#### WEATHER AND THE BOBOLINK.

Those weatherwise farmers of northern indiana who prophesy an early autumn because of the departure of the bobolink southward two or three weeks earlier than usual should consider the bird's peculiarities. It is not because he considers summer nearly over, but because he has raised a new family early that he now starts southward, in all probability. "Robert of Lincoln" departs for the rice fields of the midsouth coast with the ability of his brood to fly. He and his mate me to us early and depart early, says the Chicago Record-Herald. He has now a new coat and will fill himself with rice, so that he will soon be in prime condition as the "rice bird" of the Carolinas. He spends the winter in Central or South America, if be escapes the shotguns of the coast hunters, and is billed for return appearances next April or May. One of the results of hot weather is the quick fulfillment of many natural events and actions. The weather prophets of the "rural districts" often satisfy themselves, but not the scientists.

Germany is not the first place in the world to which one would look for a movement in the direction of relief from conventionality. However, a Men's Dress Reform society has been founded in Berlin, with the object of bringing masculine attire to a higher bygienic standard. The society protests against the "airtight armor plating" of the starched shirt front, the cast-fron rule of black frock-coats for weddings and funerals alike, and the general system of dress which involves the wearing of many tight-fitting garments each overlapping the other. Stiff collars and cuffs are also tabooed. It is said that the society will begin its propaganda among artists and other mes of independent standing, like writers, physicians and sportsmen. Berlin has not had great success as a starter of women's fashons, but that is no reason why it should fall in "setting the pace" for men. The result of the new undertaking will be awaited with interest.

The reckless motorists and those who are insolent both in demands and ing much to provoke antagonism which will react on the whole sport of automobiling, says the Baltimore American. There are a large number pathetic echo in Chicago. A reporter er a woman is stout or slender. Corothers, who do not abuse their privi- her slim, graceful figure. leges, are not only willing but also "I admit that the New York woman male person is that the American womwith consideration and courtesy. But as in other cases, these innocent ones have to suffer for the stred." sake of the guilty, and will be poweriess to check the adverse public opin- that women "waddle ponderously" at York," said Mme. Jeanne, at the head arrogance are bound to engender. It overeating and drinking. The average the New York woman has made a fine is another count against the reckless weight-New York figures-is 165 start toward ruining her figure with and ill feeling against a large class who do not deserve either

suit his taste, must combine the best es of women. points of the women of all nations. tut one trouble with a quest of this kind is that the ideal woman herself if found, may also be looking for the ideal husband.

reasonable proposition. A powerful machine, with all its possibilities of speed, in streets used by men, women and children, is entirely too dangerous a toy for irresponsible boys who think nothing of the rights of others and of possible accident, but are heedlessly intent only on "going fast," Rear Admiral Motoki Tells of spector-general of Japanese naval consays the Baltimore American. Aiready in a fatal accident the plea of extreme youth has been set up as a de fense, and this fact should add weight to the arguments for taking the han- Work Done at Four Ship-Building dling of automobiles from irresponsible persons. If youth and intoxication are allowed as mitigating circumstances in accidents, then there will be no safety in the highways and the city streets for anybody.

Again has a New York society wornan found that it does not pay to try to best the customs inspection. The woman who makes the effort is not only foolish, but is compelled to pay a high price for her folly.

A man in St. Louis tried to kill him self because his bride was always wanting to kigs him. Another man lately applied for a divorce because his bride insisted on being unkissed. And yet the men declare it is the women who are difficult to please.

It is stated that the panic of 1907 considerably affected the conscience fund in New York. The consciences of the public probably were active, but the pocket nerve was paralyzed.

According to Danish laws, automobiles are forbidden to pass trolley cars at a rate faster than one mile an bong. When it comes to keeping a tight rein over reckless motoring. ere is nothing rotten in the state of

The St. Louis giri who announced that it was proper for a girl to drink a highball has married a tectotaler Evidently she believes that one drinking person is enough in one family.

