

Sudden and Startling Deaths.

Prominent Citizens in Apparent Good Health Fall Heavily in the Streets and Experience Death in the Arms of Strangers.

How many times have you seen apparently well and healthy men drop like a shot in the street and expire before their family or friends could reach them? How many times have you read that another prominent citizen had succumbed to vertigo while in the pursuit of business? It is criminal to allow a man to die like that; it is wicked to think that any one should die who was out of the bright, beautiful world when his family and his will and act so thoroughly on the liver that all thought of vertigo is driven out of the system.

HOBSON'S PROMOTION.

It is causing the Government Much Concern.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Representative Pearson, uncle of Naval Constructor Hobson, had another long interview today with Secretary Long respecting the reward of that hero. The secretary is puzzled by the conflicting interests in the case. He intends to reward Hobson in accordance with the merits of his feat, but would like to do so without introducing a bill into the House. The naval register shows that if Hobson is advanced to the grade of lieutenant commander he will have been given a greater reward than was ever known in our naval history.

Our Army and Navy

Memorandum book is just what you want. It contains a cut of the Maine, map of Cuba, list of U. S. and Spanish ships, illustrations of several U. S. and Spanish ships, glossary of military and naval terms, table of distances, commanders of U. S. ships and army corps, list of U. S. regiments and their commanders, and other forms, all very useful and valuable at this time.

Smoking Statistics.

Holland holds the first place in the world as a nation of smokers. Every Dutchman consumes, on an average, 100 ounces a year. The Belgian comes a good second, with an annual consumption of eighty ounces, followed closely by Turkey, with seventy ounces, and the United States with sixty ounces.

Christian Endeavor Convention.

The route selected by the Minnesota delegation to the International Christian Endeavor convention at Nashville, Tenn., is the Burlington route and Chicago. The train will reach Chicago the next morning at 9:25 a. m. and arrive at Nashville the morning of the 26th at 10:45. The railroad for the round trip will be \$28.20. Sleeping car fare for double berth, \$2.00 each way. For particulars call on Walter Carroll, Christian Transportation Committee, New York Life Bldg., Minneapolis; J. F. McElroy, 305 Nicollet, avenue, St. Paul; or Charles Thompson, 400 Robert street, St. Paul.

Champion Crap Player.

Clem Jackson, a negro soldier from New Orleans, in two days, at Fort Tampa, Fla., won \$27 playing craps from his fellow soldiers. He has been known as the champion crap player in Louisiana. One of Clem's teammates was not visible on the second morning after his good luck and Clem discovered that his pocket had been picked during the night.

Democratic Doctrine.

No imperial colonial policy. No territorial expansion to beget it. No entangling alliances with any nation under the sun.

Veneer Cutting.

Veneer cutting has reached such perfection that a single sheet of thirty inches long is now cut in London into a sheet of ivory, 19 inches long and twenty inches wide and some sheets of mahogany veneer are only about a fiftieth of an inch thick.

Was There to Fight.

From the New York World. At the battle of Sacramento, during the Mexican expedition, Uncle John Shouse, who still lives in Washington, Mo., was detailed to hold horses. Just then Col. Doniphan rode by and Shouse said to him: "See here, colonel, if I could only get to hold horses!" The colonel replied: "Yes, sir, if you are detailed for that purpose." "Hold still," said Shouse, "and a fight." The colonel turned the horses loose and went to fighting Mexicans.

Not the Same.

From the New York World. An imposing individual came into the office of a busy lawyer and said to him: "That's Gen. Wade," said the man who knows better, and ought to be on the board of directors of the bicycle house in Chicago.

AN EFFECTIVE BLOCKADE.

GOVERNMENT MAKES A FEW RULES FOR SPANISH GUIDANCE.

Danger of Blockade Running the Test of Effectiveness—Absence of Blockading Vessel Does Not Break Blockade Unless It is Abandoned—Neutral Vessels Entitled to Notice.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Under the head of "Instructions to blockading vessels and cruisers" the navy department has issued General Order No. 22, which is likely to be after a complete epitome of the best international law relating to blockades. The work has been in progress for months, and the best legal talent in the state, war and navy departments, have participated in framing the order. The duties of a master of a blockading vessel are clearly set out in detail, and a complete list of the excuses for which a vessel is excused for not complying with the letter of the circular is followed in the case of blockades. A principle of international law that is bound to arouse the opposition of the Spaniards is that neutral vessels are entitled to notice of a blockade before seizure. The rule is to be construed liberally, however. Vessels attempting to enter a port after notice are prizes, save in certain cases covered by treaty.

A neutral vessel may, in good faith, sail to a port which is under a blockade, if its destination is to be divided upon information as to the continuance of the blockade, and it is not to be seized until it has been declared. Vessels resisting visit or presenting fraudulent papers or attempting escape, will be seized. With the termination of a voyage, a blockade runner's danger ends, but she is liable to capture at any time before she reaches her home port if she has escaped from a blockaded port.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

The most important paragraph in the order is that which defines contraband of war, a subject concerning which the nations of the world have been widely at variance. It evidently has been the principle of our government, recognizing the fact that we are not always limited to the use of force, but we suffer in turn as a neutral. The section reads: "The term contraband of war comprehends only articles having a belligerent destination as to the arms of the belligerent, and which are not necessary to the sustenance of the civilian population, and which are not contraband of commerce."

