her two-year-old son, a negro woman and H. M. Mitchell, a stableman, lost their lives in the destruction by fire of Mr. Vaughn's stable. The family lived above the stable.

SABERS MET SAILORS

WHEN THE CALL "TO ARMS" SOUNDED ON CRUISER.

MEN REBELLED WHEN SENT TO BRIG

And Were Roughly Handled By the Officers, Whom They Accuse of Being Martinetts.

Philadelphia, Feb. 7.—Mutiny on the armored cruiser Tennessee, at League Island, resulted in the shooting of two petty officers by an ensign, a seaman and the wounding of the latter. Those shot are: Chief Master-at-Arms James Douglas, aged 45 years, bullet penetrated brain and two ugly abdominal wounds. Master-at-Arms William McCool, flesh wounds on face and arm. Harry Burke, aged 24 years, seaman, shot through the left wrist. Douglas will die, but the injuries of the others are comparatively slight.

Burke, the alleged ringleader of the mutiny, was placed in irons, and two others sailors, Lunnas and Dean, are also in the brig, charged with being accomplices. The trouble began when the Tennessee was acting as escort to President Roosevelt. Anxious to make a good showing, the petty officers became martinetts, and hardly a day passed that the brig did not contain one or more sailors lodged there for trifling offenses. When the Tennessee arrived at League Island it was declared by the sailors that the "non-coms" had more authority than the officers.

Burke and his companions had been placed in the brig. It had been feared that they were planning a big delivery, as some of their "bunkies" had been confined for giving "back talk" to the chief master-at-arms. The latter has been the special object of the crew's dislike. At noon Burke, Dean and Lunnas were brought before the Master for sentence. After sentence had been pronounced by Lieutenant Fields, executive officer of the Tennessee, Douglas was ordered to shackle the trio and put them in the brig again. Douglas, according to sailors who saw the affair, acted in a brutal manner, and when they remonstrated he struck Lunnas. He had them covered with a revolver, and declared he would shoot the first man who moved. Notwithstanding this, Burke, as Douglas raised his hand to strike a second blow, seized his arm. A scuffle followed, during which the revolver was discharged, wounding Burke in the wrist. He held on, however, and finally succeeded in gaining the revolver. Master-at-Arms McCool ran to the assistance of Douglas, and, seeing that he was about to be overcome, Burke fired three times at Douglas and the remaining balls at McCool. The petty officers called for help, but the seaman yelled, "Give 'em h—!" and when the bugle call for assembly was sounded none of the men paid the slightest attention to it.

The mutiny call was then sounded and this brought a detachment of marines from the barracks, a quarter of a mile away, double quick time to the Tennessee. Meanwhile Douglas and McCool lay wounded on the deck, no one venturing to go to their assistance. The three sailors, who had resisted, maintained their ground, although their comrades urged them to escape from the ship. Before they could make up their minds, however, the marines were on the deck. The rest of the "jackies" made a momentary show of interfering, but the sight of drawn bayonets cooled their ardor. Some one had also turned in a riot call from the navy yard and the police from the Thirty-fourth district, located two miles away, hurried down in a patrol wagon.

HIS HEAD CRUSHED

And Hanging Out of Window, With His Hand on the Throatle.

Philadelphia, Feb. 7.—The congressional limited train on the Pennsylvania railroad, which leaves Washington for New York, was through this city at terrific speed, with the engineer, Joseph Toms, dead at the throttle. The train, which was made up of several buffet, dining and parlor cars, makes two stops in this city, one at West Philadelphia and the other at North Philadelphia.

His head was hanging out of the cab window and had been crushed by striking some object along the road.

Five Men Seriously Burned. Covington, Ky., Feb. 7.—Five men were seriously burned in an accident at the Insurance stove, range and laundry plant, at Fifteenth and Washington streets, by the breaking of a crane carrying tons of molten iron. According to the story told by one of the victims the ladle holding the fiery metal fell and struck the floor, breaking, and throwing the iron about in all directions, burning all with whom it came in contact.

Hopes to Visit Alaska. Washington, Feb. 7.—President Roosevelt hopes to visit Alaska on a hunting trip after his presidential term expires. He expressed this desire Robert W. Wiley, who had spent 1 year in that country and has traveled in sections where big game abounds.

Indicted for Murder. Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 6.—The grand jury of Hall county has indicted Harry Strickland, 14 years old, charging him with the murder of his brother, Newton Strickland, last Saturday night.

