

PICNICKERS HEMMED IN BY RING OF FIRE

Wounded Up on Mountain Top in Indian Territory for Nearly Two Days.

SURROUNDED BY WILD BEASTS,

Animals, Maddened by Thirst, Fight Feroceously—Fervent Prayer Followed by Rain That Put Out Flames.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Cookson, I. T., March 15.—Hemmed in by an impassable circle of fire, with all the kinds of animals, both wild and tame, to be found in the Indian Territory for company, was the lot of a party of picnickers on Mount Cookson, a circular mountain, rising solitary in the valley of the Illinois River, four miles north of this place.

There has long been a resort for pleasure-seekers, its location and configuration rendering it almost an ideal spot. Almost a perfect circle, its base is nearly two miles in circumference, and its slope, covered by the thick, primeval forest, extends gradually upward for nearly a level top, where it ends in a perfectly level plateau, entirely denuded of timber, of several acres in extent.

The crowning glory of the peak is a spring of black sulphur water, bubbling up near the center of the plateau. Long anterior to the advent of the Cherokees, the present owners of this country, it had been discovered and its virtues appreciated by the primitive people who then inhabited this region.

The morning passed away from some of the clouds, and the sun's rays grew dim and that an odor of burning wood filled the air. Clouds of smoke rolled up the mountain slope, the alarm given by the party quickly made preparations to abandon the mountain, but when they reached the edge of the slope they found themselves surrounded by a ring of fire.

Soon they saw they had other dangers to contend against beside fire. The latter, extending entirely around the base of the mountain, had caught in a net all manner of creeping things and beasts. Over the mountain top came, muzzling, deer, wood wolves and wildcats, with the close behind came a stampede of buffalo and the roar of a herd of bison.

The party of picnickers realized their danger and rapidly proceeded to close all apertures capable of affording ingress to the fire, which, fortunately, was not very strong, and a struggle was made of thick pumice. There were a few holes in the walls of the temple, so placed as to be unapproachable by the reptiles, which sought to penetrate the party within to view their terrifying surroundings.

As night drew on the flames crept closer and closer to the summit, and the red glare from the burning forest east an unearthly radiance over the scene. The air grew thick and stifling, and the heat grew more intense and the lack of water more apparent, they began to fight for the mountain slope. The alarm given by the wolves and wild cats seemed to rouse to their ferocious instincts.

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Long, fervently, earnestly and beseechingly they prayed for the help so badly needed. Then came the cooling rain, and it rained as if the windows of heaven were opened. The fire was extinguished, and the weary, white, blistered, burned, but still alive, the entire party were accosted by their rejoicing friends.

TOOK THE HINT. Friend Told Him to Change His Food. Once in a while one can serve a friend and win a life-long obligation by a little bit of help. In a week's time I lost my stomach, and I was told by a very good friend that I should change my food. I have stuck fast to Grape-Nuts. Now I weigh nine pounds more and am steadily improving. Grape-Nuts has a sweet effect on the system and makes me feel bright and alive, as though they were well nourished. A healthy man would be proud of me. The price of Grape-Nuts is within reach of all. But I consider it worth its weight in gold. John Haywood, 301 Aspen st., Philadelphia, Pa.

Big Curtain Sale

Put new Lace Curtains at your windows for Easter. You will save about 40 per cent by buying here in this sale.

- COME AND SEE THEM
485 pairs fine quality Nottingham Curtains, with buttonhole edge, 3 1/2 yards long, worth \$1.75 pair; Sale Price \$1.00
1 lot Ruffled Swiss Curtains, in white with colored band, in blue, green or red, worth \$1.50 pair; Sale Price \$1.00
320 pairs fine quality Nottingham Lace Curtains, with buttonhole edge, 3 1/2 yards long, worth \$2.25 pair; Sale Price \$1.25
1 lot Bobbinet Ruffled Curtains, on good quality net, with wide lace edge and insertion, worth \$2.50 pair; Sale Price \$1.39
610 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, with buttonhole edge, 3 1/2 yards long, worth \$3.00 pair; Sale Price \$1.75
380 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, elegant floral and Empire designs, worth \$3.50 pair; Sale Price \$2.00
275 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, new effects, worth \$4.00 pair; Sale Price \$2.50
90 pairs Real Irish Point Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, made on fine bobbinet, worth \$6.30 pair; Sale Price \$3.50
260 pairs Real Irish Point Curtains, in novelty effects, 3 1/2 yards long, worth \$9.50 pair; Sale Price \$4.50
175 pairs Real Irish Point Curtains, in all-over designs; also, new art patterns; worth \$9.50 pair; Sale Price \$6.00
In connection with this sale we will put on sale Monday:
600 Lace Curtain Stretchers, with nickel pins and center support, size 8x12 feet, worth \$1.00; Sale Price 69 cents

