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## PROMOTIONS CANCELLED.

Three Thousand Postoffice Clerks Are Affected.

Washington, May 22.—The cancellation of the promotions of over 3,000 postoffice clerks throughout the country recently authorized by the department and a formal notice to former First Postmaster General Perry S. Heath of the charges made against him by ex-Cashier S. W. Tulloch of the Washington city postoffice, constituted yesterday's developments in the postoffice investigation. First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne late yesterday afternoon reported to Postmaster General Payne that the tabulation of the clerks in each grade in postoffices of the first-class had been completed. This work was undertaken in accordance with the order made by the postmaster general to rearrange the salaries of the clerks at ready classified so that the number in the several grades shall not exceed the number specifically prescribed in the act of congress making appropriations for the postal service. The former classification was made by George W. Beavers just prior to his sudden resignation as chief of the division of salaries and allowances. The new schedule makes it necessary to cancel 3,046 promotions in the several grades in which there is an excess above the number to which the grades are limited by law, and in which grades 7,412 promotions have been authorized heretofore.

## ENTERS LAST STAGES OF TRIP.

President Roosevelt Completes His Tour of California.

Ashland, Or., May 22.—President Roosevelt yesterday completed his tour of California and entered upon the last stages of his long trip which is to end at Washington June 5. His journey yesterday was through the mountainous region around Mount Shasta, where the towns are few and far between, and consequently he was called upon to do but little speaking. Where his train did stop, however, he was met by large and enthusiastic crowds. Gov. Pardee of California, who has been with the president almost continuously since he entered that state, bade him good-bye at Horybrook, and in a short address the president delivered at that place he said he was sorry to part with him.

## AN ALABAMA TRAGEDY.

Bridegroom Neglects to Come and the Bride Drowns Herself.

Lanate, Ala., May 22.—Miss Zelia Lawrence, a belle of the community, was to have been married Tuesday. The bride was dressed and the guests had arrived but the bridegroom lingered. When the hour for the marriage had passed the young woman slipped away to the Chattahoochee river, and, leaving the following note on the bank where her hat was found, threw herself into the stream and was drowned:

"Don't grieve after me for I am miserable. My heart is broken; farewell dear mamma."

It was learned later that the prospective bridegroom had written a note saying that he could not marry Miss Lawrence.

## MONUMENT TO SENATOR DAVIS.

Unveiling Will Take Place at Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day.

Washington, May 22.—The monument to the late Senator Cushman K. Davis will be unveiled at Arlington national cemetery on Memorial day. There will be several short addresses, one from John R. Proctor, president of the civil service commission, and Capt. Henry A. Castle will deliver the eulogy. The monument will be in place by next Wednesday, which is the time fixed for the Minnesota Editorial association to visit Arlington. Had the association been able to remain a day or two longer in Washington it would have participated in the unveiling ceremonies, but the four days' itinerary of the visiting editors will end May 28.

## NO MORE EXECUTIONS.

Warden Resigns Rather Than Electrocute His Fourth Man.

Columbus, Ohio, May 22.—"I would not electrocute another man for the State of Ohio under any circumstances," said William N. Darby, in explaining his resignation as warden of the Ohio penitentiary. He has executed three men, and resigned because another convict is awaiting execution in the death cell. "The fact that I have had to move the lever in electrocuting criminals has worried me more than I can stand," said the ex-warden, "and I resolved I would never again take part in another."

## Horse Thieves Abroad.

Ellsworth, Wis., May 22.—A team, harness and carriage was stolen from W. M. Leonard, one-half mile south of here last night. No trace of the thieves has been discovered.

## An Embarrassing Situation.

What a situation that must have been at a recent reception in London, where a lady appeared in a gorgeous gown looted from the imperial palace at Peking, and later in the evening found herself face to face with the Chinese ambassador! It may be described as "curdling." The ambassador, for a moment, apparently thought some lady of the royal family of China had suddenly appeared in a London drawing room, for the material of the gown had never been worn by any but Chinese royalty. He couldn't conceal his agitation in meeting an English lady thus arrayed, but she fortunately had the tact to leave the reception, and thus somewhat relieve the embarrassment, but the incident, it is reported, will not soon be forgotten by those who witnessed it. One cannot envy or pity a woman who would wear a looted gown, transformed though it might be by the fashionable dress-maker.

## Complied With the Law.

M. Baron, the French actor, recently accepted a railroad pass, and as the French law requires that all such tickets shall have a picture of the holder upon it Mr. Baron had himself photographed as Mephistopheles. In this character he is better known than as a private individual, and both the railway and the government officials are content to regard the law as fully complied with.

