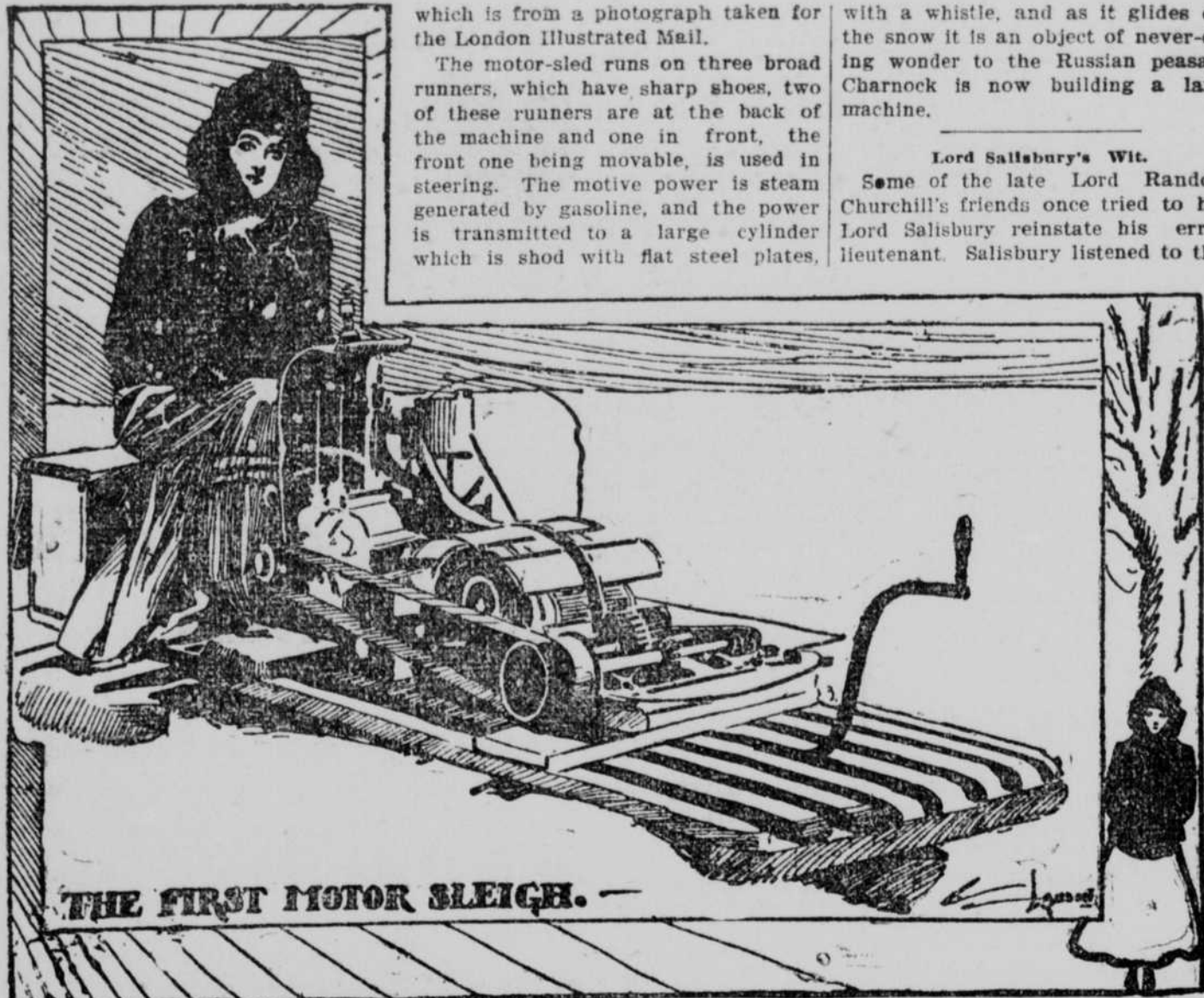


Here's the Ice Automobile



which is from a photograph taken for the London Illustrated Mail.

The motor-sled runs on three broad runners, which have sharp shoes, two of these runners are at the back of the machine and one in front, the front one being movable, is used in steering. The motive power is steam generated by gasoline, and the power is transmitted to a large cylinder which is shod with flat steel plates,

with a whistle, and as it glides over the snow it is an object of never-ending wonder to the Russian peasants. Charnock is now building a larger machine.

Lord Salisbury's Wit.

