



of that, pa?" Kind father—"Yes, indeed. I've been borrowing money of him for six months, and still he keeps coming."—Stray Stories.

Philosophic Murphy (recovering from a twenty-foot fall)—"Well, I had to come down for nails, anyway!"—Glasgow Evening Times.

Deacon Johnson—"What yo' doin' now, Abe?" Abe Hardcase—"Cleanin' out a bank." Deacon Johnson—"President, cashier, bookkeeper, or janitor."—Leslie's Weekly.

"I think I have met you before. Aren't you timekeeper for the Bloss & Goss Company?" "No, sir, I am a singer of topical songs and know nothing at all about keeping time."—Kansas City Journal.

Farmer Hayditch (to his neighbor, Farmer Turniptop)—"Hallo! Going in for barbedwire fencing, eh? Isn't it rather dear?" Turniptop—"Yes, but then you see my men don't waste time sitting on it?"—Pick-Me-Up.

"Drop me a line!" cried the excursionist who had fallen overboard. "What's the use?" calmly rejoined the alleged funny man of the party. "There isn't any postoffice where you are going."—American Hebrew.

The Senate—"How long can you talk without dropping dead in your tracks?" Senator Morgan—"That is not the question. How long can you listen to me without dropping dead in your tracks?"—New York Evening Post.

"Look at the way baby's working his mouth," exclaimed Mrs. Newman. "Now, he proposes to put his foot in it." "H'm!" replied her husband, grumpily. "Hereditary. That's what I did when I proposed."—Philadelphia Press.

How they spend their time: She—"How's the motor-car getting on, Sir Charles?" He—"Well, fact is, I've seen very little of it. You see, I've only had it three months, and when it isn't in hospital, I am!"—London Punch.

Worked Both Ways: Jaggles—Are they good divorce lawyers? Waggles—"Best in the business. They've originated over a hundred different ways of collecting alimony, and as many more for evading the payment of it."—Judge.

Effective: Bjinks—"Do you believe in the possibility of the cure of disease by suggestion?" Bjinks—"Why, certainly. I was feeling pretty sick last week, and my wife suggested I go to a doctor and it cured me right away."—Somerville Journal.

Doctor makes no mistakes: Patient—"But, doctor, only last week you said I would surely die, and to-day you see I am as well as I ever was." Doctor—"Sir, I never make a mistake in a diagnosis. Your ultimate demise is only a matter of time."—Chicago News.

Maud—"I feel so sorry for poor Lillian. She and Reggie had it all planned to elope, and now they have to give it up." Jack—"What is the trouble?" Maud—"She can't persuade her stingy old papa to give them the money to carry it out."—Kansas City Journal.

Physician—The truth can no longer be hidden, madam. I am obliged to tell you that your little son is—er—weak-minded. That is—well, it must be said—he is an idiot. Mrs. Highpup—How fortunate it is that we are rich. No one will ever notice it.—New York Weekly.

Stranger—"Have you a good catarrh cure?" Druggist—"Yes, sir; I have the very thing you want." Stranger—"Can you recommend it?" Druggist—"Sure I have catarrh myself, and I've used nothing but this preparation for nearly twenty years."—Chicago Daily News.

Admirer—"Don't you think that you are rather unreasonable to expect me to take you to a ball, stay awake until four o'clock, and then get up at eight to go to my work?" Young lady—"I may be a little unreasonable, but it's perfectly brutal of you to mention it."—New York Weekly.

"I'm getting painfully careless, my dear. I've just found a portrait of George Washington in my coat pocket that has been there for the last ten days." "Well, I don't see anything serious about that." "Don't you, my dear? I'm glad to hear it. You see, the portrait is a part of the stamp on that letter you gave me to mail last week."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"A good wife is heaven's greatest gift to man and the rarest gem the earth holds," remarked Mr. Jarphly the other morning; "she is his joy, his inspiration, and his very soul. Through her he learns to reach the pure and true, and her loving hands lead him softly over the rough places. She is—" "Jeremiah," said Mrs. Jarphly, solemnly, "Jeremiah, what wickedness have you been up to now?"—Tit-Bits.

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After That a Million a Year for the Canal Zone.

The convocation of the Colombian congress for January 20 is believed by those acquainted with government affairs to mean that President Marroquin is confident of having enough support to assure the approval of the canal treaty. Gerardo Pulecio, a prominent member of the conservative party, discusses the canal question in the *Correo Nacional*, published at Bogota. He says the renewal of the canal concession granted by President San Clemente is legal, the government having constitutional powers to take this step. No company or European government is willing to risk any money in the canal venture after the De Lesseps failure, therefore the United States can only undertake the construction of the canal with chances of success. Senor Pulecio says as Colombia labors under a load of 650,000,000 pesos of paper money the present generation and its descendants must be saved. He proposes the following plan:

The United States to pay Colombia for the canal concessio the sum of \$25,000,000 without discount, concession or reduction, and \$1,000,000 yearly for the canal zone. Colombia to be free of any claims that may arise against the canal company. The United States is to recognize the sovereignty of Colombia on the Isthmus. The other considerations put down by Senor Pulecio are the same as those that have been specified in the treaty.

