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Gen. Sheridan's Mother Dead.

SOMERSET, O., June 12.—The mother of General Sheridan died today at 1:30. Mrs. Sheridan was born in county Cavan, Ireland, came to the United States in 1828, and came to Ohio in 1832. Reports concerning the dangerous condition of her son Phil were studiously kept from her, but she knew that he was sick.

Musicians Shocked by Lightning.

SCHUYLER, Neb., June 13.—Last night a severe rain and thunder storm passed over this place. Three-quarters of an inch of water fell by actual measurement. Lightning struck the Bohemian hall, slightly damaging it. Five musicians were in at the time practicing their music, three of whom were stunned. James Swoboda is seriously injured. The other two, Frank Bastuik and Charles Dobesi, soon recovered.

Sheridan no Worse.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—General Sheridan passed a quiet night, but was a little disturbed after midnight by coughing. His general condition this morning is about the same. It was stated at the Sheridan residence at 2:30 that the general was doing remarkably well. He has rested quietly all the morning. There is no change in General Sheridan's condition. There will not be another bulletin issued until tomorrow morning. He has not been advised of his mother's death.

A Madman in the Woods.

TEXARKANA, Tex., June 12.—Several days ago a man named Cook, a tailor, formerly of St. Louis, and employed in the tailoring establishment of Parkins & Sons, mysteriously disappeared and no clew to his whereabouts was obtained until today. A party of negroes came in from the Rondo district, reporting to the officials that a madman was in that neighborhood, concealing himself in the brush until becoming hungry for food, when he would emerge therefrom with sticks and attack with fury every one observed by him. He has made violent attacks upon defenseless women and children frightening many away from their homes, and an effort has been made to capture him but up to date he has not been caught.

A Priest Arrested in Mexico.

MONTEREY, Mexico, June 12.—Yesterday Rev. Father Lorenzo Maurel, a Brownsville priest, came to this side of the river to celebrate mass. He rolled his black cassock up about his waist and attracted no attention until on his return he stepped in the ferry skiff, and let his cassock fall, when a vigilant policeman pounced on him and arrested him for an infraction of the constitution of 1857 and the reform laws, which makes it a severe offense for a priest to appear in the streets in his robes. The reverend father was carried back to the city and jailed, but late in the afternoon, through the influence of a number of prominent ladies and gentlemen, was released. Dr. Diaz Gutierrez responding for him, and today a fine of \$25 was imposed and paid. The affair has created quite a ripple of excitement on both sides of the river.

Union in Crisis.

Here are a few items from union once more. We don't come very often but give lots of news when we do come. Farmers are very busy plowing corn this nice weather.

We saw the county commissioners in town Monday; expect they were down looking out a location for the county seat.

Lemmy, the hog buyer, has commenced work on a business house here 29x40 two story frame.

Lyns is building a large dwelling house for Thomas, the hardware man, and Lanham, the implement man, to live in.

J. H. Austin has his store room almost completed, size 30x40; Mr. Edminston has his business house about completed also, we understand, and it will be occupied by a Dr. Thomas as a drug store.

Our hotel has changed hands. Am Smith, of Avoca, having leased the house, and they say Am knows how to run a hotel.

Corn is worth about 40 cts.; hogs are worth about 5 cts.

E. P. Davis has his dwelling house almost completed, and Dr. Davis has commenced to build a residence intending to move here.

Dr. Wallace has commenced a fine residence, so you see this town will be well supplied with doctors. Expect we will have to enlarge our cemetery.

S. A. Winner, of the firm of G. A. Rose & Co., was in Neb. City Tuesday.

Mr. Perkins, of the Neb. City elevator, and John Kennedy were in town Tuesday.

Mr. Lynn is shipping wood to Lincoln.

HINTS TO TRAVELERS.

MAGIC POWERS OF A "SILENT TONGUE AND FULL PURSE."

A Precaution to be Taken—The Absolutely Indispensable Needs—Books and Wrappers—An Important Item—Minor Conveniences—Hints on Dress.

"A silent tongue and a full purse" are the magic powers which every successful traveler must press into his service. These, with a reasonably good idea of the fitness of things, will save untold annoyance and chagrin. Among the most important responsibilities of a prospective journey is to decide where you wish to go and by what route, provided you wish to "do" a certain amount of territory in a given time. There are a few experienced tourists who insist that they never travel, they only "wander." The spirit moves them some fine day to "go somewhere." If a foreign tour seems to suit their mood, they select a steamer, for its superior accommodations perhaps, not because it goes to any special port, or that it is the fastest sailer of the line. Wherever it lands there will be no difficulty in getting away, "and it pleases them not." In this way a party of three or four persons have made the most enjoyable trips of their lives. They carried little luggage. When a garment was unpressurable it was discarded and another bought. What matter if they were not just according to their taste? It was good enough, and nothing further was demanded.

