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November 1, 1897.
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Georgetown's Field Day.

The field and track events of Georgetown University, which will be held tomorrow afternoon on the college campus, promise to result in some high-class sport. While the students of the 'varsity make the largest number of entries, there are some entered by other institutions, who will endeavor to carry away as many prizes as possible. Johns Hopkins has entered several of its best men, and so has the Maryland Union school, to say nothing of other institutions farther distant.

The program calls for twelve events. Of this number eight will be track events, and three will be field events. The other event will be a special one, in which the skill of the athletes will be tested in throwing the discus. There will be probably four or five men contest for this honor.

B. J. Wefers, the sprinter, will be seen in three of the track events. He is in the 100-yard run, the 220-yard run and the quarter-mile run. In addition to this he has entered the running broad jump, and also in the contest for throwing the discus. Last year he managed to win the broad jump, despite the fact that he strained himself partly and came near losing one of the track events.

There are two bicycle events on the program, both of which look more like an invitation race than an open event. In the one-mile open Schade, Moran and Dannemiller, the boy champion of Ohio, are the contestants. This will be a close race, as all three men are nearly evenly matched, and the one who can negotiate the turns the quickest will undoubtedly be the one to win. In the two-mile bicycle race the three above named are entered, and also Martin Sullivan, another of the coming riders of the 'varsity.

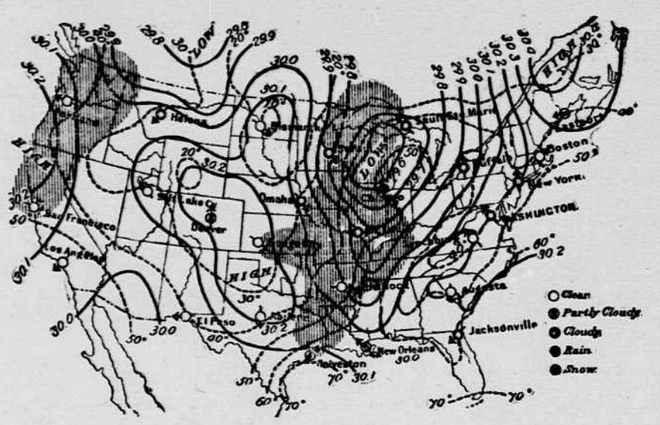
Charles deB. Claiborne, the popular manager of the field and track of the Athletic Association, also appears as a contestant. Little Maloney, the plucky catcher of the base ball team last year, also appears, and it is expected that he will make a good showing in the hurdle events.

It was expected to have the new grand stand in place for the annual field and track games this year, but the bad weather prevented its construction. Nearly sufficient funds have been collected for the purpose, partly from donations and partly through affairs gotten up by the students themselves. While the work on the stand has been delayed, it is certain that by the opening of the base ball season next year the stand will be in place, and will be a fitting addition to the grounds.

H. O. Havemeyer III.

A dispatch from Greenwich, Conn., says: Henry O. Havemeyer, who was operated upon for appendicitis at his country home at Palmer's Hill, near Stamford, last Monday, is still very low, although recovering slowly. At his house last night it was said that he was progressing favorably, but no other information was vouchsafed.

THE OFFICIAL WEATHER MAP.



EXPLANATORY NOTE: Observations taken at 8 a.m., 75th meridian time. Solid lines are isobars, or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of an inch. Dotted lines are isotherms, or lines of equal temperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or snow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" show location of areas of high and low barometer. Small arrows fly with the wind.

WARMER.

Increasing Cloudiness and Showers Indicated for Tomorrow.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Saturday—For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, increasing cloudiness tonight; Saturday showers; warmer tonight; southerly winds.

For Virginia and North Carolina, increasing cloudiness, with rain tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight, colder in western portion Saturday; southerly winds, becoming westerly.

Weather conditions and general forecast—The storm, central in Iowa Thursday morning, has moved to the upper lakes, and is now central over Lake Michigan. It is attended by rain in the upper lake region and generally in the Mississippi valley.

The storm will move northeastward and the rain will extend into the lower lake region and Ohio valley tonight and probably to the Atlantic coast during Saturday.

