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DISASTERS IN THE NORTHWEST.

No part of the earth seems to be immune from the destructive effects of the natural forces. At one time a tropical storm sweeps the gulf regions and property and human life are sacrificed. At another time river valleys are flooded and similar results follow. This year, the northwest has experienced unusual calamities in mountain slides which have left untold tragedies in their wake. They bring forth, as usual, instances of heroism and patient resignation, and they serve to enforce the lesson of the uncertainties of life.

These calamities, like the destruction of Galveston, the Johnstown flood, the burning of the Iriquois theatre and the Cherry Mine disaster will soon be incidents of the passing years, chronicled in the lists of the world's tragedies, marked by the gravestones over the bodies of the rescued dead while uncertainty, coupled with resignation, will fill the breasts of those who had loved ones whose bodies could not be recovered from the wreckage.

The world's progress depends in a large measure on the tragedies of life. After the Iriquois theatre fire, cities everywhere insisted on greater precautions against fire in public buildings. A massive sea wall now protects Galveston from the fury of tropical storms. As a result of the Cascade catastrophe, railroads in mountainous regions will exercise greater care in devising means to avert such calamities hereafter. The public can travel with greater assurances of safety in mountainous regions next year than they did this, assuming similar conditions.

Those who are reading Judge Lindsey's articles in Everybody's Magazine relative to grafting conditions in Denver and Colorado will appreciate Josh Billings' pessimistic philosophy when he said, "The more I know about men, the better I like dogs."

Edmund Rostand, in his recent satirical production, in which the characters represented are barnyard fowls, pictures Chanticleer, the hero, as thinking the sun rises because he crows. There are a good many

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chanticleers of the two-legged variety (without feathers, however) who entertain the same delusion. These all live in Seattle or Spokane or North Yakima. There are none in Wenatchee.

Hitherto unknown species of vegetation and animals have been found in the antarctic regions by a French party. Land has also been discovered. This is taking an unfair advantage of Roosevelt, who might have headed that way if he was to be the first on the ground.

A man in California joined twenty churches but no credit is due the state for having produced the banner zealot of the century. The man joined only to work the ministers and he is now in jail.

A judge in Kansas fined himself for fighting and because he was also a newspaper man he wrote the incident up properly. The same thing was done some years ago by a California judge and in both cases the fines were small. If the judges had imposed on themselves forfeiture of the office the public might praise them.

INDIAN CATTLE ON MARKET

Some 225,000 Head Will Come From Cheyenne.

St. Paul, Minn., March 4.—Throwing open to settlement the Cheyenne and Standing Rock reservations in North Dakota will, according to R. H. Treacy, who is in charge of the United States bureau of animal industry at Bismarck, N. D., result in pushing 225,000 head of cattle on the market.

It will drive out approximately 50,000 head owned by the Indians on the Standing Rock land, and as many more owned by leaseholders. It will drive out 40,000 cattle owned by Indians on the Cheyenne reservation and between eighty and a hundred thousand owned by holders of leases.

Former Sioux Lands.

The standing Rock reservation is approximately 90 by 120 miles square. The Cheyenne reservation is about 120 miles square. These are the lands of the Sioux Indians, their last stronghold in the United States. Eighty per cent of the land is tillable.

According to Mr. Treacy, the "airship" land in that part of the country has sold on open bids at prices ranging from \$8 to \$20 an acre. "Airship land" is land belonging to dead Indians who had no direct heirs.

"The Indians are beginning to take a philosophical view of the situation," Mr. Treacy said, "and have about made up their minds that they will be benefited by the opening. The income of each Sioux family at present is between \$600 and \$700 a year. This is from rentals, sale of horses, sale of cattle, and other sources.

"From the production of beef last year they realized approximately \$180,000 and from horses between \$50,000 and \$60,000. They realize that when their land is converted from grazing grounds into farms, its value will increase, and they are willing to take the money. Naturally, as soon as the grazing grounds become farms, the great herds will go."

