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An Interesting Relic of St Louis' Early Days Preserved. One of the most interesting of the

PORTRAIT OF MME. CHOUTEAU

family heirlooms preserved by descendants of the first Chouteau family in St. Louis is a life-size portrait of Mme. Marie Theresa Chouteau, wife of Pierre Chouteau, and who is credited with having been the mother of St. Louis. The picture is owned by Miss Martha Berthold of 4218 West Pine boulevard, a great great ganddaughter, her father's mother having been a Chouteau and the granddaughter of Mme. Marie Theresa Chouteau. Aside from its historic value the picture is prized as a curious relic. The painting is made on a surface of wood so carefully planned as to deceive the observer into the belief that it is canvas. It was painted by a traveling artist whose chased a lead pencil from a Canadian name was not preserved, but who showed by the quality of his work that he was not a novice. The picture, it is believed, was painted while Mrs. Chou- paid the duty, amounting to 1 cent. teau sat on the porch of the cabin which in the very early days served he inclosed a 1-cent postage stamp in herself and her husband as a home. Covering the shoulders was a handsomely embroidered shawl, fastened at the neck suggesting that she must have been out of doors when she posed for her portrait. On her head and completely concealing the hair was a kerchief, knotted just over the forehead, after the style in vogue in the primi tive days. The date of the portrait is unknown, but it is believed to have been painted shortly after Mrs. Chouteau's arrival at the river settlement, which was in 1774. The bloom of youth was still upon her cheek and the expression of young womanhood in her eyes. The picture has been handsomely framed and hangs in the upper hall the Berthold residence. A glass has never been placed over the portrait. The picture is highly cherished by Miss Berthold and her relatives, and she proposes to place it on exhibition at the World's Fair .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat

POKER FLAT OF TODAY.

fornia Camp of 1852.

In 1852 Poker Flat produced \$700,000 in gold bullion in a single month and celebrated the event with a triple hanging. Then came the public spasm of virtue which caused the John Oakhursts and the "Outcasts of Poker Flat" to depart from thence and die of cold and starvation on the snowbound road to Sandy Bar. There are no "Oakhursts" nor "Uncle Billys" in Poker Flat today, and when the stranger makes the slow descent and suddenly, by a sharp turn in the trail, comes upon the famous camp, he finds in that huddle of cabins little to remind him of the Poker Flat of 1852, The famous slope presents almost a picture of utter ruin. There are but eight persons living in the old town, while a hundred dead ones sleep in the cemetery. Some of the graves are marked with wooden headboards, some with stakes, but many have nothing above them. Nearly all of them were laid to rest without religious rites, save a Bible reading by old Charlie Pond, who, though a professional gambler, was selected for the religious office, owing to his excellent voice and oratorical ability. In 1853 and 1854 there were 2,000 souls in Poker Flat, houses. There is but one man left to-Henry Wagoner, an old and grizzled ety—has been found superior to yel-veteran, who delights to tell how in low pine and other woods heretofore interest was not paid on time. 1856 a circus came to town and sold used for car building. 1.500 tickets of admission at \$20 each.

"Get Busy."

There is a whole sermon in the parlance of the day, "get busy"—that is, get to doing something; get to work; be a doer of the word and not a hearer only. A dozen synonyms will sug- of the country would not be possible gest themselves for the colloquia ism, yet it has, perhaps, a pregnancy of to fall back upon.—New York Post, meaning and a rugged force which none of them quite duplicate, as is often the case with the living speech of the people, as compared with the dead speech of the books. "Get busy" is the gospel today. The man who does not get busy is distanced from the start. The stress of competition, the eager pursuit of wealth and advancement, leave no chance for the man who idles his chances away. Get busy at something; even if it is not quite what you like, do the best you can, and hope for better things. But while you are hoping, do not stop working. Get busy-keep busy. Get busy for the good of the coramunity. If it isn't all dust particles, their mutual relations it should be, try to make it better, more prosperous, more progressive. Don't sit like a big frog, croaking all the time, and never trying to do anything else. Get busy in a hopeful, helpful enterprising way. The man who gets busy has no time to be a busybody; his only interest in the affairs of others is to help where he may.

Muzzling the Ox.

A Vienna correspondent writes that institutions. there is a law in Austria which makes t a very serious offense to insult a public official, or even to offend his dignity in any way. Public officials include all railway employes from traffic director to porter, policemen, tramway. drivers and conductors and municipal street cleaners. Recently an electric tramcar ran into an omnibus and overturned it. One of the omnibus passengers, Frau Sidonie Lankh, wife of a well-known doctor in Vienna, was badly cut and received a severe shock to her nerves, which prostrated her for weeks. After the collision, in her alarm and pain, she cried, referring to the driver of the electric car: "The wretched fellow! Why couldn't he stop sooner?" For this expression she was

Earn Money Rescuing Hats.

