

FOX RAISING IN ALASKA.

Hopeful of Realizing Large Profits from the Sale of Many Pelts. Fox farming in Alaska, which has assumed immense proportions, was originated by a Pittsburgher. In 1879 George Wardman was traveling about the coast in the steamer Rush. He saw a valuable black fox skin sold for \$300, and conceived the notion that farming the fox would be profitable. He got Beach Taylor, Thomas F. Morgan and James C. Redpath interested, and a company was formed. The gentlemen are agents of the Alaska Commercial company at St. George.

Morgan suggested as a place for the experiment the Smedley group of seventy rocky islets, sixty miles west of Kodiak, which produced nothing but sea birds and sea lions, and are uninhabited. At the seal islands of the Fryloff group the Alaska Commercial Company catch 1,000 to 1,500 blue foxes every winter. The black foxes are scarce, while the blue fox is not nearly so valuable.

During the winter of 1880 arrangements were made with an agent at Kodiak to get some black fox cubs. He secured half a dozen, and while he was away on business the natives killed the cubs by kindness and by overfeeding them. No more of the cubs could be found, and no further effort to carry out the scheme was made until the summer of 1884, when about twenty blue fox cubs were caught. They were taken in a steamer to Unalaska and thence in a chartered schooner, with a quantity of seal meat, to the Smedley Islands, where they were released.

The islands are inaccessible except in calm weather, which helped the enterprise, as it kept poachers and Indians from catching the stock. At first it was difficult to get any right on the land. The treasury department, however, addressed a letter to revenue steamers and the provisional government of Alaska, to give their protection to the fox farmers under the law protecting squatters, and the company has not been molested in its enterprise.

The foxes eat eggs and catch birds in the summer. They are also adepts at killing sea lions, which serve them for food. They are very intelligent. They take the eggs in summer and hide them in the thick moss, which is like mattresses, and leave them until they get hungry in winter and can find nothing else to eat. If they hid the eggs in the dirt they would be unable to scratch the frozen ground away from them in winter, hence the wisdom displayed in covering them with moss. The foxes have been watched during the months of July and August on the cliffs searching for eggs, and have been tracked to their hiding places.

The blue fox pelt is valued at \$15, and as seals become scarcer it becomes more valuable. All attempts to catch black foxes have proved failures, as they are so scarce. Natives are hired to live on the island and watch the foxes. The latter are trapped in certain seasons, killed, and skinned. The carcasses are valuable, as the Indians, who will eat almost anything, will not touch the fox meat. The number has multiplied from twenty cubs to about 5,000 foxes, and they have been trapped every season since they were large enough to be of value. Mr. Wardman sold his interest to Byron Andrews of Washington.

Two Boys Lost Undergro nd. Hazleton, Pa., Special: The curiosity of Edward Boyle and William MacFarlane, aged 12 years, led them into a coal mine yesterday. In the afternoon they conceived the idea of taking the trip. Fearing that they would be prevented from doing so, their preparations were made without the knowledge of any other person. Together they picked their way into the recesses of the mine. After penetrating the gloomy passageways for a considerable distance, they struck a reverse current of air suddenly, which extinguished the lamp they carried. They had not thought of guarding against such an emergency, and found themselves in darkness. How to get out was then the serious question. They did not know which way to turn. Their cries for assistance were answered only by the echo, which reverberated through the subterranean tunnels, and added to the chill of fear which took possession of them. They could not get out. Miners in going to work this morning were surprised to find the lads on the gangway. They were plotted to the surface and sent to their homes, where their parents were anxiously awaiting them.

The Youngest Tramp on the Road. Roy Jones, who ran away from his home in Monticello, Ill., over two years ago, is, perhaps, the youngest tramp on the road to-day. When he was registered at the county jail at Logansport, Ind., on night recently by a policeman who had picked him up on the street, he gave his age as 10 years and his destination as New York. He had just returned, he said, from a trip to San Francisco, and in the two years of his absence from home had traveled all through the south and west. He started out with a burning desire to camp and herd cattle on the plains, and continued roving merely for the variety and excitement it afforded. Because of his extreme youth it was easier for him to beat his way than it would have been for an older person. He refused a pass home, and continued on his way east.

Apples on a Maple Tree. A clever chap at Russellville, N. Y., stirred up a lot of excitement in that town the other day. This youngster arranged a lot of green apples on the twigs of a maple tree. A number of persons were caught before the joke was found out, and one of the victims had sent for Judge Finley to come and explain the freak.

A CITY OF SLEEPING CARS.

How the Visiting Knights Templar Will Be Housed While in Boston.

