MYSTERY OF WILD ANIMALS.

What Becomes of Those That Die Natural Deaths in the Woods?

"The forest has many mysteries," said an old Pennsylvania woodman, "but none deeper than that of wild animals that die natural deaths.

"The four-footed dwellers of the woods certainly do not live forever. Age and disease must carry them off regularly, as human beings are carried off, but what becomes of their bodies?

"I never heard of any one's coming across a wild dead bear or deer or wildcat or fox that had died from natural causes. I found the carcass of a big five-pronged buck in the woods once, but a rattlesnake, also dead, had its fangs buried in one of the deer's nostrils. There had evidently been a fight to the death between the reptile and the beast.

"Another time I followed the trail of a bear from a clearing where it had stolen a half-grown lamb. I came upon the headless body of the lamb a mile or so out on the trail, and a half mile further on, near the edge of a swamp, I was surprised to find the body of the bear.

"Its jaws were open, and its glassy eyes were pushed far out of its head. I held a post-morten examination of the dead bear and found the lamb's head lodged in its throat. How or why the bear ever permitted it to get there I am unable to explain.

"I have many times found other dead animals in the woods, but never one that did not show unquestionable evidence of having died from violence of some kind. Every woodsman will tell you the same. What becomes of the dead wild animals that die natural deaths.

Information Wanted.

"I always smile when misfortune overtakes me," said the clerical looking passenger.

"That's a good idea," rejoined the hardware drummer, "but what do you do when it overtakes you in a prohibition town?"

Legal Technicality.

A Chelsea (England) hospital is mourning the loss of a bequest of $6,000 through a legal informality. The testator signed his will in his bedroom, and the witnesses thoughtlessly carried it into another room before signing it, thus making the document invalid.

As Defined.

"Mamma," asked small Floramay, "what is a synonym?"

"A synonym, my dear, is a word that can be used in the place of another when you don't know how to spell the other," replied the mother, who happened to be a trifle shy on orthography.

Burglar Balks at Jewels.

Though not taking all the money he could find, a burglar who broke into a woman's house in Paris left a note saying he could not find it in his heart to take her jewels lest they were heirlooms.

Heathen—A person who does not believe in the same God you do.

The larger the exaggeration the smaller it looks.

Makes the Blind See.

A discovery, of which there are few details to hand, is announced from France. A professor appears to have produced an apparatus by which he asserts the blind will see, and not only those who have lost their vision in middle life, but even those persons who were born blind will be able to see under certain stated conditions. With this apparatus Dr. Caze says that he can go into a totally dark room and see every object as celarly as in daylight. It is described as being on the same scientific basis as the telephone, and it transmits light to a certain part of the brain in the same way as a telephone transmits sounds to the ear.

Miles and the Irishman.

General Miles is quoted by a fellow officer as telling the following story on himself: "It was during our pursuit of Chief Joseph, said the general. "One exceedingly stormy night we encountered on our march in the Bearpaw mountains a few woodchoppers' cabins. The woodsmen were not inclined to be very hospitable, but we finally induced them to share with us the protection their huts afforded. They consented, however, only upon condition that they should not under any circumstances be compelled to give up their beds. It fell to my lot to share the bunk of the boss, a very stern Irishman, who was not delighted with his guest. Hoping to establish an entente cordiale I said, banteringly, as we were preparing to retire: 'Come now, Patrick, you know you'd be a long time in Ireland before you'd get a chance to sleep with a general.' 'And it's Oi that am thinking,' he instantly retorted, 'that you'd be a long time in Ireland before you'd iver be made a gineral.'"

LYNCHED BY MOB

CROWD BREAKS IN JAIL AND SHOOTS MURDERER.

SHERIFF KILLED BY A VOLLEY

One Prisoner Escapes but is Afterwards Recaptured and Shot to Death—Jail Doors Battered Down by a Telegraph Pole.

BUTTE, Mont.—A special to the Miner from Red Lodge, Mont, says:

Jim Gorman, who killed his brother about a year ago, and ran off with his brother's wife, and a man named Walters, who killed a widow named Hoover at Hot Springs two years ago, were lynched at Basin, Wyo., early Sunday. C. E. Pierce, a deputy sheriff, was killed during the attack on the jail.

A state of lawlessness now prevails in northwestern Wyoming, as a result of which all law and order seems to have been abolished. From President Moffett of the Montana & Wyoming Telephone company, who is now making a tour of inspection of his company's lines, comes the news of the lynching, and of an appeal for help from Sheriff Fenton of Big Horn county, who has arrested a number of prominent cattlemen from Thermopolis and has appealed to the governor of Wyoming for the assistance of the militia in getting his men to Basin.