TO RESTORE CAPTAIN DREYFUS.

War Minister May Refer His Case to the Court.

Paris, May 13.—La Patrie prints a story to the effect that General Andre, minister of war, intends to take advantage of the divisions caused by the dispersions of the congregations and the visit of King Edward and take the unexpected step of referring the Dreyfus case to the court of cessation, thus preventing the chamber of deputies from interfering. In the event of the court acquitting Dreyfus he would be restored to the army, promoted and given a staff appointment. At the same time Colonel Picquart would also be restored to the army and promoted to be a brigadier general.

CURTIS JETT IS IN JAIL.

Alleged Slayer of Marcum is Captured Without Struggle.

Lexington, Ky., May 12.—Curtis Jett, charged with the assassination of J. B. Marcum, was captured without bloodshed at 3 o'clock in the morning at the home of his mother, Mrs. A. Haggin, near Jackson's ferry, by the posse that started from Winchester at midnight. He later was placed in jail at Winchester. When the posse arrived at the Haggin home the woman admitted, after some parleying, that Jett was in the house, and permitted the officers to enter. Jett was found in bed. He shook hands with the sheriff, said he would surrender without trouble, and handed his revolver to his mother. In jail Jett refused to talk about the killing of Marcum, except to say: "I'll get out of this all right."

When asked in reference to the statement that five men would testify that he killed Marcum, he sneered and replied: "What's that to you?"

Shamrock III. is Fast.

Gorouck, Scotland, May 11.—The two Shamrocks were sent off over a racing course of 40 miles, starting from Gorouck around marks at Powder buoy, Hunter's quay and Skelmorelle. The wind blew about eight knots and was strengthening.

The yachts ultimately were sent off on a real racing trial. The challenger out-pointed, outran and outreached the older boat. They ran first with spinners to Clech, five miles, and the Shamrock III. caught her opponent and led her quite a quarter of a mile at this point. The boats were then broad reached to Skelmorelle buoy. The wind was a trifle unsteady and the challenger was rather better served. She beat Shamrock I. hollow, turning the Skelmorelle end of her nine miles sail nearly 11 minutes ahead. Reaching back up channel to Clech, the challenger further improved until she was two miles ahead. The finishing stretch was by the wind and the challenger continued to open a way and scored a decisive victory, finishing 14 minutes and 16 seconds in front of the older boat.

8000 Tourists Come West.

New York, May 13.—About 8000 tourists to the Pacific coast have begun their journey by special trains over the Pennsylvania road. Seven special trains will be used. The destination of the party is Los Angeles, where many will attend the general assembly of the Presbyterian church. This is the largest transcontinental party ever handled under the personally conducted plan.

Of the cotton exported from the United States last season, England got 1,529,220 bales, France 412,052 bales and other countries 1,524,107 bales.

Nine Convicts Escaped.

Birmingham, Ala., May 12.—A riot of the state prison at Flat Top, 25 miles from here, was burned Sunday night and nine convicts escaped. At the railroad station near by they robbed the telegraph operator and left him bound. One of them has been captured.

Nurse Attempted Suicide.

Great Falls, Mont., May 13.—Sophia Vernon, a trained nurse, recently from New York, attempted suicide by taking morphine in her room, next to that of Miss Georgia Day, whom she was engaged to nurse.

Joaquin Miller Not Dead.

Oakland, Cal., May 12.—The reported death of Joaquin Miller has no foundation in fact.

Eruptions

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of Venezuelan... asking have se... Venezuela preferential... settlement of their... they asked in time and... been relieved of the necessity of appeal to The Hague, with its expenses and delay, is told in the blue book which Mr. Herbert W. Bowen has prepared. The book shows that President Castro conferred on Mr. Bowen two sets of powers, one authorizing him to conduct negotiations exclusively with the representatives of the allied powers, and the granting him full authority to effect a settlement with the representatives of all nations having claims against Venezuela.

Mr. Bowen, on the day of his arrival here, called at the embassies of the allied powers to present his credentials. He presented first his full powers, though expecting that these would be objected to promptly, in which event he intended to fall back on the original powers granted him. Instead, the Italian and British ambassadors and the German chargé accepted without question Mr. Bowen's letters empowering him to negotiate with all the creditor nations. In so doing, they waived at the outset the question of separate or preferential treatment for their governments, and this point was not raised until the peace protocols were practically ready for signature.

Spokane Market Quotations.

There are many inquiries for turkeys, ducks and geese from the dealers, but there are few to be had.

Almost any price is paid for potatoes these days. Some of the farmers coming in offer theirs as low as 25 cents a hundred, and the prevailing prices are from 30 to 35 cents.