Some of the late Lord Randolph Churchill's friends once tried to have Lord Salisbury reinstate his erratic lieutenant. Salisbury listened to them

While all the rest of the world is experimenting with automobiles, snow-clad and ice-bound Russia has had to look on in idleness, but now comes M. Clement J. Charnock of Sereda, Russia, with an automobile sleigh, auto-sleigh or motor-sled, or indeed anything you would like to call it. The inventor already has an experimental machine which has given entirely satisfactory results. This machine is shown in the picture printed above,

having sharp edges bent down, so that as the plate rests flat upon the snow its sharpened edge grips the snow or ice surface, taking up just enough of the sled's weight to keep the plate from slipping.

The picture does not show the driver's seat, which is immediately in front of the big cylinder, and from which he manipulates his engine and also steers with the tiller, which is shown. The little vehicle is fitted

patiently and then asked: "Have any of you ever had a carbuncle on the back of your neck?" "No," was the reply. "Well, I have," retorted his lordship, "and I don't want another."

This Ought to Get Monotonous.

Mr. Henry Blount, son of Sir Edward Blount, recently took his thousandth trip across the British Channel. He is a director of the French Ouessant railroad.

Sewing Machines as Loot.

Above all things Tommy Atkins heart loves a sewing machine. Although he must know that he can never succeed in getting it home to England, yet if he finds one in a Boer farm he will tow it along with him, overburdened as he already is, upon the march.

For miles he will martyr his existence with some obsolete and cumbersome machine until such time as sheer physical exhaustion or an irate company officer prohibits further painful possession of the prize.

Wherein the exact fascination lies is a mystery, but grizzled reservist and callow recruit alike cannot resist this housewife's help.—London Daily Mail

Three Million Live at Sea.

It is said that no less than 3,000,000 persons live habitually on the high seas—that is, on the decks of ocean-going ships.

Last year more than one-sixth of this great number of men, or 550,000 persons, came into the single port of New York, and several philanthropic people are actively endeavoring to improve the condition of the sailor when he goes ashore and meets all the temptations which await him on the sea borders of our great cities.

It is a benevolent work which should make strong appeal to the generous instincts of Americans.

Product of Acre of Land.

In Russia the average acre of land because of bad cultivation, produced but one-fifth the amount produced by an acre in America. This is the official statement of her minister of finance.

Yucatan Timber.

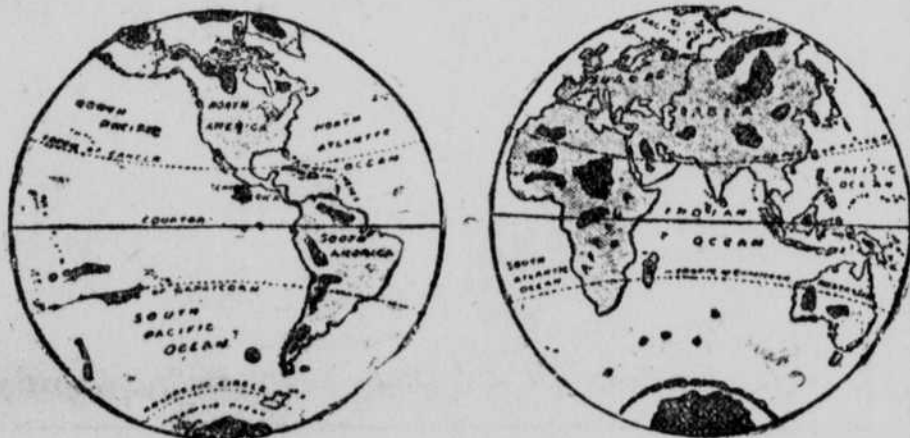
The Yucatan mahogany and logwood forests are to be exploited by a company which will build 275 miles of railway.

Industrial School for Negroes.

An industrial and agricultural school for colored youths of Maryland was opened last month near Laurel in that state.

Since the middle of November last Paris has a Russian high school at which most of the university branches are taught, some of them by eminent Russian fugitives or residents.

Unknown Parts of the World



[Black spots show unexplored portions.]

Mme. Lillian Blauvelt is an American woman who has won rare honors in Europe. She is a singer and has, by command, sung before the Czar of Russia, King Edward and Emperor William.

An even greater honor, however, was the conferring of a medal upon her by La Regia Academia di Santa Cecilia, in Rome. This is a much-sought-after honor, which is nevertheless seldom conferred. It was given Mme. Blauvelt for her perfect art.

At present the distinguished artist is in New York. Her especial forte is singing in cantatas and sacred music.