It was reported by the sheriff Wednesday morning that a mob was coming up to Basin from Hyatsville and Tonslip for the purpose of lynching Gorman and Walters. As a measure of precaution the sheriff took these two men and a horsethief out of the jail and secreted them in a gulley near town, under guard of Deputy Sheriffs Felix Alston and C. E. Pierce.

Gorman managed to slip his handcuffs and make his escape. He swam the Big Horn river, an unprecedented feat, and made for the mountains. A possee of seven men quickly organized and Gorman was recaptured about fifty miles from Basin. A mob of about fifty unmasked men rode up the bank of the Big Horn and compelled the ferryman to carry them across the river.

The mob proceeded at once to the county jail and fired a volley into the building. Deputy Moore and Special Deputy Meade were guarding the men at the time. One bullet grazed Meade's shoulders and entered Pierce's heart. Members of the mob quickly procured two telephone poles and battered the jail doors down. They first came to Walters, who was crouched in his cell, piteously begging for mercy. No needleess torture was resorted to. Walters was shot instantly.

The mob next found Gorman, whose body was pierced by five bullets, and was left presumably dead. He lingered, however, for some time.

IDEAS OF CORONER BURKE.

Will Suppress the Details of All Suicides.

CLEVELAND O.—Coroner Burke said that he will make an attempt to suppress details in the cases of all suicides.

"The publication of suicide stories under glaring headlines, giving every detail of the crime," said Coroner Burke, "is most harmful to the public at large and is the direct cause of so many suicides. I have noticed that when a suicide is printed a number of suicides immediately follow, all taking their lives in the same manner."

Coroner Burke said he would ask the co-operation of the managing editors of the local press in his efforts to carry out his ideas.

New Bug in the Corn.

COLUMBUS, Mo.—Prof. Stedman of the department of horticulture of the Missouri university, after a tour through St. Charles, St. Louis and Franklin counties reports that a peculiar bug is injuring corn. Prof. Stedman is going to collect a quantity of these bugs for experimentation. He hopes to be able to inoculate them just as the chinch bugs are inoculated.

Burlington Borrows $5,000,000.

NEW YORK—It was semi-officially announced Tuesday that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad had secured a temporary loan of $5,000,000 on notes due next March at 5½ per cent interest, plus one-half per cent commission, making a total rate of 6 per cent. The Burlington company will use most of the money for pending improvements.

Wealthy Manufacturer Dies.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Andrew J. Crawford, aged 65, a millionaire iron manufacturer and coal operator died here Sunday. Mr. Crawford was president of the Vigo iron works, the Terre Haute Iron and Steel company, and the Wabash Iron company, three concerns which recently sold out to the Republic Iron and Steel company. He was a director in several of the largest financial institutions in the state.

BOTH OPIUM BILLS TABLED.

Philippine Commission Will Probe Regulations Elsewhere.

MANILA—The Philippine commission has tabled both the opium bills. The first bill provides for the proposed opium monopoly, the second is a substitute making the importation of opium unlawful except by pharmacists and permitting its sale on a physician's certificate.

A commission was appointed to visit Oriental countries and investigate the regulations in force there.

Governor Taft has championed the theory of regulation and has demonstrated that the passage of the first bill meant the prohibition of the drug to the 8,000,000 Filipinos and Moros and an effective regulation for the 100,000 Chinese in the archipelago more stringent than the English regulations. He declared that it was generally known that the opium habit as practiced by nearly all Chinamen was less pernicious than whisky drinking and mercilessly exposed the corrupt combination of Chinese dealers who are circulating falsely signed protests and raising money for the defeat of the bill.

IN A STATE OF COMA.

The Pope's Condition Now of the Gravest Character.

ROME—The pope lies this (Sunday) night in a state of coma, and there are grave doubts in the minds of his doctors whether he will ever completely emerge. His immediate dissolution seems only averted by the reliability of the action of his heart. His pulse, though weak, continues steady. Shortly before midnight Dr. Laponni said to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"The pope at the present moment is in a state of coma, which may be called a condition preceding the last agony, the duration of which it is impossible to forecast, although everything leads to the belief that in this condition he cannot last long. To be more exact, he is still in a state of torpor and stupor, from which, however, he rouses occasionally when he hears sharp sounds."

HE CAN'T SPEAK AT BOTH.

Bryan Will Choose Between Convention and Chautauqua.

URBANA, O.—The Urbana Chautauqua has made arrangements for William J. Bryan to deliver an address on August 5. The democratic county central committee decided to hold the county convention on the same day in order that Mr. Bryan might address the convention.

