

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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Conserve your energies.

Most campaign poetry is bad. This year it's worse.

The royal Morocco shoe seems to be on the other foot.

Prof. Lichtenberg seems to think Vesuvius more easily quenched than a cultivated thurst.

Elopements are all the go. Repentance follows hard and fast on their heels just the same.

Can't some of these brilliant reformers be induced to convert mosquitoes to vegetarianism?

Having just fined the French cable company \$5,000,000, Castro contemplates quite a sinewy little war.

It may be that Castro is too busy saving up his money for a rainy day to attend to international politics.

The Indiana girl who was fined for wearing a sheath gown finds that the objectionable slit in the skirt comes high.

They are now changing their clothes four times a day down at Newport. This includes putting on some for breakfast presumably.

Colonels must repeat their 90-mile ride because on the first trip they used more than one horse apiece. Apparently it's the horse that is being tested.

Queen Alexandra declares she will no more wear feathers of nesting birds in her hats and bonnets. So fashion will probably accomplish what humanity cannot do.

A Philadelphia motorman who has inherited \$150,000 refuses to give up his job; but, of course, in time he will find that he can have just as much fun with an automobile.

A German steamship has sailed from Australia to Germany with \$5,000,000 in gold on board. Suppose she should meet the lone bandit of the Yellowstone and be held up in mid-ocean!

The Atlanta Georgian furnishes food for the paragraphs by calling attention to the fact that the town of Ohoopce is in Toombs county. That would be funny, except that there is no such county.

Perhaps the explanation of that Elmira woman's \$15,000 bequest to her washwoman is that the washwoman never starched her handkerchiefs stiff or scrubbed holes in her shirtwaists. Washwomen everywhere should notice.

The German war department has politely invited Wilbur Wright to carry out his aeroplane experiments in Berlin, obviously desiring that the French shall not get too much advantage from watching his proceedings.

The difference between Mr. Edison and Mr. Tesla is that the public is all ready to believe that Mr. Edison could perfect that electric automobile capable of running 100 miles without stopping, if he should give all his attention to it.

The energy that is being devoted in England to get rescinded the regulation which forbids bank clerks to marry until they have succeeded in earning a stated salary might better be spent on an effort to get the bank clerks' salaries increased.

Now that a grocer in Belfast who has been doing business for more than 50 years has decided to close out his stock and retire, it will be interesting to know whether he still has in his store any goods that he bought when he first went into business.

The Argentine ant, newly arrived at Oakland, Cal., and well settled in Louisiana, near New Orleans, is said to be the least in size but the most pugnacious and destructive of the family. It is small business for a future great country like Argentina to send out such emigrants.

It is no organ of monopolists but an agricultural paper which declares that the high price of meat is due, not to any trust, but to the demands of young married women, who, dreading the hackneyed jokes about the culinary attempts of novices, have taken to serving their husbands with steaks, "which anybody can cook."

From the Orosi (Cal.) Offer we learn the interesting fact that "Ed Morell, who broke into the county jail in 1894, has gone to Millwood to recuperate, having been pardoned after serving 14 years in prison. Morell received a patent on a life saving suit, invented while in prison, on which he hopes to make a sum of money." Mr. Morell appears to be a peculiar and original sort of person. His future career will be watched with interest.

LITERLY ROUTED!!!



## MANY DEATHS IN COAL MINES

LAST YEAR'S ACCIDENTS KILLED 3,125 MEN.

Missouri Credited With the Lowest Death Rate of All States Reporting.

Washington, D. C.—Accidents in coal mines of the United States in the last calendar year resulted in the death of 3,125 men and injury to 5,314 more, according to statistics just made public by the geological survey. The death record among the coal miners in the year was greater by 1,033 than in 1906, and is said to have been the worst year in the history of the coal mining industry. The figures do not represent the full extent of the disasters, as reports were not received from certain states having no mine inspectors.