## In Defense of Claret.

We learn that his majesty the king received the offer from various wine merchants and growers of the Bordeaux district of a thousand bottles of claret, or more if so desired. The bottles were not to bear the names of firms or owners of vineyards, and the gift was simply intended to commemorate the coronation. It is stated that Lord Pembroke, in his reply, regretted that claret was not used in the hospitals of the country, but all the same he thanked the wine growers who had made this generous offer. It may be true that claret is not used in British hospitals, but is there any reason why it should not be—any reason so cogent as to cause this excellent gift horse to be looked suspiciously in the face? Claret, by which we mean sound Bordeaux, such as this wine would have been, is an excellent and wholesome drink, and we think that it is a thousand pities, from every point of view, that the generous and kindly thought of the Bordeaux growers was not more appreciated.—Lancet.

## Big Haul of Salmon.

Probably one of the largest catches of salmon ever made at a single haul of a seine was made by Captain Tom Thompson at Miller's Sands on the first haul in the morning of Aug. 28, when he took nearly 1,000 large salmon. The catch weighed eight tons and was a sight never to be forgotten by those who were present. The company took eighteen tons of fish in five hauls of the seine that day, and they have made another haul, but they were uncertain about being able to dispose of the fish.—Skamokawa (Wash.) Eagle.

## How Gold Nuggets Grow.

Gold in its natural state, like many other products of the earth, is an article of development. What its original elements are is still a matter of some speculation, but the fact has been demonstrated that a nugget of the precious metal left in its original environment will gradually, though slowly attract to itself minute particles of gold dust and after the lapse of years possesses an added value. Gold is known to have grown on mine timbers which have long been immersed in mine water.

## Australian Rabbits.

A few years ago the rabbit was the plague and dread of the whole pastoral class in Australia. Australians are learning how to turn the rabbit itself into a commercial asset. Twenty millions of Australian rabbit skins were sold in London last year, while nearly 3,000,000 rabbits frozen in their furs were sent to the London market from Victoria alone. The Australian rabbit is thus supplying the tables of the United Kingdom with food and the wardrobes of the civilized world with ornaments.

## A Sample of Maine "Beer."

Prof. J. G. Jordan, of Bates college, was recently asked to analyze some so-called "beer" confiscated by a sheriff in Maine. His report was as follows: "I should say that it was composed of the risings from a sour molasses barrel, the suds obtained in washing a barroom floor and all of the mouldy grain the liquid would absorb. It is only 2.75 per cent alcohol, but a man ought to be prosecuted for selling such stuff."

## The Far-seeing Police.

An old naval joke has been resurrected in South Africa. According to a newspaper there a beggar has been going about Beaufort, Cape Colony, soliciting alms, and declaring among other things that he had a horse shot under him at Trafalgar, which was, of course, a naval battle. "The police," says the paper, "believe he is an impostor."

## Give Up Bicycle Manufacturing.

Owing to the remarkable decline of bicycles in popularity and demand the Remington Arms company, one of the largest producers in New York, has discontinued manufacturing them. A quantity of special machinery has accordingly been consigned to the scrap heap.

## Mexicans Have Small Feet.

Mexicans have the smallest feet of any nation. The average Mexican wears a No. 6 boot.

# Backwoods Sketches...

BY A. M. GREBLEY

## "AS BETWEEN NEIGHBORS."

Rude words often are used to muffle the throbbing of a tender heart. Nowhere is it oftener exemplified than in the backwoods.

Old Goudy lay upon his well-flogged bunk, tormented with fever, gazing hopelessly at the murky ceiling. The door opens gently and Jeff Barrors stands within.

"Keep out," shrieks Goudy, "you old pie face. Don't you know I've got the smallpox?"

"I know it, you dirty porcupine, and I am here to take care of you."

"Darn your taking care. You will take more pork and old shirts than care, if I shut my eyes. Don't come here to good neighbor me. Didn't you steal a good claim from me once right under my nose?"

"And didn't you burn my shack right over my head, you swamp hog. If any man gives me a cramp it is you; but I can't see you die alone like a dog. As between neighbors I am here to starve off the buzzards awhile, anyway."

He stayed. Two weeks later Jeff took his hat and said:

"Well, you are well enough to hustle for yourself now, so I am a-kicking."

"I've strained myself getting well just to get your dirty face out of my shack. Smallpox is bad enough, but you beat the fever."

"That's all right. If you come over to my claim and I catch you I will use you up worse than the smallpox has, you old stick in the mud."

"I suppose cause you have been neighboring me for a week you think I have forgotten the dirt you did me a year ago. Eh? You rotten claim-stealer!"

