

OLDEST MAN IN U. S.

Thomas Morris of Nebraska Was Born in 1794.

Has Reached the Remarkable Age of One Hundred and Twenty Years—Has Great Antipathy for the Fair Sex.

Chicago.—Probably the oldest person in the United States today is Thomas Morris of Custer county, Nebraska. Charles Myton, with whom the aged man lives, declares that Morris will have reached his hundred and twentieth year the 15th of next January.

It appears that some years ago records of his birth were destroyed by fire and it is largely through memory that the present facts are retained.

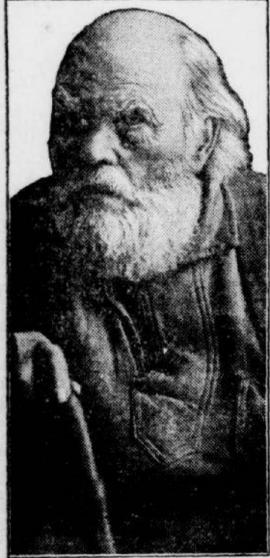
Morris was born in the year 1794, at Berrey, Montgomeryshire, North Wales, and if he lives until the 15th of next January he will have reached the wonderful age of one hundred and twenty years. It is not unlikely that the centenarian can claim the distinction of being the oldest living man in the United States. Considering the great age he has reached, Morris' life has been rather uneventful and he had always been a hard worker up to the time old age incapacitated him.

The old man is a shoemaker by trade, but at one time served as a gamekeeper to a large estate in England. He came to America in 1871 and passed through Chicago the Sunday after the big fire. Locating at Blackstone, Ill., he quietly followed his trade in that town for ten years. Later on, he moved to Harrison county, Missouri, where he lived for four years.

He reached Custer county in 1886 and resided there since that time. Morris can justly be numbered among the pioneers of the west. The above picture is an excellent likeness of the aged shoemaker and shows him as he is at the present time. He is able to walk about, although considerably hampered by a club foot, and thoroughly enjoys basking in the sunlight.

He talks but little at the present time, but generally manages to make himself understood. Tobacco is his constant companion and he appears to derive much nourishment from large quantities of coffee, which he drinks at all hours of the day and night.

He is unable to read or write, consequently has never been able to take notes of any interesting experiences that may have come his way. It is hardly likely, however, that he has had any glaring adventures, as his



Thomas Morris, 120 Years Old.

life, according to those who know him best, has been a remarkably quiet one, although it would appear that one who has passed over such a great number of years and has lived in "ye olden times" that we read about, must necessarily have bumped against something during his career that was worth chronicling.

Morris is a bachelor and a confirmed woman hater, and right here is where a grain of romance inserts itself. In his young days, it is said, many years before he came to this country, he was engaged to a buxom English girl. The wedding day had been fixed, but before its arrival the girl sickened and died. Morris so cherished the memory of his beloved that he could never be brought to look with favor upon any other woman.

As the years passed, his antipathy toward the fair sex increased until, at the present day, with one hundred and twenty years to his credit, he stands forth, an openly avowed woman hater. Who knows, but what this aged man, as he dreams in the sunlight, has visions of that long ago face and that it gradually draws nearer and becomes more distinct as he himself approaches the goal.

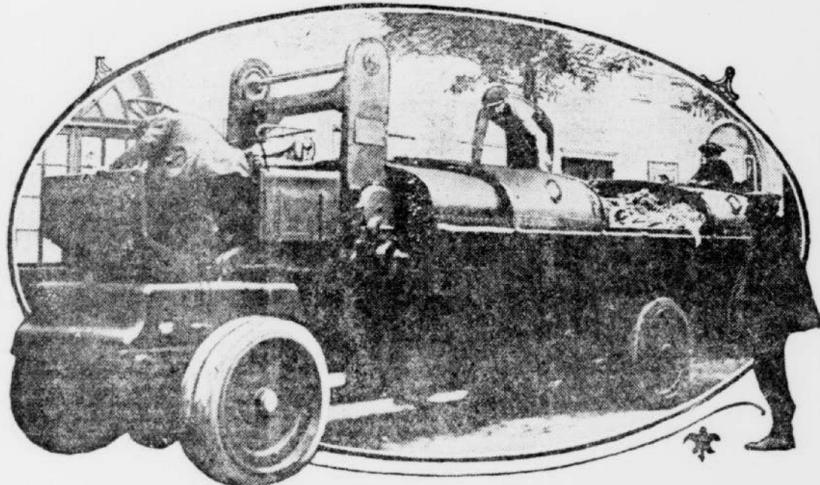
Man Wedged in Mortar.

Pleasant Dale, N. J.—While working on the roof of a barn here, Angelo Martucci, a mason's helper, lost his mortar and fell from the roof into a foot bed eighteen inches deep. Both his ankles were sprained and he could not rise. He yelled for help but none came. Several hours later Martucci was dug from hardened mortar with a pick.

Girl Does Sensational Stunt.

