

BEST SWIMMERS IN AMERICA

ARE CONTESTING FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN NEW YORK CITY TODAY.

Special to the Herald.

New York, Feb. 21.—The national indoor swimming championships of the A. A. U. begin tonight in the tank of the New York Athletic Club, and all lovers of aquatic sports are on edge in anticipation of the event. As the speediest swimmers of both East and West are entered for the various events it is possible that several records will be smashed before the tournament is concluded.

In addition to the collegiate swimmers from Yale, Columbia and Pennsylvania, the entries include the crack representatives of athletic clubs of Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis, Boston and several other cities. With J. Scott Leary of the Olympic Club of San Francisco, the holder of the American 100-yard straightway swimming record, and H. J. Handy of the Central Y. M. C. A. of Chicago, who holds many distance records, the West will make a strong bid for national titles. Other prominent entries are C. M. Daniels of the New York A. C., and Marquand Schwartz of the Missouri A. C.

The championship events to be decided during the week are as follows: Fifty, 100, 220, 440, 880 yards and mile swims; 150 yards, back stroke; 220 yards, breast stroke; plunge for distance, fancy diving, four man club relay race, each man to swim fifty yards; water polo under American rules.

Ski Jumping at Ishpeming.

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Ishpeming, Mich., Feb. 21.—The second meeting and tournament of the National Ski Association is to be held in Ishpeming tomorrow, and already the city is filling with visitors from far and near. The tournament will be the greatest of its kind ever pulled off in America. Last year's course has been greatly improved, made longer, smoother and faster. The ski clubs throughout the United States and Canada have sent contestants, and these will compete against the champions who have come over from Norway and Sweden to capture the prizes.

Justice McKenna's Daughter Weds.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—In the presence of a small but distinguished gathering of officials and society folk Miss Hildagard McKenna, daughter of Supreme Court Justice and Mrs. McKenna, today became the bride John L. Pultz of New York. The ceremony was performed at noon today at the home of the bride's parents on Rhode Island avenue, and was followed by a breakfast and reception.

To Banquet Laurier.

Special to the Herald.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 21.—Preparations on a most elaborate scale have been completed for the banquet to be given in Massey Hall tonight in honor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. More than 700 covers will be laid, and the guests will include all the prominent Liberal leaders of Ontario and many from other provinces.

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City Officials Confer.

Special to the Herald.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 21.—The convention of the League of Michigan Municipalities got down to business to earnest this morning with an attendance of members that represented many of the leading cities of the state. The session was opened with the annual address of the president, Mayor Edwin F. Sweet of Grand Rapids, which was followed by the secretary's report presented by Prof. John A. Fairlie of Ann Arbor. The closing feature of the forenoon programme was an address by Alderman David E. Heineman of Detroit, who took as his subject "Municipal Progress With and Without Brakes." The afternoon was spent by the members in a trip of inspection to the lighting plant, pumping station, garbage burner and other public works of this city.

Reassembling this evening the league listens to addresses on good roads, asphalt paving and repair, the revision of the state constitution, and the interest of the municipalities in constitutional amendments.

MARDI GRAS AT NEW ORLEANS

THE CITY IS RAPIDLY TAKING ON THE MARDI GRAS SPIRIT. IMMENSE CROWDS TO ATTEND.

Special to the Herald.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 21.—Every hotel in the city is crowded, or has its rooms engaged in advance, every arriving train is packed, and the promise is for one of the largest crowds ever present in the Mardi Gras season. Though the arrival of Rex does not take place until next Monday, the preliminary features of the carnival are already in full swing. The tableaux and ball of the Atlanteans took place last night and the pageant of Momus is set for tomorrow. There will be a river and land reception to Rex on Monday, and a superb pageant by Proteus on Monday evening.

Colleges of the Interior.

Special to the Herald.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 21.—The Association of Colleges of the Interior met here in annual conference today under the auspices of the Colorado College. Among the higher institutions of learning represented at the conference are Whitman College, Pacific Theological Seminary, Beloit, Carleton, Chicago Theological Seminary, Olivet, Milwaukee-Downer, Oberlin, Fargo, Kingfisher, Knox, Marietta, Washburn, Yankton, Pomona, Redfield and Rockford. The conference, which will be in session two days, will discuss the proposed revision of football rules, school discipline and other topics of general interest to educators.

Bishop-Pell Wedding.

Special to the Herald.