#### GREAT OHIO RIVER IMPROVEMENT



THE formal opening of the great Fernbank dam near Cincinnati the other day marked a long step forward in the improvement of the Ohio river as a traffic water way. Very appropriately, too, the event came on the centennial of the first steamboat trip down that river, made by Captain Roosevelt, a great-uncle of the ex-president. The Fernbank dam, for which \$1,300,000 was appropriated, is part of the general scheme to create a ninefoot stage in the river from Pittsburg to Cairo.

## **VOMEN NOT TOO FAT**

Chicago Experts Pooh-Pooh New York Pessimist's Views.

Women Here Are Slender and As to Gotham, Says One Dressmaker, They May Be Fleshy, but Another Doubts It.

Chicago.-"Why are there so many fat women?"-Quotation from a New York dispatch in a morning newspa-

"There are not!"-Answer of Chicago experts on the figure feminine. Some little old New Yorker, with manner to the general public are do his Broadwise eyes, has been making observations in the eastern city, but "profound dismay" at what he calls "the alarming corpulence of our middle aged women" finds no sym- is beyond any poor man to tell wheth- is building at Yokosuka. and consideration for the rights of the Chicago woman, at least, retains average.

anxious to comply with all the pro- is a little prone to stoutness," said an cannot wear a hobble skirt be- be 27,500 tons, and with their high Miss A. M. Nichols, manager of a large cause her hips are too broad. That downtown corset shop, "but the Chi- New York man certainly should take cago woman still has the loose, ath- a trip outside of his city. Why, the letic lines, so much admired and de- hobble was made for the slender lines

The New York dispatch deplores

24 waist. to hunt for a perfect wife, who, to ence, and I handle all sorts and class- other sent him off in a panic.

"How does she do it? Why, by taknight. She exercises systematicallythat is, when she is advised to exer-The establishing of an age limit for cise to keep in condition she does not common sense.

class in name only. No women take gun mountings are manufactured, the better care of themselves than Chi- progress in output having been sufficago society women. However, the cient to supply the armament of alappreciation of the luxurious never de most all the warships built in late velops into a mad chase. It is tem- years. Kure also possesses steel and pered with right living. As far as armor plate works, the latter plant getting old and 'matronly' at thirty- having been started in 1902. The arfive is considered-well, she just mor is made by a special process dedon't

"This New York man says he has counted four stout women to every stout man. Just go out on the street any time and make observation and see how far from fitting the Chicago condition that New York observation comes."

Miss Anna Snyder, manager of another shop and an expert fitter, at Kobe. Each has just received an laughed when she read the dispatch. "Isn't that just like a man?" she smiled. "Why, with modern lacing it while a fourth vessel of the same type

of automobilists who operate their ma- visited half a dozen corset dealers and setting has become such a science that chines carefully and with due care fitters and found them agreed that women strike a more symmetrical "Another sapient remark by this

> of the Chicago feminine figure." "Well, I just returned from New

ion which so much recklessness and thirty-five, a condition reached by of another establishment, "and while ones that they are bringing discredit pounds and suit sizes a 38 bust and immoderate eating and drinking, I fear she is not so far past redemption "The average Chicago woman weighs as the New York man would have us under 150 pounds," continued Miss think. Perhaps he has a preference Nichols. "She wears a 36 bust and a for the splender type and one or two A Gotham broker has gone abroad 24 waist. That has been my experi- stout women seen one right after the

"At any rate, we need not worry over Miss Chicago becoming stout. ing care of herself. For instance, she She knows how to care for herself and does not overeat. She has a practical is acquainted with the fact that moddiet, which everybody should have. eration in living means moderation in She does not eat at all hours of the figure. That is why the Chicago person is often surprised to hear visitors comment on the general beauty of the women of the city. To him it has beoperators of automobiles is a perfectly go violently pell-mell at it. She uses come so common that he does not realize the fairness of the city until "Then our leisure class is a leisure he has himself been on a visit."

## Big Japanese Navy

Great Progress Made.

Yards Enables Japan to Attain Position in Front Rank of Naval Powers.

