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Meeting Saturday evening

NATURAL GAS DISCOVERED.

Citizens of Dannebrog, Nebraska Feel Jubilant.

Natural Gas Found.
DAMNEBROG, Neb., Feb. 28.—The natural gas discovery just made public has created intense interest. Large crowds gather every evening to see the lighted gas. It burns with a steady, lustrous flame that has every appearance of real gas. The fact that the gas rises from the bottom of the creek, led to its discovery. It has been noticed for several winter seasons that there are three or four places where the ice cannot form and the water is kept in continual motion by the bubbles that rise from the bottom. A curious schoolboy, having heard his father talk of gas and oil, one day touched a lighted match to one of these bubbles. A fizzing sound and a faint flame was the result. Subsequently Mr. C. C. Rasmussen made a test by placing a tub, bottom side up, over the largest of the holes and letting it rest for a while so as to gather a quantity of the gas. He then made a small hole in the vessel and applied a lighted match. A sharp explosion hoisted the tub into the air. It was now determined to make a thorough investigation, and yesterday at noon a number of the citizens went to the place equipped with a tub, through the bottom of which had been fitted a one-eighth inch tube furnished with a faucet. The tub was placed in an inverted position in the water, where the open place is and held down by weights so as to accumulate and hold the gas. At 7 o'clock in the evening the people gathered to witness the test, and the citizens of Dannebrog had the gratification of seeing a part of their town lit up by natural gas. The flame was regulated by the faucet all the way from a roaring blaze leaping two feet in the air to a steady jet four inches high. The exhibition lasted several minutes. Steps are being taken for a more thorough investigation. That there is natural gas in large quantities, is now firmly believed. An exhibition on a more extensive scale will be made tomorrow night.

Eminent Whistlers Meet.

Mrs. Alice J. Shaw, the whistling prima donna, and her company appeared at the opera house before a good audience. An additional number was furnished by Thomas F. Browne, the local whistler, who, by the way, Maj. Pond, Mrs. Shaw's manager, asserted would be "knocked out." Nothing of the kind happened, however, and Mr. Browne's peculiar style of whistling compared very favorably with Mrs. Shaw's. Mrs. Shaw rendered Ardit's familiar "Il Bacio," and was warmly encored, to which she gracefully responded. Mr. Browne received an ovation when he appeared. He whistled "The Forest Fairy," and responded to an encore with a medley of operatic selections, and on being recalled gave "Kathleen Mavourneen." Mrs. Shaw's volume of tone is somewhat superior to Mr. Browne's. Her notes are peculiarly sweet and birdlike, and at the same time are quite penetrating. Her trills and runs were all good, and the expression and execution were excellent. She has one advantage over Mr. Browne, and that is her musical training, but the latter overcomes that by his natural ability. In the lower register Mr. Browne excels Mrs. Shaw, particularly in the flute or piccolo intonation. His range is about three octaves, and his execution of the high notes was brilliant. He possesses one strong feature which Mrs. Shaw lacks, and that is his peculiar double tonguing.—Springfield Republican.

A Missouri Girl.

A gentleman out riding on the east side the other day witnessed a rare exhibition of spirit in a young lady well known in society circles. She was out calling in her father's carriage behind one of the fastest private teams in the city. Her coachman was of the old French type, which considered itself greater than the king when driving his royal highness. The young lady ordered the carriage stopped at a certain number, and handed the coachman a card to present at the door. He objected to going on such an undignified mission. She ordered, and he replied that he was not a

messenger boy; whereupon the young lady grew suddenly two inches in stature and with a dignity that even a coachman might have envied she ordered him to give her the reins and get out of the carriage. He saw that every line in her face indicated business and abdicated his throne. With greater ease than many men can boast she sat upon the back seat of the open carriage and drove home at a 2:40 gait.—Kansas City Times.

State Weather Bureau.

Professor Nipher's recommendation of state weather service, as supplementary to the national signal service, is calling attention and general discussion to it. That our service is incomplete at present is evident. The chief damage done to our crops is not by the great storms that destroy shipping and wreck buildings, but by storms quite local in origin and in range. The general service can only refer to these in general terms as local storms "in northern Illinois," or "in western New York," or "along the gulf;" but a state service would have for its special work to forecast these less extended and localized disturbances and announce them to the agriculturists. Professor Nipher reminds us that in 1893 the telephone will be public property, and can be used by such a state service to communicate with every farm. "Hello! John Smith! Get up and get in your hay! A shower will be there in three-quarters of an hour." Such is science.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A High Singer.

The lark ascends until it looks no larger than a nidge, and can with difficulty be seen by the unaided eye, and yet every note will be clearly audible to persons who are fully half a mile from the nest over which the bird utters its song. Moreover, it never ceases to sing for a moment, a feat which seems wonderful to us human beings, who find that a song of six or seven minutes in length, though interspersed with rests and pauses, is more than trying. Even a practiced public speaker, though he can pause at the end of each sentence, finds the applause of the audience a very welcome relief. Moreover, the singer and speaker need to use no exertion save exercising their voices. Yet the bird will pour out a continuous song of nearly twenty minutes in length, and all the time has to support itself in the air by the constant use of its wings.—The Naturalist.