St. Louis

If you live outside of the city of St. Louis send at once for our

Spring and Summer Catalogue

a 128-page book, fully illustrating the latest fashions. Mailed free on application.

Mens Night Shirts

An Unprecedented Offering Monday. "Men's Cambric Night Shirts" at 50 Cents. This is an Advance Sale—A manufacturer wanted room, so we took the goods at our own price—

In the Cloak and Suit Room

Gowns and Wraps

Correct styles for spring are all here. It will be an easy matter for you to make your selections now. Don't wait till the very last minute

To Buy That Easter Gown

Alterations that may be needed require time to be properly done. Give us all the time you can. Whether it be a \$10.00 suit or a \$200.00 costume, the sooner you get it the better pleased you'll be.

It is easy to select from such a grand stock as we carry, because we have the correct styles and plenty of them, at whatever price you want to pay. Ours is one of the largest Cloak and Suit Rooms in America.

Tailor-Made Suits. We will enumerate here only two or three of the twelve or fifteen hundred styles we carry. A Blouse Suit of the new Etamine Cloth or Nun's Veiling, trimmed with moire revers and cuffs, also a foot trimming of three moire bands on skirt, made over a drop skirt lining, in three colors and seven sizes. Price only \$15.00

A Blouse Suit of fine Broadcloth, Cheviot or Venetian Cloth, made entirely over fine Taffeta Silk, colors black, blue, castor or tan; all sizes. Price only \$20.00

A Ripple Skirt Eton Suit, of finest soft imported men's wear cheviot, made entirely over best taffeta silk, fancy revers of two-toned French basket braids, colors black, gray, wood-brown or castor; 32 to 42 inst. Price only \$25.00

Calling, Reception Gowns and Co-tunes—Every lady ought to have one of these dressy gowns, just because they are the correct and necessary thing to have. We show these in an endless variety of styles, colors and fabrics—no two exactly alike. We warrant you could not duplicate any one of them for double our prices. They range from \$25 up to \$150

Misses' Suits. We make a great showing of suits for misses and small women, both long and short skirt. Girls of 15 to 18 can be fitted in the noblest and most stylish suit imaginable at from \$10 up to \$65

One style in particular is extremely good—a blouse of fine All-Wool Suitings. Green, tan, blue. The coat and skirt are trimmed with a lot of the latest fashioning in three colors and seven sizes. Price only \$21.50

Silk Etons. We offer this week one lot Ladies' and Misses' nobby silk Eton Coats, all over fine tucks and all satin lined. Price only \$5.00

Long Silk Coats. Raglans, both loose and tight fitting, of fine taffeta silk, rich and entirely new effects, such as will not be seen again in St. Louis when these are gone. Prices from \$10 to \$29.75

Separate Skirts. We will put on sale this week the following unparalleled values:

300 Ladies' Swell Skirts of all-wool Homespun Cloth, grays or Oxford colors, trimmed with wide bands of fine satin all around, at each \$2.95

Great Spring House-Cleaning Sale

Absolutely Free. Come Early

THE first 600 customers purchasing goods in our store Monday will receive a coupon entitling them to two (2) packages of Fairbank's Gold Dust. Take the coupon to the basement and receive 2 packages Fairbank's Gold Dust free of cost.

Laundry Soaps—In Basement.

