

The most curious almshouse in England is St. Mary's hospital at Chichester. There eight old ladies live actually in the church, which is a fine old building dating from 1680.

The late Georges Charpentier was the publisher of Zola's works, as well as of those of Daudet, Goncourt and other eminent French writers.

Robert Harborough Sherard, author of "Twenty Years in Prison," tells that Guy de Maupassant despised literature as a profession, and gave to almost any other topic of conversation the preference over books.

There is something like a sense of the tragic in the fall of majestic trees. One has just been cut down near Burgdorf, in Switzerland, which really deserves to be described as a monarch of the forest.

A French botanical explorer has discovered in Central America a new coffee plant, with fruit of superior quality, to which he has given the name of coffee excelsa.

Wireless telegraphy broke its own record again when the operators at Colonel "Overhead" took place one evening last month between the stations at Manhattan Beach and Pensacola.

A Japanese scientist named Matsura has been studying the effects of diseases and the varying physical state of the body upon the growth and thickness of the hair.

Lord Roberts opened at Woolwich on December 21 a theater, to fund the erection of which the officers had contributed. It is to be called the Royal Artillery theater, and is in connection with the barracks.

Lieutenant General Fock, who recently left Nagoya for Russia, presented a pair of kid boots to the priest resident of the West Honganjii temple of Nagoya, where he had been quartered.

Senator Clark has bought for \$1,750,000 the famous Union mine, El Dorado county, California, for which the Standard Oil company offered \$1,250,000 last spring.

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MOTHER GIVES BOY POISON BY MISTAKE

Thought Potion Was Blackberry Wine, But It Was Liniment.

SHE KISSED H'M GOODBY

Starting for School, the Lad Was Taken Ill and Stopped at a Pool Hall, Where He Died in Great Agony.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 31.—Jay Williams, a 17-year-old high school boy, died in great agony on a pool table here this morning as the result of swallowing some medicine his mother had given him supposing it was blackberry wine.

SEEK MISSING GIRL.

Corning, Ia., Relatives Are Looking for Pansy Hoselton, Fifteen Years of Age.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 30.—Iowa relatives are making strenuous efforts to discover the whereabouts of Pansy Hoselton, the 15-year-old girl who disappeared from Corning, Ia., during last October.

JANKE GETS ACQUITTAL.

Northwest Nebraska Aroused Over the Turn in Case.

Alliance, Neb., Jan. 30.—Word was received here from Rushville that August Janke on trial for the murder of Michael Sierack in this county three years ago, was acquitted.

HONEST MAN AND WANT "AD."

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 29.—John Werner, a German farmer living near Hoskins, drove twenty-six miles yesterday to hunt down the man who had lost \$50 in bills on the streets of Norfolk a week ago.

MANY HOGS DIE.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 29.—Within the past three months a great many of the hogs in the country to the north, east and west of Norfolk have died from hog plague.

MAKE 'EM TELL.

Movement to Compel Publication of All Campaign Contributions Is Actively Begun.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—Publicity of election contributions and expenditures, and the formation of organizations to promote these purposes in all states are urged in an address just issued by the National Publicity Bill organization.

For the purpose of eliminating by all appropriate methods the evils resulting from secret contributions and expenditures of large sums of money on elections, a meeting was held in the city of Washington on the 16th of January, 1906.

It is confidently asserted that the first and most important measure of relief is the passage of a national law requiring the disclosure under oath of every contribution of money and every promise of money in national campaigns.

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REMARKABLE RIFLE FEATS OF NEBRASKAN

Captain A. H. Hardy of Lincoln, Establishes an Envied World's Record.

SOME UNUSUAL TESTS

He Ejects a Twenty-Two Cartridge from a Rifle into the Air, Reloads and Hits It Before It Reaches the Ground.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 30.—A marvel with the rifle and revolver is Capt. A. H. Hardy, of Lincoln, who performed the remarkable feat in this city on December 23 last of hitting, without a miss, 5,152 wooden balls, each two and a quarter inches in diameter, thrown into the air at twenty-five feet.