Old Pat. Outdone.

Mr. Crumpton, who lives in the Arkansas flats, seven miles south of Quannah, had an inkling that something was going wrong around his place, and determined to seek out the trespasser. Going a short distance from his house, he entered a cave, and in the darkness was confronted with a pair of fierce, glaring eyes and rumbling growls. Whipping out his revolver he shot at his mark, when a scream was uttered and suddenly an enormous panther sprang upon him, knocking him some feet backward, when a hand to hand fight ensued. After a fierce struggle and being violently scratched in the face, Mr. C. finally succeeded in firing the fatal shot which stretched his game out. The animal was dragged from the cave and measured over nine feet.—Carter Eagle.

Law as a Judge Defines it.

An interesting case of trial for attempted bigamy was summarily disposed of by Judge Ridley in the criminal court. Charles Ready is a negro. Upon an indictment of bigamy he was brought into court the other day to answer a charge of attempting to commit bigamy by using a bogus license. The facts were fully established, but the judge gave a verdict of not guilty. "There can be no bigamy or attempt at bigamy," he said, "unless the license is genuine." He therefore dismissed the case. Ready was held in custody, however, as it is understood he has actually married several women and is still subject to indictment for bigamy.—Nashville American.

A Novelist at Home.

Miss Braddon, whose novels have made her familiar to every American, is a tall, active minded woman of 52, with gray hair and a ruddy complexion. She is the daughter of a solicitor and has a country house in the heart of the New Forest. She is an expert horsewoman, writes three novels a year and is married to her publisher.—San Francisco Argonaut.

The untiring zeal of the women of New Orleans is making that city foremost in the list of art centers. With all their other enterprises these ladies have found time to successfully boom a project for a museum of art to be erected there.

CLOTH MADE FROM WOOD.

Method of Reducing the Boards to a State of Isolated Fibers.

Mitscherlich has applied the bisulphite process for reducing wood to the production of a fiber from wood which can be spun. Thin boards or laths free from knots, but of any desired width, are cut into strips in the direction parallel with the grain, and are then boiled in a bath containing a solution of sulphurous acid or bisulphite. This boiling effects disintegration without requiring that the strips of boards shall be reduced to very small pieces. After boiling the wood, it is dried in the open air or in specially constructed drying rooms. By thus drying the product, the fiber, which is originally very weak and tends to break at the slightest strain, becomes comparatively strong and does not resume its very breakable condition on the addition of water. The operations are carried out as follows:

The damp masses on the frame are transferred to a traveling endless cloth, which leads them to a pair of rollers, which may be plain or provided with corrugations in the direction of their length, the ribs of the one roller being made to gear into the recesses of the other one, whereby they effect a simultaneous strong bending and squeezing of the masses. The cutting of the material in passing through the corrugated rollers is avoided by causing the endless cloth to pass over the lower roller and by placing a canvas covering around the upper roller. The pressed masses fall from these rollers on to a second endless cloth, which conveys them to a second pair of rollers, from which they are conveyed to a third pair, and so on, they being preferably pressed in this way six times. By continued treatment of the wood the fibers become at length so pliable and isolated from each other that they can be employed directly for coarse filaments.

For obtaining a perfect isolation of the fibers, however, without material deterioration, these operations alone are not suitable, and their special purpose is to loosen the fibers in the transverse direction, so that in the following operation a thin, long fiber may be obtained. For this purpose the boiled and pressed masses are completely dried. After drying they are combed in the direction parallel with the fibers by means of devices provided with pins or teeth, in a manner similar to the operations for combing flax, cotton, etc., but with the difference that the pins or teeth of the apparatus must be made very strong. The separation of the extractable matter from the fiber produced by boiling the gums and soluble organic matter can be effected at any time. It is, however, preferably effected after the fiber has been spun into threads, etc.—Scientific American.

A Madman's Ingenuity.

John B. Leoni, a young sculptor, whose parents are supposed to reside in Jersey City, who for some time has been an inmate of an asylum, escaped from his keepers some time ago and wandered to Burlington, N. J., where a lively interest was taken in him. He was found roaming aimlessly around the streets, and pending the results of inquiries as to his identity, was placed in the city jail.

Shortly after his incarceration Leoni obtained possession of a piece of soap and proceeded to astonish the jailers. With his finger nails he dexterously began carving the soap and gradually it assumed human shape. When through his labor Leoni had produced a model of an Alpine huntsman. The figure, which is now in possession of Mayor Silpath, is about seven inches in height. The right arm is outstretched, the hand encircling the neck of a duck, which is as carefully reproduced as the figure of the hunter. The left hand hangs by the side, holding a shotgun. At the feet of the hunter lies the figure of a retriever, wistfully gazing at the game his master holds aloft.

Leoni is said to have a brother in this city who is an engraver.—New York Press.

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