DEALS FOR LIGHTING PLANTS.

New Turn in War Between General Electric and Bylesby.

Portland Ore., March 4.—According to reports, the war between the H. M. Bylesby company of Chicago, and the General Electric company for control of the gas and electric lighting business of the northwest took a new turn yesterday when negotiations for the purchase of the Condor Light and Sewer company, which firm operates light and power plants in Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland and nearby towns, were closed by the Chicago corporation. The Rogue River city deal is said to have involved \$1,000,000.

The company now owns light plants in Everett, Tacoma, Olympia, Coos Bay and San Diego. Portland is made western headquarters for the Bylesby company. The company is also carrying on negotiations at North Yakima.

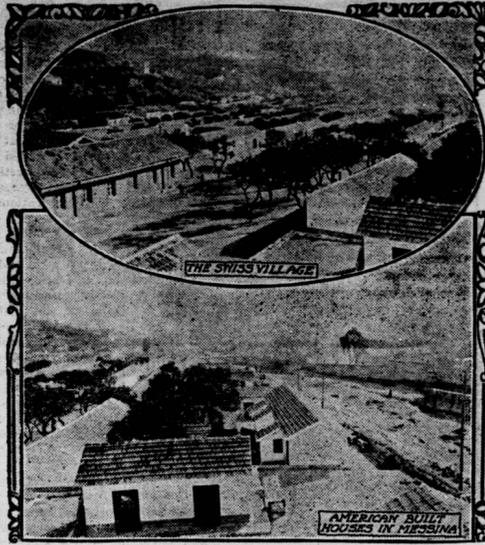
Mr. Roosevelt's Visit to a Masai Kraal

The kraal was in shape a big oval, with a thick wall of thorn-bushes, eight feet high, the low huts standing just within this wall, while the cattle and sheep crowded small bomas in the centre. The fires gleamed here and there within, and as we approached we heard the talking and laughing of men and women, and the lowing and bleating of the pent-up herds and flocks. We hailed loudly, explaining our needs. At first they were very suspicious. They told us we could not bring the lion within, because it would frighten the cattle, but after some parley consented to our building a fire outside, and skinning the animal. They passed two brands over the thorn fence, and our men speedily kindled a blaze, and drew the lioness beside it. By this time the Masai were reassured, and a score of their warriors, followed soon by half a dozen women, came out through a small opening in the fence, and crowded close around the fire, with boisterous, noisy good humor. They showed a tendency to chaff our porters. One, the humorist of the crowd, excited much merriment by describing with pantomimic accompaniment of gestures, how when the white man shot a lion it might bite a swahili, who thereupon would call for his mother. But they were entirely friendly, and offered me calabashes of milk. The men were tall, finely shaped savages, their hair plastered with red mud, and drawn out into longish ringlets; they were naked except for a blanket worn, not round the loins, but over the shoulders; their ears were slit, and from them bone and wooden ornaments hung; they wore metal bracelets and anklets, and chains which passed around their necks, or else over one side of the neck and under the opposite arm. The women had pleasant faces, and were laden with metal ornaments—chiefly wire anklets, bracelets and necklaces—of many pounds weight. The features of the men were bold and clear-cut, and their bearing warlike and self-reliant.

From "African Game Trails," by Theodore Roosevelt, in the March Scribner.

Filed for Probate.
Petition for guardianship of Ora Irwin; L. J. Nelson, attorney.

AMERICAN SECTION AND SWISS VILLAGE IN RESTORED MESSINA.



Messina a year after the great earthquake would form a fitting theme for the pen of the poet in celebrating the triumph of human energy over the worst effects of natural catastrophes. The recent storms in Italy were reported as having done some damage in the Sicilian city. Among the most attractive sections of the new Messina are the village modeled after the mountain settlements of Switzerland and the American quarter, built largely of material and with money sent from the United States.