New York, Feb. 21.—Calvary church was the scene of a fashionable society wedding today, the contracting parties being Miss Gertrude Pell and Mr. Francis Cunningham Bishop. H. Reginald Bishop was best man and the bride's attendants included Miss Cynthia Roche, Miss Maria Moran, Miss Laura Swan and Miss Lella Burnett.

Secretary Taft in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 21.—Secretary Taft is in Chicago to deliver two addresses, one at the Yale alumni banquet tonight and the second at the Union League Club's celebration of Washington's birthday tomorrow afternoon.

Toronto Cat Show.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 21.—Aristocrats of the feline kingdom, several hundred in all, held forth in Broadway hall today at the opening of the annual exhibition of the Canadian Cat Club. There were thirty-seven classes in the long hall and twenty-five in the short air breeds represented. The exhibition will remain open until Saturday.

Post Office Notice.

Washington's birthday, Feb. 22nd, being a National holiday, this office will be open in all departments from 8:30 to 10 a. m. only. The city carriers will make their usual morning delivery, but the rural carriers will not. All patrons of the office will be served by calling between the hours named. Very respectfully, Thos. Hall, P. M.

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KANSAS REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

IS IN SESSION IN TOPEKA TODAY TO FIX DATE FOR HOLDING CONVENTION.

Special to the Herald.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 21.—Kansas is to elect a governor and other state officers this fall, and the Republican state committee assembled at the Copeland hotel here today to fix the time and place for holding the nominating convention. The probabilities are that the convention will be held in Topeka late in April or early in May. With the gathering of the state committeemen and other party leaders, talk regarding candidates is naturally rife. Indications are not lacking that Governor Hoch will meet with considerable opposition in his efforts to secure renomination. The names of several possible rivals for the gubernatorial nomination have been tentatively brought forth, among them those of Grant Hornaday of Ft. Scott and J. W. Creech of Herington. For auditor of state, secretary of state and other places on the ticket there are already a number of aspirants in the field.

A Forgetful Thief.

Special to the Herald.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—The following incident is reported from Moscow: Late at night a civil servant was wending his way homeward, using, as he thought, the safest streets. Suddenly a highwayman appeared before him, who demanded, with drawn dagger, his money or his life. The victim offered his gold watch as a ransom, which was promptly accepted, and he was allowed to go, only to be overtaken again by the same thug, who demanded that they should exchange coats, his own, as he said, being rather shabby. Objections were clearly out of place, and the despoiled one meekly obeyed. The unfortunate official was lucky enough to find a cab at the next street corner, and hastened home. Upon arriving, he was agreeably surprised to find his own watch, the highwayman's dagger and 100 roubles in gold in the pockets of his assailant's overcoat, which the latter had forgotten to empty after making the exchange.

Meeting of Mine Owners.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 21.—The National Mine Managers and Assistants Mutual Aid Association began its ninth annual convention in Springfield today, President H. C. Newcomb of Pana, Ill., in the chair. Delegates were in attendance from Arkansas, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana and other states.

It is a Fact

that one had as well hope to enter heaven by copying the Apostles' creed, to become an astronomer by gazing at the moon and writing its name, to develop into an expert farmer by reading agricultural books and repeating the words "Gee" and "Haw," or grow into a Jay Gould by copying bookshop reports, as to expect to become a practical bookkeeper and business man by reading and copying theoretical text books, as is done in most schools. Ask your merchant, ask any business man, and you will find that such training only builds the skeleton, the empty forms. The Byrne Practical Bookkeeping and Business Training, of which the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, has the exclusive control in this section, is a system of "learn to do by doing," actual business from start to finish. Students buy and sell goods, discount notes, draw drafts, write up deeds, mortgages, carry on a regular banking business, in fact our school room is a miniature city, carrying on the various lines of business under the latest and most improved business methods. No competitor criticizes the Byrne Practical; none dare to do it, for everyone knows that it gives a knowledge of business as well as how to record it. To teach the system that makes one a business man, not merely a memorizer of forms, that develops thinkers not machines, and that also gives full ability to record transactions intelligently and well, would brand one as a fog. The Byrne Practical Bookkeeping is a landmark in business progress and as far ahead of the ordinary as the Byrne Simplified Shorthand is ahead of the Pitmanic and other rule burdened systems. For full particulars of this modern method of teaching bookkeeping and business training, also shorthand or telegraphy, write for free catalogue.

Farmers' Union.