Here are some of the feats he performs: Takes two revolvers and at the same instant breaks two bottles placed fifteen feet apart and twenty-five feet distant.

With an ordinary Colt's revolver he cuts cards in two edgewise in all manners of positions. He hits washers, pennies, hickory nuts and other small objects thrown into the air as fast as two men can toss them, without a miss.

At fifty yards he puts ten shots within a five-inch circle. With a 38 Colt, six and a half inch barrel, he places six shots in six seconds within a four-inch circle at ten yards, cocking the revolver each time.

With an ordinary pump gun he hits four blue rocks thrown into the air, hits a tin can six times before it touches the ground, and similar stunts.

One of his prettiest acts is to borrow a water from a spot on a card about the size of a penny and giving the card to an assistant who places himself ten paces distant.

Hardy is a handsome, stalwart young man of 30. He began shooting when 10 years old. His mother had a horror of firearms, and he was forbidden them. He managed to get hold of a rifle, and his remarkable proficiency soon became known.

LAUGHS AT THE STORY.

Thad Browning Says He Is Positive That He Yet Lives.

Freemont, Neb., Jan. 29.—Thad Browning, of Winfield, who is president of the Nebraska Corn Improvers' association, says that his society is contemplating something big in the way of a show next fall.

FOR A CORN PALACE.

Likely Such an Exhibition Will Be Held in Nebraska.

Tecumseh, Neb., Jan. 29.—Hon. William E. Atchison, who is president of the Nebraska Corn Improvers' association, says that his society is contemplating something big in the way of a show next fall.

It is proposed to erect a corn palace either at Lincoln or Omaha, and to hold a corn carnival of no ordinary magnitude. Exhibits of the productions coming from corn together with the implements used in the planting, cultivating and gathering of the grain, as well as those used in the manufacture of corn products, will be made.

Liberal premiums will be offered on corn exhibits and competition will be encouraged from each of the states constituting the great corn belt.

ROBBED OF VALUABLES.

Broken Bow Man Says He Was Miserably Fleeced.

Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 29.—William Hopkins, of this city, says he was miserably robbed of quite a sum of money and a couple of valuable rings, one night this week. He was taking a walk on the north side of town, enjoying the cool of the evening when a stranger approached and asked if he could be accommodated with change for a bill, which he tendered.

FARMER KILLED.

Jacob Preston, of Hartington, Meets Death in Runaway.

Hartington, Neb., Jan. 30.—Jacob Preston, a well known and highly respected farmer living five miles south of Hartington, was instantly killed in a runaway accident near his home.

GOLD IS OF NO AVAIL

Mine Owner on Doomed Valencia Tried to Purchase His Safety.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 30.—Among those who are supposed to have perished when the Valencia went to pieces was J. B. Graham, a passenger and with him went a bag containing \$1,500 in gold.

Survivors of the wreck say Graham frantically offered the bag of gold to anyone who would place him on shore. But others paid little heed to his pleadings and his gold lay on the broken deck, kicked under foot, no one bothering to even pick it up.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 27.—All survivors who reached shore near the scene of the wreck of the Valencia have now been cared for, the last party of nine having been stalled at Darling river on account of flooded waters reaching the steamer Salvor at Bamfield creek last night.

Great credit is due to the party from the Salvor, headed by Capt. Ferris, who left early Wednesday and traveled almost an impassable trail for fifteen miles. After one night spent on the trail they started for home with the survivors.

Before returning Ferris visited the wreck. He reports the beach literally covered with wreckage at that time, and five bodies were on shore being identified.

The second party left the Salvor yesterday. They went as far as Pachena, carrying packs of provisions and extra clothing. At 3 o'clock they were joined by a landing party sent from the United States revenue cutter Grant.

An Associated Press correspondent was the first to reach them. All the survivors were completely fatigued. The entire party was equipped with shoes, those who had been without having been supplied with shoes taken from corpses washed ashore.