5,000 cakes Fairbank's "Mascot" Laundry Soap, worth 5c each. House-Cleaning Sale Price 2 1/2 cents

5,000 cakes J. G. Haas' "Ovallette" Laundry Soap, worth 5c each. House-Cleaning Sale Price 3 cents

5,000 cakes Proctor & Gamble's "Lenox" Laundry Soap, worth 5c each. House-Cleaning Sale Price 3 cents

15,000 cakes Proctor & Gamble's Ivory Soap—"it floats"—two sizes—5c sizes for 3c each 10c sizes for 6c each

10,000 cakes Fairbank's "Fairy" Soap—the sort that floats—worth 5c each—House-Cleaning Sale Price 3 cents

2,500 packages Fairbank's "Gold Dust"—regular 25c package—House-Cleaning Sale Price 3 cents

1,500 in large-size Fairbank's "Gold Dust"—regular 25c size—House-Cleaning Sale Price 17 cents

5,500 cakes Bell Mfg. Co.'s "Star Cleaner"—regular price 5c each—House-Cleaning Sale Price 3 cents

3,000 large bars American Castile Soap—regular price 25c bar—House-Cleaning Sale Price 19 cents

Sponges. 10c Bleached Sponges, 5 cents 15c Bleached Sponges, 10 cents 35c Bleached Sponges, 25 cents

Whisk Brooms—main floor—especially select for cleaning house, etc. 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c each

Feather Dusters—main floor—full count, all quality Turkey Dusters at 25c, 30c and 35c each

Fine Carriage or Janitor Dusters—At 40c, 50c, 75c and 85c each

Bell Ostrich Bristles for fine furniture—At 45c, 75c and 95c each

Best American Chamois, first-class skins—5c Chamois for 2 1/2 cents 8c Chamois for 5 cents 12c Chamois for 8 cents 15c Chamois for 10 cents 20c Chamois for 15 cents

Oil-based Chamois—extra heavy, tough and strong, and long finished in oil, they remain soft and pliable—at 4c, 40c, 45c and 50c each.

Ammonia—Nugent's medium quality, 5c bottle Nugent's full gallow, 15c bottle Nugent's extra quality, 9c bottle Nugent's full gallow, 35c bottle

1,000 large bottles "Ammonia" for house-cleaning—worth 20c—House-Cleaning Sale Price 10 cents

Sapo-Elixir—Main Floor. A dry fluid for cleaning cloth of all kinds, gloves, leather goods, etc.—removes grease, paint, oil and stains from silks, satins, cloths, etc.—two sizes. 8-ounce bottle for .15 cents 8-ounce bottle for .25 cents

"Politura." A non-acid, dry fluid polish for metal, mirrors, glass and polishing furniture and hardware. 15 cents 8-ounce bottle for 25 cents

Expert explanation of Sapo-Elixir and Politura—Toilet Article Counter, main floor.

Rubber Gloves. Save the hands from the rough work of house cleaning. Stout Rubber Gloves—Sizes 7, 8 and 9 for \$1.00 Sizes 10 and 11 \$1.15

Sofa Pillow Covers. 2,000 Factory Remnants of Tapestries—Hardly any two alike and just enough in each piece for a pillow top or chair seat. Tapestry worth from \$1.75 to \$5.00 a yard. Collection divided into 3 great lots—

Lot 1—Your choice 15c Each Lot 2—Your choice 25c Each Lot 3—Your choice 35c Each

None sold to dealers and not over 6 pieces to a customer.

B. NUGENT & CO. DRY GOOD CO., Broadway Washington Avenue and St. Charles Street.

INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE VITALLY INTERESTED.

Death of Cecil Rhodes Would Mean Loss of Many Thousands of Pounds to Lloyds and Other Firms.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. London, March 15.—(Copyright, 1902.) The course of Cecil Rhodes's illness has been followed with more than a sentimental interest by the underwriters of Lloyds, who, according to Fair Play, have effected insurance on his life at six months. Thirty guineas per cent was the original quotation, but, with more favorable news, it dropped to twenty guineas, only to be doubled with the unfavorable news which came to hand last Tuesday, and to be kept up to that high figure.

Insurance against smallpox is becoming a less remote risk, if Lloyds is to be taken as a barometer. Residents of some districts are being asked to pay 40 shillings per cent.

FISHERMEN FOUND IN A DORY.

Their Schooner Goes to Pieces on an Island. Victoria, British Columbia, March 15.—The fishing schooner Wanda of Seattle, which left Wrangle for the Sound port on February 28, is a total wreck, off Abousett. She is broken to pieces on one of the outer islands.

Her crew of five, under Captain Olsen, arrived here at midnight by the steamer Josephine Cohar, which picked them up in a dory on the coast. They saved themselves in the dory, as the schooner was in the breakers, and next morning she broke to match wood on the rocks.

TO CONSIDER THE BOER WAR.

