

HEIRESS WEDS GARDENER

**MISS LAWRENCE, 50 YEARS OLD
AND WEALTHY, MARRIES
A WIDOWER.**

**Bridegroom Served as Her Farm Hand
for Years and Has Nine
Children.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Miss Mary Ann Lawrence, a cousin of Supreme Court Justice Lawrence, of Manhattan, and a descendant of one of the oldest Long Island families, owner of a \$250,000 estate, has become the bride of a farm hand, a widower with nine children. That she should be wedded after fifty years of single life, has astonished residents of Elmhurst, which is near her estate. They had not the least inkling of the romance that was right before their eyes until the marriage took place Monday in Brooklyn.

That Miss Lawrence would die unmarried long had been the settled conviction of the gossips of Elmhurst, who had ceased to even speculate on the remote possibility of her getting married.

There was astonishment yesterday when it was announced that John E. Burkhardt her farm hand and gardener for eight years, had captured the hand and heart of the "Elmhurst heiress," as she was known. It had been known for a long time that Miss Lawrence took an interest in the farm hand, who always was good natured and who never was known to complain, even though he had to struggle to earn money enough for his large family.

Burkhardt began work on the Lawrence estate long before the division of the property had given his bride the land at Elmhurst, including the old family mansion, now being torn down, and the land, which is being turned into building lots.

Gradually Mr. Burkhardt was promoted to the position of general overseer. He never was known to wear expensive clothing, and when seen on Sunday in a new suit neighbors wondered. They wondered still more when he entered a coach with Miss Lawrence and was driven away.

They returned to the home of Mrs.

Burkhardt recently purchased, adjoining the homestead, and there received the congratulations of scores of acquaintances yesterday.

Mrs. Burkhardt's father was the Newtown receiver of taxes for years, as was her brother. She has two sisters in Brooklyn.

KITTY RINGS THE DOOR BELL.

Smart Tabby Knows How to Get Inside the House.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—Simon Wolf, of 486, Market street, is the possessor of the smartest cat on record. This feline is jet black, goes by the name of "Tabby," and rings the doorbell when he desires admittance. If no one answers the summons, "Tabby" will keep on ringing until he "raises somebody," even if it should take all night, and he usually gains his point after some little time.

The doorbell is in the center of the front door and is operated with a crank. Tabby jumps up and catches holding on with his left paw, while he turns the crank with his right. Should the crank hang down past the catch-point of the ringer, Tabby will turn it clear around until the ring greets the ears of those in the house.

When ordered out he goes without question, but when he wants to return the doorbell rings. Nobody taught him the trick, and members of the family think he just picked it up himself. His master is quite proud of the cat's accomplishments, and Tabby never refuses to ring the bell for the edification of visitors who may be calling at the Wolf household. Tabby is also a good mouser, so no money will buy him.

COTTON QUEEN IS NAMED.

Daughter of a Cattleman Wins Honor In Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, Okl., Dec. 30.—For the first time in the history of Woodward county, in western Oklahoma, a cotton crop was grown this season on land heretofore given over to the cowman and his extensive herds. To celebrate the closing of the picking season in that locality the people of Shattuck and Quinlan determined upon a cotton carnival, and out of a number of contestants for the honor Miss Beulah Tolbert of Quinlan has been chosen cotton queen to reign in state during the festival of sports and rejoicing. She is the daughter of a cowman and the granddaughter of a "Uncle Buck" Tolbert, one of the most extensive landowners in Grayson county, Texas.

Miss Tolbert is one of the maidens of the southland who has been transplanted in the new country. There are many such in this country, where there is perhaps a greater mingling of the north and south than in any other state in the union.

Spending her life in great part on the ranch and accustomed to the saddle and the roundup, she possessed love of the plains. She makes it a habit while on the ranch to make the rounds daily, accompanying her father.

It is a fact that cotton and politics are closely associated. The democratic counties in Oklahoma are the biggest cotton producers. Miss Tolbert speaks truly when she says, laughingly: "Perhaps because papa is a Texas democrat had much to do with the selection of a cotton queen."

Miss Tolbert's former home was in Denton county, Texas, where her mother was a famed beauty, a descendant of one of the oldest southern families.

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New York Leads in Wealth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Twenty-five million dollars of value in each of several blocks of buildings and their contents, aside from the land, puts New York atop of American cities in the matter of concentration of wealth. This is shown by tables published in the insurance press to show how great is the danger of destruction by fire of the savings of society.

