

## ST. LOUIS THE HOTTEST

Highest Temperature of the Year is Recorded.

FORTY DEATHS ARE REPORTED.

People Drop Every Minute and Hospitals Are Full—Kansas Terribly Scorched—Temperature at Omaha Scars Up to 105 Degrees.

St. Louis, July 25.—St. Louis was the hottest point in the country yesterday, 107.1 degrees being recorded as the maximum temperature, a figure never reached before in this city. No immediate prospect of relief is in sight, and the indications are for continued hot and dry weather for the next 24 hours at least.

Throughout the day people dropped on the sidewalks in all parts of the city and horses in the streets dropped to the pavement unable to move. The city's facilities for handling the heat cases proved inadequate and the health department at once put itself in communication with the city comptroller, asking that assistance be given the department in the shape of funds with which to buy horses to run the ambulances and also to purchase extra ambulances.

In the 24 hours ending at midnight 40 deaths, directly attributed to the heat, had been reported. In the same period of time 75 cases of prostration went on record.

## HOT WEATHER CONTINUES.

Local Showers in Various Places Bring Only Temporary Relief.

Washington, July 25.—Scattered thunder showers in the northern tier of states in the central west yesterday gave some relief in that locality from the intense heat. These showers, generally light in character, occurred in the Dakotas, Minnesota and Michigan. More of these showers and over a wider area are expected today. Their effect, however, will be temporary and warm weather is again predicted for Friday. In the great corn belt the intense heat still continues and there seems to be no immediate prospect of a general rain, though the fact that showers are becoming more general than for some days is encouraging to the officials here, who hope they may be the forerunner of a general break-up in the heat and drought conditions, although the forecasters will not say that this is a probability. For today showers are indicated for the region from the Dakotas eastward and there is a possibility of showers in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana. St. Louis reported a temperature of 108 and St. Paul of 104 degrees, both record breaking.

Kansas Heat Record Again Broken. Topeka, July 25.—The heat record for Kansas was broken again yesterday. In Topeka the government record gave 106 degrees. Manhattan and Emporia report 112 degrees. Numerous prostrations are reported and in Abilene there were three deaths. Central Kansas was the only place having even light thunder showers. The financial part of the situation is lost sight of for the present. What is being thought of now is the extreme physical discomfort resulting from the heat, the alarming scarcity of drinking and stock water and the prospect of much sickness after the heated spell.

## Two Deaths From Heat.

Lincoln, July 25.—A night of the most oppressive heat since the torrid wave began was followed yesterday by a maximum temperature of 105 degrees, the hottest day save last Sunday for 15 years. Two deaths from heat occurred. The forecasters say that conditions are now the most favorable for a week. In the southwestern tier of counties, along the Kansas line, where corn and pastures are abandoned as failures, farmers are disposing of stock and merchants are cancelling orders.

## Omaha's Top Notch.

Omaha, July 25.—The heat record of this year was made here yesterday at 4 p. m. 105 degrees, two-tenths of a degree higher than last Sunday, which was at that time a record-breaker. There were four deaths and three prostrations. A thunder storm visited Omaha at 11 o'clock last night and rain fell at intervals for half an hour. The precipitation was not heavy and the temperature was reduced but little.

## Four Deaths at Davenport.

Davenport, Ia., July 25.—Weather Observer Sherrer reported 106 degrees of heat here yesterday, one degree higher than ever recorded here before. There were four deaths and 20 prostrations.

Burlington Buys Another Road. Lead, S. D., July 25.—There is now but little doubt that the Burlington Railway company has purchased the Black Hills and Fort Pierre Railway company's line of road between this city and Piedmont. It is owned by the Homestake company and is the oldest piece of railroad in the Black Hills.

## Record Again Broken.

El Reno, July 25.—The record was again broken yesterday, when 107.98 registrations were made in El Reno. The total for El Reno is 120,637. The registration at Lawton yesterday was 1,342, making the total for that place 29,288. Grand total, 149,925.

## Woman Falls to Death.

Chicago, July 25.—A young woman, supposed to be Mrs. B. DeGraff of La-Crosse, fell from a window on the sixth floor of the Morrison hotel and died an hour later at the county hospital.

## COMBINE PLAYS TWO CARDS.

Makes Move to Open Wellville and Hyde Park Plants.