Vegetables—New potatoes, 3 lbs 25c, old, 50c cwt; head lettuce, 5@10c; tomatoes, 30c lb; radishes, 5c bunch; dried onions, 2c lb, or \$1 sack; green onions, 2 bunches 5c; cucumbers, California, 15@25c each; beets, 10c bunch; turnips, in bulk, 1 1/2 @ 2c lb; carrots, 10c bunch; artichokes, 3 or 25c; Walla Walla asparagus, 2 lbs .50; cauliflower, 15@20c head; rhubarb, 6@7 lbs for 25c; green peas, 4@15c lb, 2 lbs for 25c; spinach, 5c lb; fresh mint, 5c bunch; green chery, 5c head; string beans, 25c lb; horseradish root, 20c lb; mint, 5c bunch; cabbage, 5c lb.

Fruits—Apples, 5c lb, 75c @ \$2 box; cranberries, 20c qt; coconuts, 10@15c each; limes, 20c doz; Malaga grapes, 35c lb; pineapples, 50@75c each; strawberries, 25@30c basket.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 17@18c; squabs, 15c each; live turkeys, 20c lb. Dairy Products—Creamery butter, 30@35c per lb; country butter, 18@25c per lb; oleomargarine, 35@40c per lb, 20c lb; cheese, 20@25c lb. Eggs—20@25c a doz; case, \$5.75.

Coal oil—Bulk oil, 30c per gal; pearl, \$3.25 per case, \$1.75 per can.

Fish—Salmon, 15c lb; halibut, 12 1/2 c lb; herring 12 1/2 c lb. Grain and Feed—Timothy hay, \$1.25 per cwt, \$21@25 ton; grain hay, \$1 per cwt, \$20@22 per ton; alfalfa, \$1 per cwt, \$20@21 per ton; chicken feed, \$1.40 per cwt, \$27 per ton; oats, \$1.30 per cwt, \$24 per ton; bran, 95c per cwt; bran and shorts, \$1.05 per cwt; shorts, \$1.10 per cwt; rolled barley, \$1.35 per cwt; corn \$1.75 per cwt.

Seeds—Timothy, 7 1/2 c lb, \$6.50 per cwt; alfalfa, 18c lb, \$16 per cwt; red clover, 18c lb, \$16 cwt; white clover, 30c lb, \$26 cwt; red top, 14c lb, \$12 cwt; rye grass, 12c lb, \$9 cwt; blue grass, 14@20c lb, \$12@15 cwt; orchard grass, 17c lb, \$15 cwt.

Flour—Wholesale, eastern hard wheat, \$5@5.60 per bbl; retail, fancy patents, \$1.20 per sack; standard brands, \$1.15 per sack; common grade, \$1.10 per sack; lowest, \$1 per sack; Washington wheat, \$4@4.50 per bbl.

Rice—Retail, Japan No. 1, 13 lbs for \$1; Japan No. 2, \$5.75; retail, Japan No. 1.

Prices Paid to Producers.

Poultry and Eggs—Chickens, roosters, 10c; hens, 12@13c per lb live weight; eggs, fresh, \$5.50 per case.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 30@35c per cwt; onions, 50@75c per cwt.

Live Stock—Steers, \$4@4.75; cows, \$3.25@4; mutton, ewes, \$3.75@4.25 per cwt; wethers, \$4@4.50 per cwt; ewes and wethers, dressed, 7 1/2 @ 8c; hogs, live, \$7@7.50, dressed, 9 1/2 @ 10c.

Eastern Dressed Meats—Steers, 8 1/2 c lb; cows, 8 1/4 c; veal, 10@12c; hogs 9@10c; chickens, 16c.

Mrs. Adair's Fancy Ball.

London, May 13.—Mrs. Adair's fancy dress ball was the social event of the season. It was more largely attended than any social function since the duchess of Devonshire's fancy dress ball of a few weeks ago. Nearly all the men were in fancy dress. Princess Hatfeldt created a sensation as Queen Esther.

Rumors at Yokohama.

Yokohama, May 12.—Alarming and conflicting rumors are heard here that the Russian concentration of troops is menacing New Chwang and Korea. It is said that Japan is indignant at Russia's bad faith and will calmly maintain her treaty rights.

Lost Hair

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MONTANA EVENTS.

While playing in a swing at his home in Anaconda recently, Earl Levingood, aged 18 months, slipped and caught his chin on the rope, breaking his neck.

Plans and specifications for the new weather bureau building are ready for the contractors in the Havre office of the weather bureau. The building will cost about \$10,000. It will be for the use of the observer's family and offices of the observer.

Now that snow is about off the hills and mountains to the east of Kallispell and in and around Lake Five, the point where it is supposed Superintendent B. F. Egan lost his life while in the quest of pleasure the afternoon of November 4, search was actively taken up Monday.

Nothing can be learned at Thompson Falls leading to any other supposition than that County Assessor Wagnitz was drowned in the Missoula river between Plains and Thompson. It is believed he went out on the logs to estimate them and fell between.

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