Parties who have gone only by stereotyped methods in traveling will enjoy a new revelation by trying one of these eccentric trips. The precaution should be taken to mail to the home address the probable whereabouts, in case of accident or emergency. Indeed, this should never be neglected whatever the plan may be. An excellent method is to carry envelopes stamped and addressed, each containing a card. There are many times when one can pencil a note on a card, and it would be impossible to write on a sheet of paper. These may be dispatched whenever there is a change of locality, and in this way the traveler is always "findable" in case of need or accident at home.

There are so many things to be considered when the general subject of traveling comes before us that one almost hesitates where to begin. Among the absolutely indispensable needs of the traveler are plenty of money, exacting attention to detail, and the faculty of conforming to circumstances. With these qualifications, and the very important item of judicious selecting and packing properly attended to, it only remains to emulate the honey bee and seek to extract the honey of enjoyment from even the poisonous flowers of disappointment and delay.

Never worry about the progress of the journey; that is always looked after by people whose business it is. If a train is not on time, no amount of questions or fault finding will be of any use. The officials are fully as anxious to have everything go on regularly as the traveler can possibly be, and their anxiety is much greater for very evident reasons. Provide whatever guide books and plans of travel are necessary, before starting. Obtain these exposed for sale on trains or various other traveling conveniences are put there for the primary object of being sold, and it is not unusual to see guide books or plans arranged solely with a view to lauding the special attractions of that line, while the various connections, which are often very important to tourists, are either entirely omitted or so placed on the map as to appear entirely inaccessible and not by any means the most desirable route of change. Interesting books should always be at hand. It is well to carry in the hand bag a number of strong paper wrappers, properly stamped and addressed, in which a book, when read, may be mailed either to the owner's home or to some friend who will enjoy the perusal of it. In this way many interesting volumes are preserved which would otherwise be neglected and thrown aside on account of growing troublesome by the way.

One of the most important items in preparing for a journey of any length is the careful study of everything that pertains to comfort. Neglect of this will bring in its train a thousand annoyances and vexations, and what might otherwise be a delightful season will be likely to remain in the memory as a succession of annoyances and possible regrets. Properly equipped, any philosophical person may make a continuous journey of a week or ten days without experiencing any serious discomfort. The amateur tourist who packs his luggage for a journey of any great length is more than likely to find himself cumbered with an immense number of needless articles, and seriously inconvenienced for lack of those things that will be found almost absolutely necessary during the first day of travel. Experienced travelers never trust to the chance of procuring the minor conveniences of the toilet on their journey, as it is often almost out of the question to get reasonably good articles of necessity without great trouble and perhaps serious delay. Black pins, toilet pins, safety pins, bonnet pins, small black headed pins, etc., should all be abundantly supplied before starting, and they should invariably be of good quality. Cheap articles of this sort are almost, if not entirely, worthless, and the trifle more in cost is really of very little importance, considering their much greater utility and reliability.

Essentially necessary is an outfit suited in every way to the climate, circumstances and general appearance of the traveler. None of these points should be overlooked. With the modern ideas on dress, the traveling outfit may be one of the most elegant and characteristic of any of a lady's belongings. By this it must not be inferred that it should be either very costly or elaborate, or in any sense conspicuous; indeed, quiet elegance is the all important point in such outfits. The severely plain is by far the best taste, and veteran travelers can tell at a glance the habits, and, in many respects, the station in life, of the novice who comes in their way. Good, reliable, serviceable materials should always be selected. Cheap goods for traveling are always the most expensive in the end.—Democrat's Monthly.

Yao Yun, president of the Pekin (China) Academy, is translating Shakespeare's plays into Chinese.

DIAMONDS IN ZULULAND.

Mining for Precious Stones in South Africa—With Tub and Sieve.

Diamonds are mostly found in a hard, bluish green rock which has to be blasted. The debris of a blast may possess a Kohnor, and it must be looked for. The blue ground is sent up from the mine in iron buckets and is taken to a plot of ground rented for the purpose called a depositing floor, and after being dumped down in heaps is spread out on the ground in large coarse lumps, just as it leaves the pick and shovel of the miner. Water is then liberally poured over it and it is left for two or three days to the action of the atmosphere; at the end of that time it loses its rock like appearance and shows itself to be a conglomerate of pebbles, ironstone and carbon. It is then thrown against coarse sieves to separate the larger stones, which are flung aside, and is afterward taken to the washing machine.