Caused By the Wind. New Orleans, Feb. 7.—The Mississippi river rose two-tenths of a foot, standing at an 18.8 stage. This rise is the fastest recorded here since the high water, and is partly accounted for by a south wind retarding the current.

All Trains Delayed. Omaha, Neb., Feb. 7.—All eastbound Pacific coast trains on the Burlington & Union Pacific railroads are running from 24 to 30 hours late, due to snows in the mountains and rains on the western slope.

WITH TEARS IN HER BIG EYES,

WIFE OF THAW TOLD HER STORY, TO SAVE LIFE OF HUSBAND.

Won Mourned Sympathy of the Throng Which Filled the Big Court Room.

New York, Feb. 8.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw told her story. To save the life of her husband, charged with murder, she bared to the world the innermost secrets of her soul—a portrayal for which a sanctuary was a more fitting place than the crowded court room.

It was the same story she told Harry Thaw in Paris in 1903, when he had asked her to become his wife—the confession of one who felt there was an insurmountable barrier to her ever becoming the bride of the man she loved.

In the big witness chair she appeared but a slip of a girl, and she told the pitiful story of her eventful life in a frank, girlish way.

When tears came to her big brown eyes and slowly trickled their way down scarlet cheeks, she strove in vain to keep them back. Though the lump in her throat at times seemed about to smother her, she forced the words from trembling lips and by a marvelous display of courage, which took her willingly to her staggering ordeal, she shook off a depression which once threatened to become an absolute collapse.

As the young wife unfolded the narrative of her girlhood and told of the early struggles of herself and her mother to keep body and soul together; of how gaunt poverty stood ever at the door and how she finally was able to earn a livelihood by posing for photographers and artists, she won the murmured sympathy of the throng, which filled every available space in the big court room.

Then came the relation of the wreck of that girlhood at 16 years of age. It was the story of her meeting with Stanford White, the story of the sumptuous studio apartments, whose dainty exterior gave no hint of the luxurious furnishings within; of a velvet-covered swing, in which one could swing until slippers tumbled crashed through the paper of a Japanese parasol swung from the ceiling.

It was the story of a glass of champagne, of black, whirling sensations and of mirrored bed room walls. In short, she told all the story.

The stillness of the crowd, which was big, bustling, showing and snarling over some especially coveted seat when court convened, was its own tribute to the effect of the girl's story.

SERVICE PENSION BILL

Is Now a Law—Its Provisions Are Brief.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The president has signed the service pension bill which was passed by the house early in the week, and it is now a law. This bill provides for the payment of the following pensions to veterans of the civil war who served 90 days or more: Twelve dollars a month to veterans of 62 years; \$15 to those of 70 years, and \$20 to those of 75 years. Veterans of the Mexican war who served 60 days or more are also made beneficiaries of the new law.

REVOLUTION IN ARGENTINE.

Rebels Defeat the Government Forces - A Number Killed and Wounded.

New York, Feb. 8.—Reports received here state that a revolutionary outbreak has occurred in San Juan, Argentine Republic, in which the rebels defeated the government forces and seized the reins of government.

A number of men are reported killed and wounded in the engagement.

Maps of Coast Made By Japs. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 8.—Japan, through her secret service agents and spies, has in the last two months perfected a complete mapping of the Washington coast, from Grays Harbor to Cape Flattery, and obtained full data as to the topography of the Olympic Peninsula country, its rivers, harbors and inlets, according to M. Parsons, a well-known mining man of this city.

Fog Hid Signals. Mercer, Pa., Feb. 8.—H. J. Rodgers, a brakeman, was killed and three other trainmen were fatally injured in a freight collision here on the Bossmer & Lake Erie railroad. The engineers claimed they could not see the signals on account of dense fog.

Jumped From Burning Building. New York, Feb. 8.—Seven persons were badly injured, several more slightly hurt, and the lives of many others endangered by a fire in a three-story factory building in Wooster street. All the seriously injured jumped from windows of the top floor.

Accepted Roosevelt. Guebec, Feb. 8.—At the annual meeting of the North America Fish and Game association held here, an application from President Roosevelt was received and favorably acted upon.

Broke Ice in Bare Feet. New York, Feb. 8.—For the first time this winter the harbor was completely filled with floating ice. On board the steamer Seneca the Chinese crew were clad in cotton clothing and some in bare feet were breaking up the ice about the docks.

Seventy-Six Bodies Found. Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 8.—Seventy-six bodies have been found in the Stuart mine and identified. Three bodies brought out are still unidentified and 10 men are missing. The death list is surely as high as 85.

