

DEFERRED ITEMS.

A young steer that remained in an abandoned well for seven weeks without a sign of food or water and was taken out alive a few days ago is the story vouched for by George Liskey, the owner of the steer, and neighbors, residing about four miles north of Harrisonburg, Va. The cattle turned into the field in which the well is located about seven weeks ago. Several days after they were rescued in another field, one of the steers was missed, and all efforts to locate it proved unavailing, the owner believing that the steer had gotten out on the pike and had been taken up. Friday an employee was passing the well and heard a noise. He removed the boards covering the hole and saw the steer at the bottom, almost a skeleton, but still able to stand on its feet. Help was summoned and the steer was hauled out with a block and tackle. The animal weighed over 900 pounds before it was missed and when weighed Friday barely reached 400 pounds. The steer had lived at the bottom of the well without food or water. It is believed that the animal will survive the experience.

Killing a 1,200-pound bull in the course of a wild charge with a rock weighing a little over three pounds, thereby saving his family, is the unusual achievement of Clay Winter, a farmer of Henry county, Va., whose act is reported in a dispatch from Martinsville. Winter, his wife and three small children went into a pasture and were picking up apples when the bull made its appearance and, after a preliminary pawing, lowered its head and charged. There was small chance of escape, for the fence was some distance away. Winter told his family to run, and picking up a rock stood near an apple tree, hoping to divert the animal. When it was a few yards distant Winter let fly the rock with all his strength, striking the bull squarely in the forehead. It fell dead as though it had been pole-axed.

The fairy story of the Sleeping Beauty and the Prince, which has caught the fancy of youthful minds for many years, has been revised in the romance of Edwin D. Ross, of Gettysburg, Pa., and Miss Marilla G. Prouty, of Meridian, Conn., whose wedding took place at Meridian Saturday afternoon. Several years ago Mr. Ross was employed in Connecticut and one day while traveling on a train from New Haven to Hartford he was curled up in a seat enjoying a good sleep when he was awakened by some one shaking him. Upon looking up he beheld the face of a pretty young girl, who informed him she wanted half of the seat, as the car was crowded. He graciously complied and the young folks were soon engaged in conversation. The friendship developed into a love affair, the story of which will end, "And they lived happily ever afterward."

Orlando Spinson, of Birmingham, Alabama, came to his death in a peculiar way. Two years ago young Spinson, it is stated, accidentally swallowed a cockle burr. For some time he experienced no ill effects. More recently he complained of feeling ill. He was taken to a local hospital, where an X-ray examination revealed the cockle burr lodged in his right lung. Death followed in a few days.

Now that the long evenings are coming on, no family in this neighborhood should be without the Shepherdstown Register. It will give you the local news and general articles of real interest.

Frederick Fair the Greatest Ever.

The Great Frederick Fair, to be held October 17-20, promises to be greater than ever, if the extensive improvements just completed shall serve as a criterion. The new day-light, fire-proof, domestic arts building, 60 x 200 feet in dimensions, the largest and finest exhibition building in Maryland, will be devoted exclusively to exhibits to be made by the women of Frederick county, merchants' displays, and kindred demonstrations. Other important changes will afford an enlarged midway, where everything under the sun will be on display for instruction and amusement. The program of free attractions will be the largest ever offered, and will include daily balloon ascensions by lady and gent with triple parachute drops from bombs exploding in mid-air, and the auto polo games each day in front of the grand stand will afford the first opportunity given in Maryland to witness a form of sport that attracted and interested thousands at other fairs. There will be, of course, plenty of racing, and the exhibits of live stock, and farm and garden products, will be large as usual.

The four days of the fair will be followed, on Saturday, October 21, by automobile races, eight in number, in which will appear some of the leading race drivers of the country. These will be the only auto races ever given in Maryland and lovers of sport cannot afford to miss them.

Who Was Kaspar Hauser?