Pittsburg, July 25.—Two moves, it is reported, were made by the aggressive officials of the American Sheet Steel company yesterday toward the breaking of the strike. One was the shipping of some of the nonunion men that have been employed in the Vandegrift mills of the company to Wellville to assist in the starting of the plant there. As a consequence of this report there is suppressed excitement pervading Wellville, which at any moment may break out into a serious condition. Both strikers and officials of the company are on the alert and ready for any emergency. The impression is strong that the general officers of the United States Steel corporation have become determined on the subject of an early breaking of the strike and to ultimately force the operation of all idle plants. The second movement is reported to be the starting of the long idle Hyde Park plant of the American Sheet Steel company.

The Post says: "That mysterious conference which was attended by President T. J. Shaffer of the Amalgamated association and Secretary John Williams on Tuesday night promises to bring about a change in the situation of the steel workers' strike in a few days. It is understood that a movement has been started by the Amalgamated officials for a settlement of the difficulty by further conference with the officials of the steel corporation."

## UNDER ARMED INSURRECTION.

Sheriff Ousted by Governor in Arkansas Town Will Not Quit.

Memphis, Tenn., July 25.—That armed partisans of J. A. Lovewell and J. H. Rhodes, claiming to be the legal sheriff and circuit clerk of Mississippi county, Arkansas, were threatening to take possession of the court house at Osceola, which was held by armed followers of Sam Bowen and C. S. Driver, also claiming to be sheriff and circuit clerk respectively, was the report that reached Memphis yesterday. According to the report the court house was barricaded and practically the entire town was under arms. The dispute over the possession of the shrievalty and clerkship arose, it is said, through the incumbents refusing to recognize the revocation of their commissions by the governor, following a decision by the supreme court adverse to them in a suit brought by Lovewell and Rhodes, who claimed they were legally elected sheriff and circuit clerk.

A further report says Sheriff Bowen and County Clerk Driver refused to vacate their offices, but that J. A. Lovewell and J. W. Rhodes, who were respectively appointed as their successors, upon being refused possession, placed the matter in the hands of lawyers; that there was some excitement among the partisans of the four men, but it was agreed to allow the matter to go before the proper court.

## FIRES CAUSE MUCH LOSS.

Reports From Dubuque Show Destruction to Property and Live Stock.

Dubuque, Ia., July 25.—Reports of disastrous fires are coming in from the surrounding country. In Vernon township large tracts of meadow have burned and farmers have been fighting fires all night. In Washington township James Lyons lost all his barns and outbuildings, grain, hogs and a team of horses. Nine miles from here, in Illinois, 14 head of cattle smothered in a fire. Northwest of this city territory a mile square, covered by timber and meadow, was burned.

Last night 16 head of cattle hunting for grass fell from the East Dubuque bluffs and were killed.

## COLLISION ON ROCK ISLAND.

Several Persons Injured, but None Serious Enough to Go to Hospital.

Tiffin, Ia., July 25.—A passenger train on the Rock Island railroad ran into another which was going on a sidetrack here yesterday. A sleeping car was knocked over on its side and several passengers were injured, but none of them seriously. Following are the names of those hurt:

C. D. Reller, East Orange, N. J. Two children.  
Frank L. Adams, Boston.  
J. E. Dunne, Denver.  
A. M. Collins, Lebanon, Kan.  
J. A. McGee, Chicago.  
E. Bumpson, Chicago, porter.  
All the injured passengers proceeded to their destinations.

## St. John to Be Traffic Manager.

Chicago, July 25.—It is reported that E. St. John, who recently resigned the office of general manager of the Seaboard Air Line and was formerly general manager of the Rock Island system, will be appointed general traffic manager of either the Morgan-Hill system of roads—Burlington, Great Northern and Northern Pacific—or of the southwestern group, principally the Gould group and their allies.

## Teamsters Holding Out.

San Francisco, July 25.—The teamsters' strike continues without material change in the situation. Both sides remain firm and there are no indications of a compromise being effected at least within several days. A large amount of freight is sidetracked at various points and cannot be forwarded. Much loss has been sustained by shippers of perishable goods other than fruit.

## Latrobe Company Imports Negroes.

Carbondale, Ill., July 25.—About 300 negroes from Birmingham, Ala., including a few women, and accompanied by seven or eight white men, supposed to be guards, passed through this city over the Illinois Central en route for Chicago to work for the Latrobe Steel company.

## MADMAN RUNS AMUCK

Michael Kelly Shoots Six Persons at Leavenworth.