Cloversville, N. Y.—Because a pretty eighteen-year-old maid in the Gloversville high school was forced to walk through the street attired in tights as a part of a sorority initiation the board of education has issued an order barring societies and fraternities from the school.

HOW THE STREETS OF PARIS ARE CLEANED



In Paris, where the automobile was popular before the American manufacturer ever thought of bringing it to the perfection of its present state, the street cleaning department has started an innovation in the removal of the garbage and accumulation of refuse, by using a specially constructed motor truck for this purpose. The body of the car is built of galvanized sheet with covers of the same material so arranged that they slip over one another, thereby hermetically sealing the car when loaded. Covered over as it is, the spectacle of an army of flies following in the wake of the garbage wagon, so familiar to the sight of Americans, is eliminated, and the odors which ordinarily arise from a wagon load of garbage are not forced upon the people as in our own big cities.

POET WHO WAS ASSASSIN DECREASE IN NURSES

Lacenaire's Career—He Could Laugh and Commit Murder.

Before Being Brought to Justice Slayer Lived by Making Verses and Spurious Paper—All Paris Sang His Songs.

Paris.—On December 4, 1834, a gentleman of distinguished appearance walked briskly along a quiet street near the Chopinette Barrier in Paris. It is true that the gentleman's black frock coat gave evidence of long use and the gentleman's hat was a trifle ancient and the gentleman's cravat was not exactly fashionable. But, name of a name, messieurs, one may be a gentleman and be poor.

This pedestrian, who looked distinguished even under the handicap of threadbare garments, was about thirty-five years old. He was rather small of stature, but carried himself proudly. His face was refined and intellectual—the face of a poet and dreamer. Indeed, at that hour all Paris was whistling and singing one of his songs, "The Fife and Drum." He had the hands and hair of an artist and the joyous, care free laugh of a boy. It was a good thing to hear Lacenaire laugh. It reminded you of your halcyon days, before the world weariness made you sad.

Behind Lacenaire there walked a man of vulgar appearance. His name was Avril. He was quite young, not more than twenty-two, and he had been so unfortunate as a criminal that Lacenaire was sorry for him and was determined to give him a chance to do better work.

Presently they stopped before a dwelling of prosperous appearance. "This is the place," said Lacenaire. "Do you remember my instructions? Yes? Then allons vite!"

The poet rang the door bell and the door was opened by a young man.

"Ah, my dear Chardon," cried Lacenaire, "we have come to see your mother on a trifle of business—the mere signing of a paper."

"We are greatly honored, M. Lacenaire," replied Chardon. "Mother, as you know, is an invalid, and is on her bed, but she can do what you ask."

They stood face to face, Chardon and Lacenaire, and the latter gossiped gayly on one thing and another, while Avril stole quietly behind Chardon, and, having stationed himself properly, at a wink from the poet he threw his arm around Chardon's neck and garroted him. Lacenaire drew a dagger then and stabbed the victim several times, to make the job complete, then he went to the room of the invalid mother and slew her with the weapon that killed the son.

"There should be 10,000 francs here somewhere, according to my information," said Lacenaire. "Lock the door, my friend, and we'll search till we find the money."

Avril locked the door and they searched and searched, but all they found was 500 francs. Lacenaire, whose sense of humor was abnormally developed, laughed until the tears rolled down his cheeks. It was this insensibility, displayed on many tragic and harrowing occasions, that made him one of the most famous criminals of modern times.

"Is the joke on us or on the Chardons?" he asked, as he wiped the joyous tears from his face. But Avril was impatient and nervous. He wanted to get away. Those dead people were getting on his nerves. So they left the house and went to an inn, where, over sundry bottles of cheap wine, Lacenaire planned a larger and better crime.

He rented an office and painted an assumed name on the door, thus creating the impression that he was a business man. Then, by laying his cards carefully, he arranged that a bank messenger should call on him in his office on a certain day, the chosen day being one on which collections were sure to be large. It

French Women for Army

Madame Dieulafoy, Well Known Explorer, Suggest Scheme Covering the Innovation.

Paris.—The scheme of Madame Dieulafoy, the well known woman explorer, for introducing women into posts hitherto filled by men in the army administration, was given in detail by Madame Dieulafoy herself at a conference held in the theater of the Comedie des Champs Elysee.

She did not, she said, claim for women places in the active army, but there was much that they could

take a great deal of skillful maneuvering to bring this about, but the details are not essential to this story.

Everything being in readiness, Avril was so foolish as to be arrested while trying to rescue a lady friend from the police. Avril's conscience became active and he told of the Chardon murders. So it came to pass that the poet was arrested, and when he learned that the discovery was due to his accomplice he made full and free confession, his only object, he said, being to take the betrayers to the guillotine with him.

There is not the same future in nursing as in most of the other professions. This fact has led to some discouragement among women who have graduated in the profession and who have hoped to keep on rising year after year. A trained nurse carries just the same when she takes her first case as she does after she has had several years' experience. Her skill and knowledge are worth no more than when she graduated a full-fledged trained nurse.