London.-The development by the Japanese of their naval resources since the end of the war with Russia is a subject about which not much inmation of an authentic character had been divulged, but a flood of light was shed upon the matter in the papers read by delegates from Japan at Architects, just held in London. Rear Admiral Motoki Kondo, the in-

struction, who contributed a paper on the progress of his department, dealt first with the four navy yards, two of which, those at Yokosuka and Kure, have launched eight armored ships since 1905. It must be remembered that before that year the largest vessel built in Japan was a four-thousandton protected cruiser.

Yokosuka dockyard was started in 1865, and its first dock opened in 1870. Only wooden ships were built until 1885, and from that year until 1905 only gunboats and small cruisers. Today the yard employs more than eight thousand men and occupies 116 acres, having two large and three small building slips and four graving docks, the International Congress of Navai all of which will take any warship

The Kure navy yard was begun only ed his 291 pounds to the chase.

HAREMS ARE FEW IN TURKEY the fourth in the succession of the

Mistaken Idea That Each Husband Takes Advantage of Plural Marriages-Polygamy Is Rare.

Constantinopie.-There exists in Europe and America a mistaken notion that almost every married Turk has several wives, that he is at liberty to marry as many times as he likes, and that it is for him just as easy to divorce a wife as to change an overcoat. Polygamy in Turkey is the exception, and not the rule, the law to provide for his new life comone wife. In the metropolis itself polygamy does not amount to five per cent. It is rarely met with in other big centers of the Ottoman empire, save among the richest and most powerful functionaries, and even then plurality of wives is an excep-

The legal number of wives is four. Only the padishah and caliph is al- he has covered 478,000 miles. He must lowed to have more, being a person beyond and above limitations and restrictions of that kind. The prophet Mohammed had seven wives and All, will receive \$30,000.

the section and with laptist church.

caliphate, had nine. One of the chief causer of the plu-

rality of wives being so rare among the Turks is that, while the prophet and the Koran permit the faithful worshipers of Islam to marry four times, they also provide strict injurctions of a religious and ethical naond marriage is bound by an explicit attorneys' offices. panion a separate dwelling place, in every respect similar to that of his first wife, as well as an equal number cf slaves and servants.

Boy Walks 478,000 Miles. Portland, Ore.—Julius Rath, picked from 100 newsboys of St. Louis 14 years ago to walk 500,000 miles in 18 years, reached Portland. He announces

Onions Are Enjoined. Des Moines, Iowa.-Judge De Graff.

suka, having two large slips, besides

smaller ones for torpedo craft, and

two graving docks, with two others

under construction. Here guns and

vised by Japanese engineers, and has

The two other navy yards, the

Sasewo and the Maidzuru, are on a

smaller scale, being used for repair

work and the construction of small

craft. In addition, there are now two

private shipyards capable of building

armorclads, one at Nagasaki, the other

order for a battle cruiser similar to

the ship ordered in England last year,

In the course of his paper on naval

engineering in Japan, Rear Admiral

Terugoro Fujii stated that these four

new battle cruisers fitted with tur-

speed and gun power, when they are

completed in 1914 they will make a

potent flying squadron in the Pacific.

The turbine has been adopted for all

ships begun since 1905, some vessels

being fitted with the Curtis turbine.

and others with that of the Parsons

type. The boilers in use in the Jap-

anese navy are of a new design, first

tried in a cruiser in 1903. These

"navy type" boilers, as they are

called, will be installed in the new

battle cruisers. Previous armorclads

built in Japan had been fitted with

Miyabara boilers, the invention of the

in warship building capacity, mer-

chant ship-building in Japan has also

made progress, as is shown by the

paper on this subject contributed by

the director of the mercantile marine

bureau. He begins by saying that in

1853, when an American fleet, under

Commodore Perry, appeared off the

Japanese coast, the shogun's govern-

ment was surprised at the enormous

size of the warships and awakened

from the indolent dreams of the past.

The gross tonnage of vessels built

under the shipbuilding encouragement

law from 1897 to 1910 was 286,501 tons.