When the police of Nuremberg first discovered this youth, apparently about eighteen years of age, leaning up against a wall in one of the public squares with his hands over his eyes to protect them from the glare of the sun, they at first thought he was some idiot who had escaped from a sanitarium. But investigation soon developed that here was a case as unique as that of the man in the iron mask, and resembling it in a number of ways.

Not only were the boy's eyes weak, but his muscles were as flabby as those of an infant and the soles of his feet were convex, like those of a baby that had never learned to walk. He had to be carried bodily to police headquarters and even there, the sight of the commonest objects appeared to terrify him, while the slightest of sounds caused him to cover his ears and wince as if his ear-drums were accustomed only to total silence. On the other hand, his face indicated that he was of good parentage, and the clothing which he wore was fashioned of the softest, finest materials.

In an effort to discover something about his identity, one of the police officials offered him a pencil which, much to the surprise of those present, he seized and wrote the two words "Kaspar Hauser," which, as it afterwards developed, was the only clue he could give to the past. Prof. G. F. Daumer of the University of Nuremberg, hearing about the strange case, took the young man to his home—amazed not only by the fact that he could neither talk nor walk, but that he would eat nothing but bread and water. The professor, however, started to educate him at once and in a surprisingly short time the youth had progressed sufficiently to give a graphic story of his experiences.

For as long as he could remember he had been confined to a dark cell, into which the sun had never penetrated. He had been visited once a day by a man who washed and dressed him and fed him a ration of bread and water. It was this man who had taught him to write the words "Kaspar Hauser," which Professor Daumer believed to be a false name given him in order to conceal his real identity. Finally, he declared, he had been blindfolded and led into the street where the police had found him.

The young man's story naturally created a vast amount of comment in all sections of Europe and the Daumer house became the center of attraction for the curious, many of whom maintained that they might be able to identify Hauser, but none of whom were able to produce the proof of their contention.

The next development in the mysterious chain of circumstances surrounding the youth, came about five months after Hauser's discovery by the police, when he staggered into the Professor's library, half-blinded by the blood which dripped from an open gash in his forehead. It was some time before he recovered consciousness sufficiently to state that a masked man had struck him with a saber, that he had dodged the blow and that his assailant had fled before he could give the alarm. The inference which the police drew from the attack was that the same person who had imprisoned the boy was now striving to kill him, lest he divulge the secret of his birth.

Shortly afterward, the case came to the attention of the wealthy Lord Stanhope, who, convinced that Hauser was of aristocratic and perhaps of royal parentage, adopted him and sent him under guard to Anspach, where he was educated. Some three years later, Lord Stanhope arrived in Anspach with the intention of taking his protegee back to England with him. On the morning of the day that they were to leave Hauser received a note, telling him to come to a certain place where he would learn the secret of his birth. Less than an hour later the English nobleman heard moans from outside his apartment and, opening the door, was just in time to catch Hauser as he fell, blood welling from a knife-wound in his side. He had barely gasped the words, "Uzen Monument—palace grounds," when he fell dead.

Lord Stanhope hurried to the Uzen monument and found there a slip of paper bearing, in the young man's handwriting, the cryptic message: "Kaspar Hauser—murdered at the age of twenty-one. Know by this that I come from the Bavarian frontier on the river. The initials of my name are M. L. B."

And not even the offer of a reward of 5,000 florins by Lord Stanhope nor the investigations of countless amateur and professional detectives could ever throw the slightest light upon the birth or death of this human enigma.

Children Enticed to Fight Tuberculosis.

The chivalry of health, based on the tournaments and titles used in the days of the Crusades when knight-hood was in flower, is the alluring plan to interest children in the practice of the rules of hygiene being offered by the West Virginia Tuberculosis Association, in its educational program for the prevention of tuberculosis. Beautiful banners and pennants are being offered as prizes to ungraded schools and graded classes in which the pupils earn credits of 75 per cent or over for practicing daily eleven health chores for a period of fifteen weeks. For the faithful performance of the chores pupils are given the titles of squire, knight and knight banneret. Suitable badges are provided for presentation to the children when the titles are earned.

