THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE LIVE ON BUTTERMILK

TERMS \$1.25 IN ADVANCE

NORTH PLATTE, . . NEBRASKA

Activity in Aeronautics.

The period from 1885 to 1900 was one of unexampled activity in aeronautics, and for a time there was high hope that the age of flying was at hand. But Maxim, after spending \$100,000, abandoned the work; the Ader machine, built at the expense of the French government, was a failure; Lillenthal and Pilcher were killed in experiments, and Chanute and many others, from one cause or another, had relaxed their efforts, though it subsequently became known that Prof. Langley was still secretly at work on a machine for the United States government. The public, discouraged by the failures and tragedies just witnessed, considered flight beyond the reach of man, and classed its adherents with the inventors of perpetual motion. We began our active experiments at the close of this period, in October, 1900, at Kitty Hawk, N. C., writes one of the Wright brothers in the Century Magazine, Our machine was designed to be flown as a kite, with a man on board, in winds of from 15 to 20 miles an hour. But, upon trial, it was found that much stronger winds were required to lift if. Suitable winds not being plentiful, we found it necessary in order to test the new balancing system to fly the machine as a kite without a man on board, operating the levers through cords from the ground. This did not give the practice anticipated, but it inspired confidence in the new system of balance.

Yacht Races and Wireless.

The next cup race will witness an interesting battle in the air-a conflict between the wireless telegraph systems for supremacy. The New York Herald's tug, fitted with a wireess apparatus, demonstrated during the recent cruise of the New York Yacht club that a most effective service can be rendered in that manner. But what will happen if the three big tews agencies, the Associated Press, Hearst service and United Press, and a score of tugs fitted out by the wealthiest papers, begin sending hissing hot messages through the air at about the same time? Will there be any profanity at the receiving points? What will be the nature of the news they will receive? Fairly successful efforts in the wireless direction have dready been made at international racht races, but great improvements tave been made since Reliance deeated Shamrock III. in 1903-improvenents apparently in all but one respect-the clash of rival messages in the air. Perhaps, suggests the Fourth Estate, the best way out of the seem watched them eat good things. ing difficulty would be some fair compromise arrangement by which one organization shall cover the contest for all concerned, handing over the messages as received at the New York office.

TWO BROTHERS TRYING TO RE-DUCE WEIGHT.

One Had Previously Tried It for Fifteen Days and Had Lost Twenty-Four Pounds-Solid Foods Barred by Agreement.

St. Louis .- The "Buttermilk Brothers" is the name by which Sam and Joe Weisman, tailors, are now known to their friends. Sam, after fasting for 15 days and taking a week's rest, has induced his brother to enlist in the ranks of the starvation army, and they are trotting along side by side on the road to Thinville.

Under the terms of their agreement all they are permitted to take is one gallon of buttermilk each day and all the water they care to drink. All solid food is barred.

"I am going to stick until I reach the reasonable and gentlemanly weight of 165," Sam said to a reporter. "Fat may be all right for Mr. Taft, but I'd rather be lean than be president.

"When I started on my first fast, a month ago, I weighed 202 pounds When I gave up, because my good old mother was afraid I would starve to death, I weighed 181 pounds and never felt better in my life.

"All of my friends told me to be careful not to eat too much after breaking my fast. They were afraid would founder. But there was no danger. I couldn't eat much. I didn't hanker after double porterhouse steaks like I used to. I think that's the best thing about fasting. It reforms your appetite. I feel ashamed when I remember what a glutton I used to be.

And Joe was worse. "In the week that I was back on the food wagon I lived mainly on softboiled eggs. I ate chicken once, to please my brother, and I ate some fish that my wife cooked, but it didn't taste so good to me. I was glad to get back on a buttermilk diet. It's great, but don't let anybody tell you that it's fattening. I now weigh 176 pounds. Maybe I'm not as strong as I would be on a diet of beefsteak, potatoes au gratin and things like that, but I am healthler."

But Joe is having a harder time. Originally he was even heavier than his brother.