A call meeting of the Anderson County Farmers' Union will be held at Broyles Chapel on the last Saturday in this month, being the 24th day, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the state meeting at Dallas on March 6th, and to transact such other business as may come before the Union. A full delegation is requested. Joe A. Johnson, President Anderson County Union.

THE TOY INVENTOR.

His Hardest Task is to Catch the Fancy of the Public.

The small inventor is an important factor in the mechanical toy business, and he earns all of the living he gets in thinking up devices. He is most concerned with the small mechanical toys, and, in addition to the prime requisite of putting forth something novel, he must get something which costs as little as possible and which catches the fancy of the multitude. This last point is one which is most difficult to cover. No student of the subject has ever yet been able to discover or deduce the cycle in which the public taste moves, and it is still hit or miss as to whether a figure which walks on its hands, an airship with wings or an acrobat who works by gravity will be the best seller. Then, when the invention has been achieved, the inventor has still the problem of finding the maker who will buy it and pay a fair price. The inventor and maker are in much the same position as the writer and publisher; both go through the same mental turmoil as to the timeliness of the output and both take the same risks.

The inventor who has been in the business long learns at last the best places at which to offer his wares and has more or less of an idea of what they ought to bring him, and once he has acquired this knowledge his entire energy is devoted to keeping up with the demand for newness. Something absolutely different from anything else previously offered is in general better than an improvement of an old idea, and that is why in mechanical toys the same device is seldom seen two seasons in succession.—Philadelphia Record.

A MUSICAL LEGEND.

The Chinese Story of the Eight Primitive Hidden Sounds.

The Chinese have some extraordinary superstitions relating to music. According to their queer notions, the Creator of the universe hid eight sounds in the earth for the express purpose of compelling man to find them out. On the same principle, it is presumed, Jupiter, according to Virgil, hides fire in flint and honey in trees in order to whet the ardor of man's industry to persevere in his efforts to rediscover the hidden treasures.

According to the Celestial Idea, the eight primitive sounds are hidden in stones, silks, woods of various kinds, the bamboo plant, pumpkins, in the skins of animals, in certain earths and in the air itself. Any one who has ever had the pleasure (?) of seeing and listening to a Chinese orchestra will remember that their musical instruments were made of all these materials except the last and that the combined efforts of the other seven seemed better calculated to drive the ethereal sound away than to coax it from the air, which is really the object of all Chinese musical efforts. When the bands play, the naive credulity of the people, both old and young, hears in the thuds of the gongs and the whistling of the pipes the tones of the eternal sounds of nature that were originally deposited in the various animate and inanimate objects by the all wise Father-Exchange.

What "Hamie" Meant.

Though the Scottish guard of France had long lost its natural character, it jealously retained until the crash of 1789 all its curious old privileges, which, though they led to constant wrangles with other regiments, had been duly allowed by Louis XIV. He was actually obliged to intervene at his own wedding to compose a dispute as to the precedence of the Scots guards and the Cent gentilshommes. "Proud as a Scotchman" was an old proverb in France, and their successors in the bodyguard did their best to justify it. But the most curious survival, long after a word of Scotch had been heard in the corps, was the practice of answering "hamie" (a corruption for "I am here") when the roll was called, which was religiously maintained, at all events, down to the revolution.—Macmillan's Magazine.

Distances in Venezuela.

In traveling in Venezuela it is not enough to ask how far distant a place is, but also how far up or down—in other words, what its altitude is, and, no less important, what hills and valleys have to be crossed. Thus it is not only necessary to know that Caracas is six miles distant in a straight line from La Guayra, its seaport, but that it lies at an elevation of nearly half a mile above sea level and that to reach it one has to cross a mountain wall rising far above the clouds. This, to the experienced traveler, means that he must prepare for an entirely different climate.—George M. L. Brown in St. Nicholas.

A Touching Lament.

Addressing a political gathering the other day, a speaker gave his hearers a touch of the pathetic. "I miss," he said, brushing away a not unmanly tear—"I miss many of the old faces I used to shake hands with."—London Globe.

Unfamiliar With the Beast.

"Yes," remarked the professor, "I rather pride myself on the discovery of another hypothesis." "Indeed," replied Mrs. Cumrox, a little doubtfully. "I had an idea they were quite extinct."—Washington Star.

Very Different Trials.

"Tess—Aren't you going to choir rehearsal tonight?" Jess—No. Tess—You'd better. We're going to give that new hymn a trial. Jess—Can't. I am going to give a new him a trial myself.

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