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Christian Klueker, a Swiss guide in the Rocky mountains, has a record of 2,000 mountain ascents without an accident to himself or his party.

This Buffalo is the same sanguine little city that was bragging a few months ago that its fair should be ready when the opening day arrived.

It is too soon to tell whether the reduction in the size of the page which several metropolitan daily newspapers are making is merely an advertising experiment, or the beginning of an important permanent change.

Sweden and Norway both boast several homes for unmarried women. One of these was endowed more than 200 years ago by a man who left the bulk of his fortune to his spinster descendants.

In the new mint in Philadelphia the United States will have the finest, costliest, and most complete money-making establishment of its kind in the world.

A physician who has recently returned from Persia says that the natives still believe that human tears are a remedy for certain chronic diseases.

The Forestry Department of the St. Louis fair intends to have an exhibition that will be an object lesson to all who seek it of the practical side of wood working in all its phases and branches.

Prince Alphonse, the nephew of the Prince Regent of Bavaria, is the man of the hour in Bavaria. He has received the "Blue Letter," which means he has been officially degraded.

The last maneuvers, on reaching a steep and stony descent, Prince Alphonse ordered the men to dismount, so that the horses might be spared.

The sumptuous chapel built to commemorate the many victims of the terrible fire which took place a few years ago at the Charity Bazaar in Paris is now finished, and is generally considered to be exceptionally artistic and appropriate.

While a crew of stone laborers were working an excavation through the Forman cliff, two miles east of Newport, R. L. for the bed of the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad, they found a human female skeleton 19 inches in height, in a perfect state of preservation.

Since the day when Jesus Christ came here to suffer poverty and painful death, lived a life of absolute devotion to the poor and to the weak.

The most primitive hunter as well as the most remarkable marksman in Pennsylvania is Frederick Thomas, a hermit who lives on the Gettysburg battlefield.

There was no politics in the Adams county republican convention held at Corning for the selection of delegates to the state convention.

There is much excitement in Floris, on account of the mysterious disappearance of A. S. Kendrick, a well to do and highly respected citizen, who on the first of May drew \$900 from the bank and has not since been seen.

The persons who are fighting for Sunday closing of saloons in Dubuque have gained a point. The Young People's Christian Temperance union in writing, called Judge Mathews' attention to the fact that the 125 saloons of Dubuque are violating the Sunday law by keeping open all day Sunday.

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Mr. Ismael of Oelwein complained to the city police that one Mr. Higworth had been robbed, delivering \$1.50, claiming that as his part of the steal, and accusing Mr. Seaworthy of theft. At a preliminary hearing the evidence warranted the court to hold Seaworthy under \$800 bonds to appear at trial in the district court.

The jury in the case of Jackson and Stoval, alleged Manila, Iowa, express robbers, found them not guilty. The men were released from jail.

The Butler county republican convention adopted resolutions favorable to the candidacy of Senator Harrison for governor.

Wisconsin university defeated Iowa in a debate on the "Construction of the Nicaraguan Canal" at Madison. Wisconsin favored the canal.

At Ames a few days ago Drake won the triangular meet from Grinnell and Ames with comparative ease. The winning score was fifty-four points.

E. C. Young, a brakeman on the Algona branch, was run over and instantly killed at Hampton while making up a freight train, his foot being caught on a guard rail. He was a single man 30 years old.

M. J. Bishop was killed two miles east of Stanton. He attempted to pass a freight train that was going twenty-five miles an hour when he was thrown under the wheels and frightfully mangled. He was 18 years old and his parents reside in Stanton.

Burglars broke into the Fair store at Lone Tree, bound and gagged the night watchman, and stole \$300 worth of clothing and \$50 worth of jewelry. They stole a handcar and escaped, afterwards throwing the car into the Iowa river at Iowa City, where it was found.

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A young man giving the name of C. B. Hines was arrested at Waterloo by United States Deputy Marshal Healey and taken to Cedar Rapids to answer a charge of attempting to evade the revenue law by passing counterfeit money.

Davenport has another clam-pear story, and this one is vouched for as truth. This time it is Jack Bailey of LeClaire, who is reputed to be the lucky man, and \$1,000 is given as the purchase price of his find.

A suit for \$10,000 adds a new chapter to the Finn-Muroy sensation that developed in Hardin county several weeks ago, resulting in the disruption of the Finn home at Radcliffe, and the commitment of Mrs. Finn to the state asylum at Independence.

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MANY REDUCED TO RUIN

Appalling Result of War in Northern Pacific Stocks. New York, May 15.—Bitter stress developed in Wall street by the second hour of trading on the stock exchange yesterday. The violence of the commotion had spent much of its force, at least for the time being, when the chairman's gavel fell announcing the close of the day's proceedings.

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RUSSIA STATES HER POSITION.

New York, May 14.—According to a special from Washington to the Herald, Russia's efforts to facilitate the negotiations respecting China and to hasten the withdrawal of foreign troops from the Celestial empire are the subject of an official note, a copy of which has just been received in Washington.

