

LAND IN THE ASYLUMS.

Many Inventors Overtax Their Brains and Become Crazy.

"A lunatic asylum is about the last place anyone would search in for ingenious and valuable inventions, isn't it?" said the resident physician of one of the largest of these institutions.

"It's very simple. Two of its components are in every kitchen and the rest in every chemist's shop. I have successfully tested it myself recently on two occasions when crossing the channel in very stormy weather.

"As an instance of the cleverness of lunatics, it may interest you to know that a very valuable improvement connected with machinery and now in daily use everywhere was invented by the inmate of an asylum well known to every one by name.

"A lunatic in an asylum where I was once assistant physician invented a flying machine and had a unique method of suspending it in midair.

"The chaplain of an asylum in the North once told me of a madman there who had a plan for laying a cable round the world in two days.

"It is true that the child is father to the man. Bismarck showed at a very early age one of the most salient traits of his manhood—the faculty of dodging his enemies and setting their most carefully laid plans at naught.

A formal conspiracy was hatched to the prejudice of the intractable youngster who refused to be dealt with as one of the new comers had been.

The new boy, however, plunged headlong into the water, dived and came up on the opposite bank!

National Insurance in Germany. The compulsory contributions of the German working people to the national insurance funds have grown in a few years to enormous sums.

She Had Him. Wife—George, didn't you say you were the heaviest batter in the nine last summer?

Wife—Well, would you mind beating a carpet for me about half an hour?—Texas Siftings.

No many men are wearing uniforms now that the surest way to attract attention is not to wear one.

CIVILIZATION HAS PERILS.

Old Pioneer Prefers to Take His Chances on the Plains.

"So you were a pioneer in the early days of the West?" "I was," answered the graybeard.

"Lived with a rifle in your hands and in hourly expectation of being the mark for a hidden enemy's bullet?" "It was something like that."

"Do you know, I often think that a life like that must be terrible. I should think the mere strain on the nerves would kill a man in a short time—holding your life in your hand all the time—always conscious that a moment's relaxation of vigilance may mean death."

"Oh, I don't know," replied the graybeard. "When I came back from the West I was 60 years old and did not have a gray hair. I got off the railroad train and started to walk across the street.

"I started to walk up-town, and the first crossing I came to a policeman grabbed me by the shoulder and jerked me across so quick that it made my head swim. I looked to see what was the matter, for there were no car tracks on that street, and I saw that I had just escaped being run down by a black man who was hurrying to catch a train.

"I went to bed and about midnight I was called up by a bell ringing over my head and found the place on fire. I had to slide down a rope to escape.

"When I looked in the glass next day I saw the first streaks of gray that had ever showed themselves in my hair. Oh, there's dangers in civilized life as well as out on the plains!"—Buffalo Express.

"The American Dollar Dog." The San Francisco Call prints an extended obituary notice of Tony, a dog who died at Cheyenne, Wyo., recently aged 8 years.

When Tony was a year old he was found to have an unaccountable craving for American silver dollars.

Tony would refuse to pick up a counterfeit dollar, a Mexican dollar, a five-franc piece or a twenty-dollar gold piece, but would catch a good American dollar in his mouth before it could reach the ground whenever one was thrown to him.

He became the talk of the town, and was always shown to visitors as one of the attractions of the city.

The dog's wonderful faculty was fully tested when he was about 2 years old, when he was taken to Denver, and in the presence of a number of bank officials and other coin experts tested with coins by the United States Treasury Department.

Upon one occasion a dollar of doubtful appearance was given to Tony's owner. Thinking it was counterfeit, Mr. Brown threw it to Tony, who without hesitation picked it up.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The gold reserve stood last night at \$98,003,385. The day's withdrawals were \$104,000.

There was no information for publication at the treasury for the contemplated action of New York banks in coming to the relief of the treasury.

Assistant Secretary Curtis said he had "no official information" to give out. The treasury has about \$8,000,000 in United States notes and about \$36,000,000 in Sherman notes and it can readily exchange \$20,000,000 of these for gold.