An area of high pressure covers the Atlantic states and a second area is central over the Rocky mountain slope. The barometer has risen on the Rocky mountain slope and in the west gulf states; it has fallen throughout the lake regions, in the Atlantic and east gulf states, and on the northern Rocky mountain plateau.

The temperature is higher in the lower lake region, the Ohio valley and the east gulf states; it is colder throughout the Rocky mountain slope, and a fall of 20 to 30 degrees has occurred in the west gulf states.

Frosts or freezing temperatures are indicated for the northern portion of the west gulf states, and frosts may extend into the lower Mississippi valley and the central portion of the west gulf states.

Brisk to high southwesterly winds are indicated for the lower lakes today or tonight.

Signals are displayed on Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron and Erie.

Tide Table.

Today—Low tide, 10:55 a.m. and 11:45 p.m.; high tide, 4:47 a.m. and 4:57 p.m.

Tomorrow—Low tide, 11:42 a.m.; high tide, 5:39 a.m. and 5:43 p.m.

The Sun and Moon.

Today—Sun rises, 6:32 a.m.; sun sets, 4:55 p.m.
Moon sets 3:57 a.m. tomorrow.
Tomorrow—Sun rises, 6:33 a.m.

The City Lights.

Gas lamps all lighted by 6:03 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 5:42 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named.

Arc lamps lighted at 5:48 p.m.; extinguished at 5:57 a.m.

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 56; condition, 2; receiving reservoir, temperature, 58; condition at north connection, 2; condition at south connection, 3; distributing reservoir, temperature, 57; condition at influent gate house, 16; effluent gate house, 36.

Temperatures for Twenty-Four Hours

The following are the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau for the past twenty-four hours, beginning at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon: November 4, 4 p.m., 65; 8 p.m., 52; midnight, 46. November 5, 4 a.m., 40; 8 a.m., 45; 12 m., 60, and 2 p.m., 62. Maximum, 67 at 3 p.m. November 4; minimum, 39, at 5 a.m. November 5.

The following are the readings of the barometer at the weather bureau for the past twenty-four hours, beginning at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon: November 4, 4 p.m., 30.25; 8 p.m., 30.24; midnight, 30.24. November 5, 4 a.m., 30.24; 8 a.m., 30.20; 12 m., 30.10, and 2 p.m., 30.04.

Annotated Editorials From The Star.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Says The Washington Star:

"If a change of base on this money question is so repugnant to the silver men in Ohio and Kentucky, and argues to them such faithlessness in Mr. Carlisle and others, what have they to say about these capers of their friends and associates in the east? Is it faithlessness to change from silver to gold, but the highest patriotism to change from gold to silver?"

Yes, it is most true, and pity 'tis, 'tis true; and yet of such is the kingdom of the demagogue and charlatan made up. The leaders know better, and for them we have no other sentiments than good-natured complacence. It is only a question of time when those of them who keep it up on that line will get their dues. But for the poor boys in the trenches, who are lured to destruction and completely victimized by the selfish and heartless ambition of these incompetent leaders, we have only generous compassion. In a word, as to the leaders, Old Nick knows his own. As to their followers, the word should be "forgive them, Lord! They know not what they do!"

From the Montpelier (Vt.) Watchman.

The Washington Star of a recent date mentions the following six questions sure to be conspicuous in the next session of Congress, namely, Hawaii, Cuba, the currency, international bimetalism, immigration and government by injunction. The Star might have added the Union Pacific railroad sale, the Nicaragua canal and the question of trusts. If the coming Congress considers fully all these questions, the senators and representatives will find abundant opportunity to air their eloquence.

From the Lincoln (Neb.) Journal.

It is impossible to arouse the people to enthusiasm over politics in any of the close districts this year, with the single exception of New York city. The apathy is great everywhere, as it is impossible to make the people feel that the welfare of the country depends upon a tremendous political struggle so soon after the decisive vote of last November. The Washington Star finds that in administration circles there is some concern over the result in New York, Maryland and Kentucky, but that the republicans seem to have things their own way elsewhere, in spite of the indifference of the republican voters. In many states the opposition is not only apathetic, but is inclined to laugh when the silver question is mentioned.

From the Council Bluffs (Iowa) Nonpariel.