A new industry, which is proving a source of considerable revenue to small boys who live near the suburban pleasure parks, is that of "hat rescuing." The youngsters station themselves around the scenic railways and toboggans and when the headgear of some unlucky passenger is blown off during the rapid ride-an accident which occurs at almost every trip of the flying cars-one of them seizes it and hastens to the stopping place. Very few persons have nerve enough to send the polite rescuer off-without rewarding him.—Philadelphia Times.

His One-Cent Conscience.

The Conscience fund at Washington was enriched by 1 cent contributed by a Toledo citizen who recently purat Buffalo, paying 2 cents for it. He learned subsequently, to his great humiliation, that the Canadian had not To relieve a conscience-stricken mind a letter to Treasurer Roberts. The writer did not disclose his name.-Boston Evening Transcript.

Improving the Potato. A new method of improving the potato is credited to M. Michalet, as a result of experiments made in the Department Vaucluse, France. He advises that the potato plant should be stripped of its blossoms and the crop tubers will be improved in quantity and be richer in starch. The flower is not at all necessary to the wellbeing of the plant, which in the process of blossoming consumes starch and other vegetable substances.

Brown Straw Hats in New York A student of men's summer hats says there are fewer brown straws worn in New York than any other city in the country. "I have never heard any explanation of it," he said, "but I suppose it is because the atmosphere in New York is not foul as it is in cities where soft coal is burned. I know that in St. Louis and Pittsburg you will see almost as many brown as you will white straws."-New York Sun.

Parrot's Melancholy Words. One of King Edward's pets which has long been kept in the hall at Sandringham is a small green parrot, which his majesty purchased personally from a boy in Trafalgar square while passing through there privately with his equerry one day. The bird is a splendid talker. What has always been his favorite expression is a meloncholy one now: "Now, then, hip, hip, hurrah for the queen!"

Mixing Commerce and Art. The subject is under discussion in France of substituting fruit trees along the roads in place of the fine specimens of arboriculture now in existence. It is argued that the fruit trees will bring in some revenue to the government, and in that respect will be of greater value than those which produce only leaves and blossoms.

Timber About Puget Sound Probably no place on earth will averdance halls, and seven gambling is fir, cedar, spruce, hamlock, and alder, as well as maple and other woods. day of that original company. He is Its Douglas fir—the most common vari-

> Timber of German Forests. The total annual production of timber and firewood of the German forests is estimated at 38,000,000 tons, and this is supplemented by an import of 4.600,000 tons. The material progress

> had it not the large home production Lands of Chellan Epoch, Some scientists believe that in the Chellan Epoch, which ended 160,000

years ago, Europe and America were connected by way of the British Isles, the Faroes, Iceland and Greenland. Since the the great waters have washed instit away or submerged this stupendous bridge. Dust Particles, Water Corpuscies. Dr. Burns of Brown university, is in-

vestigating the origin, activity and

growth of the condensation producing

and their relations to electric radiations, etc., as well as similar study of the corpuscles of water. Government Ownership in Montana. Montana owns more than oneeighteenth of its area, as the government granted to the state two sections

in each township for the benefit of

the public schools and an aggregate

of 668,000 acres for the various state

Agricultural College for India.

Jewell B. Knight of Belchertown, Mass., a graduate of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, has been appointed by the British government to go to India and establish an agricultural college.

Bridge with 120-Acre Surface. The Forth bridge is constantly being repainted. So vast is the structure that it takes fifty tons of paint to give it one coat, and the area dealt with is something like 120 acres.

What Will Heirs Get? Contestants for an estate of \$400,000 DEPTH OF A RAINFALL.

The Ingenious Method by Which It Is Accurately Measured.