"If I don't die trying I'm going to stick to buttermilk until I get down to 170. Before I started to fast 1 weigher 204 pounds. I've lost about nine pounds so far."

"My head aches all the time," said body says that sweet word 'beefsteak.' "Everybody tells me that after the Volunteer state.

fourth day I will be all right. It's pretty hard pulling, but I can stand it if Sam can.

"It nearly killed me, but I stuck," says Joe, proudly.



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The above is probably the most characteristic photograph of President Roosevelt ever made. He will probably be attired much like this on the hunting trip to Africa which he has planned to take on the completion of his term in the White House on March 4 next.



VIDED AGAINST ITSELF.

But Still Perfect Harmony Scems to Exist-One May Do on One Side of Street What is Prohibited on the Other.

against itself" can stand is shown ularly in stock. most strangely in the peculiar case of

The state line runs in the center of the log hut, which was preserved until the street car track on State street for | a few years ago, stood almost directly more than a mile. A novel plan of on the state line, and in it Gen. Isaac Friends enticed him into a restau- evading the Tennessee Jim Crow laws Shelby, who won fame at King's mounrant the other night. He sat there as affecting street cars was devised tain, was born. The body of Gen. with a glass of buttermilk and when the legislature passed a statute Evan Shelby now sleeps on the state requiring negroes to be seated in the line between the two great con

HAS ELEVEN FOOT BEARD.

Missourian with Hirsute Appendage Not Trimmed Since Civil War.

St. Louis .- Valentine Tapley of Frankford, Mo., has perhaps the longest beard on record, 11 feet in length. Mr. Tapley stands six feet, and his beard is long enough to reach his entire length and lie five feet seven inches on the floor. He has not trimmed his beard since the civil war.

Mr. Tapley lives on a farm near Frankford, in what is known as the 'Kingdom of Calllway," a rich agri-



Beard Eleven Feet Long.

cultural country. Tapley says he hasn't done anything since the close of the war but pay taxes and vote the Democratic ticket. He is a close personal friend of Hon. Champ. Clark, who is congressman of his district. Mr. Tapley may be called eccentric.

He cares very little for money and display, preferring his quiet farm life to that of the gaze of the curious. He has refused large offers to go with shows and tour this and foreign countries.

He wears his beard rolled up and under his shirt bosom, wrapped in a tine silk cloth.

Mr. Tapley's father came from North Carolina to Missouri in 1818. He raised a family of nine children, the subject of this sketch being the oldest. Mr. Tapley has a record of. his family since the sixteenth century, but no member of his family since that time has possessed such a growth of beard.

NEW DAVIS GUN-TORPEDO.

Combination Weapon to Be Adopted by Navy Department.

Washington .- In view of the recent experiment made with the Davis combination gun-torpedo at Fort Strong, Mass., the bureau of ordnance, navy department, will adopt the torpedo for naval warfare. The report of the board of naval officers who witnessed the test has been completed and shows that the new weapon is unquestionably of importance. Naval officers recommend that a supply of the weapons be

contracted for as soon as expedient. Meanwhile, however, it is under-



Small Urchin (to major, who has been thrown from horse into pond)-Hi, mister, as you 'appens to be in the water, would you mind looking for Willio's whistle?

TESTING PAINT.

Property owners should know how to prove the purity and quality of white lead, the most important paint ingredient, before paying for it. To all who write, National Lead Co., the largest manufacturers of pure white lead, send a free outfit with which to make a simple and sure test of white lead, and also a free book about paint. Their address is Woodbridge Bldg., New York City.

Business Genlus.

He who can be "all things to all men"-solicitous of one's patronage, comparatively indifferent to another; who can study his customer's likes and dislikes, and meet them in all their varying, and very often annoying, moods-is he who is going to be most successful. The ability to do this may be described as business geniusand it is perhaps the most rare genius in the world .- Men's Wear.