Missouri had the lowest death rate, heading the roll of honor with 95, and 499,742 tons of coal mined for each life lost.

Statistics do not bear out the popular idea that most mine disasters result from explosions. Of the total number reported in the last year 947 deaths and 343 injuries resulted from gas and dust explosions and 201 deaths and 416 injuries were caused by powder explosions. The chief cause of death among the miners, the report explains, was due to the falling of mine roofs and coal. Such disasters caused 1,122 deaths and 2,141 injuries.

### An Object Lesson.

Kokomo, Ind.—Believing that the local option law would cut off the whisky supply, Charles T. Thresper and Charles and William Lindley on Sunday took a jug of whisky to a gravel pit to have a farewell drink. Thresper and William Lindley were found dead in the gravel pit Monday and Charles Lindley was found lying near the bodies in a dying condition. Teachers and pupils of the Greentown school near the pit marched past the dead bodies to give the children an object lesson in temperance.

### Died in Presence of Women Shoppers.

New York.—In the presence of a crowd of women shoppers waiting for an uptown train at the Fourteenth street station of the Sixth avenue railroad, a well dressed woman of 26 Monday, threw herself in front of a moving train and was so terribly injured that she died a few moments later. The tragic act created almost a panic on the crowded platform. Women ran shrieking toward the exit leading to the street and half a dozen of them fell in a faint.

### Serious Charge Against Gov. Hanly.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Luther W. Knisely, member from De Kalb county of the lower house of the Indiana legislature, now in special session, signed an affidavit Monday in support of a charge made by him Saturday on the floor of the house when he voted against the county option bill, that Gov. J. Frank Hanly had offered him a position paying \$2,000 a year if he would vote for the bill.

### Locomotive Boiler Explodes.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Engineer Fred J. Goed was killed and Chris J. Hanson, fireman, and B. N. Taylor, brakeman, were seriously injured by the explosion of the boiler of a locomotive attached to a northbound freight train on the St. Paul railroad in the Portage, Wis., yards Sunday.

## THEY EXCHANGED COURTESIES.

Judge Taft and Mr. Bryan Spent Sunday in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Judge Taft and William Jennings Bryan exchanged courtesies here Sunday. Mr. Bryan arrived here about two o'clock in the afternoon and immediately sent one of the men traveling with him to the West hotel with a message to Judge Taft that he would be glad to call on him at the hotel at 5:30 in the afternoon. Mr. Taft sent word back to the Democratic leader that he would be glad to see him at that time. Mr. Taft was scheduled to speak at the dedication of a new Y. M. C. A. building in St. Paul at 2:30 o'clock and he hurried back in an automobile to keep his engagement with Mr. Bryan. When he arrived at the hotel he found a message from the Nebraskan who said that Mr. Bryan was very sorry, but that he had forgotten that he had a dinner engagement at 5:30. Mr. Bryan suggested that if it was convenient for Mr. Taft, he would drop in at the hotel on his way to the railroad station about seven o'clock and shake hands with him. Mr. Taft, however, had an engagement to speak before the congregation of the Fowler Methodist church here in the evening and he sent Col. Daniel Randsell, sergeant-at-arms of the United States senate, who has personal charge of the Taft train, to explain the situation to Mr. Bryan and to convey his regrets. This Col. Randsell did.

Mr. Bryan expressed his regrets as missing an opportunity to greet Mr. Taft and after inquiring about the condition of Mr. Taft's voice, said that he hoped that he would speedily recover.

### A Kansas Mine Explosion.

Pittsburg, Kan.—An explosion of gas occurred Tuesday in the mine of the Pittsburg Coal company, 18 miles north of the city, fatally injuring a German miner named Miller, burning John Thompson, another miner, so seriously he may not recover and slightly burning a third miner, John Cox. The exact cause of the explosion is unknown. Miller had just passed from the main to a side entry in the mine. The explosion occurred soon after the men were to work in the morning.