There are eleven bodies reported washed ashore. F. F. Bunker of Seattle said there was an evident lack of discipline among the officers and this statement has been corroborated by other passengers.

The loss of food is not altered from yesterday's account, 119 being missing.

FROZEN, THEN BURNED.

Terrible Fate of E. Van Meluch, Who Was Lost in Minnesota Woods.

Virginia, Minn., Jan. 30.—Lost for several days in the deep woods near this place, freezing his feet and burning them in the fire so severely that uremic poisoning resulted.

Van Meluch started to walk during a bad storm to the outskirts of Virginia. He lost his way during the blizzard and wandered in the woods for several days until the toes of both feet were frozen.

He succeeded in making a fire at the base of a tree and rolled himself in a blanket and went to sleep. During the night he rolled about in such a manner that he suffered a loss on his back with the blaze and was terribly burned.

LIBERALS IN FULL POWER

Will Have Over Eighty Majority Over All Other Parties in House of Commons.

London, Jan. 30.—The voting is practically over and as a result of the general election the liberals will find themselves at the meeting of the house of commons with a majority of more than eighty over all other parties combined.

Only ten contests remain to be decided. Totals now are: Liberals, 371; unionists, 157; Irish nationalists, 52; laborites, 50.

A NEW COMET.

One Discovered in Northeastern Sky Moving Moderately in Northwesterly Direction.

Geneva, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Dr. William B. Brooks, director of the Smith observatory, today discovered a new comet in the northeastern sky.

TONS OF STEEL FALL.

Crash Through Several Floors of Building, Killing One Man.

New York, Jan. 30.—Nine tons of steel girders fell from above the seventh floor of the new Altman building in process of erection on Fifth avenue today, crushing several floors and crushing a workman, Edward Steinhilber, to death and seriously injured five other workmen.

ROLL GETS SHORTER.

In Past Six Months 28,006 Civil War Pensioners Have Died, Leaving 679,234.

Washington, Jan. 30.—During the past six months 28,006 pensioners of the civil war have died, according to the statement of Pension Commissioner Warner. This, he says, is evidence of the rapid diminution of the total number of pensioners December 31 was 679,234.

BAD FIRE CHECKED.

Enveloped Hospital at One Time and Threatened Tenements.

New York, Jan. 30.—Fire which swept Tolia, Pergmont & Co.'s three-story oil and candle factory near East River today threatened the surrounding buildings for a block on every side.

THREE-CENT FARES FOR STRAP HANGERS

Novel Ordinance Introduced in the Council at Omaha to Aid the Poor.

ASK OTHER CONCESSIONS

The Street Car Company Is Asked, in Addition to Cheaper Fares, to Grant Universal Transfers—Ordinance Carries Penalty.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 27.—An ordinance calculated to bring the Omaha street railway service to a state of greater efficiency and at once provide cheaper fares for the patrons is in the hands of the railway committee of the city council.

A system of universal transfers, the sale of twenty-four tickets for \$1.33-cent fares to school children and to persons compelled to stand because of overcrowded cars, are among its provisions.

Penalties ranging from a fine of \$25 or twenty days' imprisonment to a fine of \$100 or thirty days' imprisonment, or both, are provided for violation of the provisions of the ordinance.

BRIDE CAME HOME.

Three Days of Wedded Life with Colorado Rancher Satisfies Girl.

Prosser, Neb., Jan. 28.—Mrs. William A. Meyer, nee Blanche Decker, has returned to her home at this place, having enjoyed a three days' honeymoon with her husband at Denver.

William Meyer, a ranchman near this city, belongs to an organization of a hundred ranchmen and cowboy bachelors who resolved to advertise for wives and embrace the first opportunity.

The husband failed to arrive and a story comes from Denver to the effect that three days after the marriage the unhappy couple appeared before the county court, demanding the license money, as they had decided marriage was a failure.

The fee was returned, when it was learned upon inquiry that the marriage had been solemnized. The bride and groom of a few days seemed very much surprised when they learned that it would take the proceedings of a district court to divorce them.