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THE BATTLE WAS ONE OF THE SHARPEST

and every experienced. It was only a quick and constant fire of the troops, whether they could see the enemy or not, that caused the Spaniards to retreat so soon. Gen. Young spoke in the highest terms of the conduct of the men in his command and both Col. Wood and Lieut. Col. Roosevelt were extremely gratified at the work done by their rough riders on the occasion of their being first under fire.

SPANISH VESSELS AT HAVANA MAY TRY TO GET OUT.

KEY WEST, Fla., June 25.—Officers on the blockading vessels on the north coast of Cuba infer from movements on small Spanish vessels in the harbor of Havana that the Spaniards contemplate a sortie with the best fleet that they can get together within a day or two.

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CONTRABAND ARTICLES WERE FOUND, AND HE MAY BE HELD AS A PRISONER.

The banking firms of H. Upton & Co., J. M. Borges & Co., Varisco, Ruiz & Co., and N. Gelats & Co., are the only ones closing up or dragging on, waiting for the end of the war, having discharged all employees. Hunger and starvation state the lower classes are daily occurrence in Havana, prompted, in every case, by want and hunger.

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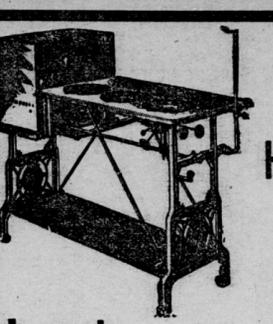
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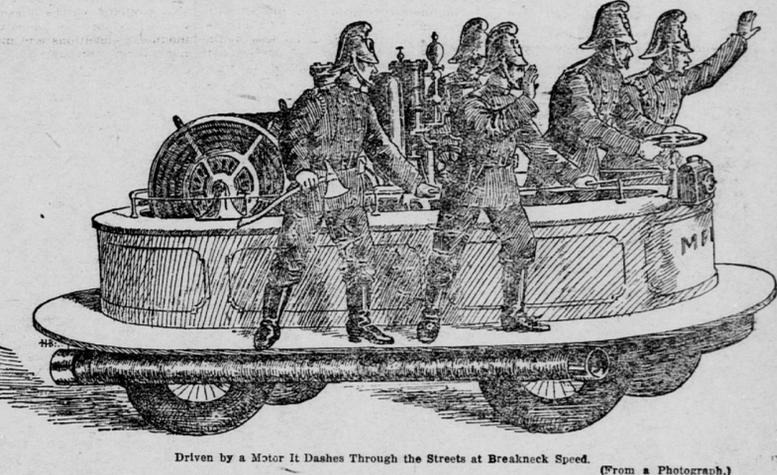
Table listing various items for sale such as Granite Ware, Tinware, Wash Basins, Preserving Kettles, etc., with prices.

ENGINE WITH PNEUMATIC WHEELS

It Runs Over the Roughest of Pavements as Noiselessly as a Bicycle

NEW ERA IN FIRE FIGHTING. Carries Hose and Reel—Five Firemen Man the New Invention—Is Impelled by a Gasoline Motor—Its Speed Varies From Twelve to Twenty Miles an Hour—Proves a Success When Tried.

LONDON'S PECULIAR FIRE ENGINE.



Driven by a Motor It Dashes Through the Streets at Breakneck Speed. (From a Photograph.)

The average Britisher is so fond of writing, and in these has been a host of suggestions, good, bad and indifferent, regarding improvements which the writers were convinced should be made, and at once, in the fire department, there is a single one has given out, and is more afraid of than fire, and consequently, his mind has a very strong bent toward all that will help to reduce that danger to a minimum.

GASOLINE USED.

The motive power of this engine is gasoline, as the photograph plainly indicates, the engine itself is very different in use for the purpose. It is more compact and powerful, two improvements that will be very welcome. In the rear of the engine, and within the railing, is the fire hose on the reel of the usual pattern. Thus the engine and hose cart are in one. Ordinarily the fireman scizes the hose and unrolls it himself. With this most up-to-date of fire engines, however, there is a contrivance which will reel or unroll the hose, according to the weight of the hose, and the desire of the crew, or the exigencies of the occasion demand. Two of the firemen stand on the footboard of the engine, which makes the entire circuit, the contrivance being of an elongated nature. The fifth man is the pilot. He stands within the rail-and-by means of a wheel laid flatwise upon an iron bar steers the queer machine. There is the usual headlight for use at night, located directly forward of the wheel bar.

HANGED ITSELF.

Almost in the Shadow of the Gallows a Bird Gives Up Its Life.

From the Kansas City Star. In a great window of the county jail, between the iron bars and the panes of glass, two sparrows began last week to build a nest. They worked three days bringing webs of grass and feathers and strings and weaving them in behind and around the bars. The prisoners in the second tier of cells, with time hanging heavy on their heads, watched the home building of the birds. Friday afternoon the prisoners heard a great chattering of sparrows, and looking out they saw that one of the birds, in securing a string into the nest, had got it tangled in some way around its neck. Its uttering lightened the string and choked it, and it was dangling helplessly from the bar. Within a few yards of the black gallows in the jail on which have been hanged four men and on which three more will probably be hanged this summer. The mate of the hanging bird was wildly excited and chattered loudly, fluttering around and picking at the string. Its cries brought other sparrows, who chirped excitedly and pecked at the string with their bills. Soon there were a dozen sparrows flying around the hanging bird, and they kept up their chattering for a half hour; then a deputy marshal tore the bird loose with a long stick. It was dead.

Uncle Sam's Monogram Whiskey

It is generally recommended for medicinal purposes by doctors who have tested it. Get it from druggists and dealers, and GEO. BENZ & SONS, St. Paul and Minneapolis.