One of the unique features of the Knights Templar Conclave in Boston this month will be a city of sleeping cars, the like of which has probably never before been seen in this country. It will be made a feature of the triennial, and some of the finest entertainments of the visiting knights will be offered at the settlement, which will hold forth in glory for a week. The Boston and Maine road evolved the idea when it gave an official announcement that track room for 500 sleeping cars would be provided on the old McLean Asylum grounds, a park-like expanse used by one of the best-known sanitariums for years, until it gave way to the encroachment of business and the managers sold out at a big price to the railroad corporation. Day by day the magnificent stretch of green dotted with fine old trees is giving way to lines of steel gridiron with sleepers, but the park is so large that even though the work goes rapidly on it will be many weeks before it is completed, and the 25th of this month, when the first contingent of knights reaches Boston, will find plenty of pleasant room left for the accommodation of the "sleeper visitors." Probably only breakfasts will be regularly served in this car city, but booths will be arranged so that if any one is hungry, or if sick ones find it necessary to remain there all day, no one shall suffer for want of food. Nowhere about the city can a cooler place be found than in the asylum grounds, and it is not unlikely that in the steaming dog days not a few of the visitors, especially ladies, will find it very desirable to wander about the shaded park rather than travel in the dusty and heated city. For that reason, if for no other, the committee of arrangements desires to make the place fully as attractive as the city breathing places. Some of the visiting commanderies will invite the fraters whom they wish to entertain to that place, and evenings there will be a scene rivaling the most famous of Parisian boulevards.

TRUTH AT A DISCOUNT.

He Wanted to Buy a Ticket, but Wanted Mentality with It. "I suppose," he began, as he entered a railroad ticket office—"I suppose you sell tickets to New York?" "Certainly, sir," was the reply. "You have a direct line?" "We have, sir." "Is it the only direct line?" "It is." "Is it down on the map as the only direct line?" "As you see, sir," replied the agent, as he opened a folder. "Y-e-s, I see. You land passengers in New York ahead of all competing lines, of course?" "Of course." "Luxurious coaches—no dust—finest dining cars—scenery unexcelled?" "Yes, sir." "By taking your line I avoid delays and reduce the chances of accident to the minimum?" "Yes, sir, you do. Have a ticket to New York over our line, sir?" "Can't say yet. I'm going to see five other agents, each with the shortest and most direct line, and if I can find a lar among the six I'll ticket over his road!"

He Was Both.

"Is Mr. Hunter in?" inquired a stranger, as he entered the store of Hunter & Fisher, grocers. "No, sir; he's gone out fishing." "Well, perhaps I could see Mr. Fisher?" "No; he is hunting in Marin county." "Hunter is fishing and Fisher is hunting, eh?" "Yes, sir." "Hunter is a fisher and Fisher is a hunter, eh?" "Yes, sir." "And I'm hunting for Mr. Fisher and fishing for Mr. Hunter?" "Yes, sir; I suppose so." "Then I'm a hunter and a fisher too?" "Yes, sir; they'll not be back to-day." "I'm both, and they ain't but one apiece, eh?" "I guess so, sir," and the clerk commenced to eye the stranger suspiciously. "Of course I'm both," and he handed out his card. Upon it was engraved: "Fisher Hunter."

Photographing the Baby.

"Good heavens," roared the policeman, springing up stairs three steps at a jump and dashing with uplifted truncheon into the photographer's studio, "what are you fighting about up here? Are you all in this row?" Grandpa and Uncle John and Aunt Sarah and pa and me and Cousin Bessie and young Mr. Thinkers, her young man and the two cousins from Birmingham and Uncle Charlie and grandpa all looked kind of silly and were quiet, and the photographer said: "Oh, that's all right, officer; there's no row; we're just trying to keep the baby quiet while we take its picture, bless it!" Exit policeman. Chorus—Ham, bang, smash, jingle, whistle, crash, slam, toot-toot, bang, bang, smash! Picture is taken.

A Soft Thing.

Dobson—Say, Perkins has struck a snap. Jones—You don't say? Dobson—Yes; stepped on a rat trap in the dark last night.—Texas Siftings.

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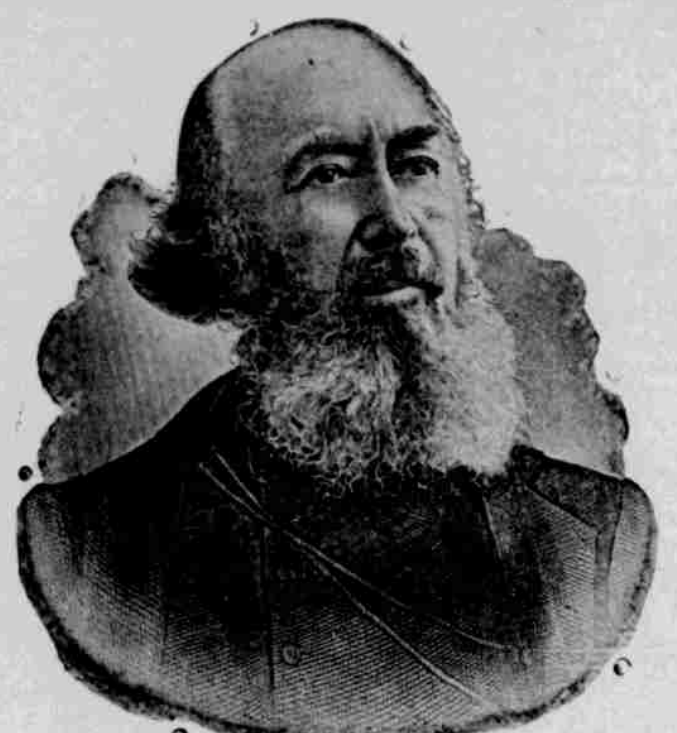
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