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At Shelbyville Clear creek overflowed the lower portion of the town and put out the fires in the gas works.

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Killed Them All

HUNTSVILLE, W. Va., July 21.—Six miles above here occurred one of the most horrible murders ever known on the upper Ohio waters.

At 3 o'clock yesterday morning I was awakened by Etta Robbins cutting my father with a double bit ax. My sisters, Lottie and Nettie, ran into our room and Miss Robbins turned on them.

The woman acknowledges the killing of A. J. Call, but denies killing the others. Call's head was almost cut off and his heart was visible from a wound in his breast.

Second Convention. CHICAGO, July 21.—If the expectations of the executive committee of the gold money democracy of Illinois are realized, there will be another democratic national convention not later than September 1.

St. Louis, July 20.—The Bryan element held a meeting at a late hour yesterday afternoon, which was attended by a number of the most prominent populists in the city.

Must Reform. ST. LOUIS, July 21.—The California delegation to the populist convention has issued an open letter to the democratic presidential nominee, William J. Bryan, urging him to go before the country as the nominee of the populist party.

Baptists Leave Denver. MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 21.—There is considerable comment among the Baptists of changing the convention of 1898 from Denver to Chattanooga.

Saved Her Life. MUNCIE, Ind., July 24.—Miss Bessie P. Vanderver of this city was engaged to be married to Noah E. Yount of Troy, O., and arrangements had been made to have the wedding take place Monday afternoon.

Physicians were called in, but their medicine was of no use. They stated that her life was in great danger and if it was her intention to be married it would be best to have the affair over as soon as possible.

Highwaymen. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 24.—The six-horse stage operated in connection with the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf railroad, running between this city and Cripple Creek, was held up and robbed by three highwaymen this afternoon at Beaver Park, twenty miles from Colorado Springs.

Conference Held.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Pursuant to the call issued by the democratic organization of Indiana, which is opposed to the Chicago platform and in favor of holding another nominating convention to declare against free silver, a conference of representative democrats from nine states was held last night at the Auditorium hotel.

The unanimous sentiment of the conference was that another democratic convention should be called and the following resolution to that end was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that there should be a democratic national convention held, a democratic platform enunciated and a democratic ticket nominated for the office of a president and a vice-president of the United States, said convention to be held not later than September.

The matter of detail as to the call was left to a committee of one from each of the states represented, which the chair appointed as follows: Indiana, John R. Wilson; Iowa, Henry Vollmer; Ohio, S. H. Holding; Michigan, W. R. Shelby; Kentucky, George M. Davis; Missouri, L. C. Crauthorn; Wisconsin, Senator Vilas and General Bragg; Illinois, Henry S. Robbins.

Early in the meeting there was clearly defined opposition to taking immediate action towards issuing the convention call and protracted debate ensued as to the details and mode of procedure.

Those who opposed immediate action did so on the ground that the delegates were individuals who had no authority to represent anyone but themselves.

The Chicago platform was denounced as revolutionary, anarchistic, populist and undemocratic to the core.

General Bragg, who was chairman of the Wisconsin delegation at Chicago, presided over the conference and C. A. Ewing, chairman of the Illinois executive committee, was elected secretary.

A large batch of letters and telegrams showing that eastern men were represented in spirit was read.

Chicago will probably be chosen as the place for holding the convention.

LONDON, July 24.—The trial of the action for divorce brought by Hon. Walter Yarde-Buller against his wife, formerly Miss Kirkham, daughter of Gen. R. W. Kirkham of San Francisco, Cal., began in the probate, divorce and admiralty division of the high court of justice yesterday.

The plaintiff alleges cruelty and adultery, naming Valentine Gadesden of San Francisco as co-respondent. The defendant denies the allegation and makes counter charges.

W. Yarde-Buller sets forth that he was married to Miss Kirkham in 1886. Shortly after their marriage he found that his wife was addicted to drink and after their return to England she repeatedly threatened to stab him to death and frequently struck him.

The plaintiff on the witness stand denied that his domestic troubles were due to his own drinking habits or that he had ever struck his wife as she accuses him of having done.

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