Farm Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

The Bangkok Times announces that a large floating island on the Mekong or Cambodia river, in Siam, recently slipped its moorings, and has not been seen or heard of since. There were a number of trees three feet in diameter on the island, and the land was under cultivation. The owner has been hunting diligently for his property, but has not been able to hear any tidings of it. It undoubtedly went down the river with a freshet and has either stranded or gone to pieces.

If the girls who chew gum in the street cars only knew how ugly it makes them look, they wouldn't do it.

The Trust Problem.

To a thoughtful mind, the trust problem is one of serious import. It must be firmly grappled with, for it creeps upon society before you are aware of its existence, in this respect much resembling the various disorders which attack the stomach, such as constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, biliousness, liver and kidney troubles. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the one reliable remedy for all such ailments. Be sure to give it a trial.

Exposing horses to cold, when they are tired and sweaty, frequently results in the animal's taking pneumonia.

OVARIAN TROUBLES.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Cures Them—Two Letters from Women.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I write to tell you of the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done me. I was sick in bed about five weeks. The right side of my abdomen pained me and was so swollen and sore that I could not walk. The doctor told my husband I would have to undergo an operation. This I refused to do until I had given your medicine a trial. Before I had taken one bottle the swelling began to disappear. I continued to use your medicine until the swelling was entirely gone. When the doctor came he was very much surprised to see me so much better."—MRS. MARY SMITH, Arlington, Iowa.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I was sick for two years with falling of the womb, and inflammation of the ovaries and bladder. I was bloated very badly. My left limb would swell so I could not step on my foot. I had such bearing down pains I could not straighten up or walk across the room and such shooting pains would go through me that I thought I could not stand it. My mother got me a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and told me to try it. I took six bottles and now, thanks to your wonderful medicine, I am a well woman."—MRS. ELZIX BRYAN, Otisville, Mich.

BAD STATE OF CAPTURED BOERS

Cronje Was a Beaten But Not a Crushed Foe.

The thing was gallantly done, and we may all well be proud of this achievement of the Canadians. An examination of the laager disclosed a state of affairs which it would be impossible to describe. The wreckage and confusion were bad enough, but the filth and stench were such as to make one feel sick, says a London News correspondent. Within a space of 100 yards lay over forty dead horses and a half dozen dead oxen. Men themselves were only buried six inches beneath the soil. No regard had been paid to sanitary arrangements at all. They drank the water within a few feet of a petrifying carcass. Wounded men lay about uncared for, their wounds undressed, left to look after themselves. In most cases gangrene had set in. Slight scratches, which with ordinary care would have entailed two days' rest only, had developed, into huge ulcerated cancerous sores. Our doctors, who took charge of over two hundred such cases, declare that nine-tenths must die. Compared to the horrible conditions under which the Boers had for the past ten days lived, our fire was mere child's play. It proves the indomitable pluck—call it obstinacy if you like—of Cronje. It was only the general who made the men hold out so long. The prisoners for most part seemed pleased when taken. Cronje was sullen; a beaten but not crushed foe. To us it felt like death to remain five minutes in the place where the Boers had spent ten days. One's stomach turned against the fetid stench of rotting bodies. For a day one could not get the smell out of one's nostrils. Yet the prisoners declare that had it not been for the Canadians getting so close to them they would have held out for some days yet; and with food it would have been weeks before they would have surrendered, it may be interesting to say that one prisoner told me that they knew that we were longing to wipe out Majuba, and that they thought that if they allowed us to charge with the bayonet none of them would be allowed to live, even had they shot our soldiers down by hundreds.

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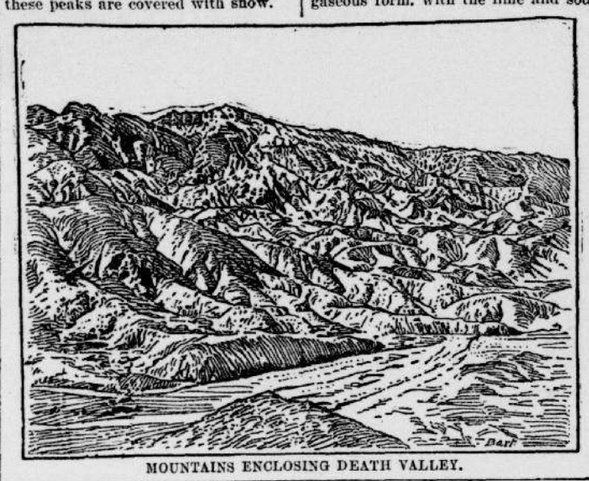
Death Valley and Its Borax Mines.