The Chautauqua managers have just met and decided that the editor of the Commoner shall not address the democratic convention. They think his speech at the assembly would not draw such a large crowd to the assembly if Mr. Bryan also delivered a speech at the convention. If Mr. Bryan insists on addressing the convention he will not be permitted to deliver his lecture at the Chautauqua.

APPRECIATE HIS TELEGRAM.

Vatican Wires Thanks to President for His Sympathy.

ROME—President Roosevelt's telegram expressing the president's sympathy for his holiness in this hour of supreme anxiety and asking to be informed of the condition of the venerable patient, has been received.

The vatican authorities are deeply appreciative of this expression of sympathy and recall the cordial personal exchanges between the president and the pope when the volumes of the presidential messages and papal encyclicals were exchanged. Cardinal Rampolla sent an answer to the message, which contained the thanks of the vatican authorities for the solicitude expressed by the president and also the latest information concerning the condition of the pope.

Storm Keeps President In.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y.—President Roosevelt did not attend church Sunday. In company with President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university and Dr. Lambert, his old family physician and friend, he remained at Sagamore Hill quietly during the day, which, on account of a persistent storm, was dismal and disagreeable until evening. Mrs. Roosevent and the children attended services at Christ Episcopal church.

When David takes Goliath's weapon he loses his heavenly ally.

New Training Ship.

VALLEJO, Cal.—The official specifications of the new steel training ship to be built at the Mare Island navy yard have just been received here. The vessel, which will be christened the Intrepid, will have only sail power and will be bark-rigged. The estimates of the material required in the construction will be made up and the work will be commenced on September 1. The cost is not to exceed $370,000.

ABOUT RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

Postoffice Department Makes an Explanation of Its Position.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The postoffice department has made public the following:

"There seems to be a wide misunderstanding as to the present attitude of the department regarding rural free delivery. The statement has been published quite generally, particularly in the west, that rural routes that do not handle 3,000 pieces of mail per month and supply 100 families are to be discontinued. It is not the purpose of the department to disturb routes already established unless they are manifestly unnecessary. There are now on file in the department petitions for more routes that will supply more than 100 families than can be established with the present appropriation. This being the case, the department does not feel it wise, equitable or just to establish a route supplying less than 100 families, the greatest good to the greatest number being the fundamental principle upon which rural free delivery is being established. As long as all the routes asked for cannot be established because of the lack of sufficient money, the routes that will supply the greater number of families should certainly have preference."

ROOT AND MOODY ORDER

Army and Navy Now Work Together.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretaries Root and Moody issued the following joint order:

"The department of war and the department of the navy have agreed upon the formation of a joint board, to be composed of four officers of the army and four officers of the navy, to hold stated sessions and such extraordinary sessions as shall appear advisable, for the purpose of conferring upon, discussing and reaching common conclusions regarding all matters calling for the co-operation of the two services. Any matters which seem to either department to call for such consideration may be referred by that department to the board thus formed. All reports of the board shall be made in duplicate, one to each department. All reports and proceedings of the board shall be confidential. The senior member of the board present will preside at its meetings and the junior member of the board present will act as its recorder."

ROOT BACK FROM OYSTER BAY.

Conferred With President Roosevelt on Army Promotions.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary Root returned to Washington at a late hour Tuesday night from Oyster Bay, where he had been in conference with the president on various war department matters. A number of army promotions and retirements were determined on while the secretary was at Oyster Bay, and these will be announced in a few days.

Secretary Root declined to make any statement bearing on the subject of his retirement from the cabinet. He will not discuss the matter in any way. The secretary expects that the work of the Alaskan boundary commission will be completed in season to enable him to submit his annual report to congress on the assembling of that body in regular session in December.

WANTS LOAN OF $35,000,000.

President Palma Would Send Commission to Negotiate.

HAVANA—President Palma has sent a message to congress recommending the appointment of a member of each house to act with an appointee of the executive commissioners to proceed to the United States and negotiate the $35,000,000 loan.

The senate held an extended session Monday evening, but did not reach the matter of ratification of the United States naval stations treaty. It approved President Palma's recommendation to move the penitentiary to Principe castle, from the presidio. The latter is situated on the harbor front and is desired for the erection of a great hotel.

Good Wheat Yield in Russia.

LONDON.—The Standard's correspondent at Odessa says the cessation of the recent heavy rains, followed by hot and ripening weather, has saved the crops at the eleventh hour. Harvesting is now in full swing throughout the whole of South Russia and a fairly abundant yield is assured.

Investigating the Riot.