Bank Notes Stolen. Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 8.—Unsigned bank notes to the amount of \$1,250, consigned by the controller of the currency to the Wilmerding National bank, of Wilmerding, a suburb, were stolen from a drawer in the baggage room of Pennsylvania railroad at Wilmerding.

Three Men Killed. Freeport, Ill., Feb. 8.—A defective switch caused the wreck of a Great Western passenger train at Gernas Valley. The engine dashed into the H. A. Hillmer elevator, killing three men.

EXPLOSION OF A BOMB

KILLS PATERSON JUSTICE OF PEACE AND WRECKS OFFICE.

THE JUDGE HAD ACTIVELY AIDED

The Police in the Capture of Italian Anarchists and Other Lawbreakers.

Pateron, N. J., Feb. 9.—Justice of the Peace Robert Cortez was fatally injured in his office by the explosion of an infernal machine sent him by express. The office was wrecked, and the detonation could be heard for blocks. The judge died shortly before mid night. The judge had actively aided the police in the capture of Italian anarchists and other lawbreakers. Justice Cortez is 48 years old and of Italian descent. He had been home to supper. While he was there his son Robert was in charge of the office. He received the infernal machine, which came from Newark. It had been pre-paid and the boy signed the receipt. When Judge Cortez reached the office Robert handed the package to him. Judge Cortez removed the outside wrapper. Inside was another wrapping of paper made fast with a strap such as boys use to put around a school book. Robert says he was watching to see what the little box contained. His father rested the package on the desk, pulled the end of the strap so as to loosen it. The moment he did so there was an explosion. A hole six feet square was torn in the floor and the desk was hurled into the cellar. The judge was driven into a corner and bruised and burned. Judge Cortez was found lying between the doorway and the hole in the floor. His face and body were torn, and his back apparently broken. He was removed to a hospital, where his ante-mortem was secured. Judge Cortez had been a justice for twelve years. He was shortly to be appointed a sergeant of detectives in recognition of his work in aiding the police in running down Italian criminals. Cortez had a wife and eight children.

From the fact that the greatest force of the explosion was downward, it is believed the machine was filled with dynamite. Not a trace of it has been found. Another case which the police think will have some bearing upon the affair is that of a for signer who was found dead under mysterious circumstances a couple of weeks ago. Cortez aided the authorities in investigating that affair.

WANAMAKER'S COUNTRY HOME

Destroyed by Fire—The Loss is Estimated at \$1,500,000.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—Lyndhurst, the country home of John Wanamaker at Chelton Hills, near Jenkintown, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$1,500,000.

Mr. Wanamaker's home was considered one of the most artistic and valuable of Philadelphia suburban properties. The fire made rapid progress and but a few valuable paintings were saved among them "Christ Before Pilate" and "Christ on Calvary," by Munkacsy. These two paintings are valued at \$250,000.

Though no statement has been issued from Mr. Wanamaker as to the loss, it is authoritatively stated that it will reach at least \$1,500,000.

FLAMES CLOSED EXITS.

And Seven Men Are Entombed in the Burning Mine.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 9.—Seven miners are entombed in No. 19 colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Co., at Wanamie, and there it little hope of rescuing any of them. Fire broke out on the fourth lift and the entombed men, who were trapped in the lower lifts, can not be reached until the flames are extinguished. The fire is burning fiercely.

Denied the Mails.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 9.—The postmaster general announced in the house that newspapers publishing the details of the Thaw trial would be denied transmission through the Canadian mails. This statement was evoked by a complaint from Dr. Stocton, member for St. John, N. B., of the publication in a local newspaper of Mrs. Thaw's evidence.

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 9.—The Brazilian government has decided, in order to avoid possible disagreeable incidents, to exclude negro sailors from the Brazilian squadron which is to visit the United States.

Purchase of Old Silver. Washington, Feb. 9.—The director of the mint purchased 100,000 ounces of silver for delivery at Philadelphia at 68.33 cents per fine ounce.

Has Developed Cancer of Throat. Berlin, Feb. 9.—It is now reported that Prince Henry of Prussia has developed cancer of the throat, the disease of which his father and mother both died. He is scarcely able to speak or take food. It is said his case is incurable.

Self-Defense Plea Wins. St. Louis, Feb. 9.—Vernor Townley has been on trial for having shot and killed his brother, Alfred N. Townley, at the Union station in August, 1906, was acquitted. Townley pleaded self-defense.