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PRESIDENT ON A JOURNEY AT THE STATE CAPITAL

Los Angeles, Cal., May 9.—Yesterday the president and his party had their first taste of the hospitality of California. The introduction to the land of sunshine, fruit and flowers was like a dream of paradise after three days spent in the alkali deserts of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

The president was driven over beds of roses, beneath a triumphal arch of flowers and fruit to the Casa Loma hotel, on the balcony of which the exercises took place. A drive through the orange groves and parks followed. All along the route of the drive ladies and gentlemen, Mrs. McKinley and Mrs. McKinley with flowers, and through the streets they bombarded him from the windows with confetti until the air was a perfect maze of color.

From Redlands down to Los Angeles it was one continuous ovation. Every station was crowded with children with wreaths of flowers in their hands, and with cheering men and women. Minute stops were made at Colton, Ontario and Pomona, and at 2:30 o'clock the train drew into Los Angeles. Great preparations had been made for the arrival of the party in Los Angeles and the reception was a splendid one.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 10.—From a broad, blue canopied pavilion, surrounded by the members of his cabinet, the governor of Ohio and notables from many states, President McKinley yesterday reviewed the floral parade of the Los Angeles carnival. The streets of the city were literally jammed with people.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., May 11.—The route of the president's train northward from Los Angeles yesterday lay through the Santa Clara valley, where it ran for hours along the edge of cliffs overlooking the Pacific ocean. At every stopping place today there was a flower show rivaling in beauty the floral parade which the president witnessed at Los Angeles.

San Francisco, May 13.—When near New Orleans a felon began to develop on one of Mrs. McKinley's fingers. It was lanced a couple of times by the attending physician, but the operation being quite painful.

DEWET HUNTS THE BRITISH. Boer Leader, With 2,000 Men, Said to Have Invaded the Transvaal. London, May 14.—General De Wet, according to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pretoria, has resumed operations, and is reported to have crossed into the Transvaal with 2,000 men.

TURKEY MUST FIGHT. Paris, May 14.—The correspondent on one of the Associated Press agencies trustworthy authority that unless the sultan of Turkey yields on the question of interference with the foreign postoffices the powers will present an ultimatum in a few days backed by a naval demonstration.

IT KITCHENER BLAMES NO ONE. New York, May 9.—Lord Kitchener's long dispatch, dated March 8, describing in detail his futile endeavors to catch De Wet, apportions neither blame nor praise to any commanding officer of the British troops in the operations.

UMBRELLAS ARE UNKNOWN IN THIS COUNTRY UNTIL A FEW YEARS BEFORE THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR. A French alienist has discovered that 166 out of every 100,000 soldiers and sailors become hopeless lunatics.

A magic belt, which the inventor declared would cure any disease from a bunion to a cancer was tested by a lady in New York city, a sufferer from an internal malady. The inventor compelled her to deposit \$300 as security for the return of the belt, which was worth not more than thirty cents. She wore the circlet for a month without deriving any benefit from it.

Des Moines, May 14, 1901. State Superintendent R. C. Barrett has secured an opinion from Assistant Attorney General VanVleck as to what constitutes a special teacher in music.

The controversy over the question of furnishing the army post with water has been settled. The Des Moines Water company, through its local attorney, has agreed to extend its mains from the south corporation limits to the post, a distance of one and a half miles.

An order has been issued from the office of the adjutant general in regard to the school of instruction in small arms practice for this year. It will open at the state range, near Cedar Rapids, June 10, and will continue for six weeks.

It is said that the fire insurance companies doing business in Iowa have decided to go into politics for the purpose of securing the repeal of what they believe to be unfavorable legislation.

The governor has named the following gentlemen to represent Iowa at the national convention on taxation to be held at Buffalo, May 23 and 24: John C. Caldwell, Des Moines; John Cowie, Des Moines; W. I. Bab, Mt. Pleasant; W. W. Witmer, Des Moines; W. W. Baldwin, Burlington; George D. Perkins, Sioux City; N. M. Pusey, Council Bluffs; R. L. Chase, Des Moines.

REMAIN IN FORTHROBIDDEN CITY. American Forces Ignore Objections of the Foreign Powers. Peking, May 19.—The Americans have evacuated the districts under their control, with the exception of the forbidden city which they will continue to occupy in spite of foreign objections until orders to the contrary are received from Washington.

Turks Show Great Brutality. Sofia, Bulgaria, May 14.—It is reported that the Turkish police in that district are acting with great brutality toward the unfortunate inhabitants of the Thivsk district, who are arrested and cruelly tortured.

Princess Louise of Bavaria, wife of the heir presumptive, has formed a league for the curtailment of the skirts of women's walking dresses. The leading society women of Munich have joined the league and are working strongly for dress reform.

This year the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall will see three winters, but no summers. They will see the first spring, the first autumn, then a winter, a few days of another spring, and then autumn again. Their winter—especially that part between Fremantle and Natal—will be exceptionally severe, though the visit to Mauritius keeps them north of the ordinary route.