IS HIMSELF KILLED BY OFFICERS.

Seeks Revenge on Men Who Had Him Adjudged Insane and Disposes of Officers Who Interrupt His Work. Shoots All Who Come in His Way.

Leavenworth, Kan., July 25.—Michael Kelly, an insane man, at the office of the Robert Garrett Lumber company, in the business district, shot six people, killing one, fatally wounding another and more or less seriously wounding four others. He was himself finally killed by officers who tried to overpower him. The victims:

John R. Garrett, junior member of the firm of Robert Garrett Lumber company, died at hospital.

Michael Kelly, died after being taken to police station.

Dr. Charles McGee, shot in back and probably fatally.

Police Sergeant William Dodge, shot in neck, wound serious.

Michael McDonald, detective, shot in leg.

Joe Fairhager, policeman, shot in hand.

Ike Heales, shot in hand.

Michael Kelly had lived in Leavenworth for years and at different times had engaged in minor business enterprises. He was eccentric and during the presidential campaign in 1896 lost his mind entirely. At that time he was arrested for creating a disturbance and later threatened to kill Garrett. He was arrested and adjudged insane. Garrett and four others testified against him. After a year in the Topeka asylum, Kelly was released. He had been acting queerly again and declared that he would kill the five men who sent him to the asylum.

Yesterday shortly after 12 o'clock he appeared at Garrett's office and without warning shot Garrett as he sat at his desk. Garrett fell from his chair and into the doorway, when Kelly deliberately fired four shots more into the prostrate form. Leaving his victim for dead, Kelly ran to the rear of the company's lumber yard and began reloading his revolver. Presently he returned to the office to find Dr. McGee, who had been attracted by the shots, bending over Garrett. Leveling his revolver on the window sill, Kelly took deliberate aim at the physician from the sidewalk and fired. The bullet struck McGee in the back at the spine and he toppled over near where Garrett lay. Then followed an exciting street fight between the madman and officers, who came upon the scene. Kelly, flourishing his revolver, dashed through the lumber yard. He met Ike Healer, a laborer, and shot him in the hand. A few yards further on he encountered Sergeant Dodge. The two exchanged shots as they ran. One bullet from Kelly's revolver struck Dodge in the neck, but not before that officer had shot him in the shoulder. Kelly kept on running and was soon confronted by Detective McDonald and Officer Fairhager. McDonald dropped Kelly with a bullet in the neck. Dodge raised his revolver, but it failed to work and catching up with the murderer, he crushed his skull with the weapon.

Kelly sank to the ground and was carried to the station in an unconscious condition, dying soon after his arrival there.

Garrett never regained consciousness and died an hour after being taken to the hospital. Dr. McGee is still suffering seriously and it is believed he cannot recover. The wounds of the others are slight.

## BOMBARDMENT AT NEWPORT.

Kearsarge Fires Only One Shell, but It Alarms Citizens.

Newport, R. I., July 25.—The screeching of a shell that proved to have come from the United States battleship Kearsarge, and its explosion into fragments that broke a small piece of stone out of the new city hall building on Broadway and cut a limb from a tree nearby, caused great consternation among Newport citizens shortly after 5 o'clock last evening.

Half an hour later two officers came ashore from the Kearsarge, traced the shell to the city hall and obtained information as to its passage over the city. They examined some of the pieces and pronounced the shell a one-pounder from the Kearsarge, after which they returned without making any explanation.

## Plague Case at New York.

New York, July 25.—Dr. Doty, health officer of the port of New York, announced yesterday that the illness of Rabviane, the stoker on the steamer Hohenfels, who was sent to Swinburne island on Monday, has been diagnosed as bubonic plague. The vessel came from Calcutta. All of the crew will be held at Swinburne island for observation and the vessel will be thoroughly disinfected.

## Baseball Scores Yesterday.

National League—Pittsburg, 11; Cincinnati, 2. Philadelphia, 4; Boston, 1. Brooklyn, 8; New York, 10. St. Louis, 2; Chicago, 1. American League—Chicago, 17; Washington, 3. Cleveland, 6; Baltimore, 9. Detroit, 5; Philadelphia, 12. Milwaukee, 4; Boston, 3. Western League—Kansas City, 9; Des Moines, 2. St. Joseph, 7; Omaha, 2. Denver, 1; St. Paul, 4.