A Deserted Street in Paris.

A queer discovery has been made in Paris in the shape of a street uninhabited and ignored by all. In the

Giraffes in Plenty.

It seems likely that the zoological gardens of the world will not suffer in future from a scarcity of giraffes, as they have in the past. Giraffes of the North African species are now being shipped to various zoos. The opening up of Kordofan has discovered a good supply of giraffes, and as big game is to a certain extent preserved in this part of Africa it will be possible to export such specimens, from time to time, as may be required for legitimate scientific purposes.

Long-Distance Mail Route.

The speediest long-distance delivery of mail ever accomplished in the world was that of the consignment which left Sydney, Australia, Oct. 15, for London, England, by the American route. A distance of 15,265 miles was covered in thirty-one days, a saving of four days over the Suez Canal route.

NEBRASKA BUILDING LOANS.

Secretary of State Banking Board Reports Improved Conditions.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 10.—Secretary Royle of the State Banking board today began the distribution of the ninth annual report of the building and loan associations of Nebraska. The figures and recommendations are practically as forecasted several months ago. A summary shows that while the number of associations in existence has decreased gradually since 1892, the number of shares in force and the total assets have increased to a marked extent. In 1892 there were seventy-one associations, with 45,012 shares in force and assets amounting to \$2,902,557.67. In 1901 there were fifty-nine associations, with 119,985 shares in force and assets amounting to \$4,314,744.

A comparison of the condition of all associations on June 30 with the condition a year previous shows the following: Decrease in assets, \$617,388; increase in loans, \$506,091.75; decrease in real estate, \$10,151.09; increase in cash, \$86,378.93; increase in other assets, \$57,494.50; increase in number of shares in force, 14,360; decrease in shares upon which dues are delinquent, 3,395.

LIST OF FORGERIES GROWS.

Platte Valley People Estimate the Total at \$150,000.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Feb. 10.—The excitement incident to the failure of the Platte Valley State bank of Bellwood is subsiding, and all fears of violence to A. H. Gould, cashier, and R. S. Gould, assistant cashier, who are in jail in this city, are past.

Reporters sought an interview with A. H. Gould, cashier of the defunct bank. When one of them stated the object of the call Mr. Gould said: "I positively will not talk to newspaper men. The newspapers are getting enough information from other sources and I will have nothing to say."

The only change in the general condition as heretofore reported is that forged notes and mortgages are coming in daily, and as a consequence the amount of the forgeries is growing at a rapid rate.

A very conservative estimate of the amount of the forgeries, so far as known up to this time, is that they will aggregate about \$150,000, and the end is doubtless not yet reached.

Ask Dr. Winship to Speak.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 10.—At its regular meeting the Board of Education voted to follow the usual annual custom that he prevailed here for some years and engage some prominent man to deliver an address to the graduates. The name of Dr. A. E. Winship, the noted educator and journalist of Boston, was proposed and the city superintendent was authorized to secure his services if possible.

A Word to Veterans.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 10.—Adjutant General Mart Howe, by command of Department Commander R. S. Wilcox, has issued general orders No. 10 to Grand Army posts, calling attention to the anniversaries of the birthdays of Washington, Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, and making a plea for old soldiers to encourage their children to affiliate with the Sons and Daughters of Veterans.

Large Acreage of Alfalfa.

ORD, Neb., Feb. 10.—Many hundred acres of alfalfa will be planted in Valley county in the spring, the value of the plant in this county being past the experimental stage. One ranch near Ord has 300 acres of it now, and will increase this to 500 acres in the spring. Many farmers will sow twenty-five to one hundred acres.

Will Plant Much Alfalfa.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Feb. 10.—The Scully land renters in this part of the country have been furnished four hundred bushels of alfalfa seed with which to start alfalfa pastures in this part of the state. This is bound to be a prominent factor in the prosperity of this county.

Tombstones for Old Soldiers.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 10.—A cargo of government tombstones for old soldiers who have found their graves will arrive in Lincoln in a few days, consigned from the War department at Washington to James Heaton, superintendent of burial of old soldiers in Lancaster county.

The kaiser's gift to Miss Alice Roosevelt, in connection with the visit to America of Admiral Prince Henry, is to be a gold jewel case, richly studded with diamonds.

The State Treasury.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 10.—State Treasurer Stuefer's monthly statement shows receipts amounting to \$314,838; expenditures, \$317,445; balance on hand, \$246,957. To this is added \$51,943 unwritten receipts covering money from county treasurer that cannot yet be credited to the proper funds, making a total of \$298,900. The total cash representing trust funds on hand is \$18,793.44; cash in depository banks, \$280,107.19.