Death Valley is probably the most unique natural feature in California. It is located in the southeast corner of Inyo County, and is inclosed by the Panamint Mountains on the west and the Funeral Range on the east. It is seventy-five miles long, and at its narrowest point but eight miles wide.

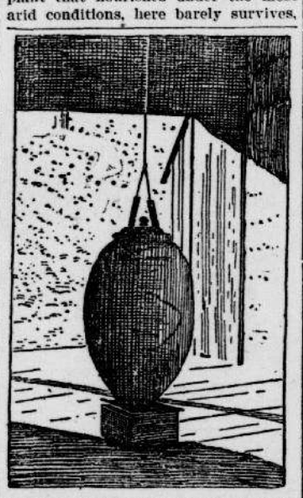
At one time, most probably, it was the bed of an ancient river. The lowest depression is 200 feet below sea-level, but above this rises Telescope Peak, 11,000 feet high, of the Panamint Range, and directly opposite the Funeral Peak, which reaches an altitude of 8000 feet. During the winter these peaks are covered with snow.



MOUNTAINS ENCLOSING DEATH VALLEY.

This remarkable valley was discovered in 1850 by a party of immigrants, many of whom lost their lives in the attempt to cross it. The name has clung to it, also, as being the scene of numberless tragedies. Early in its history traditions of gold and silver deposits of wonderful richness within its boundaries persuaded many adventurous persons to undertake the hazardous experiment of its exploration. The number who have lost their lives in this desolate field is undoubtedly great. Pursuing the mirage of rich deposits of precious metals these adventurous prospectors succumbed at last to the intolerable heat and the agonies of thirst.

The range of the thermometer is probably greater in Death Valley than elsewhere in the Western Hemisphere. In winter the temperature is way below zero, while in July and August the thermometer ranges for weeks at 137 degrees above, frequently rising several degrees higher. For weeks at a time the lowest level temperature observed exceeded 100 degrees. The deadly heat burns every vestige of vegetation. The Spanish bayonet, a plant that flourishes under the most arid conditions, here barely survives,

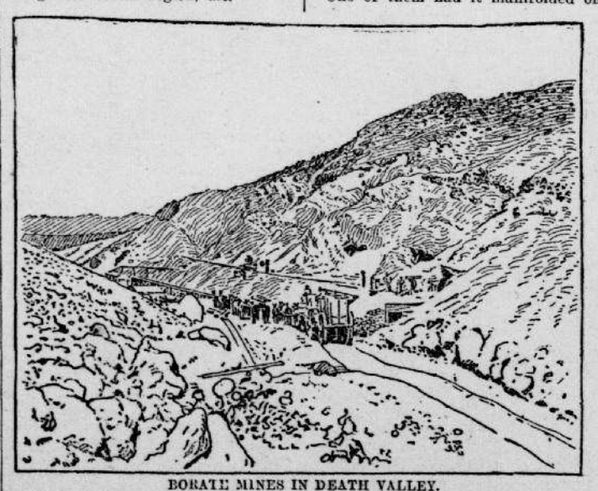


WATER COOLER USED IN DEATH VALLEY.

while the mesquite, with its long roots penetrating deep into the earth in search of scanty moisture, just manages to exist.

A party of enterprising agriculturists once experimented with growing fruit and vegetables in this region, anticipating large profits in the early marketing of their crops. The attempt was a complete failure, the intense heat withering the plants, notwithstanding copious supplies of water and the most skillful cultivation. In the higher altitudes of the Panamints there are numerous valleys with flowing streams. In these fruits are cultivated, and reach the market two months before the California products mature.

The prevailing winds in Death Valley are from the west. Though originating in the Pacific Ocean and saturated with humidity in traveling the intermediate distance, they are intercepted by the lofty peaks of four ranges of mountains, which absorb all of their moisture, so that by the time they reach the valley all humidity has disappeared, and no living thing can survive the intense heat. Even birds, indigenous to the region, die.