## Zurbano's Force Surrenders.

Manila, July 25.—Colonel Zurbano, with 29 officers, 518 men, 243 rifles and 100 bolos, has surrendered to Lieutenant Hickman of the First cavalry in Tayabas province. These former insurgents have taken the oath of allegiance to the United States, and their surrender clears that district of the revolutionary element.

## NEW BOAT LEADS THE WAY.

Constitution Again Proves Its Superiority Over Columbia in Light Air.

New London, July 25.—In a fine southwest breeze over the 39-mile course from New Haven breakwater to Sarah's Ledge, at the mouth of New London harbor, the Constitution again showed what a superb racing craft she is in light air and smooth water. She beat the Columbia yesterday eight minutes, twenty-three seconds fairly and squarely. There were no flukes, the wind holding true and steady, with the exception of a shift of a couple of points after two-thirds of the distance had been traversed. The breeze at no time was of sufficient strength to raise a single white cap on the waves.

Yachtsmen are now convinced that the Constitution is faster than the Columbia on every point of sailing in light weather, but in a heavy blow and a rough and tumble sea many believe that the Columbia will prove the speedier.

## BROOKLYN BRIDGE DAMAGED.

Suspension Rods Yield and Great Commotion Follows.

New York, July 25.—Last evening a number of the vertical supporting cables of the Brooklyn bridge pulled out of their sockets and are now dangling in the air. The accident happened at the New York end of the bridge and this end sagged from four to six inches. This completely stopped all street car traffic over the structure, but after a temporary delay pedestrians and wagons were allowed to proceed. The vertical cables which pulled out were imbedded in the long cables upon which the bridge is hung. The accident caused great excitement and the police reserves were called out.

## DEVOTE FIRST DAY TO REUNION.

Over Fifteen Thousand Expected at Baptist Young People's Convention.

Chicago, July 25.—The 11th annual convention of the Baptist Young People's union began in this city yesterday. Over 15,000 delegates and visitors from all parts of the United States and Canada are expected to be present at the meetings, which will be concluded Saturday night.

Yesterday was spent in informal reunion. A praise service was held last night at the Second Baptist church. Rev. William Lawrence of Chicago, Thomas Ingraham of Toronto, Canada, and J. B. Craun of Dallas, Tex., delivered addresses.

## ELKS MEET NEXT AT SALT LAKE.

Grand Rapids Takes First Prize in the Big Parade.

Milwaukee, July 25.—Salt Lake City was selected as the next meeting place of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Grand Rapids, Mich., captured the first prize in the big Elks' parade yesterday. The Toledo Cherry Pickers were awarded second and the Chicago contingent third money. The points were general appearance, and beauty and originality of customs and number in line.

Greenville, Mass., lodge was given first prize for the most unique display, Omaha being a close second.

The parade was by all odds the most successful of its kind ever seen in Milwaukee. Fully 5,000 Elks took part.

## Will Offer Mediation.

Amsterdam, July 25.—Dr. Kuypere, the premier, will certainly advance a scheme of mediation between Great Britain and the Boers, says the Nieuwsblad van Nederlanden, soon after the new ministry is organized. He has had long interviews with the secretary of The Hague arbitration court, Baron Van Tynden.

## Metcalf Leaves Tabor College.

Tabor, Ia., July 25.—Haven Metcalf, professor of biology in Tabor college, has resigned to accept a position in the department of botany in the University of Nebraska.

## SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Oliver L. Hagan, the well known theatrical man, died in St. Louis Wednesday after a long illness.

An explosion on the American schooner Louise Adelaide at Stockholm resulted in 15 deaths.

Civil and military authorities in the Philippines have arranged for dividing the government of the islands.

Three Englishmen and three guides, while climbing Mount Cervino, Italy, fell down a chasm and all were killed.

At Connor, Tex., Wednesday D. C. Simonton shot and killed Mrs. Grantman, a widow, and then committed suicide.

An Englishman and two ladies, together with their guide, plunged over a precipice while ascending the Matterhorn.

Governor Allen of Porto Rico is to retire on Sept. 1, and he will be succeeded by William H. Hunt, secretary of the island.

William Shirley of Edwardsville, Ind., stabbed his sweetheart, Miss Florence McCulloch, Wednesday and then cut his throat.

Rev. J. Forworth, one of the best known Methodist divines in Illinois, dropped dead on the streets of Molineau Wednesday.

Joseph R. Hixson, general eastern agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, died at his home in Elizabeth, N. J., Wednesday, aged 60.