Starch, like everything else, is being constantly improved, the patent Starches put on the market 25 years ago are very different and inferior to those of the present day. In the latest discovery-Defiance Starch-all injurious chemicals are omitted, while the addition of another ingredient, invented by us, gives to the Starch a strength and smoothness never approached by other brands.

Good English.

A French lady living in America engaged a carpenter to do some work for her at a stipulated price. She was surprised later to find that he charged more than the price agreed upon. When she attempted to remonstrate with him, however, her English failed her and she said: "You are dearer to me now than when we were first engaged."-Success.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

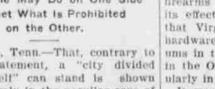
Bears the Bignature of Charly Hitchirk In Use For Over 30 Years.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

"This hurts me more than it does you," remarked the mother, who was spanking her offspring with a slipper.

ing this business can be in Bristol, Va., to the same advantage, and save \$100 a year on license. The result is that some lines of business are represented almost exclusively in one character.

Knoxville, Tenn.-That, contrary to ums in that part of the city which is Biblical statement, a "city divided in the Old Dominion carry them reg-



It was on the spot where Bristol Bristol, Va. Tenn. The town is liter now stands that Gen. Evan Shelby, ally divided in half by the state line the famous Indian warrior, the father Joe. "I was never subject to fits, but that separates Virginia and Tennessee. of Gen. Isaac Shelby, the latter first I feel one coming on every time any. One side of the main street is in the governor and "father of Kentucky," Old Dominion and the other in the settled and built the first white man's

cabin west of the Alleghenies. The lit-

city, on account of cheaper license tax or some other consideration of that The Tennessee law which prohibits

the sale of revolvers and other small firearms within the state is robbed of its effect in Bristol, for the reason that Virginia has no such law, and hardware stores and sporting empori-

5100 a year in Virginia, a man enter-

Does Publicity Increase Crime?

Paris has taken a new twist. For a long time it has been urged that the excessive amount of publicity which has been given to the crimes of the Paris Apaches has been responsible for a great proportion of the violence which has prevailed in the capital in recent years. M. Brland, minister of justice, has just issued an order prohibiting the police under penalty of severe, punishment from supplying photographs of noted criminals to the press. Nor will M. Bertillon of the anthropometric department be allowed to give photographs, neither will the newspaper reporters be permitted to photograph the bodies of murdered persons or the rooms in which crimes have been committed. A former chief of the detective department smiles, and predicts that the new order will not last three months, for there are times when the police find it extremely difficult to dispense with the aid of the press. But one thing is certain, the class known as Apaches has the upper hand in Paris. They are outlaws who play to the gallery, and are as full of vanity and conceit as of brutality. The Apache adores the center of the stage, and will commit any crime to figure as a hero to his kind.

It has been suggested by a wary match-maker that the next American heiress to be attached to a royal house will have the youngest son of King George of Greece for her husband. But just wait a bit. Let the other one be wedded first. Time enough to spoak of Prince Christopher's bride when Europe has recovered from the Abruzzi mariage.

An automobile may skip around, saving all kinds of fun with street sars and family carryalls, but when it inters into a debate with a suresnough locomotive it is the repair shop and lots of it for the haughty 'acer.

In a Massachusetts town where no indertaker has ever succeeded in naking a living dopbtless they will cell you that what the town needs is a few first-class funerals. That is what they say in all small towns.

Brothers. Dr. J. C. Eales of Belle- necessary to have the colored passenmight last longer if they drank lemonade instead of buttermilk.

QUICKSAND .SWALLOWS .MULES.

Span Valued at \$500 Sucked Down to Death Before Missouri Farmer.

Columbia, Mo .-- Completely swallowed in the maw of a quicksand bed 15 feet in diameter was the fate of a \$500 pair of mules belonging to M. C. Angell, a farmer of this county, near Rocheport, 15 miles west of here.

Only by the hardest work did James Kite and other farmers, whom he called to his aid, succeed in saving another pair of mules equally as valuable from the oozy depths. The hind 'legs of the two dead animals protruding now give warning of the danger that lurks in the death pit.