Over six million pupils in the United States took part in the health tournament last year. For having the highest enrollment of knights banneret in the national inter-city tournament, the schools of Washington, D. C., won a silver cup offered as a prize by the National Tuberculosis Association. This cup was presented to the superintendent of schools by President Harding.

A valuable silver cup is offered also to the State in which the largest number of pupils become knights banneret during the school year ending on the second Saturday in June, 1923. The West Virginia Tuberculosis Association is so interested in having the cup won by this State that it has offered a set of DeLuxe scales valued at \$40 to the county in each congressional district in which the greatest number of pupils become knights banneret.

Complete information regarding the supplies needed to carry on the Crusade program can be obtained from Isaac N. Bonham, Summit Point, county superintendent of schools, to whom descriptive literature was sent for distribution to the teachers at the county institute.

Investigation has shown that children are particularly susceptible to tuberculosis, says George C. Rowell, the executive secretary of the West Virginia Tuberculosis Association, whose headquarters are at Charleston. In the September number of the West Virginia School Journal and Educator, Mr. Rowell states that more than 50 per cent of all children are infected before they are ten years of age. Whether this infection becomes a disease later in life, depends on the strength of the wall of physical resistance built up in youth through good health habits. The daily practice of the health chores of the Modern Health Crusade is one way in which boys and girls can help in the fight to control and prevent tuberculosis.

Roanoke College.

According to a statement made at Charleston, West Virginia, by President Chas. J. Smith, Roanoke College faces the greatest opportunity in her history, for the General Education Board of New York City has made a conditional gift to the college of \$165,000.

This gift, according to Dr. Smith, is conditioned upon the securing of an additional \$335,000 during the next two months. He also added that some preliminary gifts, by individual friends of the college, now brought the total amount well over \$200,000.

Great rallies of alumni during the past week at Radford and Wytheville, Va., Bristol and Knoxville, Tenn., evidence the determination on the part of the alumni and former students to see that Roanoke realizes on this great possibility.

These meetings have all been, so far, well attended and genuinely enthusiastic. The college opened last week with the greatest enrollment in her history. It has a most enviable record for producing leaders, having given twenty-eight college presidents to the nation. Fifty-one men now holding administrative and teaching positions in leading colleges are Roanoke College men. There are eight Virginia colleges with Roanoke College men on their faculties. Four deans of Virginia colleges were educated at Roanoke College. Ten district superintendents of public instruction in Virginia claim Roanoke College as their alma mater. A former State superintendent of public instruction is a Roanoke alumnus, as well as a graduate of Roanoke. At least twenty-five members of boards of trustees of Virginia colleges are alumni of Roanoke College. Alumni of Roanoke are also members of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, V. P. I. and William and Mary. More than a hundred former Roanoke students are concerned with the public high school system of Virginia, including three members of Roanoke High School. Roanoke College graduates are executives and teachers in four leading theological seminaries in the South.

Coal Miner Earns \$684 in One Month.

A news item from Washington, Pa., is as follows: Not in many years have coal miners earned such large wages as they are now receiving from the coal companies in this district. The record wage, in the memory of the oldest miner in this district, was earned by C. D. John Sliifko, who is employed by the Fredericktown Coal and Coke Company, in September. During the first two weeks Sliifko drew \$324.02, and in the period since the 15th of the month he has earned \$360.44, making a total earned during the month of \$684.46. Sliifko, while an expert miner, has no greater earning capacity than many other miners in the pits hereabouts. His greatest day's earnings followed the loading of forty-nine cars of coal, which is considered close to the record in this territory. Since the reopening after the strike settlement many of the big mines have been paying their miners an average of \$200 to \$250 every two weeks.

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