CONSUMING MORE LIVE STOCK.

January Shows Large Increase Over a Year Ago.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 8.—Railroads carried to the South Omaha stock yards 770 cars more of live stock this year in January than they did last year. Cattle and hogs are largely increased as to numbers, while sheep and horses show a slight decrease.

During the January just ended there were 3,016 cars, carrying 73,908 head of cattle, as against 2,298 cars carrying 55,456 cattle in January a year ago. This was a net increase of 718 cars and 18,452 cattle.

Hogs rode in on 2,935 cars—230,379 of them, as against 2,809 cars, with 202,477 hogs, a year ago. This is a net increase of 126 cars and 26,902 hogs over a year ago. The larger number of hogs in proportion to the number of cars is accounted for by the fact that the average porcine weight dropped from 234 to 209 pounds.

This year there were 276 cars of sheep, the fleecy passengers numbering 54,875, as against 310 cars, with 64,282 sheep, a year ago, thus making a loss of 34 cars with 9,407 sheep.

There was a drop in horses and mules from 106 cars with 2,489 animals aboard a year ago, to 66 cars with 1,312 of them this year, a loss of forty cars and 1,177 horses and mules.

Thus the total number of cars arriving this January was 6,293, as against 5,523 a year ago—a net gain of 770 cars.

WORMS ATTACK FALL WHEAT.

Destroy Many Plants, but Are Checked by Cold.

FARNAM, Neb., Feb. 8.—Worm attacked the fall wheat which was growing and destroyed considerable quantities of it last fall. The cold wave of December stopped it for a short time and then it recommenced and was only stopped by the present severe spell. Some of these worms were sent to the University of Nebraska to Prof. Bruner for information. He says of them:

"In reply to your favor of the 24th inst. will say that the worms which you sent prove to be a caterpillar somewhat closely related to the fall army worm. I think, however, that the severe winter will do much toward destroying these pests at any rate, if you see various kinds of birds in your field do not disturb them, as they will no doubt destroy large numbers of these worms.

"They are so nearly grown now that very shortly after warm weather they will become fully so and go into the ground before doing much damage to the small grain. No cultivation method can be adopted that will be of much use in destroying them unless soon after the ground thaws in the spring you should go over the field with a roller. In this manner you might crush many of them. Yours very truly,
"LAWRENCE BRUNER,
"Acting State Entomologist."

More Beet Seed.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 8.—Another consignment of beet seed has arrived for the beet fields of Nebraska. Like former consignments this comes from Germany, and is in the bonded warehouse here, where it will remain until sent out to the proprietors of the factories. The shipments this year are larger than usual, which indicates that the acreage is to be greater than during former years.

Ministerial Union Formed.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Feb. 8.—The ministers of the various churches here have perfected an organization to be known as the Ministerial union, electing Rev. John Currie of the Presbyterian church president and Rev. B. Wilson of the Christian church secretary.

Nebraska Woman Dead at 108.

M'COOK, Neb., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Mary Roach, the oldest woman in this state, if not in the United States, died last Friday at the home of her son near Stratton, at the age of 108. Up to the time of her last illness Mrs. Roach had enjoyed the best of health, never having had a serious illness in her life.

Morton En Route for Mexico.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 8.—Ex-Secretary of Agriculture J. Sterling Morton left for Kansas City where he will join his son Paul in a trip to the City of Mexico.

Kills His Baby Brother.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Feb. 8.—A tragedy happened at the home of Hermann Gossman, a farmer living north west of the city. The farmer had prepared to drive into the field to procure some fodder and loaded a shotgun to take along. He temporarily left the loaded gun in the kitchen and during his absence his 7-year-old son picked it up and playfully pointed it at his 3-year-old brother. It exploded, instantly killing the boy.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

Cattle—There was not a heavy run of cattle, so that the market was fairly active and prices steady to strong on all desirable grades of killers. Buyers were early, and it was not long before the bulk of the offerings had been disposed of. There were quite a few beef steers included in the receipts, but the better grades sold freely at steady to strong prices. The cow market took on considerable life, and anything at all good sold at steady to strong prices. Buyers seemed to be anxious for the choice grades, and as offerings were limited there was considerable competition. Stockers and feeders were in rather light receipt, so that steers of good weight and quality sold readily at firm prices. There was no improvement, however, in the demand for the common and lightweight stockers, and prices were uneven, the same as they have been all along. Sellers are obliged to take whatever they can get, as it is hard to even get a bid or common stockers. The demand from the country is almost entirely for the good to choice heavyweight cattle, and for that reason speculators are very slow about buying the common grades.