The Rope for Two. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 9.—J. H. Hodges, white, convicted of wife murder, and Freeman Jones, colored, found guilty of burglary, were hanged at Durham. Frank Bohannon, a negro convicted of murder, will be hanged at Greensboro.

New High Record. Washington, Feb. 9.—A new high record in private pension bills was made by the house, when 725 bills were passed in an hour and a half. The previous record, made at the last session, was 620.

DOORS BARRED AGAINST POLICE

WHO WORKED FOR SIX HOURS TO CAPTURE SALOON PATRONS.

Only One Was Able to Effect an Escape—Risky Jumps by Another Made Many Shudder.

Springfield, O., Feb. 11.—After six hours of desperate work, the police forced an entrance into Patrick Keefe's saloon, at Main and Penn streets and captured 23 loiterers. The raid was sensational and some of the scenes were thrilling. The police did not accomplish their purpose until after they had battered down five doors, heavily barred with iron, and then they were forced to call upon the hook and ladder crew of the Central Engine house for assistance.

Entrance was finally gained by cutting a hole through the roof and surprising the loiterers, who had gone to the attic to avoid arrest. Fully 5,000 people gathered about the saloon, and the police were abused and attempted were made to block them in their work, but they kept at their task and finally won out.

In the morning a squad of detectives and patrolmen, in charge of Sergeant Joseph Greager, surrounded the saloon. The police were armed with a warrant, and when refused admittance they went to work on the outer door with axes and sledge. They found their task no easy one, but the door finally gave way.

Once inside a rush was made for the bar room, but it was deserted. The building in which the saloon is situated is a three-story brick. The police started for the second floor and found the doors heavily barred. They finally yielded, but no one was in sight. Their experience on the third floor was the same. Then they started for the attic. The door leading to this was so heavily barred that it would not even yield to a jack.

The loiterers stood it as long as they could and then they were forced to make their presence known. They were packed so tight in the attic that they almost suffocated. They broke open the windows to get air and some crawled out on the roof. They hurled all kinds of epithets at the police. The crowd was started by one fellow jumping from the top of the building to a telegraph pole across an eight foot sidewalk. His attempt to escape was discovered by the police before he could descend the pole. The fellow climbed back and once more started the crowd by springing from the pole to the roof. He caught hold of it and drew himself up.

The crowd was given another scare a few moments later when another fellow jumped from one roof to another one, the latter being very slanting. Many closed their eyes, thinking that the man would be killed. He managed to hold on, crawled along until he reached another building and finally made his escape.

WOMAN'S NECK BROKEN.

Struck Down by Unknown Assailant While On Her Way Home.

Memphis, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Mercedes Donovan, wife of Eugene V. Donovan, an officer of the Memphis fire department, was felled by an unknown assailant with a blow which broke her neck.

She was returning from a shopping tour, accompanied by her three-year-old daughter and several other children. Robbery was evidently the motive for the attack. The attack occurred within a short distance of Mrs. Donovan's home, in a thickly populated section of the city. She died within a short time.

Broke the Treaty On Arbitration.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 11.—Advices received here are to the effect that it was President Bonilla, of Honduras, who broke the treaty of Cortez which provides for the arbitration of questions in dispute between the Central American republics, and that as a result of this the tribunal which was sitting at San Salvador, in an endeavor to settle the difference between Nicaragua and Honduras was dissolved.

Engineer Scalded.

St. Louis, Feb. 11.—A west-bound passenger train on the Washash rail road was wrecked at Forsyth Junction, in the outskirts of the city, by a defective frog. The engine was overturned and Engineer Louis Wiseman was plumed underneath and probably fatally scalded. The baggage car was smashed.

Arsenal Explosion.

London, Feb. 11.—A terrific explosion wrecked the chemical research department of the Woolwich arsenal. All the windows in the town were broken. It is believed no lives were lost.

The Girl's Condition is Serious.

Kansas City, Feb. 11.—Will Jefferson, aged 19 years old, was arrested and identified by Flora May Clark as the negro who brutally assaulted her as she was going home from work.

Won the World's Championship.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 11.—Capt. Charles W. Oldrieve claims the distinction of walking the water-troop Cincinnati to New Orleans, a distance of 1,600 miles, in 40 days lacking 41 minutes, thereby winning the world's championship and a bet of \$5,000.

Whole Family Perished.

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 11.—An entire family of seven persons perished in a conflagration at the Morgerthal brewery at Steinbach. Eight other families narrowly escaped a similar fate.

