

**Mexico Had Pioneer in Feminist Cause**

South American culture is older than that of North America. The University of Mexico and that of San Marcos, Lima, were each authorized by Carlos V in 1551. In Mexico as early as 1539 was printed the first book on the continent. Mexico, indeed, from the earliest colonial days, shows a spirit of constant innovation. Whether in the economic or the spiritual field, the country has been in the van since the days of the conquest. A recent biographer of Thomas Paine writes that the first lance broken on this continent in the cause of feminism was probably his "Occasional Letter on the Female Sex," but the Seventeenth century produced in Mexico a remarkable woman who lays less disputed claim to that honor. She was Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, first student of folklore and pioneer in education for women, South American culture follows, more or less closely, the era of colonization, the achievement of autonomy and the entrance into the currents of the larger world. It has thus its classic, its romantic and its modernist phases. From the first it shows evidences of contact with the new home; the language undergoes subtle modifications of accent and vocabulary; a feeling for the soil is developed, and there are not lacking rhapsodists who foreshadow the nationalistic fervors of the emancipation. Poetry, for long, is in the ascendant; poetry, in fact, is the chief literary output of Spanish and Portuguese America.—Isaac Goldberg, in Current History Magazine.

**Use Sails of Windmills to Disseminate News**

Holland possesses over 10,000 windmills. To most observers, says a writer in the Wide World Magazine, they all look very much alike, but the "set" of the sails, when the arms are at rest, is capable of considerable variation, and the resourceful millers take advantage of these different settings in order to convey interesting items of news to the countryside. Using a well-understood code of signals, they actually make their windmills "talk."

The idea is extremely ancient; it is even said that semaphore signaling started from this source.

When there is a wedding in a Dutch farmer's family he sets the sails at a certain angle, and often decks the arms with flags and streamers, so that all neighbors within eye-range can learn of the happy event.

Other variations of angle proclaim the birth of a baby boy or girl, a request for the services of the millwright, and a dozen other little messages. If the miller sets his mill-sails in the form of a cross there is sadness in the family, for this denotes a death.

**Tennyson Not Exact**

Poetic license undoubtedly gave Alfred Tennyson, famous English poet, the privilege to immortalize only 600 English soldiers as participants in the charge of the Light brigade in one of the best-known war poems in the English language, but there actually was more than a "noble six hundred" for the English in that disastrous attack in the Crimean war. As pointed out by Stuart M. Emery, in an article in Liberty, there were 673 men of the brigade in the charge, according to the most reliable figures. In the action, which took between 20 and 25 minutes from start to finish, the Light brigade, out of 673 men, lost 127 killed, 104 wounded, and 73 prisoners, almost half its strength. Nearly 500 horses were killed.

**Old and New Moon**

Frequently, during the phase of the moon popularly called new, the dim form of the full moon can be seen within the crescent of the new moon. This is known as earthshine and is a faint light visible on the part of the moon not directly illuminated by the sun. It is due to sunlight reflected to the moon by the earth and is most conspicuous when the part of the moon's disk illuminated directly by the sun is smallest. The new moon is first visible as a thin crescent. Then according to an old adage, "the old moon can be seen sitting in the lap or arms of the new." In olden times sailors regarded this phenomenon with superstitious dread.—Exchange.

**Salvaging Burned Money**

Three young women are employed by the Treasury department in Washington in identifying ruined money. They salvage something like \$10,000 every year in money that is burned beyond recognizable form to the ordinary eye but which can still be identified by these lynx-eyed experts. Last winter a country bank was destroyed by fire and \$50,000 was reduced to a pile of charred and crinkly ashes. The debris was sent to Washington and the bank received \$35,000 for it.—Kansas Woman's Journal.

**Mother's Holiday**

The mother of three unruly children was in the habit of coming to the gate with them each morning to greet the teacher in whose class they were on her way to the school. On the first morning after the holidays she appeared as usual, thrusting the children before her. As the teacher appeared she exclaimed in a voice fraught with emotion and relief: "Good mornin', miss. Thank Gawd."—London Daily News.

**LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

Mr. G. F. Grattan has returned to the city from Denver, Colo.

Mr. James W. Bedell and Mrs. Melissa McCowen were quietly united in marriage Sunday afternoon by the Rev. S. H. Johnson of the Newman M. E. church. The couple are house keeping near Tenth and E streets.

Mrs. Anna Christman is reported some better at this time.

Mrs. O. J. Burckhardt and Mrs. G. L. Maston entertained Mrs. Geo. N. Kellis of Keokuk, Ia., to a formal reception at the home of the former on Washington street Friday night. They were assisted by Mesdames Sarah Walker, Mabel Williams, Margaret Williams, Letticia Williams, and L. J. Allen. Out-of-the-city guests included Mrs. Geo. N. Kellis, Keokuk, Ia.; Mrs. Robert Scott, Mrs. Otis Washington, Mr. Henry Scott, Mrs. John Cashman, Mr. and L. J. Gordon, all of Beatrice.

Mrs. Ada Holmes entertained friends at dinner Saturday night in honor of Mrs. Geo. N. Kellis, and her father, Mr. John Hemphill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Maston entertained friends to dinner Sunday afternoon in honor of her mother, Mrs. Geo. N. Kellis of Keokuk, Ia. Covers were laid for six.

Mary Magdalin Mission was entertained by Mrs. M. L. Todd at her home Tuesday night. The same of-

ficers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Officers named for the B. Y. P. U. of Mount Zion Baptist church were Henry Botts, jr., president; Louis Swingler, vice-president; Lloyd Williams, secretary; Evelyn Johnson, jr., assistant secretary; Ida Todd, treasurer.

The following officers were chosen for the Sunday school: Mrs. E. J. Griffin, superintendent; Mrs. Nettie McDonald, assistant superintendent; Thelma Hammond, secretary; Guy Wiley, treasurer.

**N. A. A. C. P. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET**

The Executive Committee of the Omaha Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. will meet for organization and the appointment of chairmen of various committees next Thursday night, January 26th, at the residence of the Branch secretary, Rev. Russel Taylor, 2724 Parker street.

Dentist (applying a wrench to his car)—"Now this is going to hurt just a little."

If a very hard nut is handed you to crack, don't get discouraged, get a bigger hammer.

**N. W. WARE, Attorney NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Thomas Phillips, Deceased.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and praying for administration upon his estate, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said court on the 27th day of January, 1928, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 27th day of January, 1928, at 9 o'clock A. M. to contest said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to John Albert Williams or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.

BRYCE CRAWFORD, 3t-1-6-28 County Judge.

**ED. F. MOREARTY, Attorney**

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Peter John Christensen, also known as Peter John Christensen, Deceased.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and praying for administration upon his estate, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said court on the 28th day of January, 1928, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 28th day of January, 1928, at 9 o'clock A. M. to contest said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Etta Christensen or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.

BRYCE CRAWFORD, 3t-1-6-28 County Judge.

**H. J. PINKETT, Attorney**

**Notice By Publication on Petition for Settlement of Final Administration Account**

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Walter Bell, Deceased.

All persons interested in said matter are hereby notified that on the 21st day of December, 1927, Addie Bell Moore, filed a petition in said County Court, praying that her final administration account filed herein be settled and allowed, and that she be discharged from her trust as administratrix and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the 21st day of January, 1928, and that if you fail to appear before said Court on the said 21st day of January, 1928, at 9 o'clock A. M., and contest said petition, the Court may grant the prayer of said petition, enter a decree of heirship, and make such other and further orders, allowances and decrees, as to this Court may seem proper, to the end that all matters pertaining to said estate may be finally settled and determined.

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