The Washington Star recommends Grover Cleveland for state fish commissioner. Yes, that's more in his line.

From the Baltimore Herald.

The esteemed Washington Star suggests that, if a place is to be given to ex-President Cleveland, it would be appropriate to make him fish commissioner. If this job is not available, he might be tendered the chiefship of the dead duck department.

"Want" ads. in The Star pay because they bring answers.

A Queer Place to Drown.

From the Philadelphia Record.

A narrow escape from drowning in a stationary washstand! It seems ridiculous, but such a thing really happened on Saturday night to a patron of George Buzby's barber shop at Harrison and Susquehanna avenues. The man had had a shave, and then called for a shampoo. The barber lathered his head, and after the customary manipulations led the patron to the stationary washstand, and bade him sit down and hold his head over the basin. A stream of hot water was directed upon his soapy head, which the barber continued to rub and maul about. After a few minutes the head struggled violently against the barber's hands, but the barber pushed it back into the basin and continued to pour hot water upon it. Finally the victim kicked the barber violently on the shins, causing the operator to let go his hold. Then the man jumped from his seat with a face as red as a boiled lobster. He was gasping for breath, and it was full two minutes before he could articulate at all. When he did finally regain his speech, he began to swear vigorously. The barber when he realized what the trouble was was profusely apologetic. It was found that the waste pipe in the basin had become stopped up in some manner, and the water filling the basin had almost overwhelmed the victim. What's more, it was scalding hot. The barber apologized some more, and the customer cooled down a bit, but insisted that the shampoo should be finished "dry."

Keep on Coughing if you want to. If you want to cure that cough get Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It cures coughs and colds.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

Colored Woman Jailed on Charge of Infanticide.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., November 5.—Sallie Williams, a colored woman about thirty years of age, was brought here on the midnight train last night and lodged in jail, charged with the murder of her infant child. The murder is alleged to have occurred at Chevy Chase about 9 o'clock last night.

The Williams woman came out from Washington on one of the Chevy Chase electric cars with the baby in her arms, and was seen by several persons acting strangely.

One of the men employed at the power house watched her movements, and saw her go to a house near the lake and ask for a loan of a shovel, claiming that she wished to dig some flowers.

The people in the house thought the woman's actions strange, and refused to grant her request. She was then seen to walk toward the lake and deliberately throw the baby in the water.

The woman was accosted by the man who had been watching her, and asked what she had thrown into the water. She said it was a bundle of rags which she wanted to get rid of. She was arrested at once, and a search was made to determine what the bundle contained. A small dead baby wrapped up in a bundle was found in the water.

The woman was granted a hearing before Justice Claude and committed to the jail to await the action of the grand jury. The man who made the arrest and several employes of the road claim that the body was white.

In conversation with a Star reporter the woman said the child was born dead early Monday morning in Washington. She said the child had been kept in her room at her service place until last night, when she determined to get rid of it.

She admits throwing it into the lake, and says she was crazy at the time, and didn't know what she was doing.

FEVER ON THE DECLINE.

Deaths at New Orleans Today Were Mostly Old Cases.

NEW ORLEANS, November 5.—The community was somewhat shocked this morning over the announcement of seven deaths from yellow fever by 10 o'clock. Though this number of deaths is large, it has not created any excitement, as it is generally conceded that it is the fever's "dying flicker," as one member of the board of health puts it. Five of these deaths have been expected for three days, as they were given up by physicians. Only two new cases were reported up to the same hour.

Business today is booming. The raising of the quarantine in all places where frost has occurred has caused orders to pour in on the merchants, and all is activity now in the mercantile districts.

The fever is on the rapid decline, and by next week it is believed there will be not one new case.

MAY BE COURT-MARTIALED.

Weyler Must Explain the Remarks Recently Credited to Him.

MADRID, November 5.—The Spanish government, as a result of the deliberations of the ministers over the utterances of Gen. Weyler, the former captain general of Cuba, has come to the decision to try him by court-martial, no matter where he lands, if he confirms the accuracy of the press reports of his utterances.

The commanding officers at all the ports of the Spanish kingdom have been instructed to demand of Gen. Weyler the moment he can be communicated with the exact terms of the speech which he delivered in reply to the manifestation at Havana upon the occasion of his embarkation for Spain on Sunday.