Mrs. Meyer is thirty years of age and this is her first known experience with 'the tricks of Dan Cupid.'

FIRE AT ELBA.

Disastrous Blaze Sweeps the Little Nebraska Town.

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 28.—Fire of unknown origin was discovered in the general store of Anderson & Co. at Elba, thirty miles northwest of this city.

The volunteer department responded promptly, but the blaze spread so rapidly the firemen had to be content with saving surrounding stores. The building, known as the Miller block, the largest in town, is a two-story building, valued at \$30,000, and stock \$13,000. The stock is insured for \$8,000.

PRISONERS DUG OUT.

They Are Discovered in Time, However, to Be Reconfin'd.

Wilber, Neb., Jan. 28.—Two prisoners almost broke jail here. They were allowed outside of the steel cages so that they could care for the fire in the jail bed time, and about 9 o'clock in the evening were heard digging their way through the wall of the jail.

Get an Injunction Restraining Nebraska Treasurer Collecting Taxes.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 28.—Tax Commissioner Pollard, of the Burlington railroad, served injunction papers on State Treasurer Mortensen. This prevents the treasurer from collecting or receiving the railroad taxes for 1905.

GETS MILEAGE BY RUSE.

Senator Burton Is Seen by the Clerk Through Glass Door, Although Not in Senate.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Senator Burton of Kansas will get his mileage. He is here awaiting the result of his appeal to the supreme court, as he is under a suspension from accepting fees from a get-rich-quick concern while senator. He has been told to stay out of the senate chamber until his case is decided.

He needed his mileage money. In order to get it, it is necessary for some official of the senate to take oath that he has seen the senator in the senate chamber. There is no disposition to withhold either mileage or salary, and Burton, who frequents the senate cloakrooms, was asked to step into the senate chamber.

He declined, but an employe drew him over near the glass door that leads from the cloak room to the senate chamber. An official had been stationed outside the door. The employe, who was talking to Burton turned him around, the official saw him through the glass door and the proper certification was made.

FOURTEEN ARE KILLED

Explosion in Mine Due to Fire Damp Causes Awful Result—Three Bodies Recovered.

Poteau, Indian Territory, Jan. 27.—Fourteen lives were lost in an explosion yesterday in slope No. 4 of Wiltville mine.

The explosion was caused by fire damp. Three bodies have been recovered, but it is impossible to enter the mine because of gas.

NEBRASKAN'S DEATH RESULT OF A MURDER

Isaac Syfe, Assyrian of Bone-steel, Held, Charged With the Crime.

HE WILL HAVE A HEARING

The Crime for Which Syfe Is Charged Occurred December 30—A Week Later Peter Kaden's Body Was Found in Well.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 26.—Isaac Syfe, the Syrian who was suspected of foul play in the death of Peter Kaden, the Rosebud tenderfoot from Hoskins, Neb., whose dead body was found in a well, and who, a letter on Kaden's table made it appear, had committed suicide because he was called a horse-stealer, has been arrested here on the charge of murder in the first degree.

Syfe entered a plea of not guilty and the preliminary hearing was set for Saturday, January 27, in Bonesteel, before Justice J. M. Biggins.

The arrest was made on a complaint filed by State's Attorney Bachus on an order from the county commissioner of Gregory county. Syfe has retained E. M. Starcher and Charles A. Davis for his attorneys and the case will be hard fought.

The warrant charging Syfe with first degree murder was filed by Sheriff Sproul. Syfe was arraigned before Judge Biggins, entered a plea of not guilty and was taken to jail to await his preliminary hearing.

The crime which Syfe is charged occurred December 30. Peter Kaden, a Rosebud farmer, was found dead in a well on the homestead of Rancher King. The two men, Syfe and Kaden, left the Erickson house together late Saturday night and Kaden was never seen alive. Syfe's body was found next day in the well.

