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Editor James Victorious.

GREELY CENTER, Neb., March 2.—H. G. James appeared before Judge Swain at the appointed hour today and stood trial for the criminal libel suit brought against him by the wire fence men. The result was the discharge of the defendant amid the approving shouts of the assembled spectators.

Mad Dog Scare.

OXFORD, Neb., March 1.—Considerable excitement was created today when a dog belonging to Jacob Struve was seized with hydrophobia. It was promptly dispatched before biting any persons or animals. This is the second or third time Oxford has recently been stirred up over a mad dog scare, and the authorities say that all the dogs must either go or be muzzled, consequently a lively war of extermination of the canine tribe is in progress.

A Wind Mill Manufactory.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 2.—At a citizens meeting last evening it was decided to give a bonus of \$3,000 and about three acres of land to Dean & Worley, who have incorporated as the Gilt Edge Manufacturing company, for the purpose of manufacturing wind mills. The bonus was raised today, and work on the factory will be begun at once. Fifteen thousand dollars will be invested in buildings and machinery to start with. They expect to have the factory in running order in sixty days.

An Exciting Runaway.

DAVID CITY, Neb., March 2.—A team driven by Dr. Barker ran away last evening and after wrecking the buggy became separated and came tearing up Perkins avenue. One of them made direct for the Doty block and went crashing through a plate glass window of the post-office, the front part of which is occupied by C. D. Taylor's jewelry store. The other madened beast selected the middle of the sidewalk down the east side of the square, and ran over Yot We and Cid Gates, two Chinese laundrymen, and came near crushing under foot the baby and carriage of Mrs. Will Carpenter.

Mayor Minehart to Be Tried.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 2.—The Grace Methodist church trouble is growing apace. It is given out today that specific charges have been made out against Pastor Minehart, and that they are now in the hands of Presiding Elder Miller, and will be acted upon in a few days. It is probable that the church trial will be on the sensational order. It is understood that the charges as preferred, accuse Minehart with teaching doctrines from the pulpit not in conformity with the doctrines of the church; that he has been in the habit of treating members of the charge in a harsh and disrespectful manner, not only in a social way, but in his use of language from the pulpit. The charges will be presented to Minehart tomorrow by the presiding elder who holds the regular quarterly meeting at the church at that time. It is also said that the accused will be given two weeks to secure council, prepare his answer and get ready for the trial.

The Prince of Coolavin.

We are told of McDermot, known as the Prince of Coolavin, who belonged to one of the principal Connaught families, that his income in 1776 barely amounted to £100 a year, yet he never suffered his children to sit down in his presence. Lady Morgan adds that his daughter-in-law alone was permitted to eat at his table; even his wife was not accorded this privilege, as, though well born, she was not of royal blood. When Lord Kingsborough, Mr. Ponsonby, Mr. O'Hara, Mr. Sanford, and others, all men of position, came to see him he only took notice of the two last named, whom he thus addressed: "O'Hara, you are welcome! Sanford, I am glad to see your mother's son" (his mother was an O'Brien). "As to the rest of ye, come in as ye can."—Blackwood's Magazine.

Hens Versus Cows.

A few miles from the city of London resides a gentleman and his good wife, owning and tilling fifty acres of land. The gentleman has always had great faith in his cows paying well, but thought the hens a bill of expense. The lady, on the other hand, contended that the hens paid better than the cows. Accordingly one spring she determined to keep books for one season and ascertain the respective merits of both. She credited the hens with all eggs laid, and interesting indeed was the contest as the time drew nigh for receiving the check from the cheese factory. But it came at last, and behold, the hens were ahead, and so it continued throughout the season.

One hundred hens to three cows, and as they had decided in the spring that it would cost about the same to keep each, the gentleman was forced to yield the point and admit that the hens were most profitable; and if others would keep an exact account they would be surprised at the result, but most farmers do not give their hens credit for anything except what eggs are taken to market. It is not at all difficult to make hens pay 11 per head per annum if properly cared for. The writer on one occasion made 31 per head on five dark Brahma hens after paying all expenses. This, it will be understood, was per eggs and meat done, not for breeding stock, as half a dollar was the highest price realized for young birds.—Farmers' Advocate.

Cannonading for Rain.

A rather peculiar petition was presented to the Kansas house by Mr. Sherman, of Rooks county. It was from 132 citizens of that county. They want the legislature to make an appropriation for the purpose of experimenting in the matter of securing artificial rainfall by means of cannonading. The petition was as follows: "We, your petitioners, many of us veterans of the late war, knowing from experience that heavy rainfalls followed each battle or heavy cannonading, and believing that this fact indicates that man may produce rainfall by artificial perturbation of the atmosphere when otherwise it would not be experienced, and believing it would be wise for the state of Kansas to make a reasonable experiment in the matter of attempting to produce artificial rainfall, would most respectfully ask you to make an appropriation out of the treasury for the purpose of such experiments either by cannonading or otherwise as may be deemed best."—Kansas City Star.

A Queer Statue of Queen Victoria.