"I expect nothing but devilment out of you, you pigs feet. What I've did, I did as between neighbors—if I get the smallpox, all right. But I warn you now, that if you tell anyone that I come here and nursed a dirty hog, I will drive your nose into the sole of your hoof. And that's confidently, as between neighbors."

## RAPID AND GOOD FIRING.

American Naval Gunners Prove Themselves the Best on Earth.

The gun crews on our warships are doing some extraordinarily accurate shooting of late. On the Illinois, firing at a stationary target while the vessel was moving, a score of twelve hits out of thirteen shots was made with her thirteen inch guns at a distance of five miles. The gunners of the Iowa, steaming at twelve knots past a stationary target, made thirty hits out of thirty shots with six-pounder rapid fire guns. This feat was accomplished by three gun crews, each having ten shots. It beats all records. At San Francisco the submarine torpedo boat Grampus discharged a torpedo at a range of 350 yards and struck a stationary target squarely in the center. Anything like this accuracy of fire during a naval engagement when as a rule one shot in twenty makes a hit—would make the American battleships the terror of the seas.

## Stimulates Hatching of Fish.

Yves Delaje finds that gaseous stimulants fertilize as well as solids or liquids, for starfish eggs hatch when placed in carbonated water—that is to say, a solution of carbonic acid gas. Being replaced in sea water the eggs, on the following day, become converted into larvae which swim very actively. From 30 to 40 per cent of eggs fertilized—or apparently fertilized—in the natural way hatch. With the carbonic acid method the proportion is 100 per cent—that is, all the eggs hatch. These carbonic larvae are plump, strong and lively. Many of them have lived several weeks. It remains to be seen whether they will develop into adult starfish.

## Somewhat Ambiguous Text.

Down east they are telling a good story on a young foreman of a printing establishment. He is an expert in his chosen work and a very popular young man in the social gatherings of the small city he calls home. Recently he has been showering attentions upon a minister's daughter. This devotion is a bit new and the other morning with a couple of his friends he sallied forth to hear the father of his inamorata preach. The text turned out to be: "My daughter is grievously tormented with a devil," and since then life has been made miserable for the young foreman.

## ENGAGE IN FIERCE FIGHT.

Three Men Are Shot and Probably Will Die.

Muskogee, May 19.—Trainmen coming in from Westville tell a story of a fierce fight at that place. Three men were shot and probably will die. The men who did the shooting went into a railroad yard and forced an engineer and brakeman to cut their engine loose from a local west-bound passenger train. They climbed on and started to run the engine out of the town and into the brakes of the Ozark mountains along the track twenty miles from this city. Officers and citizens intercepted them at a cut on the Pittsburg & Gulf, however, and captured them.

## B'NAI B'RITH IN SESSION.

Annual Convention of the Jewish Order Begins in Omaha.

Omaha, May 19.—The annual session of District No. 6 of the Jewish order of B'nai B'rith convened at Temple Israel in this city yesterday. There are present 100 delegates from Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas. The sessions yesterday were given up to the transaction of business and last night a literary session at which there were a number of speakers of prominence was held.

## FOUND IN THE RIVER.

Man Who Supposed Himself a Murderer Commits Suicide.

Pittsburg, May 19.—The body of John T. Miller of White Ash, Pa., who last Wednesday at Braddock shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Minnie Guenther, was fished out of the Monongahela river. Miller was jealous of Mrs. Guenther and fired two bullets into her. Thinking she was dead he went to the river, walked into the water and shot himself through the head. Mrs. Guenther has a fair chance of recovery.

## Immense Cistern for Wine.

In California an immense cistern has been erected to contain wine. It has a capacity of 500,000 gallons, is 104 feet long, 21 feet deep, and 34 feet wide. It is lined with concrete two feet thick, and is coated inside with a glaze as impermeable as glass.

## Sport as a Fine Art.

If you want sport as a fine art, you must seek it in a country which is too small or too thickly peopled to let anything happen by accident, even a hen's egg.—From The Yellow Van in the May Century.

Bananas Better Than Beefsteak. "Weight for weight," it is claimed that bananas beat beefsteak. And, moreover, "there are cases on record where children's lives have been saved by keeping them on a diet of bananas."

## Zeppelin's New Invention.

Count Zeppelin, who bankrupted himself with airships, has invented an automobile launch which has its propellers in the air and shows a speed of sixteen miles an hour.

## Tigers Kill Many in India.

Tigers did as much damage as usual in India last year, killing 943 persons. Over 17,200 wild beasts were destroyed, for which bounties were paid of 104,000 rupees.

