

Gleanings of Gotham

Interesting Bits of News from the Great Metropolis.

New Hotel for Boys Only Is Opened



NEW YORK.—The only hotel in the world exclusively for boys began business in this city the other day. It is at Lexington avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street.

Waldorf or the St. Regis has. If a guest makes himself obnoxious to the others in the house he is politely requested to leave, just as he would be if he were older and lived in a hostelry where rooms were six dollars a day.

Thaw's Trials Cost County a Big Sum



IN papers submitted to Justice Mills at Newburg the other day when he was asked for an order to show cause why Harry Thaw should not be brought to this city for hearing on the question of his sanity, the expenses of the trials so far held here became known for the first time.

motion he said Thaw is now suffering from paranoia, and is dangerous to any community. He stated important witnesses would not be able to appear at the trial if it was held at Westchester and that the case would suffer.

Boy Steals Deadly Germs from Hospital



ENOUGH germs of diseases to kill all New York if they were let loose to multiply were found by two venturesome but shaky detectives when they broke in upon a boy of 14 years, who, in his active pursuit of bacteriological knowledge, had stolen and was gloating over dozens of glass slides.

pox, typhoid fever, diphtheria and the still deadlier typhus. Ambition to become a great scientist had so seized upon young Irving Benton of Brooklyn that he was determined to get material for his studies, no matter how he got it.

Mrs. Clarence Mackay Now a Suffragist



MRS. CLARENCE H. MACKAY joined the Interurban Woman Suffrage council a few days ago. This was hardly surprising in view of the fact that she has been elected twice to the school board of Roslyn, L. I., and has recently offered a prize to the public school pupils of that town for the best essay on woman suffrage.

cleared, and she said she knew what it was to get up a bazaar. "Mrs. Mackay believes that woman suffrage is sure to come in the United States, and that it will be a great conservative force," said a woman to whom she explained her reasons for joining the council.