Democratic House Caucus Called for Next Wednesday. Washington, March 15.—The chairman of the House Democratic caucus, Representative Hay of Virginia, to-day published a call for a caucus next Wednesday night in the hall of the House to consider the question of the Boer War. The petition for the caucus was presented to Mr. Hay contained the names of forty Democratic members.

"Four Cohans" Ask for Receiver. New York, March 15.—A petition has been filed in the Circuit Court by George M. Cohan, Jerry Cohan, Ellen F. Cohan and Josephine Cohan, who wish to be appointed receiver of the public as "The Four Cohans," asking for the appointment of a receiver for

SALE OF ISLANDS MEETS POSITION IN DENMARK.

Friends' Treaty Believe It Will Be Ratified, However, Without Calling Plebiscite. Copenhagen, March 15.—The president of the Danish West India and Greenland Company, who is opposed to the sale of the Danish West Indian islands to the United States, seems inclined to give up his position in the treaty. He has called the first meeting of the land-owners for March 12.

The press criticizes his attitude on the subject, and a few of the president's own party will support the Government, thus assuring the ratification of the treaty, without a plebiscite, by a small majority.

HOHENZOLLERN SOUVENIRS.

Each Sailor on the Kaiser's Yacht Will Receive a Medal. New York, March 15.—Medals for all the sailors on the Kaiser's yacht Hohenzollern are to be presented to Admiral von Budden, by the German Krugerman of this city in commemoration of the yacht's visit.

The medals are to be of bronze. On the obverse side the statues of Germania and Victoria are surmounted by the inscription, "Glory to God, peace on earth, good will toward man."

RICH MERCHANT CONVICTED.

Marco Bragna of San Antonio Received Stolen Property. San Antonio, Tex., March 15.—Marco Bragna, a merchant of considerable wealth, has been convicted of receiving stolen property, and gets ten years in the Penitentiary. Bragna was connected with the organized gang which has been pilfering Southwest Texas towns for years and which was recently broken up.

STRIKE SEEMS TO BE AVERTED.

Cotton Manufacturers Agree to Give Higher Wages. Fall River, Mass., March 15.—The threatened strike of the cotton mill operatives here apparently has been averted. Although the manufacturers and labor leaders held a fruitless conference early in

SELLING OUT

PIANO BARGAINS. Not a complete list, but enough to make it interesting.

IRVING, Mahogany, \$125.00 GILBERT, Oak case, \$179.00 SCHULHOFF, Oak case, \$165.00

CHICKERING, STARR, YONK, BRAUMILLER, BROTHER, WINDSOR.

JESSE FRENCH PIANO AND ORGAN CO., THE S. A. FIELD STAND. 1108-OLIVE-1108 THE S. A. FIELD STAND.

the forenoon, at which the mill men refused to yield to the demand for a 10 per cent increase, later in the day several of the leading concerns posted notices that the advance would be granted on Monday.

AMUSING INCIDENT AT QUEEN VICTORIA'S COURT.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. London, March 15.—(Copyright, 1902.) Apropos of the first court of the new reign, some of the papers print an amusing anecdote. The incident happened at a court held by Queen Victoria, when the custom was for the sovereign to kiss each person on the cheek.

Two ladies bearing the same name were presented, one the wife of a peer, the head of his family, the other the wife of his younger brother. The Queen, hearing the name, bent forward to bestow the customary embrace, without noticing that the younger brother's wife had preceded her sister-in-law. The matter of ceremony intervened and cried in agonized tones: "Don't kiss her, your Majesty, don't kiss her, she's not a lady."

HANDORGAN TOLD HIM RESULTS OF RACES.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Paris, March 15.—(Copyright, 1902.)—A clandestine betting agent, prosecuted for

Laces and Embroideries

A New York Importer offered us a lot of Venise Appliques Trimming Laces, greatly below market value and we will have them on our counters Monday morning, and while they last will be sold at the following prices:

- Trimming Laces—worth up to 5c a yard, for 33 cents
Trimming Laces—worth up to 8c a yard, for 45 cents
Black All-Silk Dress Net—worth \$1.10 yard, 45 inches wide, for 75 cents

ALL-OVER EMBROIDERIES

Coming through the flooded districts of Pennsylvania during the recent floods some were slightly damaged by being wet. So we will sell embroideries that were brought to sell for 75c a yard Monday at 39 cents

Cambric and Nainsook Flouncing Embroideries—12 1/2 cents at 15 cents and

LACE DRESS ROBES

Manufacturer's consignment of 50 Lace and Embroidery Robes with our own large assortment AT ASTONISHING LOW PRICES.