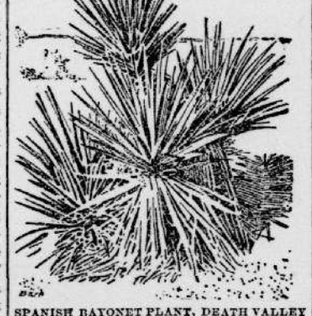
BORATE MINES IN DEATH VALLEY.

It is in the months of greatest heat that the sand storms of Death Valley are most deadly. Then rage with intense fury, obliterating the landscape and dimming the light of the sun, withering the scanty vegetation and covering the trails deep in powdered dust. At all times the aspect of the valley is superlatively desolate. No spot on earth surpasses it in aridity or torpet like heat.

During the heated term an hour without water means death. Meat becomes putrid in an hour. Eggs are cooked in the blistering sand. Water is only palatable by means of large porous earthenware jars, common to all hot countries, suspended in drafts and reduced in temperature by means of the rapid evaporation of the moisture from the outside.

The belief that the borax marshes are the remains of the vast lake which once filled the valley is supported by traces of water-line found 600 feet above, on the mountain sides.

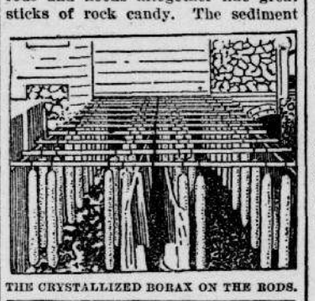
In general appearance all borax marshes are alike. They are located at the point of greatest depression and from a distance look like deposits of salt or snow. Under the surface is common wet clay or water of varying depths. These deposits are generally circular in form and appear as though once they were craters. Borax was created by contact of boracic acid in gaseous form, with the lime and soda of the surface. At Teels Marsh, Nevada, borate of lime appears in the form of balls imbedded in clay along with soda, salt, etc., but at Columbus these are found in sandy soil. Sometimes these balls are ecomposed, underlying the soil which is removed, and the borate shoveled out. Deposits of crude borate of soda are found in Nevada and in Death Valley, at the Monte Blanco mines. These mines are



SPANISH BAYONET PLANT, DEATH VALLEY

located in a region the most forbidding, remote from the railroad and offering almost unsurmountable difficulties in the reduction and marketing of their product, but their richness and extent, compared to all other fields, soon caused them to be regarded as the principal source of supply for the future production of borax in the United States.

The works employ from 400 to 1600 men. The crude borate of lime is first passed through rock breakers and is then ground to the fineness of flour by means of rolls and burr stones. It is then, with a small proportion of carbonate of soda, thrown into a digester, where under heat, pressure and agitation the existing affinities are completely divorced. The carbonic acid unites with the lime, which yields boracic acid, the latter with a small portion of soda and the result is borax in solution. The liquor is then drawn off into tanks, where the borax in crystallizing attaches itself to small steel rods and hooks altogether like great sticks of rock candy. The sediment



THE CRYSTALLIZED BORAX ON THE RODS.

contained in the mixing tanks is composed largely of sand and dirt with considerable borax mixed. The deposit is passed through a filter press, which presses the dirt and allows the borax liquor to pass away to be utilized again. Repeated over and over again, the last remnant of borax is finally secured by this process.

Easy to Pick the Winner.

They made a wager as to which could give a story the widest circulation in the shortest time.

One of them had it manifolded on the typewriter and sent it to every newspaper in the town.

The other merely told it to his wife "in strict confidence."

The total number of delegates expected in London is 60,000, of which 8000 come from America. The delegates represent a membership of 4,000,000 Endeavorers, scattered all over the world.

MACHINE FOR HANDLING EGGS.

Interesting Device For Packing Them in Crates.

Egg crates, with their pasteboard partitions for each egg, are usually packed by expert hand-packers, and the device here pictured is intended to facilitate this operation. It consists of a wooden tray to which are attached parallel wooden strips of semi-circular section, running in the direction of its length, the whole being covered with cloth. This tray is placed

FOR PACKING EGG CRATES.

on an iron stand, fitted with wooden rollers, and is adjustable to any height. The eggs are placed in the tray, which must be rocked occasionally, causing the eggs to dovetail into the corrugations in perfect order. When the tray is full it is removed to the case into which the eggs are delivered by tilting the tray and drawing it gently from one end to the other. By this means the eggs are delivered into the case in symmetrical order in such a manner that breakages are reduced to a minimum.