## Walking as a Mortification.

"In London during Lent the hansom cab trade is always bad," was a statement made recently in Lambeth county court. "People mortify themselves by walking."

## Shipbuilding in United States.

The United States built last year 1,675 vessels, ninety-four of which were of more than 1,000 tons burden. Forty-one of these were for inland navigation.

## Finest Private Picture Gallery.

The Duke of Portland's picture-gallery is 236 feet long, and covers more than a quarter of an acre. It is the finest private gallery in the world.

## Date for Buttermakers.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 22.—The executive committee has decided to hold the annual convention of the National Creamery Buttermakers at Sioux Falls in October. Kansas City, Buffalo and Cedar Rapids were also candidates.

## Charged With Safebreaking.

New York, May 22.—Samuel Temple, who says his home is in Montana, was arrested in Newark, N. J., yesterday on a charge of having open a safe at Catawauqua, Pa., and stolen \$1,000 worth of platinum.

## Platinum a Valuable Mineral.

Platinum, which is indispensable in some instruments of precision, and is useful in the arts particularly, because when imbedded in glass it does not crack it by unequal expansion, is still much more valuable than gold. Nine-tenths of the world's platinum (about 8,300 pounds) comes from the Ural mountains, which enables Russia to control the price.

## Rare and Costly Gold Fish.

One of the rarest and most expensive of Chinese gold fishes is the brushtail, a pair of which sells for \$1,000. Probably there is no other living thing of its size and weight that is worth so much money.

## Largest Electrical Pumping Plant.

The largest electrical pumping plant in the world is that at Utah Lake. It raises 5,000,000 gallons of water a day for irrigating the Great Salt Lake Valley.

## Almost a Painful Scene.

A disagreeable scene between well-known gentlemen was narrowly averted in San Francisco the other night. It was after Mr. McGovern and Mr. "Young Corbett" had concluded their momentous debate to the disadvantage of the former that the two gentlemen met in Mr. Corbett's dressing-room. Mr. McGovern was impetuous and insisted on another encounter. Mr. Corbett was disdainful. "I hate you," he said, "and I can beat you every day in the week and twice on Sunday." This so exasperated Mr. McGovern that it was with difficulty that the friends of the gentlemen could prevent them from coming to blows.

## Correcting Data of Temperatures.

The British weather service is collecting reports from the North Atlantic and Mediterranean of the temperatures observed by shipping masters. The data thus collected are to be worked up in charts. This will show, among other things, the extent of the gulf stream.

## Bad Proofreading.

Is there such a thing as literary perfection? Dr. Henry Van Dyke announces that he has found five grammatical errors in the original Westminster confession, "including a split infinitive and a singular verb to a plural subject."

## Regret Action of United States.

Dr. W. E. Inksetter, a prominent citizen of Costa Rica, says Costa Ricans consider the rejection by the United States of the Nicaraguan route one of the greatest misfortunes that ever befell their country.

## Derivation of the Word "Gin."

The word "gin" is not derived from Geneva, but from "genievre," the French word for juniper.

## Less Billiards Played in France.

Billiards is decreasing in popularity in France. The number of tables in use has decreased from 96,000 in 1899 to 89,000 at present.

## Replica of St. Mark's Campanile.

There is in existence an exact replica of St. Mark's Campanile, though on a smaller scale. It was built 130 years ago by the Empress Catherine II. at Narechta, in the province of Kostroma.

## Weight of Leading Countries.

The total wealth of Great Britain is £11,800,000,000; of the United States of America, £16,200,000,000; of France, £9,600,000,000; of Germany, £8,000,000,000, and of Russia £6,400,000,000.

## Spots on the Sun.

During the year 1901 twelve groups of spots were noticed on the sun's surface. There were in all 392 separate spots, and only on sixty days were there no spots visible.

## Sweden Has Ancient Vessel.

Sweden has the oldest vessel in Europe—perhaps in the world—in the schooner Emanuel, built in 1749. She was first a privateer, and is now in the timber trade.

## Grave of Pioneer Located.

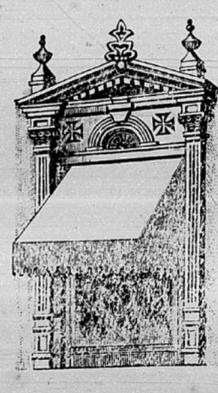
The long neglected grave of Senator William Cocke, one of the most notable figures in the pioneer history of the South, has been located at Columbus, Miss.

## Meteors Common in Mexico.

More meteors have been found in Mexico than in any other country. The ten largest known Mexican meteors have an average weight of 9 1-10 tons.

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