This consists of a circular iron tub, rather shallow and some 10 or 12 feet in diameter, in which are fixed from the center six or eight rakes, with long teeth six inches apart, which are kept perpetually revolving by a small steam engine, or by a whim worked by horses or mules. Water is kept flowing into the tub through one opening as the diamondiferous soil is worked in through another. The revolution of the rakes causes a thorough disintegration of the stuff, the lighter portion of which is forced over the upper edge, carried away by the engine and thrown on the refuse heap. After sixty or eighty loads have been passed through the machine, the rakes are lifted up and the contents of the box carefully taken out. It will be at once understood that only the heaviest portions of the precious soil, and therefore the diamonds, if there are any, have been left in the machine, the lighter parts having been washed over the upper edge of the box.

When taken out, the residue, which consists of nothing but heavy ironstone and carbon in a pure state and crystals of various hues, is carefully sifted through sieves of different degrees of fineness, sometimes placed one under the other in cradle and thoroughly rocked. Then, when every trace of foreign matter has been carefully removed, a dexterous turn of the hand, as the sieve with its contents is held in a tub of water, brings the diamonds, garnets and the heavier lumps of ironstone into a little heap in the very center, so that when the sieve is reversed on the common pins sorting table they lie together. The white alum like appearance of the rough diamond contrasts strongly with the rich hued garnets with which the surrounding blackness of carbon and ironstone is studded. It is only by practice that one is enabled to tell at sight what is a diamond; a sieve may to all appearances be full of them; but they are only probably crystals which could easily be detected from diamonds by taking one between the teeth; the diamond resists their action, but the crystal crumbles away. Thousands upon thousands of garnets most exquisite in color are found in every sieveful, but they are thrown aside contemptuously, being almost valueless.—Globe-Democrat Book Review.

Journalism for a Young Lady.

A would-be apprentice in newspaper writing, anxious to gain a foothold in an office, should remember, first, that the editor appreciates news above all other things, for the most newsy paper is the most popular and best supported.

She should remember, second, that department work is always poorly paid or done for nothing. Women are sometimes too eager and impatient to make money from their writing. Now, if the ambitious tyro, remembering these things, would lay aside her pet ideas of the writing, condensed to make an item of the fact that "Mr. Smith had broken ground for a new woodshed," and carry it to her home publisher, she would find a cordial welcome. The country editor receives a meritorious poem with cool civility, but is truly grateful for a fresh thought which may be trivial local item. By persisting in this course of voluntary, gratuitous contributions of such local news as come within her notice, and trying to observe as much as possible, a woman of quick perception could write after a time a great deal which would be accepted with many thanks—though not much else.

Many a country editor who would welcome this gratuitous work could not afford a paid assistant editor or reporter, because from necessity he must be his own business manager, editor, reporter, proofreader and book-keeper. But in return for the help which might give him time to drive more often to the neighboring villages or among his former subscribers, to canvass for more advertising, or to make more prompt collections, he would willingly teach the apprentice what he knew himself, and allow her the privilege of learning all she could from the office in general. This would not be inconsiderable, for in the country newspaper office reporting, editing and publishing are carried on in such a compact manner that the shrewd apprentice can learn a little of everything.—Boston Globe.

How to Frighten Burglars.

"Do you know what kind of a burglar alarm I shall have in my house?" said a gentleman interested in an electrical business, to a reporter. "I shall not have a little bell near my bed to awaken me if any one opens a door or a window. No, sir, I shall have an eighteen inch gong put up in the center of my house, and then connect every door and window.

"If a burglar opens a door or window then the noise will scare him away at once. Suppose I have a little bell in my room, that wakes me up; what good does that do? I have to get up, dress myself, and go down and drive that burglar away. He hasn't heard the bell, and I might find him and that's just what I don't want.

"The kind of alarm I shall have will give the burglar warning that I am coming and afford him an opportunity to leave. I have no desire to fight burglars. I have no desire to be a hero. I want to secure them off without running any risk myself.

"What burglar would have the impudence to keep on stealing with an eighteen inch gong striking fifty times a minute? Then, when the danger is over, I can go down and lock everything securely. What do you think of the scheme?"—Western Electrician.

NOTICE

We earnestly request all of our friends indebted to us to call at once and settle accounts due. We have sustained heavy loss by the destruction of our Branch House at Fairmont, Neb., by fire and now that we need money to meet our obligations, we hope there will not be one among our friends who would refuse to call promptly at this particular time and adjust accounts. Trusting this will receive your kind consideration and prompt attention, we remain, Yours Truly, SOLOLMON & NATHAN.

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