EVANSVILLE, Ind—Coroner Wallang, who has been for the past week conducting an investigation of the recent riot, will finish Thursday. A large number of witnesses were examined by the coroner Wednesday. The grand jury also examined several witnesses, but no more indictments were returned. One of the witnesses before the coroner Wednesday was Joseph Allman, father of the girl who was killed in the riot.

NO PLUMBING IN THOSE DAYS.

But the Moat Might Be Used in the Absence of Baths.

The girl whom her friends called "The American Beauty" was engaged to a French duke. The duke's sister, complaisant and anxious to please, was visiting the girl's parents in Milwaukee.

"Of course," she was saying one day, "it would be nicer if there were a king of France, then the duke would have all his rights and privileges which are suspended during the republic. But it is the political and financial rights only that are dead. Just thing of my brother's castle, par exemple."

"Is it a very big one?" questioned the American Beauty, resting her chin in her palms.

"Oh, very big, mon amie. It dates from the time of Charlemagne, and is a wonderful place, with towers and dungeons and a moat—and awful oubliettes—where they used to put prisoners, you know, and forget all about them for years and years."

"How cheerful," laughed the American Beauty. "Do you know, I think I should welcome oubliettes if only I might consign to them a few people whom I know to deserve such a fate. But even with oubliettes I don't think such a castle would have much charm for me. You see I am devoted to modern improvements; and I suppose there's no plumbing in the duke's castle?"

"Plumbing, mon amie!" exclaimed the duke's sister, with an air of horror. "Of course not! There was no plumbing in Charlemagne's time!"

"Oh, dear me," sighed the American Beauty. "And I am so fond of my tub. I suppose I would have to bathe in the moat. Wouldn't that be dismal?"

CITIES OF THE MIDDLE AGES.

Frightful Conditions That Prevailed Throughout Europe.

Greeks and Romans paid special attention to the paysical culture of their youth, to public water supplies and baths and Athens and Rome were provided with sewers early in their history. During the middle ages sanitation received a decided check. Ignorance and brutal prejudice prevailed, and this was the most unsanitary period in history. Most European towns were built compactly and surrounded by walls. The streets were narrow and winding and light and air were excluded. The accumulation of filth was frightful. Stables and houses were close neighbors. The dead were buried within the churchyards or in the churches. Wells were fed with polluted water. All conditions were favorable for the spread of infectious diseases and in the fourteenth century alone the oriental or bubonic plague—the black death of recent historians—carried off a fourth of the population of Europe. The birth rate was much less than the death rate normally. The cities had to be continually repopulated from the country because the people died so rapidly.

The Chemical National Bank.

Early last century a charter was granted a company to set up a chemical works in New York and in consideration of the boon these works would be a clause was added granting banking privileges. The astute men at the head of the concern saw possibilities of development on banking lines not apparent in the manufacture of chemicals and decided to make the business a banking one. To retain the privilege, however, it was necessary to manufacture chemicals and so then, as to-day, an admirable pretense was made of doing this. In the fine establishment of the great Chemical National bank on Broadway a little shop is apportioned to a manufacturing chemist, who potters about mixing ingredients. He is not much troubled with business, but now and again a New York citizen will startle a visitor by taking him into this fine bank and asking for a dime's worth of castor oil—which is supplied. This was the only bank which did not suspend specie payments during the civil war.

Sweet Carolinas.

The spare-ribs in the frying pan
Are sputtering with delight,
The sweet potato swells with pride
And bursts its jacket tight.
And then I see a picture rise
Of Marion and his men,
With sweet potatoes in the fire
Beside a reedy fen.

O, Carolina, with the plumes
Of green palmettos crowned,
The glory of your garden state
Is the tuber in the ground.
It is not so much to look at—like
Some honest folks we meet—
But underneath a rough brown skin
Its heart is sound and sweet.

It bears to tables far away
The music of your name;
It fills your coffers with its gold,
And shares your meed of fame.
So plant a sweet potato, pray,
Upon the gilded field,
Beneath the tall palmetto trees
That flourish in your shield.
—Minna Irving in Leslie's Weekly.

The Latest Utopian Society.

A Utopian society has established itself in Ascona, a little place on the borders of Italy and Switzerland. This little society, which numbers thirty-eight individuals, seeks to solve the problem of how to live happily. The members are pledged to observe certain simple rules of living, which they have carried out now for three years. They eat no meat, but live principally on fruits and herbs, and they wear one simple garment only, and no hats. There are sixteen women in the sect. They know no laws save those of nature, and they amuse thmselves with Wagnerian music. The founder of the colony is a Belgian. Each new member is initiated on his finding sufficient money to buy a plot of land, by the cultivation of which he is expected to support himself.