It is understood that negotiations are now in progress between the various cabinets of the German empire looking to the speedy publication of the long-expected tariff bill.

Aquilla J. Daugherty, collector of internal revenue of the Fifth Illinois district, died Wednesday at Maquoketa, Ia., where he had been for six weeks in a sanitarium as a result of a stroke of paralysis last January.

## GRANT SCHLEY'S REQUEST

Secretary of Navy Approves Course Taken by Him.

DEWEY TO HEAD THE INQUIRY.

Santiago Officer Does Not Specify Any Specific Acts, but Asks That Whole Matter Be Gone into by Court—Too Hot, However, to Begin at Once.

Washington, July 25.—Secretary Long has received a letter from Admiral Schley for a court of inquiry. In his letter to the secretary Admiral Schley does not specify any of the criticisms to which he takes exception, but asks, in view of the statements and innuendoes and abusive language contained in MacLay's history, which he says he does not consider worthy of use in any college in the country, that a court of inquiry "into the entire matter" be held. He also asks that the court shall sit in Washington, where his papers are stored. Secretary Long has replied to the letter, saying that "under the circumstances" he heartily approves of Admiral Schley's course and that the department will act favorably upon Admiral Schley's request.

It is stated that Admiral Dewey undoubtedly will be the head of the court of inquiry. It is not the intention of Secretary Long to have the court convene at once, but to wait until the weather becomes cooler.

## SUSPICIOUS BRIDGE FIRE.

Man Who Tries to Give Alarm is Fired on by Stranger.

Wymore, Neb., July 25.—What appears to be a deliberate attempt to burn a Burlington bridge across the Blue river was averted late Tuesday night. Frank Crawford, returning from the country about midnight, found the approach to the bridge in flames. He hurried along to give the alarm, when he was stopped by a stranger, who told him to go no further. Crawford broke away and the man shot at him three times without effect. The supposed incendiary had disappeared when Crawford returned with assistance. Much of the bridge was burned and there was no traffic on the line yesterday.

## Strife on Turkish Frontier.

Vienna, July 25.—Albanian insurgents and Turkish regulars have had several encounters on the Turkish frontier. Many have been killed and wounded on both sides. It is reported that the Albanians cut off the heads of their prisoners and triumphantly carried them on poles through Albanian towns. It is also reported that the Turks massacred their prisoners. A band of marauding Bulgarians near Ghevgeli, entrenched in a farm house, were stormed by Turks and killed to a man.

## Wife Beater Tarred and Feathered.

Elgin, Ill., July 25.—Valentine Miller of West Chicago was tarred and feathered by a mob last night for alleged wife beating and was given a ride to the outskirts of the hamlet on the edge of a scantling. Miller is said to have been intoxicated when his alleged offense was committed. While he was being tarred, torches were lighted near his body and motions made as if to ignite his inflammable covering. Miller became almost unconscious from fright.

## Postoffice Robber Caught.

Helena, Mont., July 25.—William Miller, alias E. G. Grant, supposed to be one of the most notorious postoffice box robbers in the United States, was arrested by Postoffice Inspector Salmon of Cincinnati at Havre yesterday and brought here last night. Federal authorities are satisfied that they have the man they have spent months in trying to locate, and believe they have broken one of the boldest gangs that ever preyed on government mails.

## Freight Rates Again Broken.

Chicago, July 25.—Western freight rates have again been broken. This time St. Paul is the center of trouble, and the article most seriously affected is flour. The effort to maintain the rate continued for about a week. Then it was discovered that the ferry routes across Lake Michigan were getting the bulk of the business. Then the rail routes from St. Paul to Chicago cut the rates to secure their share of the business.

## Organizing a New Party.

Manila, July 25.—The Libertad is authority for the statement that Senor Paterno will leave the federal party and will organize what he calls the nationalists on a platform resembling that of the conservatives, with Aguinaldo as president and former insurgent military officers and former members of the federal party as leaders. The purpose of the new party will be the ultimate independence of the Philippines.

## Russian Troops Defeated.

London, July 25.—"According to native intelligence," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, "Chinese and Russian troops have been seriously defeated by insurgents in the southeastern part of Manchuria and the rebels are now destroying the telegraph wires."

## Hail Destroys Crops.

St. Petersburg, July 25.—A hailstorm in the district of Schlitzk destroyed the crops over a wide area. Three men and many cattle were killed, while an entire flock of sheep and two shepherds were carried off by the flood. Some of the hailstones weighed three pounds.