SPECULATION SPICE OF LIFE

PATTEN, CHICAGO WHEAT GAMBLER, DENIES REPORT THAT HE IS TO RETIRE SHORTLY—MUST PLAY THE MARKET.

New York, March 4.—"Speculation is the spice of life. If I had to go along in the same rut I think I would want to die," declared Wheat King "Jim" Patten today as he was departing for a trip abroad. Smiling, he continued:

"There is nothing like taking chances. It keeps you young and makes you happy."

Patten denied the report that he would retire in a short time, having made \$12,000,000 speculating. He said that his trip abroad was to be merely a vacation and that he expected to return to his work refreshed in mind and body.

Replying to questions concerning a rumor that he was going in for art with a capital A, Patten said:

"Gee, I couldn't tell an oil from a chromo and I don't want to learn."

In the course of his remarks at parting, the wheat king said that to "corner" wheat was an impossibility.

A Dancing Egg.

To execute this little experiment you need a hard boiled egg and a smooth china plate. To be sure that the experiment is going to be successful keep the egg in a perpendicular position while it is being boiled.

Place the plate upside down on the table to be able to catch it quickly with your hand. Place the egg in the center of the plate and, putting the thumb of the left hand and the index finger of the right hand on both ends of the egg, give it a sudden twirl, causing it to turn around in quick motion. The egg will gradually stand on one end. Then you pick up the plate, and all you have to do is to keep the egg in motion, which is not difficult.

The Lion Tamer's Little Boy.
The lion tamer's little boy,
He knows no fear at all,
Chasing the king of beasts with joy
As kittens chase a ball.

He knows the tricks of daddy's trade,
He scares the tiger lean
Or makes the elephant afraid,
And that is rather mean.

And often when the show is done,
When animals should rest,
The lion tamer's little son
Will act as if possessed.

He tries them out with silly stunts
Until it seems a sin,
But while the timid beasts he hunts
His daddy happens in.

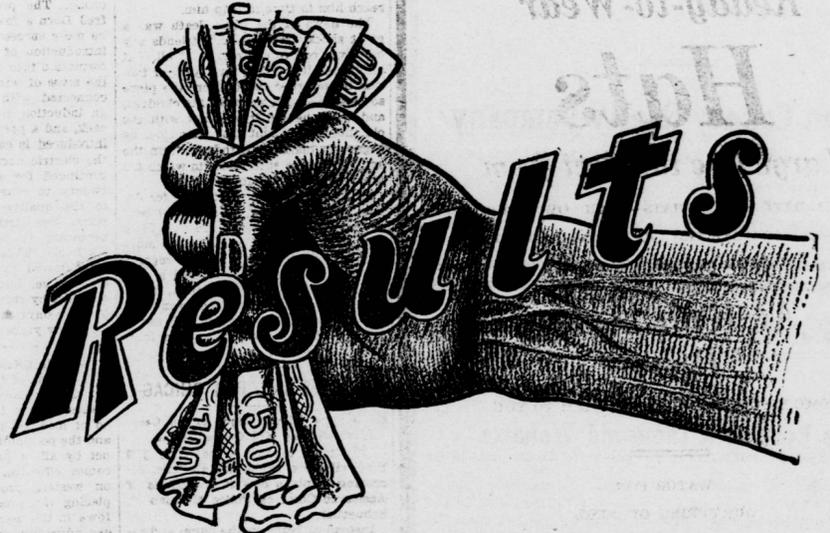
And says: "Now, I'll give you a chance
To do the selfsame thing
That you have asked of them. Now dance
And leap and twist and swing!

"Five minutes, now, I'll cage you fast.
Your teasing tricks must cease.
Those beasts of mine shall have at last
A little rest and peace."

And when he's locked in by papa
The animals grow gay
And could they speak would say: "Ha, ha!
It's now our turn to play."
—St. Nicholas.

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