Hogs—There was a liberal supply of hogs, but the market opened fully 5¢ higher and active. Packers all seemed to be anxious for the hogs, and as a result it was not long before the bulk of the offerings had changed hands. The good weight hogs sold largely from \$6.25 to \$6.35, and as high as \$6.45 was paid. The medium weights sold from \$6.10 to \$6.20, and the lighter loads went from \$6.10 down. Along toward the last end of the market the feeling was not so good, and on the extreme close the advance was practically all lost and the last few loads sold slowly. The hogs that were left until the last, however, were mostly lightweights and of common quality.

Sheep—The following quotations were given: Choice lightweight yearlings, \$5.25 to \$5.50; good to choice yearlings, \$5.00 to \$5.25; choice wethers, \$4.75 to \$5.00; fair to good wethers, \$4.50 to \$4.75; choice ewes, \$4.00 to \$4.40; fair to good ewes, \$3.80 to \$4.00; common ewes, \$2.75 to \$3.00; choice lambs, \$5.75 to \$6.10; fair to good lambs, \$5.50 to \$5.75; feeder wethers, \$3.50 to \$4.00; feeder lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.50; cull lambs, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—Market generally steady; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$5.80 to \$6.00; fair to good, \$4.90 to \$5.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 to \$5.50; western fed steers, \$4.75 to \$5.75; Texas and Indian steers, \$4.40 to \$5.00; Texas cows, \$2.75 to \$4.25; native cows, \$3.00 to \$4.75; heifers, \$3.00 to \$4.00; canners, \$1.75 to \$2.25; bulls, \$2.75 to \$3.00; calves, \$2.40 to \$4.00.

Hogs—Market 5¢ to 10¢ higher; top, \$6.50; bulk of sales, \$5.00 to \$6.00; heavy, \$6.00 to \$6.50; mixed packers, \$5.15 to \$6.45; light, \$5.40 to \$6.25; pigs, \$4.90 to \$5.40.

Sheep and Lambs—Market stronger to 10¢ higher; western lambs, \$5.90 to \$6.10; western wethers, \$4.50 to \$5.75; yearlings, \$5.00 to \$5.50; ewes, \$4.00 to \$4.50; culls, \$2.50 to \$4.00; fed lambs, \$3.50 to \$5.25.

DEFICIENCY BILL IN SENATE.

House Amendments to Measure Disagreed Upon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—When the senate convened yesterday it disagreed to the amendments of the house on the urgency deficiency bill, agreed to the conference asked and appointed Senators Hale, Allison and Teller as conferees on the part of the senate.

At the conclusion of routine business Mr. Patterson of Colorado made a personal explanation of what he had said concerning government affairs toward the treason and sedition laws enacted by the Philippine commission.

Governor Taft, he said, had made a statement before the Philippine commission, in which he said that Mr. Patterson, inadvertently, no doubt, had conveyed a wrong impression to the senate and to the country as to his attitude toward those laws.

Mr. Patterson's statement, Governor Taft said, had put him in the attitude of criticizing his colleagues on the committee. The particular statute was enacted while he was ill, but by anything he may have said he did not intend to convey the impression that he was opposed to laws enacted. The responsibility for their enactment was as much his as of his colleagues.

Cuban Planters Implore Relief.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The Cuban planters' committee, headed by E. P. Machado, has addressed a letter to the committee on ways and means, imploring a 5 per cent reduction on Cuban sugars and expressing a willingness to accept any of the methods proposed to accomplish this object. The letter states that two large estates have already closed, and the situation is described as critical.

Anderson's Job is Safe.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The senate in executive session confirmed the nomination of Thomas H. Anderson to be associate justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

Death of an Iowa Physician.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 8.—Dr. H. P. Martin, a prominent physician of Delta, Ia., died suddenly here today while on a visit to relatives.

Rivals Kill Each Other.

SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 8.—Word comes from Bossier parish that at a plantation eighteen miles below Shreveport two negroes, named Duke Boynton and Jim Path, quarreled over the affection of a negress. They agreed to fight it out, retired to the district levee, counted off the distance, drew their pistols and had a duel without seconds or surgeons. When the smoke cleared away both men were dead.