Great Tidal Wave Destroys Homes. Naples, Feb. 11.—The government has sent troops and assistance to Marina Di Casanzaro, the fishing village on the Calabrian coast, where a tidal wave destroyed 123 houses and rendered the population homeless and destitute.

THE GULF COAST OF TEXAS

A LAND "FLOWING IN MILK AND HONEY."

Semi-Tropical Climate; Vast Yields of Vegetables and Fruit.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Feb. 12.—The lower Rio Grande Valley is sometimes erroneously referred to as Southwest Texas, and so is El Paso, but THEY ARE EIGHT HUNDRED MILES APART.

It is Winter in Northern Texas while the Gulf Coast country is enjoying sunshine like that of May. In fact the Gulf Coast knows no Winter—every month is a growing month.

Texas produces wheat like Minnesota, corn like Illinois, and more cotton than any other two Southern States combined. And no part of this Great State surpasses in opportunity and possibilities the Gulf Coast Country and the region down by, the Rio Grande.

Artesian water was discovered five or six years ago on the great King Ranch, near Corpus Christi. It was extended until it now covers the territory from Robstown, sixteen miles west of Corpus Christi, to Raymondville, and is being extended monthly with every indication that a satisfactory flow will be obtained in all territory not covered by the systems of irrigation on the Rio Grande.

One of the most successful planters on the Rio Grande is Mr. John Closer, who owns six thousand acres near Hidalgo, on the S. L. & M. Ry. From thirty-three acres of Bermuda onions Mr. Closer last year (1906) shipped thirty-five carloads of as fine onions as were ever grown. This crop alone netted him \$15,000.

Two crops of corn can be grown on the same land each year along the Rio Grande. Rice, cotton and numerous other crops, as well as a great variety of fruit can be grown just as successfully. At a dinner recently given some visitors, a Gulf Coast agriculturist set fifteen (15) different varieties of vegetables before his guests.

A comprehensive book of eighty pages, profusely illustrated and fully descriptive of the Texas Gulf Coast may be obtained by addressing John Sebastian, Passenger Traffic Manager, Room 1, La Salle St. Sta. Chicago, or Room 1, Frisco Bldg., St. Louis.

A PIANO IN HIS LUNGS.

Remarkable Human Curiosity Living on the Pacific Coast.

Of all the musical curiosities that Nature has produced rarely one of the oddest is a man with a piano in his lungs. On the Pacific coast there is a man by the name of Pearson, his native state is said to be Arkansas, but he now resides in a small Washington town, who can, without any undue effort, send forth remarkable melodies which sound like the music of a piano with a melodeon accompaniment.

This lung piano, as it has been termed by the owner, is partly a gift of Nature, but Pearson has cultivated the use of the extraordinary instrument very carefully and thoroughly, until now he is able to play several familiar tunes with wonderful expression and technique. Friends of Pearson say that his services are invaluable when church fairs, bazaars and country entertainments are on hand. He makes an excellent barker, and his tuneful voice penetrates the furthest corner of a meeting house or tent. He says that other people could perfect themselves in the same accomplishment if they tried it and practiced it regularly.

Of Interest to Women.

Every woman naturally should be healthy and strong, but a great many women, unfortunately, are not, owing to the unnatural condition of the lives we lead. Headache, backache and a general tired condition are prevalent amongst the women of to-day, and to relieve these conditions women rush to the drugstore for a bottle of some preparation supposed to be particularly good for them, and containing—nobody knows what. If they would just get a box of Brandreth's Pills, and take them regularly every night for a time, all their trouble would disappear, as these pills regulate the organs of the feminine system. The same dose always has the same effect, no matter how long they are used.

Brandreth's pills have been in use for over a century, and are for sale everywhere, plain or sugar-coated.

English Tongue-Twisters.

The English language has its own peculiar terrors. Who would not pity the foreigner attempting to understand such sentences as "It was put in case in case it should rain." "It will come by-and-by and by a bicycle?" And how could you expect a German to get at the real meaning of the metaphors in the following sentence—"Being unhorsed he dogged his man and soon had him cowed!"

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Cyclist Amuses Sultan.

The sultan of Turkey occasionally finds amusement in watching the performance of Mustafa, the court cyclist, who is said to be the only person who has ever made his majesty laugh. Mustafa accompanies his gyrations with frequent bursts of monologue, showing himself to be almost as good a wit as he is a cyclist.

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