### Porto Rican School Statistics.

San Juan, P. R.—The Porto Rican school year has opened and the statistics show attendance of 95,000 pupils at 1,575 schools. A total of 1,650 teachers are engaged, and the school appropriation amounts to \$1,429,590. These figures show a remarkable advance under American administration; in 1898 the last year of Spanish occupation there were in the island 525 schools with an enrollment of 25,000 pupils and the yearly appropriation.

### Another Roosevelt Letter.

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt late Sunday night made reply to William J. Bryan's recent speech in which he maintained that the Democratic party and platform, were not getting a square deal in the campaign. The president's reply deals particularly with Mr. Bryan's assertion that the administration has been neither sincere or effective in the prosecution of trusts.

### Medals for 93 Heroes.

New York.—Ninety-three heroes who, within the last year, have saved the lives of drowning persons in the waters around New York were presented with medals of honor Tuesday at the city hall by the United States Volunteer Life Saving corps.

## DR. KOCH'S VIEWS.

German Authority Says Bovine Tuberculosis Is Not Dangerous.

Washington, D. C.—That his declaration at the British congress on tuberculosis in London, in 1901, that "Human beings may be infected by bovine tubercle bacilli, but serious diseases from this cause occur very rarely," have undergone no modification, was emphasized by Dr. Robert Koch, the eminent authority, before the international congress on tuberculosis here Wednesday. Dr. Koch stated that he still entertains the opinion he then expressed.

He still holds that pulmonary tuberculosis is produced by the tubercle bacilli of the human type exclusively, and declared that our regulations for combating tuberculosis must by all means be directed against that source of the disease. He made known Wednesday for the first time that he intended to undertake experiments along this line on a broad scale. "At the same time, I wish to make my plea to other tuberculosis workers in order that as many cases as possible may be examined," said Dr. Koch, "to join me vigorously in this task. But I wish to lay stress on the fact that the conditions laid down by me for carrying out these investigations must be followed. I consider it quite possible that in this manner the essential fact for deciding this important question may be collected in about two years and be presented in the next international congress."

## MAROONED FOR SIXTY DAYS.

Aeon Castaways at Last Reach Fiji Islands.

Suva, Fiji Islands.—The castaways from the British steamer Aeon, who spent nearly two months on Christmas island, an almost barren coral formation in the Pacific ocean, arrived here Wednesday on the steamer Manuka, of the Canadian-Australian line, all well and increased by one in number. A daughter was born to the wife of Chaplain B. R. Patrick, U. S. N., 24 hours before the Manuka was sighted, and this event with the arrival of the rescuers was made the occasion of much rejoicing.

The Manuka reached Christmas island on September 23. Six hundred bags of mail were transferred to the steamer during the night and the passengers and crew of the Aeon were taken aboard the next morning.

The Aeon left San Francisco on July 6 for Auckland by way of Apia and was carried on the coral island by the strong currents setting in shore. The steamer speedily broke up, but the mails were saved and a large quantity of stores. The refugees suffered few privations, but found themselves amid the remnants of former wrecks, indicating the dangers of the reefs and tides.

Beside the officers and crew, the Aeon carried Mrs. Patrick and her children and the wife of Lieut. W. K. Riddle, U. S. N.

### Nominated a Ticket Anyhow.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—The Independence party state convention was held here Wednesday. There were but six delegates in attendance, but a complete state ticket was nominated headed by A. W. Nicholls, Mont Calm, for governor.

### Lasker Still Chess Champion.

Munich.—Emanuel Lasker of New York retains his title as chess champion of the world. Wednesday he won the sixteenth game in his contest against Dr. Tarrasch of Nuremberg. Of the 16 games played, Tarrasch won three and five games were drawn.

### Letter Rate Reduced.

New York.—Letter postage between the United States and England has been reduced to two cents for one ounce.