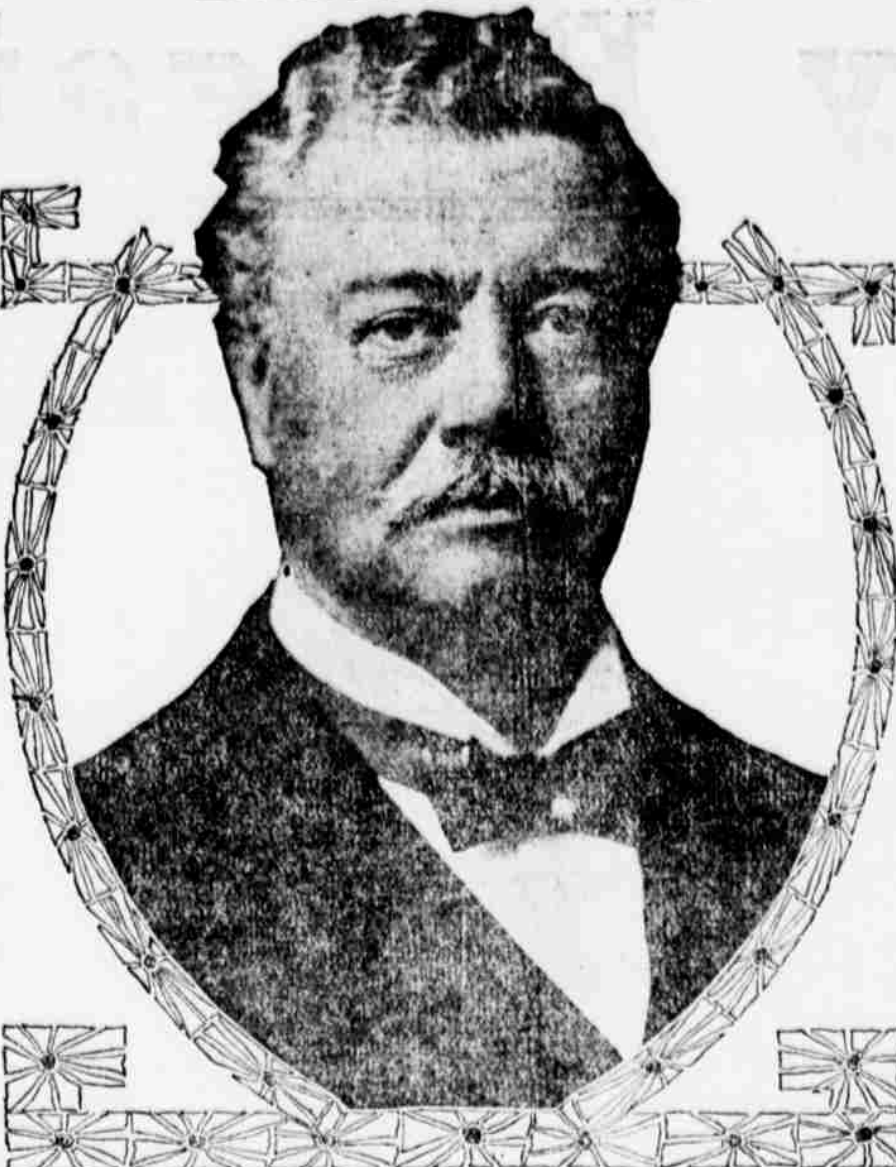


Photo by Moffett Studio, Chicago. Seth Low, mayor of Greater New York for the two-year term beginning January 1, 1902, has a national reputation as an educator, being president of Columbia University. He was mayor of Brooklyn from 1881 to 1885. Mr. Low was a delegate to the Hague Peace conference in 1899; he is 58 years of age.

GO AFTER TREASURE

ENGLISH COMPANY IS SEEKING \$2,500,000 IN GOLD.

Novel Machine Perfected by Which It is Hoped to Recover Vast Sum Known to Be in Ocean's Depths.

London.—To the mouth of the River Colne, off Brightlingsea an extraordinary machine has been towed and anchored. It is to be used in a final attempt to recover the \$2,500,000 treasure of gold, in coins and bars, which is said to have gone down in H. M. S. Lutine in 1797 near the island of Terschelling, off the coast of Holland.

the chamber at the bottom of it, which will be flush upon the bed of the sea. "Divers will walk down a stairway in the center of the tube until they reach the submerged chamber. Here they will don their diving costumes, and opening a series of water-tight doors will step straight out into the water. Engineers will be stationed in the chamber, and following the instructions of the divers, who will communicate with them by means of portable telephones, they will operate the mechanism of two powerful suction pumps or dredgers which are fitted to the sides of the tube.

MAIL-ORDER COUPLE HAPPY.

Oklahoman Went 2,000 Miles to Wed, 'Slight Unseen'.

Hobart Okla.—Traveling 2,000 miles to marry a girl whom he had never seen, but whom he had courted through the mails, is the experience of Ben M. Southern, a rural mail carrier out of Mount Park, a small village south of Hobart.

Long Street Railroad Tunnel.

A tunnel more than a mile in length, said to be the longest in existence for use by a municipal electric railroad, has been opened for operation by the Genoa street railroad. It connects Genoa with the adjacent large commune of Rivarolo, which previously was reached by circling the mountain, the distance being now shortened 11.3 miles, and the trip is made in 15 minutes' less time. Construction began June 1, 1905.

FRUIT-EATING BATS

QUEER CREATURE FOUND IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Returned Soldier Tells of Shooting Combination of Bird and Beast Unlike Anything He Had Ever Seen.

Los Angeles, Cal.—"I think the hardest thing to kill in the Philippines is a flying fox or fruit-eating bat. Those fruit-eating bats come flying over by the thousands from the Island of Basilan to the Island of Mindanao just at sunset, and fly back between four and five in the morning.

"I went out hunting with two shipmates about two miles outside of Zamboanga one day, and about three o'clock in the afternoon the natives took us to some rice paddies, where, about five o'clock, the doves and rice hens were flying around so thick we sat in one place and kept on shooting till our shells were very near all gone," says a returned soldier from the Philippines.

"Just as we were going to start back to the ship a Moro told one of the Filipinos about some big birds which roosted at night in the trees close by. As near as we could make out it was some kind of a wild turkey, so we concluded to try to get one.

"While we were sitting there waiting patiently for turkeys the Moro came running up and pointed into one of the big trees, and what did we see but a big fruit-eating bat sailing around the tree. My two partners were disgusted over the funny turkeys and wanted to start back, but I wanted to get a bat and see what it looked like.

"After wasting a box of shells I finally succeeded in breaking one's wing. When he came down he started to screech, or rather I don't know what kind of a noise you would call it, till we couldn't hear. I hit him on the head with the gun barrel about four times, and it didn't seem to faze him. One of the Moros said he wanted him for 'chew eat,' so I blew the bat's head off and gave it to him.

"These bats are about the size of a half-grown cat in body, and this one's wings spread from tip to tip about three feet. They have a head just like a fox, and their bodies are covered with fine fur, something like a muskrat's, but not as thick. They have two hind legs with heavy claws on them for hanging on trees, and they also have a hook on each joint of their wings, so they can hang either way.

"I examined this bat and found out it had no stomach. I wanted to find what they lived on, but all I could find was water of the fruit. I think all they eat is fruit growing wild in the mountains.