## TROUBLE OVER ARMY POST.

Government and Water Company Unable to Come to an Agreement.

Des Moines, July 25.—Although a superintendent of construction has been installed in Des Moines to begin work on the improvement of the site for the new army post there is far from any agreement as yet in regard to the one all-important matter of securing water for the post. The citizens' committee made an agreement in writing, which was given the commission headed by General Otis, in which it undertook to have the water mains of the city extended to the post and to furnish 200,000 gallons of water daily for the government. Secretary Root, when he was here, gave it out that Captain Turner, the superintendent of construction, had power to make all necessary contracts and to fix the deal for the water supply, but intimated that the government would enter into no contract of any kind to take any stipulated amount of water. The water company has held a meeting since and the company's attorney yesterday announced that, while the company is ready to make a contract to furnish 200,000 gallons of water, it will not extend the mains without some kind of a contract or agreement as to the amount of water to be used by the government. So the whole matter of completing the army post is hanging fire again.

## DENY BEING THE BENDERS.

Parties Who Formerly Knew Them in City to Identify Prisoners.

Denver, July 25.—The persons alleged to be members of the Bender family, for whom, according to a dispatch from Topeka, Governor Stanley has issued requisition papers on Governor Orman of Colorado, are Mrs. Frank Ayres and her mother, known as Mrs. Reed in Fort Collins, where they reside, and Will Baker of Longmont. Mrs. Ayres denies that she is Kate Bender and declares that she will prove an alibi. She is about 50 years old. It is said that Edward L. Burton, a lawyer of Oswego, Kan., together with an old resident of Galena, who knew the Benders, are at present in Fort Collins for the purpose of making a positive identification of the persons suspected, if possible.

## Jockey Has a Rough Experience.

London, July 25.—"Cash" Sloan, the American jockey, who has been riding in Russia, had an exciting experience at the Moscow races, where he narrowly escaped death at the hands of a furious mob. Sloan had been riding with such continuous success that his mounts were always favorites. On the occasion in question he rode a horse which had no chance of winning. The unsophisticated crowd, however, backed the American's mount as usual and when he was beaten their indignation boiled over and a raging mob of males and females savagely attacked the jockey, who was rescued by a military contingent and powerful detachment of police.

## Saloons Closed by Injunction.

Port Scott, Kan., July 25.—The district court has issued an injunction ordering all saloons in town closed and it has been obeyed. The order came as a result of evidence obtained by three local ministers and several church members who visited the different saloons and bought whisky and beer. Suit will be brought against each keeper and against the owner of the buildings used for saloon purposes, for violation of the Harrel law passed during the last legislature.

## Newspaper Office Scorched.

Des Moines, July 24.—Fire started from spontaneous combustion in the basement of the Daily Capital building yesterday and did \$2,000 damage to the newspaper plant and caused the loss of \$10,000 to the state bindery in the same building. Several state reports in the hands of the binder were ruined. Fully covered by insurance.

## Flames Sweep Krug Park.

Omaha, July 22.—Fire of unknown origin started in the stables at Krug park shortly before 3 o'clock this morning and communicated to the ice house, just opposite. Harry C. Tyler, proprietor of the dog show, was aroused from his sleep and hurried to the park only to find that all his dogs had burned to death.

## A Successful Case.

First Lawyer—I just concluded a very successful case.  
Second Lawyer—Your client won, eh?  
First Lawyer—Oh, no, but I got my fees!—Ohio State Journal.

## Every decade brings shorter hours to those who merely work, but for those who would succeed there is no time table.—Saturday Evening Post.

Adam de la Hala, a troubadour, wrote the world's first comic opera in 1240 A. D.

## Pat's Ready Wit.

An Irishman who was traveling through London met two Englishmen, who thought they would play a joke on him.

One of them said: "Good morning, Pat! Did you hear the devil is dead?"

The Irishman put his hand in his pocket and gave each a copper.

They asked what this was for, to which he replied:

"'Tis always a custom in old Ireland, when the father is dead, to give something to the poor orphans!"

## Are There None?

"Johnnie, give me an example of a combination of meaningless phrases."

"Yes'm. A burglar proof safe stood in a fireproof block."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Too True.

Schools and colleges exist for the purpose of aiding us to keep up with the knowledge of those who have never attended them.—Boston Transcript.