

Men at Seventy.

Several men over seventy, who are yet prominent in different fields of labor, have recently been interviewed upon the subject of their ages. Here is what "Tama Jim" Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, has to say, and we like what he says better than what any of the others had to say.

Gasoline Motor Cars for Railway Use.

The Scientific American of the 13th inst. says that, "An extremely interesting innovation in railway passenger transportation in this country will be inaugurated this month during which, it is announced, the Union Pacific Railroad will place in service twelve gasoline railway motor cars. The cars are intended for branch line traffic, where the fast and frequent service required cannot be maintained by ordinary trains, except at a loss."

Trial by Battle Better Than Unwritten Law.

In the early history of the common law, trial by battle was recognized by the courts of England, and the convicted criminal had the right, as a last resort, to fight his accusers. In such cases the judge ordered a field to be prepared, and named the weapons to be used, ordinarily swords.

Resolution of Respect.

The following resolutions were adopted at the state convention of county sheriffs held at Cedar Rapids July 17th and 18th. WHEREAS, Our esteemed friend and brother sheriff T. J. Hennessy, of Delaware County, Iowa, died on or about the 24th day of September, 1906, and

Congressman Smith Sees Danger in Our Dual Form of Government.

Congressman Walter I. Smith, of Council Bluffs, read one of the principal papers at the recent meeting of the State Bar Association at Des Moines, and took the position that there was a defect in our form of government, which might jeopardize our peace with foreign nations.

Thorpe.

Joe Chambers is assisting Bert Bowers with harvesting. Mrs. G. Stuessi and Miss Kuthlow visited with Mrs. J. B. Robertson Sunday. Miss Lily White called on Mrs. Martin last Friday.

Weather-Crop Bulletin.

For week ending July 22, 1907. Des Moines, Iowa. The week was seasonal in temperature, and tropical in respect to humidity, cloudiness and rainfall. Thunderstorms were of daily occurrence in some portions of the state, and in extended areas heavy damage resulted from torrential showers, severe wind squalls and lightning. All observers report an excess of moisture and saturated condition of the soil, causing loss of crops on low lands by flooding, and delaying farm work in corn, meadows and grain fields.

Why Not Abolish the Written Law?

Gov. Vardaman of Mississippi in the Birdsong case decides that a woman is justified in murdering her paramour if he gets drunk and reveals their relations. Why not repeal the written law and depend entirely on the unwritten law? Then the country could dispense with the President and Congress, with Legislatures, judges, courts, sheriffs and police, while each person enacted his own law and enforced it with a shotgun. Why waste all this money on a superfluous thing like government?

The Picket Guard.

During the day of the rebellion, the dispatch "All's quiet along the Potomac," was frequently published in the newspapers of the North. One day, during those never-to-be-forgotten times, the following pathetic poem appeared in a newspaper which the writer got at the Camp-ton postoffice in Richland township. He cannot now remember the name of the author, but the words of the author are not yet forgotten.

DEATH OF PROF. HELPRIN

Leader of the Peary Relief Expedition in 1892 Succumbs to Tropical Fever. Philadelphia, July 18.—Professor Angelo Helprin, the noted scientist, who made his home in this city, is dead at the home of his sister, Mrs. Adolph Loveman Central Park West, New York city. Professor Helprin had been ill for eight weeks with a tropical fever which he contracted in South America several years ago. He was 54 years old and a bachelor. Angelo Helprin, known as the leader of the Peary relief expedition in 1892, was born in Hungary in 1853. He came to the United States when he was 3 years old, but was educated abroad, making a special study of natural history.

CASPAR GOODRICH IS LAID TO REST

Funeral of the Lieutenant Held at Stone Church, N. J.—Midshipman Caspar Goodrich, U. S. Navy, died at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goodrich, of Stone Church, N. J., on the morning of July 20. He was 24 years of age. He was a member of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., where he was killed in the explosion of the turret of the battleship Georgia in 1904. He is the tenth man to die as a result of the powder explosion in the turret of the Georgia during target practice in Cape Cod bay last Monday.