Erickson, who last saw the two together, feared something might have happened after the pair left his claim and went early the next day to the Kaden home, where he found the door standing open, the windows nailed up with blankets and the following note on the table:

Through this I let you know my life is ended. We, this Blegel, P. Peterson, his wife and myself, were intended to play a joke on Isaac for the drinks. I took his horse purely in fun. I am as innocent as my God, and those who blame P. Peterson and Blegel, but surely punish. I never beat anybody and stole no horses. That is too much for me. Mr. Huribert took half of my life and Isaac and the Russians say I took Dolly and Erickson's horse. This makes my life an end. If the Russians were as innocent as Blegel, P. Peterson, his wife and myself, they would be innocent people. I would be glad to see them. I would like to see those that blame Blegel, P. Peterson and his wife. If there is any money left, send it to my dear parents in Germany. They need it, but do not tell them I committed suicide. You will find me in King's well, where the innocent one wishes to be buried. I am Dan Cupid.

It is said that Syfe, on that same morning, together with a crowd of six or eight armed Russians, had driven to the Erickson farm, and, arresting Peterson, had taken him four miles southwest to the homestead of a rancher named Rube.

Postmaster Billinger and R. A. Patrick, of Dallas, who were spending the day on their claims, heard the mob, drove to the scene and persuaded Syfe and the crowd to release Peterson.

It is said that Dolly and Erickson and Kaden started in a trade in which Kaden had agreed to trade off his farm for property of Syfe's and that later Kaden backed out, arousing Syfe's wrath.

There is much excitement on the reservation over the affair and sensational disclosures are promised at the trial. Three weeks after the dead body was found the board of county commissioners have determined to try Syfe for his life.

PROPOSED BY MAIL.

Nebraska Bride and Colorado Ranchman Quit After Three Days.

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 26.—Word has been received here that Mr. and Mrs. William Meyers, of Brighton, Colo., have dissolved partnership. Mrs. Meyers was formerly Miss Blanche Dexter, of this place. Their marriage experience was of three days' duration.

The love-making of the two was made by correspondence. The young woman answered an advertisement of Meyers, who sought a woman to be manager plenipotentiary of his home and manipulator extraordinary of his waffle iron.

At the end of three days of wedded bliss, the two returned to the court house to return their license to the clerk and asked that the officer refund their money. He learned that the two had been married and informed them that they must go into court and get a divorce if they could not live together. Both are planning on a method to pursue for separation.

LINCOLN STAR SOLD.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 26.—C. B. Edgar, of St. Joseph, formerly manager of a newspaper there, today became interested in the Daily Star as publisher. David E. Thompson, now ambassador to Brazil and recently nominated for ambassador to Mexico, is the principal owner of the Star. E. P. Mickel, who has been business manager of the paper since its first issue, will retire. E. P. Heizer, formerly of the St. Louis City Journal, is editor of the Star.

MILE IN 32 1-5 SECONDS

New Record Is Made on the Florida Beach.

Hotel Ormond, Fla., Jan. 26.—The world's record for the mile was twice lowered yesterday in the fourth annual Ormond-Daytona automobile tournament, and both times by the same car, the cigar-shaped steamer driven by Fred Marriott. In the first start, the contest for the Sir Thomas Dewar trophy, the racer made the mile in 32 1-5 seconds.

The summary: Mile international, for the Sir Thomas Dewar trophy—First heat won by Marriott, steamer, 32 1-5; second, Earp, gasoline, 40 flat. Second heat won by Lancia, gasoline, 37 3-5; second, Cedrino, gasoline, 38 1-5. Finals won by Marriott, 32 flat; Cedrino second, 38.

Heavyweight championship for gasoline cars—First heat won by Marriott, 32 3-5; Fletcher second, 39 4-5. Second heat won by Lancia, 42 flat; Earp, 43 3-5. Final won by Lancia, 42 flat; Fletcher second, 37 3-5. Mile steamer championship—entry—Marriott won the mile in 32 1-5.

James Richardson, of Rodger Mills county, tendered a mule to a chattle to a Cheyenne money lender in order to get funds with which to get a marriage license and pay the preacher. He had ridden the mule in—eighteen miles—also expected to walk back home in time for the wedding.