- \$2.50 Embroidered Dress Robes for \$4.75 The skirts are cut latest
\$9.00 Grass Linen Embroidered Dress Robes at \$6.75 Parisian style and are ready
\$12.00 Swiss Muslin Embroidered Dress Robes at \$13.75 to put into the band. Material and trimming for
\$22.00 Black Lace Dress Robes at \$21.75
\$25.00 Ponceau Silk Dress Robes at \$25.75 waists are included.

Our Annual Towel Sale

Huck Towels, Damask Towels, Hemmed Towels, Hemstitched Towels, Knotted Fringed Towels—Towels for the bathroom, towels for the bedroom, towels for the kitchen towels for the laundry—thousands of dozens to select from; without question the greatest money-saving Towel sale ever in St. Louis.

Prices Just a Trifle Over Half of the Regular Selling Prices.

IN THIS SALE ARE

Turkish Bath Towels that are worth 19 cents each; sale price 12 1/2 cents

Hemmed and Hemstitched Huck Towels, worth 21c each; sale price 12 1/2 cents

Hemstitched and Hemmed Huck Towels and Knotted Fringed Damask Towels that are worth 25 cents; sale price 17 cents

Hemstitched and Hemmed Huck and Knotted Fringed Damask Towels, worth 35 cents; sale price 19 cents

Fine Hemstitched Huck Towels, beautiful damask effects, worth 50c each; sale price 25 cents

Mens Jewelry

Special sale of Jewelry for Men at the Jewelry Counter, main aisle.

Mens' Watch Fobs, with gold plated pendant mountings—this week 10 cents

Special lot of handsome Fobs, better qualities, at \$1.25, \$2.50, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$40.00, \$45.00, \$50.00, \$55.00, \$60.00, \$65.00, \$70.00, \$75.00, \$80.00, \$85.00, \$90.00, \$95.00, \$100.00

Mens' Watch Chains. Rich Rolled Gold Plated Watch Chains: single chains, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00, \$13.00, \$14.00, \$15.00, \$16.00, \$17.00, \$18.00, \$19.00, \$20.00, \$21.00, \$22.00, \$23.00, \$24.00, \$25.00, \$26.00, \$27.00, \$28.00, \$29.00, \$30.00, \$31.00, \$32.00, \$33.00, \$34.00, \$35.00, \$36.00, \$37.00, \$38.00, \$39.00, \$40.00, \$41.00, \$42.00, \$43.00, \$44.00, \$45.00, \$46.00, \$47.00, \$48.00, \$49.00, \$50.00

Collar Buttons. Best Quality Rolled Gold Plate, 10c Buttons for 5 cents 25c Buttons for 10 cents 50c Solid Gold Back for 25 cents

Cuff Buttons. An immense assortment—25c Cuff Buttons, 15 cents 50c Cuff Buttons, 25 cents 75c Cuff Buttons, 40 cents 1.00 Cuff Buttons, 75 cents

Scarf Pins. Solid Gold Mounted, at 75c, 50c, 35c and 25 cents Solid Gold, at \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00

Kitchen Utensils

HAVING THIS TRADE MARK

(burned in the enamel) are Safe We claim purity and Safety and Substantiate this claim with Chemists' Certificate.

Note the blue label used by us (and fully substantiated by recent U.S. Circuit Court decision) to distinguish our absolutely pure Agate Nickel-Steel Ware. This label is put on every piece of genuine Agate Ware.

Doublet showing face-plate of our label, etc. free to any address.

LALAN & GROSJEAN MFG. CO. NEW YORK BOSTON CHICAGO

ARE SAFE.

gambling, has just told a curious story of how his customers swindled him.

One of them received the result of the races by pigeon post and then rushed to an organ-grinder stationed under the windows of a betting agency. Each horse in the race was represented by a tune, and the winner was thus easily indicated, while the bookmaker the agency backed it before giving the result of the race.

McKINLEY LEAGUE CLUB—The seventh annual entertainment and dance at the South St. Louis corner Hotel, Tennis and Carroll streets, to-night. An interesting programme has been arranged.