BILLIK IS DUE TO HANO

Chicago Jury Finds Him Guilty of the Murder of the Vzal Family. Chicago, July 19.—Herman Billik, who has been on trial charged with the murder by poison of Adolph Vzal and five of his children, has been found guilty and the jury fixed his sentence at death. Vzal and his children all died within a few moments of each other under suspicious circumstances.

Convicted of Land Grabbing.

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 22.—In the United States district court E. M. Holbrook, a millionaire, E. E. Lonbaugh, a prominent attorney, and Robert McPhillamy, a well known business man of Sheridan, were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States government of coal lands in Sheridan county. The maximum penalty on each of the two counts on which the men were tried is two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$10,000.

Mrs. Magill's Body Exhumed.

London, July 19.—Under protection of an armed guard, officials of DeWitt county late at night exhumed the body of Mrs. Pet Gandy Magill from her resting place in Woodlawn cemetery. The internal organs are now in a Chicago laboratory. Upon the autopsy in progress depends the fate of Frederick H. Magill, ex-bank official, who is accused with his bride, Faye Graham Magill, of killing his first wife.

Judge Hargis Goes Free.

Louisville, Ky., July 22.—A special judge from Sandy Hook, Ky., says Judge Moody instructed the jury in the case of James Hargis, on trial for complicity in the assassination of Dr. B. D. Cox, to acquit the prisoner. This is the last case against Hargis for alleged complicity in the Breathitt county crimes, and Hargis walked from the court room a free man.

Out For the Dust.

Eva—Have you decided to accept the young man, Katharine? Katharine—No. At present I look upon him merely as a pack of cards. Eva—A pack of cards? Katharine—Yes. If he has the long green I shall make a deal. Eva—And if he has not? Katharine—Then I shall cut him.—Chicago News.

BLOODSHED AT SEOUL

Twenty-Five Japs Killed During Disturbances at the Capital of Korea. EMPEROR DULY DOWN AND OUT Shooting Ascribed to Korean Soldiers Who Lacked Discipline. Number of Korean Casualties Not Known—Japan Disavows Any Part in the Abduction, but is "Resigned."

ONE HUNDRED LOST AT SEA

Steamers Columbia and Pedros in Collision in Pacific Ocean. San Francisco, July 22.—The steamer Columbia, bound north from this port for Portland, collided with the lumber steamer San Pedro on Saturday night off Shelter Cove, Mendocino county. There was a heavy fog at the time and the San Pedro, heavily laden with lumber, struck the Columbia on the port bow with such terrific force that she was cut down to the water and sank in about five minutes. The Columbia lies completely submerged in the deep waters of Shelter Cove.

SETTLE STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS

San Francisco Trouble is Ended Much to the Surprise of Chicago Key Pioneers. Chicago, July 22.—The telegraphers' strike in San Francisco has ended, to the surprise of the Chicago operators, who were preparing for a strike mass meeting. According to the terms of settlement, as understood in Chicago, the strikers will return to work, and then both telegraph companies will receive a committee of arbitration to discuss and settle matters affecting the strikes.

LOSERS ARM IN OLD MANNER

Manila, July 22.—Major Payneaster Eugene Goitia, has had his left arm amputated, the result of infection from the handling of many bayonet troops. He was a veteran of the civil war and a member of the old McKinley regiment.

Storm Fatality and Havoc.

Baltimore, July 19.—A special to The News from Gratton, Va., says that from three to five lives lost and \$500,000 damage to the result of a cloud-burst and heavy storm between Gratton and Tunnelton. Among the dead are Claude Wolfe, of Evansville, and Frank Gibbons, of Newburg.

Another Wreck Victim Dead.

Detroit, Mich., July 22.—Barnet Higgins, aged 20, of Ionia, Mich., one of the injured in the fire Marquette was at Salem, Mich., Saturday, is dead at St. Mary's hospital, bringing the total number of dead up to thirty-two.

Drives Mowing Machine Over Son.