Mr. Kite is foreman of the farm on which the accident happened. He was plowing a field which the high water had overflowed. It was dry and hard, and four mules were required to pull the plow. In the middle of the field, without warning, the lead team broke through the caking of mud, and before Mr. Kite realized it they were slowly sinking in the sand and dragging the team behind with htem.

Kite cut the back mules loose and succeeded in saving them. Only after a hard struggle did they manage to pull their front legs and shoulders out of the mire.

POOR GIRL HEIR TO MILLIONS.

Restaurant Cashler Entitled to Part of Soldier's \$50,000,000.

Washington .- Miss Flossie E. Singleton, cashier in a restaurant on Pennsylvania avenue, has received word that she is one of the heirs of Joseph Ball, a revolutionary soldier, whose estate is said to have accumulated until it amounts to \$50,000,000. "This seems altogether too good to

be true, of course," said Miss Singleton. "In fact, I do not even know my great-grandmother's name. What would I do with a few million dollars? Well, it will be time enough to talk about that when I find some evidence that the money is coming my way."

The Ball estate is said to comprise ater. now \$1,850,000 in cash and some 5,250 acres of land, containing fron, in Meadville, Pa., and other towns in Pennsylvania and the Carolinas, Kentucky and Virginia.

wealths, in Bristol rear of the cars and apart from the

whites: On State street half of a car Daniel Boone, the famous ploneer Many faddists and physicians have is in Virginia and one-half in Tensettler, also settled near Bristol and written letters to the Buttermilk nessee. To evade this law it is only the state line, and the inscription he carved upon a beech tree not far from ville, who fasted 31 days, sent them a gers ride on the side that is running Bristol is quite plainly visible. It is copy of his book on starvation as an in the Old Dominion, and by so doing as follows: "Daniel Boone cilled a aid to health. He suggested that they they may ride with a passenger who bar."

is in Tennessee, but who is powerless By reason of the state line it is often difficult to determine questions to compel the conductor to enforce the Jim Crow law, of jurisdiction in criminal and civil

There is also a difference in the cases. A few months ago a young girl marriage laws. In Bristol, Tenn., the was found in East Hill cemetery in a only prerequisites to the issuance of a dying condition, with a mortal bullet marriage license are that the prospec- wound in her breast. Her sweetheart tive bride be 16 and the groom 18, was charged with having murdered while in the city just across the state her. She was within ten feet of the line it is necessary for all applicants state line, which divides the cemetery, for such license, where either party is and it was necessary for surveyors to under 21 years old, to have the written | rerun the state line before it was deconsent of their parents or guardians. termined that Tennessee had jurisdic-The result is that Bristol, Tenn., is a tion in the case,

sort of Gretna Green for cloping cou-Until a few months ago, when a plan ples from neighboring states whose for doing such work in common was rigid laws withhold matrimony from adopted, it was a frequent thing to see infants that are eligible in Tennessee. one side of State street well swept However, there is a slight difference and sprinkled, while the pavement in the price, as the license in Bristol, on the other side, being in the other Va., only costs \$1, while in Tennessee, city, remained dirty and dusty. Howjust across the street, the same docuever, many of these handicaps have ment sells for \$4.50. been overcome and there is unity in

The fact that the principal thor- action on almost all matters. At times oughfare is directly on the state line feeling between the police forces has permits men in business to choose the been bitter and a few years ago restate in which the laws are more sulted in the killing of a member of favorable to their business in which to the Bristol (Tenn.) department by a ocate, and yet not sacrifico advan- Bristol (Va.) bluecoat, but these obtages of being on the principal street jectionable features incident to the For instance, if the state license tax peculiar geographical situation of the in Tennessee is \$200 a year and it is city are being rapidly minimized.

GOES BAREFOOTED TO RIALTO

Isadore Duncan's Pink Toes Unadorned in Broadway Stroll.

New York .-- It takes a great deal to make Broadway gasp, and Miss Isadore Dancan, the dancer, who is responsible for the general exhalation of astonished breath, may flatter berself that she has done a remarkable thing.

