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Leap Year Children.

In Berlin there exists a Society of Leap Year Children, to which none is admitted but those born on Feb. 29. The members will keep their next common birthday in great style in 1904, for they will not have had a birthday for eight years, as the extra day in February was omitted in 1900, according to the rules of the reformed calendar, says Home Notes.

The president of the Society of Leap Year Children is a septuagenarian, but in all the seventy years of his life he has kept only seventeen birthdays.

A Tale From the Kongo.

A returned missionary told a grisly little tale the other day. He said that in the Kongo country, from which he had just come, when a chief died a series of deep holes is made around his grave. In each hole one of the dear departed's wives is placed upright, her chin coming just to the surface. The earth is tacked snugly in around her throat, and she is left to her own meditation and starvation.

Turkish Banks.

The empire of Turkey possesses an extensive system of agricultural banks under government management, the purpose of which is to furnish small loans to farmers. The capital is provided by a light annual tax on agricultural property. Principal agencies have been established in sixty-five cities, capitals of provinces (vilayets) or counties (sanjaks), and there are 803 branches in less important places.

Overzealous.

Two printed forms, valued at a farthing, were lost recently at Baku on the Transcaucasian railway, and the station master had telegrams sent to every station in the Russian empire to ask if they had been seen anywhere. The company has since had to pay telegraph charges amounting to nearly \$10,000, and the overzealous official is now out of employment.

MARY MACLANE AND A TIP.

Among the little foibles of the remarkable young lady from Butte is one which is told by a former secretary of Edmund Clarence Stedman, who lunched with Mary MacLane at a downtown restaurant recently. After lunch was over Mary MacLane said to her friend:

"Now, you just let me fix the tip the way I want."

Then Mary signaled the waiter and, producing a quarter, said blandly:

"Waiter, I'll match you for the tip."

With a look of astonishment on his face the waiter produced a quarter and laid it down. Mary won. Then, with the same calm air, she continued:

"Now I'll match you for that quarter."

Mechanically the astounded waiter deposited his quarter. Again the luck favored Mary, and she quietly pocketed the coin.

"You see, my dear," said she to her companion, "we really do things better in Butte."—New York Times.

Ballooning in a Thunderstorm.

Two German aeronauts, Dr. Miehe and Lieutenant Hildebrandt, recently had a remarkable experience in the heart of a thunderstorm. They ascended from Tegel at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and, passing through a mist, came suddenly into a thundercloud. From a height of 650 feet the balloon was shot a mile upward, and then as suddenly it dropped half a mile. They make the curious statement that although they did not see the lightning they were deafened by the thunder, while pelted with rain, hail and sleet. The balloon leaped and plunged so swiftly that at times the car was on a level with the gas bag and the tow rope was above their heads. After about half an hour of this experience the balloon fell from a height of 7,200 feet, descending upon a thick wood of beeches, branches of which broke the fall and saved the lives of the adventurers.

Insurance Figures.

Few people have any idea of the enormity of the insurance business of the United States. It not only exceeds that of any other country, but is twice as great as that of all the rest of the world combined. At the present time there is in the United States about \$12,000,000,000 of life insurance in force, including assessment business, says Leslie's Weekly. This means over \$160 for every man, woman and child in the country, or \$800 for every family. The annual risks written by the fire insurance companies are estimated at \$20,000,000, which is \$250 per capita, or \$1,250 per family. Thus it will be seen that every family in the country on an average has insurance assets of over \$2,000.

Maximum Value of Land.

The maximum values of land in the north Atlantic states were reached in 1880, and the falling off during the past decade has been specially marked. In the south Atlantic and south central states farm values reached a high mark in 1860. The heavy drop of ten years later reflects the havoc of civil war. Since that time the trend of values in these states has been upward. In the west the values have rapidly advanced. The only apparent exception is the last decade. But the lower figures for 1900 are due to the large amount of cheap land thrown open to the public.—Mahin's Magazine.

Menelek's Clocks.

The Emperor Menelek, among his other hobbies, takes great interest in clocks, and several chronometers have recently been imported from Switzerland by M. Ilg, his Swiss adviser, which vary no more than six seconds in two months. Ras Makonnen has also ordered several curious mechanical clocks from Swiss firms for presentation to the negus and the empress. The most remarkable of these is a great chiming clock to imitate that of St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

Plucky Mrs. Seton.

Ernest Seton, whose studies of animal life have delighted so many readers, for twenty years has been noting by word or sketch every small fact he discovered. Among them are innumerable footprints of wild animals, most of which he gives Mrs. Seton credit for obtaining. She has often gone into an animal's cage in the New York zoo and, with the keeper's assistance, cajoled the creature into walking to and fro on light brown paper which would show its tracks.

Very Like a Bull.

In a Bloemfontein journal appears the following notice:
SECOND EDITION.
APOLOGY.
A series of accidents has unfortunately necessitated an apology for the non-appearance of the first edition.
Which, to say the least of it, is very Irish.—London Express.

WANT DEPARTMENT

Want, Found and Lost notices, etc., etc., will be published in this column at the rate of two cents per line per insertion, INVARIABLY CASH IN ADVANCE. Count six words to the line. Nothing accepted for less than 25 cents.

To insure publication in the current day's issue send in your "ads," in the forenoon.

FOR RENT—Two rooms on Court street, suitable for offices or living rooms. Inquire at 214 Court street. 10-14-tf

ROOMS TO RENT—With gas and bath at 511 W. Pike street. nov 24-tf

FOR SALE—Team, wagon and harness. Inquire at this office. 12-25-tf

FOR RENT—One five-room cottage. Water and gas, Apply L. J. Carskadon, Glen Elk Produce Co. dec-2-tf

FOR RENT—Two furnished front rooms, with bath. Call at 645 West Main street. dec12

FOR RENT—One or two front rooms suitable for office rooms, centrally located. 211 Main street, over the Bee Hive. Inquire of L. Maier. Dec 12

FOR RENT—Four-room house on Monticello avenue. One minute walk from street car line. Also five-room house on Monticello avenue near Riley's store. Apply at 408 Monticello avenue. dec 5-3t

SITUATION WANTED—By experienced book-keeper. Twenty-three years of age. Best of references furnished. Inquire J. H. Downman, West Virginia Heating and Plumbing Company. 11-5-tf

FOR BOARD AND ROOM—Call at 648 W. Mechanic street. Also horse buggy and harness for sale. One stall in stable for rent. Prices reasonable. For further information call at above number. dec 16-2t

FOR RENT—Two eight room houses, East Pike street, all modern improvements, \$35 a month each. Apply to Alexander & Alexander, rooms 2 and 3, Hornor building, Main street. Dec 12-1w

FOR RENT—Six houses on Florence street, of six rooms each; ready for occupancy by December 15. One house on Jackson street. Apply to Alexander, rooms 2 and 3, Hornor building, Main street. dec 8-1 wk.

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Funeral of Mrs. Duncan

The funeral of the late Mrs. Floride C. Duncan took place at her late home on Pike street this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It was private. Rev. Thomas W. Cooke, pastor of Christ Episcopal church, officiated. The interment took place at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Daily Puzzle Picture.

THE WHEELITTLES SCARED BY A WATER BUFFALO.



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