The steamer Montserrat, on which Gen. Weyler sailed for Spain on Sunday, on Wednesday, as cabled to the Associated Press, reached Gibara, on the northwest coast of Cuba, with her engines disabled, and may be compelled to return to Havana, in which case it is not unlikely that there will be interesting developments.

EX-GOV. PONDER DEAD.

He Was a Prominent Figure in Politics in Delaware.

WILMINGTON, Del., November 5.—Jas. Ponder, former governor of Delaware, died at his home in Milton, Sussex county, today of paralysis, aged seventy-eight years. He was for years active in state politics as a democrat, served as speaker of the state senate, and was elected governor in 1870, serving four years.

Charles Fair Quits the Turf.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., November 5.—Chas. D. Fair, son of the late Senator J. G. Fair, has announced his retirement from the turf. Mr. Fair has been a liberal patron of racing for several years, but has met with nothing but hard luck. All his horses will be sold.

WORLD'S PATENT LAW

Regulations of Sixteen Leading Nations.

INFORMATION FOR THE INVENTOR

Advantage Taken of the Unwary to Obtain Fees.

HOW PRACTICES DIFFER

The Patent Office Gazette will shortly contain a summary of the patent laws of sixteen of the leading nations of the world. The dissemination of this information, it is thought, will do much to prevent inventors from wasting money upon foreign patents, when they are useless, or issued under such conditions that inventors would not care for them if they knew the real facts concerning them.

Investigations carried on by the United States patent office during the past year have developed the fact that many inventors are misled by attorneys, and persuaded to take out patents in foreign countries, only to discover, after they have parted with their money, that their patents have no real value. In many countries a patent is merely a registration, the courts being depended upon to establish priority of invention if the question is ever raised. A large number of attorneys, it is said, send out circulars every week to all the inventors who are granted patents here, suggesting the advisability of having their inventions protected abroad. Nothing is said in most of these circulars about the fact that unless the application for a patent abroad is filed before the publication of the United States patent reaches the foreign offices it will be useless when granted. In some countries patents are taxed, and unless this tax is paid promptly the patent lapses, but it frequently happens that the inventor knows nothing of this condition, to his great injury.

The summary of patent laws of foreign nations to be published here is taken from La Propriete Industrielle, the official organ of the international bureau for the protection of industrial property. The publication embraces the patent laws of Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Tunis.

Austria and Belgium.

In Austria the following inventions are not given the protection of a patent:

Inventions whose object or use is contrary to the laws, immoral or injurious to health or that tend evidently to lead the public into error; scientific theories or principles as such; inventions whose object is reserved to the monopoly of the state, and inventions bearing on food products and objects of consumption for the human race, medicines and disinfectants, products obtained by chemical means, in so far as the inventions mentioned do not relate to a determined technical process.

A patent is given for fifteen years except in certain case. In order to keep the patent alive an annual tax, ranging from 20 to 340 florins, is provided for, an increased tax being provided as the age of the invention advances. A model is not necessary except it is necessary in describing the invention.

In Belgium the life of a patent granted on an entirely new invention is twenty years, while a patent on an improvement on an invention runs during the life of the original invention.

Brazil and Denmark.

In Brazil patents are taxed annually, the tax increasing during the fifteen years for which they are granted. Patents are granted without preliminary examination, except as relates to food products, chemicals or drugs. In such case the government orders a preliminary secret examination. In case of rejection the applicant may address an appeal to the council of state.

Among inventions not patentable in Denmark are those relating to medicines, food compounds and beverages and those bearing on processes for manufacturing food.

There is also an annual tax on all patents, and unless it is paid the patent lapses.

France and England.

The French government does not grant patents on pharmaceutical compositions or remedies of any kind, nor on plans and combinations of credit or finance. Patents are granted for fifteen years and a tax of 100 francs a year is levied on all patents. Patents are not given on inventions the use of which would be contrary to the laws or to good morals or on food products, objects of consumption and medicines, as well as materials obtained by chemical means, in so far as these inventions do not relate to the process of manufacture. A tax of thirty marks is levied on all patents during the first year with an increased tax during each of the fifteen years of the life of the patent, this tax growing annually by the addition of fifty marks, making it 730 marks in the fifteenth year.