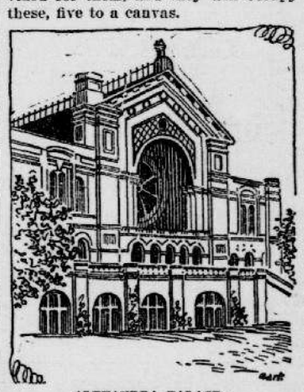
A Very Successful Venture.

An abnormally generous woman went to Europe last summer, leaving her horses in entire charge of her coachman. The coachman, of a practical turn of mind and with his mistress's full consent, turned a pretty penny by renting the teams out. Before long she had a letter from him—would she object to his setting up a hearse? There was a great demand for something of the sort, new and smart, in the town, and he knew of such a nice hearse to be had at half-price; if she wouldn't mind his putting her horses to it, his fortune would be made. The abnormally generous woman wrote back that she was perfectly willing. A few weeks later she was rewarded by a letter from the coachman saying that the hearse, as run by her horses was the greatest success; "people are just dying to get into it," he added.—New York Sun.

Where the Y. P. S. C. E. Will Meet.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor opens soon a world's session in London, and will hold its convention in the Alexandra Palace, which resembles the Madison Square Garden, New York City.

The palace is just beyond the outskirts of London proper and has a capacity for lodging and boarding 5000 Endeavorers, as well as giving ample room for their meetings. The banquet hall of the palace will be divided off into dormitories, enough of them to hold 1200 young women. This arrangement left 3800 young men to be cared for, but 800 tents have been provided for them, and they will occupy these, five to a canvas.



ALEXANDRA PALACE.

The kitchen of the palace is large enough to prepare food for 2500 persons, who can sit down at one time in the dining hall and be served. All Endeavorers not provided for in the palace will have accommodations secured for them in near-by private houses and hotels. It has been settled that all visitors will pay their own expenses.

Remarkable Quartet.

The tallest man in Europe is Oscar Balling, who is only twenty-three years old and measures eight feet two inches. Fraulein See-ben, the second curiosity, is the oldest daughter of a

EUROPE'S TALLEST AND SHORTEST PEOPLE.

Chinaman, who married a German woman in Berlin. She is well proportioned, and is only an inch shorter than Oscar. A ludicro contrast is the Norwegian dwarf, Ole Olsen, who tenderly nurses a full beard and is forty years old and not quite three feet in height. The fourth member of the troupe is little Willie Wendt, sixteen years old, a Persian, who is two feet eight inches tall. The quartet exhibit together.

Longest Sentence.

Teacher—"How many of my scholars can remember the longest sentence they ever read?"

Billy—"Please, mum, I can."

Teacher—"What! Is there only one? Well, William, you can tell the rest of the scholars the longest sentence you ever read."

Billy—"Imprisonment for life."

A Fine Natural Harbor.

The finest natural harbor in Puerto Rico is at Jobos, on the southeast coast. It is large enough and deep enough to accommodate ships of any draught, but it needs an improved entrance. In addition to the commercial value of Jobos harbor, it has a strategic importance not surpassed in this part of the world. It is perfectly sheltered and screened. A naval fleet stationed there might block any European expedition directed toward Cuba, the isthmus canal, or the Pacific coast.

The Germans say "Wie befinden sie sich?" (How do you find yourself?) or "Wie gehts?" (How goes it?); the Dutch "Hoe vaart gij?" (How do you fare?); the Italians, "Come state (How do you stand?); the French "Comment vous portez-vous?" (How do you carry yourself?). In Spain, as in Germany, the usual greetings are "Como esta usted?" (How are you) or "Que tal va?" (How goes it?). The Greeks say "Ti Kamete?" (What do you do?), while in China the expression is, "Have you eaten your rice?"

By a Professor.

A man's ideal of womanhood is generally worth knowing, and for this reason the following sentence from an article in the Humanitarian, written by Prof. Mantegazza, will be read with interest: "In order to approach to the perfection required in the future, woman should try to improve herself physically, morally and intellectually—three adverbs which represent the great human trinity, three gods in one god, the god of happiness, who is the gies, who is a being who answers to all our necessities, who is a being who does not forget the body by giving everything to the soul, and who does not reduce man to the level of an animal, which eats and drinks and sleeps. Woman has always been and always will be, powerful—all powerful—on account of her beauty, and we poor servants of nature can neither dethrone her nor make her move by unaccustomed ways. Only we ought to extend the physical beauty of a woman

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