"Their wings are like fine rubber, and you can fill them full of holes and it won't faze them. If you hit them bad in the body they will fall off and drop so far away that you won't be able to find them.

"The only way to get them is to break a wing, or go where they hang in the trees in the daytime and kill them with clubs. I never saw them hanging in the trees in the day time, but soldiers told me they saw them in the mountains hanging on trees so thick that the branches were about to break under their weight.

"The fur bearers out there don't amount to much. The only thing I saw that might be of any use was a mountain cat and those flying foxes. The deer hides have only got coarse hair on them, and they haven't got a nice pelt like the deer in the states."

THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS

Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 25, 1908

Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Psalm 32. Memory verses 1, 2.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."—Psalm 32:1.

TIME.—David's sin and repentance, a little beyond the middle of his reign, about B. C. 1034 according to the margin of our Bibles. His capital and palace were at Jerusalem. David was almost 50 years old, successful as a general and a statesman. The author of the Psalm was probably David, with possible additions in later times to adapt it to special occasions, as often occurs in our hymns.

PLACE.—Jerusalem.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

Some time in David's later life, looking back from the Beulah land heights of the restored favor of God, as the Prodigal Son after he had returned to his father's home and love, King David puts into a hymn his own experience of the comfort and encouragement of all who have sinned and long to be restored to their father's home and heart.

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"Transgression . . . sin . . . iniquity" (2). "Sin is here (as in Ex. 34:7) spoken of under three appellations, so as to include the whole idea of sin in all its manifestations."—Perowne.

"Forgiven." That is given away, removed. "This is, according to the Hebrew conception, the taking up of transgression as a burden, a heavy load, resting upon the sinner, and bearing it away from him to a place where it will trouble him no more."—C. A. Briggs, in Int. Crit. Com.

"Covered," so as to hide it and obliterate it. "It is commonly used in connection with sacrifices, as staining and defiling the divine altars, was covered over by the application to them of the blood of the victim of the sin offering."—Prof. C. A. Briggs.

"Impute not." "Does not estimate, consider, or think of in connection with the sinner."—Professor Briggs. "In whose spirit there is no guile," no deceit, "who conceals his sin neither from God nor himself."—Prof. S. R. Driver. Other Bible words for forgiveness are remit, send away, destroy, wash away, cleanse, make them as if they had never been.

"When I kept silence." Trying to hide his sin; refusing to acknowledge it to himself, to others, or to God. "My bones (the most solid and enduring part of his body) waxed (became increasingly) old." Exhausted, enfeebled, worn out. The secret sin wore him out and made him sick. "Through my roaring all the day long." "The figure is drawn from the loud and unrestrained outcries of one suffering intolerable and unremitting pain. He was enduring an agony which forced from him sobs and groans that he could not stifle."—W. H. Green.

"A sin concealed is like a hidden fire. It eats into the very life."—Van Dyke.

"The Spartan boy hid the fox beneath his coat, and denied the theft until he dropped dead, the fox all the while gnawing at his vitals. David felt the gnawing of remorse, and it was eating out his heart."—Dr. W. E. Barton.

"My hand was heavy upon me." "God would not leave him to go on in sin. God's hand was heavy upon him in chastisement in order to bring him into a better mind, as a father chastises his child in love (Heb. 12:6-11)."

"Not merely by its pressure of weight; but, as the context implies, heavy because of heavy strokes smiting him again and again with his powerful hand, so as to make him roar with the agony of suffering."—Prof. C. A. Briggs.

"My moisture" (v. 4), etc. This sentence Professor Briggs translates: "I was changed (from a former condition) into misery as when thorns smite me." The blows of God's hands are very appropriately compared with the smiting of the body with thorns, as when Gideon taught the elders of Succoth with thorns and briers (Judg. 8:16).

"I acknowledged my sin." We have seen above how the bitterness of concealment and the reproof of the prophet led David to take this step. "Sin . . . iniquity . . . transgressions." The three forms of sin mentioned in vs. 1, 2. "Acknowledged . . . not hid . . . confess." The three words expressing the completeness and thoroughness of the confession. Nothing was withheld.

Forgiveness.

1. We all need forgiveness, for sin keeps us from nearness to God; we cannot look him in the face.
2. Forgiveness takes away the barrier between us and God. It is a restoration to God's family.
3. Forgiveness includes the washing away of sin and the love of sin. It will be remembered no more.
4. Forgiveness, whether by God or man, does not remove all the consequences of sin, at least immediately; but it does remove the punishment of sin in time; it does immediately take away its bitterest sting.

SCENE IN THE PHILIPPINES



From stereograph, copyright by Underwood & Underwood, N.Y. Philippine girls picking edible plants in a branch of the Pasig river near Manila.