In Great Britain a patent is given for fourteen years. There is an annual tax, five pounds in the fifth year and increasing one pound a year during the life of the patent.

Other Countries.

In Hungary no patent is granted relating to objects necessary for the development of the force of the army or the navy if the minister of commerce opposes the granting of the patent, bearing upon theories and scientific theories as such, or for food products and medicines, though the process of manufacture of these products is patentable. Fifteen years is the life of the patent, the annual tax increasing yearly from 40 to 500 crowns.

Medicines are not patentable in Italy. Fifteen years is the period during which a patent runs, and there is an annual tax.

An invention regarded as "contrary to public morals" is generally not patentable, and in most countries patents of improvements on existing inventions continue during the life of the inventions. Models are not required unless specially necessary for a proper understanding of the invention. The United States patent office advises inventors not to attempt to take out their own patents, but to employ a competent attorney in order that their papers may be drawn in such form as to give them the maximum of protection for their inventions.

BLIGHTED HUSBAND'S LIFE.

Charge of Recreancy Preferred Against Mrs. Janey Kees.

Samuel Kees in applying today for divorce from Janey Kees states that his wife, whom he married here August 20, 1878, has told him that she is tired of him; that she no longer cares to have him live with her, and that she "wishes to rove in wider and sweeter fields, having no love for him, his presence being distasteful to her and his voice no longer being music to her ear."

Mr. Kees declares, through Attorney W. Preston Williamson, that a Frost, one Robert M., has blighted the flowers of his domestic life, charging that he left his wife the 9th of last February because of her alleged infidelity with said Frost. Furthermore, Mr. Kees charges Mrs. Kees with blowing hot and cold, in that in the latter part of last year she made a desperate attempt to cover him with boiling water through the medium of a large kettle. Therefore Mr. Kees believes that he is entitled to the divorce for which he prays.

Bushels of Oysters on a Buoy.

From the Baltimore Sun.

While the Menhaden fishing steamer Lizzie Coulbourn was fishing off Old Plantation light, in about twelve fathoms of water, their net hung on an obstacle, which, when drawn to the surface, proved to be a government can buoy, with anchor and chain all intact. It was covered with oysters of about two years' growth, the crew getting about five bushels from it. From scraping and rusting the paint and number were obliterated. The buoy and anchor were towed into shoal water about two miles south of Old Plantation light, and there the buoy was anchored afloat.

AFFAIRS IN ALEXANDRIA

John Nelson Released by Reason of a Technicality.

Annual Games at the Episcopal High School—General News of Interest Down the River.

Evening Star Bureau,
No. 525 King St.,
Bell Telephone No. 106.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., November 5, 1897.

John Nelson of Jackson City, who was charged with having killed a negro named Hines in his saloon at Jackson City February 20, 1896, at the same time wounding two others, was acquitted yesterday on a technicality. He was indicted by the grand jury in all three cases and committed to jail. After being in jail for a while, he was admitted to bail. While out he made a bluff at repentance and "pretended" to the Citizens' League that he would expose all the gambling and gamblers in the county. On his information warrants were sworn out, but his bondsmen got him, returned him to jail and withdrew their surety. Nelson had not been back in jail very long before he gave up connection with the Citizens' League, refusing to have anything further to say. Shortly after this Lawyer John H. Greene went before J. H. Lane, a colored justice of the peace for Alexandria county, and prepared a bond in the sum of $5,000, on which Mr. Greene, a man named Kelley and one "Cot" Nelson became the sureties. When the time came for Nelson to answer this recognizance, it was found that he had left for other parts.

This recognizance was afterward declared null and void. The fact that Nelson had departed was never made a matter of record in the court, and it was on this account that Nelson was released on a special plea by the jury yesterday afternoon, as the Virginia law says that no criminal can be held for trial after four terms of the court have elapsed, and it was on this plea that the case went to the jury yesterday afternoon, and they found for the defendant. In view of this fact the commonwealth caused a nolle pros. to be entered in the other cases.