### A Congressional Candidate Arrested.

Chicago, Ill.—Dr. Charles McCormick, an independent candidate for congress in the First district (Chicago) was indicted Wednesday for criminal libel on complaint of Fred A. Busse, mayor of this city.

### Woman Gets British Medal.

London, Eng.—For the first time in the history of the British Pharmaceutical society, the Doreira medal, the blue ribbon prize in pharmacy has been won by a woman. The successful candidate is Gertrude H. Wren.

### Fireman Killed in Dallas.

Dallas, Texas.—Fire caused the death of Fireman J. M. Partin, the dangerous injury of five other firemen and a property loss estimated at \$200,000 in the heart of the business district here Wednesday.

### Robber Gets \$700.

Chicago, Ill.—Concealing himself in the vault of the office of the W. D. Allen Manufacturing company Tuesday, a thief stole \$700 after committing a murderous assault on Henry Gibbe, the superintendent.

## LICE IN POULTRY

Borax Spray a Safe Preventive—Simple, Cheap, Harmless to Fowls.

"20 Mule Team" Borax was a good thing to rid poultry of lice. I had used so much inflammable Lice killers that my Poultry Houses were regular fire traps. I gave my S. C. W. Leghorn house a good spraying just two months ago. Since I have caught several hens and I found no lice. I am rid of lice and shall continue to use "20 Mule Team" Borax as a spray, also as a wash.

(Signed) MRS. B. R. BUFFHAM, Roswell, New Mexico.

## REASON FOR EXERCISING.



"Are you trainin' for a race, Jimmie?"  
"Naw, we're goin' to have meat for dinner to-day an' I'm gettin' up an appetite."

## PRESCRIBED CUTICURA

After Other Treatment Failed—Raw Eczema on Baby's Face Had Lasted Three Months—At Last Doctor Found Cure.

"Our baby boy broke out with eczema on his face when one month old. One place on the side of his face the size of a nickel was raw like beefsteak for three months, and he would cry out when I bathed the parts that were sore and broken out. I gave him three months' treatment from a good doctor, but at the end of that time the child was no better. Then my doctor recommended Cuticura. After using a cake of Cuticura Soap, a third of a box of Cuticura Ointment, and half a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent he was well and his face was as smooth as any baby's. He is now two years and a half old and no eczema has reappeared. Mrs. M. L. Harris, Alton, Kan., May 14 and June 12, 1907."

### He Could Not Read It.

While visiting in a small town in Connecticut, seven miles from the railroad station, I received occasionally a postal card from my fiancé, written in a kind of shorthand of our own. One day when a cousin was going to the post office I asked her to inquire if there was anything for me. She returned, saying there was nothing. The next day she made the same inquiry, when the postmaster showed her a postal card addressed to me and said: "Em, can you read this?" She said "No." Thereupon he said: "Neither can I, and I have been trying ever since yesterday." This illustrates the fact that curiosity is not confined to the fair sex.

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. Its great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

### London's Bridges.

Few perhaps are aware of the extent to which the city of London is bridged over. In all, it seems, there are no fewer than 75 bridges. Of these 19 are railway bridges, three are bridges over roads (such as Holborn viaduct) and 53 bridges which connect private premises.

By following the directions, which are plainly printed on each package of Defiance Starch, Men's Collars and Cuffs can be made just as stiff as desired, with either gloss or domestic finish. Try it, 16 oz. for 10c, sold by all good grocers.

The hand can never execute anything higher than the character can aspire.—Emerson.

Smokers appreciate the quality value of Lewis' Single Binder cigar. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Many a man is buried in oblivion long before he is dead.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Talk not of a good life, but let thy good life talk.—Schiller.

Those Tired, Aching Feet of Yours need Allen's Foot-Powder. Get it at your Druggist's. Write A. S. Olstead, Le Roy, N. Y., for sample.

If you have anything to do, do it; don't loaf on the job.

FARMS FOR RENT or sale on crop payments. J. MULHALL, Sioux City, Ia.

One cannot quarrel if the other will not.