Everybody knows that the Princess Louise is not a mere amateur dabbler, but a real artist in sculpture, and the statue of the queen on which she is engaged, and which is to be erected in Kensington Gardens, between the palace and the round pond, will certainly be as daring in design as it will be novel. It is intended to represent her majesty as she appeared on the memorable morning in June, 1837, when it was announced to her that she was queen of England. It will be remembered—Sir George Hayter's picture has commemorated it—that upon the occasion the Princess Victoria appeared in the scantiest of attire—a mere robe de nuit, with a shawl hastily flung over it. Rumor has it that the Princess Louise is succeeding in giving to this decidedly unconventional attire the appearance of quite classical drapery.—London Life.

Secret Hiding Places.

One of the most interesting features of our country houses is the secret hiding place. This generally has been contrived with much architectural skill, and in days gone by baffled discovery from the most observant and experienced eye. In certain cases it would appear that, for some reason or other, the hiding place has been specially kept a secret among members of the family. Thus, in the north of England, may be mentioned Netherhall, near Maryport, Cumberland, the seat of the old family of Benhouse. In this time honored mansion there is said to be a real secret chamber, its exact position being only known to two persons—the heir-in-law and the family solicitor.

According to the popular tradition the secret of the hidden room has never been revealed to more than two living persons at a time! This mysterious room has no window, and, despite every endeavor to discover it, has, it is said, defied the ingenuity of every visitor staying in the house. With this secret chamber may be compared the one at Glamis, the latter possessing a window, but which has not led to the identification of the mysterious room.—Liverpool Courier.

Street Cars in the City of Mexico.

While the principal cities of this country are no doubt very favorable places for street railway investors, yet in proportion to their number and wealth the people of the City of Mexico contribute more, perhaps, to the support of their horse cars than those of any other city. Nobody seems to walk there who can scrape together enough to ride. Mules are the motive power, and these thin beasts gallop along at a reckless pace under constant lashing from their driver. There are first, second and third class cars, which vary in price from a real (about 12 cents) down to 2 cents. The first class coaches are about as comfortable as the Broadway cars of New York. The second class cars have small windows near the roof without glass, a bench running lengthwise along either wall, and another without a back down the center. Third class cars carry freight and Indians indiscriminately. One road, which extends far out of the city to the principal cemetery, runs funeral cars draped in mourning, and does a big business in funerals.

As all the lines meet at the principal square of the city, the morning coaches can be switched off to any part of the town. At the cemetery they are side tracked to await the return of the funeral party.—Street Railway Journal.

A Maori Essay on the Ostrich.

The following copy of a composition of a New Zealand boy on the subject of "What Do You Know About an Ostrich?" was received by a lady in this city from a friend in England who takes an active part in missionary work:

"The ostrich is an African animal that lives on sand and generally hunts on horseback. The female makes a nest in the sand, which is simply a deep hole, and then the male lays in it ten or twelve eggs, which he hatches, for making ornaments and for food for his family. These eggs chase their parent all over the desert till he is quite tired, poor fellow!

"The three tail feathers of this ostrich form the motto 'I serve,' and they belong to the Prince of Wales, who is also fond of these tail feathers. This ostrich is often used for drinking cups and other various amusements, but it is chiefly valued for the beautiful feathers, which are found on his legs—and those that grow on the egg shell."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Stephenson's Leisure Hours.

George Stephenson, the great railway pioneer, did not know his alphabet until he was 18 years of age; but he no sooner became convinced of the necessity of learning to read in order to get on in the world than he set about it with all the energy he possessed, and went to school (though he made rather a big schoolboy) while he was working twelve hours a day at very laborious work. Beside learning to read and write and acquiring the other elements of education, he mended clocks and shoes for his neighbors in his "leisure hours." George Stephenson's example shows that a great deal may be done if we only make up our minds to do it.—Boston Herald.

Hand Spinning and Weaving.

First of all, to answer the question, Does it pay? which is the average Englishman's first question. I want my project to be, as all honest schemes ought to be, self supporting; so I am glad to be able to reply that it does pay, even in the hard and fast commercial sense. I had been mindful of a maxim of Mr. Howells in one of his books, "Before you learn to do a thing, pray be sure people want it." I find people do want the Langdale linen, for without advertising or publicity I have orders from all parts of England for many hundreds of yards. And it pays, too, in a coin current in another kingdom than this: pays a hundred fold in the glad, uncounted treasure of brightened homes and hearths made happy with sweet and honest labor.

I reap, too, all to myself, a little harvest of pleasant sights and sounds. It gladdens me greatly to pass a cottage door and to hear from within the soft murmur of the wheel. Once too, on a wild November day, I saw a strange, weird vision of the Fates, not Narcissus crowned, but here alive before me as three Westmoreland women. Little did the three spinsters think as they drew and cut the tangled thread from the distaff that they were setting forth in homely fashion under the crags of Loughrigg the tremendous myth of life and death preached centuries ago under the olive groves of Greece.—Albert Fleming in Century.

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