It appears that no entry was made on the records of the court showing that after the recognizance was declared void Nelson was out of jail, and no record was made of why he was not tried.

There was a capias issued for Nelson's arrest by Judge J. K. M. Norton of the corporation court, but when he was released by the county court there was no officer of the corporation court present to arrest him, and he went on his way unmolested.

Episcopal High School Games.

Tomorrow at the Episcopal High School, near this city, the annual athletic games will be held, if it is a clear day. These sports are very interesting and many from this city always attend them, the fair sex being largely represented. The sports will commence at 10 a.m.

Police Court Cases.

In the police court this morning Mayor Simpson disposed of the following cases: James Banks, charged with shooting a gun in the corporation limits, was fined $1. Frank Wanzer and Virginia Nelson, charged with disorderly conduct, were dismissed. Kossuth Williams, charged with keeping an unlicensed dog, was fined $1 and made to take out a license. William Quill and Lettie Quill, disorderly conduct, were fined $2.50 each.

City School Board.

There was a regular meeting of the city school board in Peabody building last night. Col. Francis L. Smith was re-elected chairman and Mr. Hubert Snowden clerk. Considerable business of a routine nature was transacted.

Gymnasium Instructor.

The Brotherhood Gymnasium has again secured the services of Prof. Horan of Washington as instructor, and he will begin his classes next Tuesday night. All members are expected to be present.

General and Personal News.

There will be a mass meeting of colored republicans Monday night to demand federal patronage.

The fall term of the Alexandria county circuit court convenes Monday.

Mr. F. L. Entwisle, who has been ill with typhoid fever, is able to be out again.

Special services are being held nightly at the Second Presbyterian Church.

The will of the late French Smoot has been admitted to probate in the corporation court, with his wife, to whom he left his estate, as executrix.

Mechanics' Lodge, K. of P., held a regular meeting last night.

The parliament officers of the Prudent Patricians of Pompeii, a new fraternal insurance order, have been in the city making arrangements for the formation of a phalanx for the state of Virginia.

The regular monthly meeting of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company was held at the engine house last night, with a large attendance. Business of importance to members was transacted.

DISTRICT RAILROAD CROSSINGS.

Position of the Commissioners Upon the Subject.

According to the records, it seems to be a difficult matter to ascertain how the Commissioners stand on the grade-crossing subject. On the one hand, they are fighting for the abolition of grade crossings, while on the other, bound by the action of a former board, they are in the position of indorsing such conditions.

The Commissioners are on record as opposed to grade crossings along the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio railroads, and even now are making a big fight to improve the railroad conditions in South Washington. Yet the second section of the street extension plans, now before them for recommendation to the highway commission upon the protests received by that body during the public hearings, show upward of 100 grade crossings along the line of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad which traverse this section.

The present board of Commissioners does not approve the action of its predecessor in this respect, and will, it is said, do its utmost to obtain permission from the highway commission to amend the plans in such manner as to abolish grade crossings.

Both branches of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad traverse the second section, and from the boundary to the District line, according to the approved plans of the Commissioners, will be obliged to make in the neighborhood of one hundred grade crossings.

On the main road, reaching from Mt. Olivet road to the District line, a distance of about two miles, there will be under the present plans about forty grade crossings, while the line of the Metropolitan branch from Florida avenue to the District boundary, a distance of five miles, there will be a total of fifty grade crossings. This puts the crossings between 300 and 400 feet apart.

It is the purpose of the Commissioners, it is understood, to ask permission of the highway commission to submit several changes in the map before the same is made a matter of official record. They realize the importance of making provision at this time for an abolition of grade crossings, and desire to incorporate into this map such a provision.

Disinfecting a Water System.

From the London Times.

On Saturday night, under the personal supervision of Dr. Sims Woodhead, the eminent bacteriologist, the reservoir and mains of the Farleigh area of water supply at Maidstone were disinfected with a solution of chloride of lime. About ten tons of the lime were mixed in the reservoir with 200,000 gallons of water, and afterward the mains throughout the town were charged at full pressure with the solution. At a certain hour the liquid was allowed to flow through the whole of the house connections in the districts concerned, and eventually the solution left in the mains was got rid of through the various fire hydrants in the streets. In an interview during the disinfecting operations Dr. Woodhead stated that there was no possible danger of typhoid germs remaining in the water pipes after the completion of the process.