As gayly and unconcornedly as the Greek maldens she signulates, Miss Duncan strolled along Broadway In her bare feet the other day. Pedestrians stared, turned, laughed, or gasped, according to their temperaments.

"Pipe her little tootsies," yelled an irreverent newshoy. Hut Miss Duncan, undismayed, pursued the sheeless tenor of her way toward the offices of Charles Frohman in the Empire the-

Clad in a pink dress of classical cut, with a pink sash, poke bonnet church yesterday. with wide streamors fied under her chin, the dancer whom sovereigns he always walks in his sleep .-- St. have delighted to honor seemed on Louis Times.

Urely unaware of the effect she was hull. With the Davis weapon, however, producing. this means of protection would prob-

A second glance told the analytical observer that on the bottom of each of the famous feet that have been Miss Duncan's fortune was a strip of leather resembling the ancient Greek sandal, and that this was held on by a strap:

But nothing impeded the vision of her untrhumcled toes. They were all there, pink and perfect, twinkling in scornful derision at any churl so base as to consider their little outing a ining extraordinary.

Reaching the Frohman offices, the elevator engulfed Miss Duncan and her lova:

Not Intentional.

Rev. Riddle, D. D .-- I was grieved to see your husband walk out of

Mrs. Pipp-You must excuse John-



Lieut. Com. Cleland Davis.

considering the possible purchase of

the new projectile. It will be impossi-

ble, it is said, for the United States

navy to exclude competition, because

when the torpedo was first tested its

effectiveness caused widespread com-

In the opinion of ordnance experts,

battleships of the future may have to

provide against the workings of the

combination gun-torpedo projectile.

Battleships are now protected against

torpedo attack by a half-inch iron

chain netting, which is calculated to

discharge the torpedo's explosive and

nullify its damaging effects on the

Portraits and Sentiments.

row. Each whispers to his right-hand

neighbor the name of some person and

to his left-hand neighbor some senti-

ment, original or quoted, supposed to

he written under the portrait of that

person. Each then announces aloud

him and what is inscribed under it.

whose portrait has been presented to

For instance, a player may be given

the portrait of Bluebeard, with the in-

scription: "He was an indulgent hus-

The names chosen may be those of

the players themselves, or of famous

sharacters, real or fictitious, ancient

band and estimable gentleman."

or modern.

In this game the players sit in a

ment, and its design leaked out.

"Well, you seem to be putting your sole into it," replied the boy.

If you would not cease to love mankind, you must not cease to do them good .- Maclaren.

Smokers appreciate the quality value of Lewis' Single Binder cigar. Sor Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill. Your dealer

If you don't get the best of it, make the best of it.

MY OWN FAMILY USE PE-RU-NA.



HON. GEORGE W. HONEY.

Hon. George W. Honey, National Chaplain U. V. U., ex-Chaplain Fourth isconsin Cavalry, ex-Treasurer State of Wisconsin, and ex-Quartermaster General State of Texas G. A. R., writes rom 1700 First St., N. E., Washington, D. C., as follows:

"I cannot too highly recommend your preparation for the relief of catarrhal troubles in their various forms. Some members of my own family have used it with most gratifying results. When other remedies failed, Peruna proved most efficacious and I cheerfully certify to its curative excellence.

Mr. Fred L. Hebard, for nine years a ending photographer of Kansas City, Mo., located at the northeast corner of 13th and Grand Aves., cheerfully gives the following testimony: "It is a p oven fact that Peruna will cure catarrh and la grippe, and as a tonic it has no equal. Druggists have tried to make me take something else 'just as good,' but Peru-na is good enough for me."

Pe-ru-na in Tablet Form.

For two years Dr. Hartman and his assistants have incessantly labored to create Peruna in tablet form, and their strenuous labors have just been crowned with success. People who object to liquid medicines can now secure Peruna tablets, which represent the solid medicinal ingredients of Peruna.

ably not avail, as the torpedo is shot through net or bulkheads into the vitals of the ship before the high charge is exploded.