Probably one question that has puzzled the lay mind is how the depth of a rainfall may be accurately determined. The way it is done is this: A funnel whose larger aperture represents a surface of 10 square inches catch the direct fall of the rain, with the rim of the funnel extending perhaps an inch or more beyond the platis for ahe purpose of preventing any rain from being wasted into the funnel and increasing the true fall. From this funnel the water runs to a tube, which bears an exact and carefully determined ratio to the area of the funnel's mouth, say one-tenth. therefore, the tube shows water to the tion thereof, in good standing. depth of an inch, it is clear that onetenth of an inch of rain has fallen The tube is provided with a carefully graduated scale, so that the fall may be readily seen. Three inches of rain would show a depth of thirty inches in a tube one-tenth the size of ahe receiving aperture, and the decimals of an inch could be quickly noted by observing the scale. If placed on the roof of a building, the apparatus should be kept away from the edges, to prevent any peculiar slant of the wind carrying into the funnel a larger proportion of rain than would fall into it under normal conditions. The larger the aperture of the receiving funnel is made, the more accurate will be the results obtained. A curious fact that has been noted in connection with rainfalls is that gauges placed on roofs usually gather less water than accounted for on the theory that the rain in falling absorbs some of the moisture of the air and the greater distance it falls the larger will be the bulk of the individual drops.-New York World.

GOVERNMENT CLERKS.

Thrift Among Them Increases Unde Civil Service Rules. One of the most satisfactory results

of the establishment of the civil service law and regulations here, according to an old officer of the government, has been the increasing unpopularity of the borrowing habit among clerks, writes the Washington correspondent of the New York Times. The uncertainty of tenure of office under the spoils system tended to carelessness in the use of money, and carelessness brought on the necessity for anticipating pay by borrowing, sometimes from persons of small capital who demanded extortionate interest for their loans. Since efficiency has come to be the condition of retention in office and not political influence, thrift has increased, and hundreds of clerks who were once in the habit of borrowing from month to month are now saving money to pay for homes purchased on the instalment plan, and in such instalments that many years are given in which to clear off the incumbrance acquired with the property. The department money lender as he used to be has almost disappeared, and it is asserted that there are no longer exmembers of congress here who derive more money as interest than they obage acre for acre the timber that the tained in a year as members of the and fifteen stores, five hotels, three Puget Sound region can furnish. It house. This class of lender was the he operated he learned to exercise his political influence in a cruel and wanton manner in case his exorbitant

> A Leader's Trlumph. Liszt was the first planist who played whole programmes by heart. Weber seems to have been the first conductor who was able to get along without a score. An acident proved this. At Dresden, one evening, Mozart's "Magic Flute" was to be given, conducted by Weber. The moment to commence was drawing near, when it was observed that the score of the opera had not been placed on the director's desk. Great consternation was among the musicians. The court was expected to arrive at any moment, and estra well knew that Fredert would be enraged did their .ts not burst into harmony as soon as he appeared. The anxiety extended to the audience; Caroline, the wife of Weber, looked at the empty desk before her husband with agitation. Weber saw the danger, but he smiled, and, without losing sang froid, sent some one to search for the score; but the court entered at about the same instant. Weber glanced at his trembling wife to reassure her, grasped his baton, gave the signal to begin, and conducted the entire first act of the opera from memory, without a note of the music, with his usual vigor and ability, even amusing the orchestra by pretending to turn the pages at the proper moment. The affair soon became noised about, and reached the ears of the royal family, who personally overwhelmed Weber with compliments.

The Business Side of Yachting. Many private yachts are built as auxiliary business institutions. The owners use them for the entertainment of their business friends, and they find that a business deal can be made to better advantage in a luxuriously furnished cabin, or on a deck arranged for the comfort of the visitors than in an uninviting office. But the majority of the steam yachts owned by Americans are maintained, at great cost, for the pleasure which may be derived from their use. - While some of the vessels make long cruises, others are kept near home, but always ready at short notice to carry the yachtsman and his friends to foreign ports, and summoned and sentenced to a fine of in Minneapolis are represented by thir- there is rarely an important meeting £1 13s 8d "for insulting a public of- teen lawyers. Puzzle: Find how much of yachts in European waters where ficial."

Reunion.

Emporia, Neb.-The annaul remion of the Northeast Nebraska G. A. R. Reunion District will be held at Neligh, on July 9, 10, 11 12,-1901, and the eighth annual district encampment for the election of is placed in a position where it may district officers and the transaction of such other buseness as may properly come before the encampment form to which it may be fixed. This will be held at the G. A. R. hall in Neligh, July 10, at 9 o'clock a. m.

All posts are earnestly requested to send delagates to this encampment; one delegate-at-large and one for each 10 members or major frac-

All past district and posts commanders are delegates, and if present are entitled to a vote in the district encampment.

Requisitions for tents should be made early to M. L. Freeman, district quartermaster, Neligh, Nebraska. Ample provisions will be made for tents, fule, straw, hay and

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D. C. Harrison, District Commander. S. W. Allen, District Adjutant.

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