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FULL OF GOOD READING.

The Big Saturday Star Tomorrow Will Be a Literary Treat.

In the big Saturday Star this week there will be a number of articles that are sure to attract and hold the attention of the readers. Noteworthy among these is one descriptive of a recent visit, made by a Star correspondent, to the leper colony on the Island of Molokai, one of the Hawaiian group. On this picturesque little spot in the Pacific ocean live more than a thousand of these pitiable wrecks of humanity, men, women and children, who cannot but realize that their days are numbered. Yet withal, they are not altogether cheerless nor deprived of all the pleasures of life, and the article in The Star tomorrow is not a morbid disquisition on the disease, but a graphic description of the life on the island as the writer saw it. Another article pictures the work that is involved in the designing of a great modern battleship. Few people realize what an immense undertaking it is to prepare plans for one of these huge floating fortresses from the time that Congress makes the appropriation for the purpose down to the time the contract is let to the builder. The article tells in a picturesque way of the problems that confront the designer and the manner in which these problems are solved. Some of the articles, timely and readable, are as follows:

WINTER AT THE ZOO (Illustrated).
The provision that is made for the comfort of the animals during the chilly season and the way they look forward to the coming of cold weather.

THE MISSING PRINCE (Illustrated).
A clever piece of fiction, the scene of which is laid in North Africa. Written for The Star by Major Arthur Griffiths.

THE RUSSIAN BLOUSE (Illustrated).
The uses to which this most popular of garments can be put are told by one who really ought to be an authority on the subject—the leading costumer of St. Petersburg.

NOVEMBER HEAVENS (Illustrated).
Hints for amateur astronomers, the story of the lost Pleiad and the next annual recurrence of the meteoric shower.

A BIG UNDERTAKING (Illustrated).
To design a modern battleship calls for a deal of very close figuring.

AT A HOUSE PARTY (Illustrated).
The Star's New York correspondent gives a number of fashion hints that were picked up recently at one of these social gatherings.

ARE REAL LEADERS.
The men who control legislation in the Senate; what they think of each other does not always agree with the public estimate.

WOMEN AND HORSES.
Something about the coming big show in New York, where both will be on exhibition.

DRAW GOOD SALARIES.
Several thousand colored men and women are in Uncle Sam's employ and hold positions of honor and trust.

SEEING PARIS INCOG.
Sterling Heilig tells how bored the King of Siam was on his first visit and why he enjoyed himself better the second time.

WAS LIKE OTHER MEN.
Alexander of Russia had a fondness for mint juleps, even though he was the czar.

Old Colonial Well Discovered.

From the Philadelphia Times.

While making an excavation for an electric light conduit in Independence Square lately the workmen uncovered an old well, which proved to be in an excellent state of preservation. An examination of it later demonstrated the fact that it is twenty-five feet deep and three and a half feet in diameter. The walls are strongly constructed of hand-made brick, not one of which is out of place, and the cement used shows no signs of disintegration. When the work on old Independence Hall was begun in 1722 four of these wells were sunk in the square, and at first were equipped with the old-fashioned chain and bucket operated on a windlass, but later on they were walled up and pumps put into them, and it was from these, especially the one lately uncovered, that the Continental Congress took its drinks between the acts.

The well is located about twelve feet in front of the main entrance of Independence Hall into the square, and formerly two watch towers stood on each side. One of these is now in the possession of C. J. Smith of Germantown, and there is in the city, if not the pump used in this well in colonial days, one of the same pattern. The unearthing of this old well, which has been arched over perhaps seventy-five years and forgotten, has led the city authorities to the determination to give it a new lease of life, as closely resembling its former state as may be possible. It is true the Indians will not be recalled to sit around it and smoke the pipe of peace as of yore, but it will be cleaned and a marble slab will be placed over it.

The old colonial pump will be reinstated, while its ancient and long-separated friend, the old watch tower, will be placed to one side of it, looking as it did when they parted company seventy years ago. On the other side will be erected a watch tower, which art will do her best to make resemble the genuine one of colonial days, which will complete the picture with the exception of the Indians.

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