Newark, O., July 18.—While driving a mowing machine Webster Drummond ran over his 4-year-old boy, cutting off the child's right arm.

Two Definitions.

In illustrating a point a lecturer told of some woman who spoke of her worse half as "a model husband." "Yes," commented an old Irishman who knew the husband better than she did, "it is all of that. But look at the dictionary and see what a 'model' means. It is defined as 'a miniature imitation of the real thing.'" The lecturer also told of the same Irishman's definition of the word 'repairs.' Said he, "it is the saying 'right off' of what you think of the next day."

The Contingent Fee.

The following pointed note was written by Daniel Webster in answer to a request that he take a certain case for a contingent fee. "I do not desire employment in professional matters, although I do sometimes engage in them. But I never engage on contingencies merely, for that would make me a mere party to a lawsuit."

Johnny's Sister Filled.

Johnny Jones' plot filled. Johnny Jones' sister has been taken with the measles, teacher. Teach—Then you'd better go home at once, Johnny, and tell them I shall get well. Freddy Brown—Please, teacher, Johnny's sister is stopping with his aunt in Chicago.—Boston Transcript.

KOREAN THREATENS JAPAN

Says 20,000,000 Koreans Will Avenge the Emperor—Ironical Remark. The Hague, July 20.—The abdication of the emperor of Korea is the general topic of conversation among the delegates to the peace conference.

A Reluctant Sport.

A Denver hotel man tells the following story, and he says it's true: One day a bride and bridegroom from the country registered at the hotel. "What are your rates for room and board for two?" asked the bridegroom. "Six dollars," was the reply. "That was satisfactory, and the two were given a room. When they decided to leave, the bridegroom asked for his bill. It was \$24. He was staggered. "What?" he ejaculated. "Twenty-four dollars! That's an outrage. You said \$6."

Gold the First Metal Used.

Gold was probably the first metal known to man because it is generally found native. The oldest metallic objects to which we can assign a probable date were found in a royal tomb at Nagada, in Egypt, supposed to have been that of King Menes. In one of the chambers were some bits of gold and a bead, a button and a fine wire of nearly pure copper. If the tomb were properly identified, these objects were at least 6300 years old at the time of their discovery. Nearly all of the ancient gold which has been examined contains enough silver to give it a light color. It was gathered by the ancients in the bed of the Panchos and other streams of Asia Minor.

Old Time Advice to Doctors.

There is an old manuscript in the National Library at Paris which has the following advice to physicians: "On approaching the patient you should assume a calm expression and avoid a gesture of greed or vanity, greet those who salute you with a humble voice and sit down when they do. Then, turning to the sick person, ask him how he is. To prevent your promise to cure, but immediately on gaining the room you say to the relatives that the disease is grave. The result will be that if you cure him your merit is greater, and you will receive the greater grade and fee, while if he dies they will say that you had no hope from the first."

Diamonds and Glass.

The diamond, instead of being a real solid, is a mass of atoms all in rapid and violent motion. The edge of the stone is formed of these moving molecules as well as the body. Now, glass is also made up of moving atoms, though they do not move so rapidly or so violently as the diamond atoms. When the diamond edge, therefore, is applied to the glass surface the diamond atoms drive the glass atoms out of the way and force a passage.

Attended Her Funeral as a Rule.

Leave to attend his mother's funeral was thus applied for by a Laborer Baboo: "By the vicissitudes of time my mother yesterday went to eternity, and as a rule have to attend her funeral ceremonies."—Times of India.

Obliging.

Dismal Old Lady—I don't suppose I shall ever want another pair. Mr. Stibbins, Oligious Elderly Shopman—I've only wear out a lot more shoe leather yet, mum. Dismal Old Lady—Ah, but I've one foot in the grave already. Oligious Elderly Shopman—Most 'appy to sell you a single boot, mum.—London Mail.

Veal Calves Wanted.

I will pay the highest market price for veal calves at the M. & O. stock yards next Thursday. Lwk M. I. B. RICHMOND.

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