Many blocks in New York city contain \$10,000,000 worth of property. Chicago, Philadelphia and Newark, N. J., each has a single block, containing property valued at \$8,000,000. Boston's most valuable block is worth \$7,000,000, San Francisco's \$6,000,000 and Pittsburg \$5,000,000.

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DISCOVER NEW GIANT RACE

**NEW YORK SKIPPER REPORTS
FINDING OF NEW RACE
IN GREENLAND.**

**Many of the Men Are Eight Feet in
Height and the Women Very
Large.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The New York Sun says news of the discovery of a race of giants in the unexplored frozen north, and the opening up of hitherto unknown mineral fields in Greenland, were brought to Philadelphia by the bark Silicon.

The Silicon left Ivigtut bay, Greenland, in October. The winter there had been the most severe encountered in that region in the memory of the inhabitants. At Ivigtut the Silicon met the Danish exploring vessel, Fox II, in charge of Mylan Yerkson, of the Danish exploration society.

The explorers of the Fox II had been to Arsuck, the next settlement of the north. There they were surprised to find a tribe of some fifty men and women of a type of man never before seen in Greenland. Unlike the miniature Eskimos, they were a race of giants, many of the men being eight feet in height, with frames of proportionate mold. In fact the north giants were a large-sized replica of the American Indian, with high cheek bones and bronze skin.

The newcomers could neither speak nor understand the Eskimo language, and, in fact, acted as beings who used their voices to make little more than mere guttural sounds. By signs they made the visitors understand that they came from the far north, and had been driven away by the terrible severity of the unusual weather. The newcomers were almost starved. One of the tallest of the tribe was taken aboard the Fox II, for exhibition in Denmark.

MAN FIGHTS WITH BIG BABOON.

Savage Simian Attacks His Trainer In London Hippodrome.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A strenuous fight between a large Chakma baboon and his trainer, Leon Morris, took place at the Hippodrome stables late

yesterday evening. The struggle between man and beast lasted over ten minutes, while two of the groomers looked on helplessly.

"Bigboy," as the animal has been named, is a recent acquisition, having arrived from Hagenbeck's on Wednesday night. As his name denotes, he is an immensely powerful animal, standing four feet six inches in height, and possessing the strength of two ordinary men.

When Mr. Morris first experimented with him he proved quite tractable, but yesterday's experience revealed him in quite another role.

"At first," said Mr. Morris, "he was quite friendly, and placed both his hands in mine. Then I slowly gripped them, and the fight began without any tedious preliminaries.

"The brute sprang at my face, and I knocked him back with my fist. Then he seized my left leg, ripped my trousers and buried his teeth in the flesh. The pain was maddening, and for a few moments I felt I was going crazy.

"At last I got a firm grip on the baboon's throat, and hit him in the neck. He let go and howled. I kept the clutch on his throat till the brute became insensible.

"When I brought him to with salvolatile I held both his hands and looked at him sternly. He made at attempt to spring at me again, and I raised my right arm in a threatening attitude. Then he covered at my feet—I had won the fight."

MAKE A GOLD FIND IN SEATTLE.

**Little Pocket is Unearthed by Re-
grade Laborers.**

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 30.—Mining in the streets of Seattle may be the next infant industry of this city. Under Second avenue yesterday, between Pike and Pine streets, the men operating the shovels on the Second avenue regrade encountered a little pocket of the precious metal. There was probably six dollars worth of it in the pocket and assiduous labor failed to reveal any more but the mining operations will be carried on today in connection with the regular regrade work and if any more gold is unearthed all Second avenue may bristle out in claim stakes and the days of the Klondyke be locally reproduced over again. At least this is what some of the optimistic laborers think and what some of the property holders in the immediate vicinity of the "find" predict.

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the matter calmly in spite of the possibilities of quick and enormous wealth that stare them in the face. When the steam shovel turned over the pocket that showed streaks of the metal there were things doing for a few minutes and everybody knocked off work to examine the find, then things went on again as if nothing had happened.

Those who know a little something about mining claim that the gold was carried down in some drift of the glacial age as the soil would indicate. By the finding of the remains of prehistoric forests beneath the Great Northern tunnel it was shown that the many hills that Seattle people laboriously climb daily were probably the effect of glacial drifts. As the glaciers travel a good many miles sometimes those who refuse to become excited over the finding of the gold claim that there is no reason why they should not carry little bunches of gold down with them occasionally. They carry most everything else, it is claimed, even the remains of mastodons and things like that.

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