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SCHEDULE.

OF DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS OF MAILS.

DEPARTURE.

For Alice, Texas, daily at 8 a. m.
 " Rio Grande City, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a. m.
 For Point Isabel, daily at 9 a. m.
 " Matamoros, Mexico, except Sunday, at 9:30 a. m.

ARRIVALS

From Alice, Texas, daily at 10 p. m.
 " Rio Grande, Tri-Weekly at 7 a. m.
 " Point Isabel, daily at 6 p. m.
 " Matamoros Mexico, at 9:30 a. m.

Pictorial Needlework.

An ambitious piece of needlework designed for the World's fair is a copy of a portion of William Blake's engraving, "When the Morning Stars Sang Together and All the Sons of God Shouted for Joy."

This needle painting, which is executed on a gray linen canvas about 5 by 7 feet, represents the figures of four young boys with faces and arms upraised in praise, standing against a starry background. At their feet there is a scroll of clouds. The winged figures are each about two feet high and are worked in flesh tints. The background, which is of deep blue, is set with golden stars. The figures are so modeled and the light and shade so skillfully managed that the arms and legs give an impression of roundness. The features and tinting of the face and lips make one believe that paints were used in producing them. The picture is the work of the leisure hours of two years.—Exchange

The Pretty Girls Preferred.

The Boston Transcript publishes the complaint of a plain typewriter who was dismissed in favor of a pretty girl. "This girl," she says, "was not taken on because she could write faster than I could. No, the whole truth of it was the office is an outer office, with people coming in often, and she made a pleasant piece of furniture to have in the room. She could look up and smile sweetly when anybody asked her to turn off a couple of dozen lines for them. Now I was just as willing to turn off an extra letter, but I couldn't look up and smile. People with straight sandy hair and spectacles, and a broad mouth and crooked teeth are not thanked for too much smiling in this world.

"Then there was another woman, a friend of mine. She weighed nearly 150, and when the weather was warm she used to look pretty red. She kept accounts, and her mind just flew over the figures, and her columns always balanced. But that didn't make any difference. Along in July, when the weather was the hottest, she had to go. Now there's no doubt in my mind that the only reason was because she didn't look cool. The girl they got was just out of a Latin school, and the other girls had to help her add two and two, but she could wear sprigged linen frocks and she was slender."

Princess Marie of Edinburgh.

Of course all princesses are beautiful, as all princes are brave and handsome, by courtesy, but Princess Marie of Edinburgh, the betrothed of Prince Ferdinand, is really a beautiful and clever girl, quite capable of holding her own even in the troublesome little kingdom of Roumania, and already very much admired and beloved by the queen of Roumania, who so warmly espoused the cause of the English princess' deposed rival.

Glaciers.

Glaciers plunge into the sea in many cold countries and perish by drowning, their dismembered remains floating away as bergs. But their end is by dissolution where the annual mean temperature rises considerably above the freezing point. At some certain level they melt faster than they can flow, and so terminate.

The level indeed is a fluctuating one. Icelandic glaciers are now steadily advancing. Swiss glaciers, according to M. Forel, have undergone during the present century five alternating periods of diminution and growth.

The meteorological changes occasioning and emphasized by these oscillations are very slight. Their character, however, is unmistakable, and such as might have been anticipated. That is to say, glacial decrease accompanies a warm and dry cycle; glacial increase, one that is damp and cold.

Without one additional degree of cold it is conceivable that a persistently augmented deposit of snow upon the Gerstenhorner and the Schneestock, although otherwise scarcely perceptible, might enable the Rhone glacier to overwhelm Brieg.

But this would be an exceedingly small step toward the restoration of a former state of things, when an ice stream close upon 500 miles in length, starting from the same source, crossed the frozen or nonexistent lake of Geneva, and debouched by Culoz upon Lyons. Without severe cold as well as heavy precipitation, ice could not possibly have gained so great an ascendancy. And this was no local phenomenon—it was simultaneously prevalent over widely separated tracts of the earth's surface.—Edinburgh Review.

An Ornament to the Profession.

The political orator was just warming up to his subject.

"Gentlemen," he said impressively, "the great party of freedom—the party that has upheld the dignity of the American eagle and strengthened it so that it is now able to flap its wings in the face of the British lion, or any other animal on the European continent—made no mistake when it nominated that able and representative citizen, William Montgomery Blinks, for alderman from this ward. A young man of sterling integrity and progressive ideas, he entered upon the study of law soon after graduating from one of the free schools with which this glorious country is blessed, and upon being admitted to the bar he at once became an ornament to his profession—I beg your pardon, sir, did you say anything?"

"I did," replied the tall, angular man in the back of the hall.
 "May I ask you to repeat the remark? I didn't quite catch it."
 "I said you were right."
 "Certainly, sir. I am glad you"—
 "He's been an ornament to the profession, I suppose, but that's all. He never has been any use to it. And, gentlemen, are we looking for ornaments to put on the ticket?"—Detroit Free Press.

Why She Is a Politician.

The Countess of Aberdeen has written a paper for an English magazine in which she tells why she is a politician. She says in substance that it is a mystery to her how any woman can think it anything else but her plain duty to interest herself in politics. She further remarks: "I think we may say that we shall find that the objections proceed principally from two sources—a very partial idea of what a woman's life should be, and a low estimate of politics. But we believe that there are grand principles which may, and which should inspire the government of the people, by the people, for the people; and we believe implicitly in their power when properly applied to reform and ennoblement and uplift.

"Any of us who know anything of the lives of the poor know how the social questions which we discuss backward and forward are living, pressing realities to them. Questions about education, labor, the sweating system, licensing, the housing of the poor, the workhouse system, are all sternly real to them, and especially so to the women, and they are affecting them day by day. We must so believe in our politics that we shall both believe and act as if it must deal with these questions."

Two Daring Swimmers.

Two New London girls—Miss Lizzie Goodwin and Miss Nettie Allen—astonished the town the other morning by swimming the Thames river. Both are expert and graceful swimmers. They plunged into the broad stream on its Groton side, directly beneath New London's drawbridge, the largest in the world, came swiftly across it, a distance of a quarter of a mile, and landed at the western abutment. They had a Leander along with them, and though he is a strong swimmer he reached the abutment behind the girls.

The Thames river at the place where the girls crossed it is by no means as wide as the Hellespont; still its current is strong and deep, and the two fair swimmers have no doubt they could equal Byron's famous performance. They were not at all wearied by their feat.—New London (Conn.) Letter.

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Dates for Teachers Examinations

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, }
 AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 18, '02. }

The regular Teachers' Examinations will be held on the third Friday and the following Saturday in February, April, June, August, September, and November.

Special examinations may be held on the third Friday and the following Saturday of any other month, except July, provided notice is given the State Superintendent at least two weeks before the day the said examination is to begin.

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