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Needs It. "The stranger yonder looks like a man of decision." "He has to be. That is a baseball umpire."

Training Schools Less Popular Than in Former Times.

Head of Big Training Hospital Declares That Women Are Beginning to Prefer Other Work for Various Reasons.

New York.—Is nursing as a profession for women on the decline? Representatives of a training school affiliated with one of the smaller public hospitals in this city answered this question in the affirmative. And they gave as a reason for a decrease in attendance the fact that there are so many other professions now open to women that comparatively few choose to follow the old-fashioned womanly profession of caring for the sick.

It was the head of a big hospital training school in East Twentieth street who declared that nursing is declining as a popular profession. "Women prefer other work for various reasons," she said. "Until this year we always have had as many applicants as we could accommodate in our training school, but now we have been unable to fill the beginning class."

"There are scores of new professions and new kinds of work opened to women now which used to be closed to them or were unknown a few years ago. Ten years ago nursing was one of the finest occupations for women who were forced to earn their own living. Now it is one of many by which they may become self-supporting."

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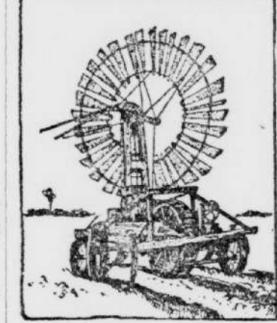
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TEXAS INVENTOR MAKES FIND

Lone Star State Man Discovers Way to Use Wind Power to Operate Agricultural Machinery.

Austin, Tex.—If all the power of wind, sun and water that is wasted on the earth could be gathered and set to doing some useful work, the amount of money that would thus be saved would, no doubt, make many people "sit up and take notice." Already some inventors are giving thought to ways and means for harnessing the forces of the elements and some curious contrivances, more or less successful, have been evolved.

Of course, men have long been used the wind for pumping water, and in some cases for grinding, etc., but this is only a very small fraction of the work it is capable of doing. It is altogether probable that the necessity occasioned by a diminishing fuel supply and other economic forces will stimulate inventors more and more as time goes on, and that they will succeed in producing engines capable of



Texas Man's Invention.

utilizing these great natural energies for the production of light, heat and power.

A traction plow run by wind power has been invented by H. M. Fletcher, of Plainview, Tex. Some years ago he began experimenting with wind power for operating plows and other agricultural machinery. He now claims to have perfected a mechanism which makes it possible to put the wind at work in a practical way on the farm. Seated on his "wind-plow" he made a trip of 70 miles in the vicinity of his home with the wind as the only motive power.

The winds are usually strong and steady in the Texas "panhandle" where Mr. Fletcher lives, so that his machine is especially well adapted for use in that section. By means of fans ingeniously adjusted, and so arranged as to resemble the wheel of an ordinary windmill, he can guide his machine in any direction he wishes irrespective of the quarter from which the wind happens to be blowing. His early experiments convinced him that the problem of lost motion was the one which presented the most difficult features, but he overcame that by devising a special kind of gearing by which the outfit is moved rapidly and with sufficient power to cut a 10-inch furrow, even though the wind force may be comparatively small.

It is said that Fletcher's neighbors gathered about him while he worked on his plow and laughed at him, just as Noah's neighbors did when he was building the ark. But like Noah he kept on with the work and followed the plan outlined until he attained success.

That he was successful is shown by an account which says that no greater wind pressure is necessary for operating this plow than is necessary for flying a kite.

WRECK DRIFTED 1,000 MILES

Schooner Lottie R. Russell, Lost on April 15, is Found by Revenue Cutter Seneca.

Washington.—A bottom-up derelict which the revenue cutter Seneca found 150 miles east of Halifax and towed into that port recently proved to be the American schooner Lottie R. Russell which was abandoned seven miles east of Cape Henry on April 15. In five months the wreck had drifted one thousand miles and its final capture in the path of commerce by the revenue cutter Seneca was regarded as one of the most unusual incidents in the history of the revenue cutter service.

The schooner, lumber laden, left Charleston, S. C., for New York on April 11, and a few days later met disaster. The crew was taken off by the British steamer Georgian Prince. For several days the revenue cutter Onondaga searched the shoals of Hatteras for the disabled craft, but it had been driven to sea and lost. Early in September a derelict was reported in the path of commerce off Halifax. The Seneca, on September 5, started on the 700-mile chase which finally solved the mystery of the Lottie R. Russell.

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GOT HER CHICKEN TENDER

All Right for Mrs. Newlywed, But It Was Rather Rough on the Butcher.

Mrs. Newlywed did not know much about housekeeping and was always cheated when she went to the nearby butcher store after her supplies.

After a particularly tough bird had been with difficulty disposed of she went once more to the butcher and purveyor of macadamized meat and said:

"How many young chickens have you today?"

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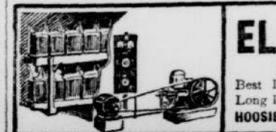
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