Japan is not, however, perfectly self-

supporting as regards the supply of

steel for shipbuilding, as although the

government works opened in 1898 can

produce 100,000 tons yearly, builders

But the progress made during the

have still to import foreign material.

last decade is sufficiently striking, en-

abling Japan, as it has done, to reach

and maintain a position in the front

rank of the naval powers of the world.

Fat Men Chase a Pig.

race at the outing of the Frank J.

Dotzler association, because the alder-

man and a committee of six fat men

who were carrying the pig to the East

Third street pier, chased it over-

board. It was a 92-pound pig, and the

combined weight of the committee

that chased it is 1,785 pounds, ex-

clusive of Alderman Dotzler, who add-

New York.—There was not a pig

Side by side with the development

Japanese admiral of that name.

given good results.

few weeks ago, effectively ended the street car strike, has issued an injunction against the odor of cooking cnions. Lawyers who have offices in the lowa Loan and Trust building told the court they did not relish the ture, which every Mussulman has to odors which escaped from the chimadhere to if he doesn't want to be ney of a restaurant across the alley. excommunicated from the fold of Judge De Graff ordered the rest-urant orthodox Islamism. Thus, a Tu-k company to raise its chimney high who is desirous of contracting a sec- enough to carry the odors above the

> Bees Make World's Record. London.-What is believed to be a world's record has been created by hive of bees on the farm of Mr. J. Selley at Cadeleigh, Devon. No less than 147 pounds of honey has been taken from the hive, and had there been twenty other hives there they would have done as well, says the expert who removed the honey from the hive. The whole of the honey was gathered from white clover and is of the best quality.

# IN THE PERIOD FYT

#### STOLYPIN A MUCH HATED MAN



Peter Arcadgevitch Stolypin, the Russian premier, who was assassinated, was noted throughout the courts of Europe as a courtier and a master of ceremonies. Despite his courtly bearing and the great love the czar as a synonym for the hangman's noose. Death sentences and executions were reported daily from his office, without the slightest comment or word of explanation. Cold grim figures alone made known the work of the hangman.

Two attempts before that which relife. He had not long been a member of the cabinet as minister of the interior when the revolutionists blew

his house almost to pieces, injuring his little girl so that she is crippled for life. Weaker men than he would have retired, at least for a time, from the physical development at which he is policy which had engendered the attack, but not Stolypin. He stuck to the course he had outlined and dared the revolutionists and assassins to do their worst. Several times it was announced that his reign as minister of the in terior was at an end, but he kept the portfolio just the same. Stolypin was a marvel of physical energy. No problem was too great for

bim to assume. He carried a heavier official burden than any statesman of Europe. His daily life, from which he never varied, was a model for the officials of St. Petersburg. In some cases he tempered the exercise of his authority with humanity and in other cases packed courts and sunrise executions spelled the end of whoever disputed him or the emperor.

Throughout his political life he played the dual role of murderer and hu manitarian. To those whom he condemned he was the hangman, but to the enemies of those he condemned he was a great humanitarian who lived for Russia. He ruled as the will of a cowardly monarch made him. in the official life of Russia he will forever be known as the courtier. But to the people of the lower classes there will be one synonym for the dead premier, and that will be, "Stolypin's necktie."

#### **MAYOR UNDER INVESTIGATION**

Thomas E. Knotts, mayor of Gary, Ind., the steel trust's "Magic City," has been arrested for the alleged taking of a bribe of \$5,000 from T. B. Dean, who was endeavoring to get the city fathers of Gary to give him, in behalf of his company, a heating franchise. "Mayor Tom," as Knotts is called, denies the charge of bribery and says that the whole thing is a "frame-up." He avers a base plot has been hatched to get him and his aldermen out of office, a plot to blacken his good name.

Dictagraphs, such as were used at Columbus, O., to get evidence against bribed members of the Ohio legislature, were used in Gary to get evidence against the mayor as well as against seven other officials. All these officials are alleged to have sought from \$1,000 to \$10,000 from Dean for the purpose of putting his franchise through the council. Dean claims the mayor demanded \$5. his desk at the city hall.

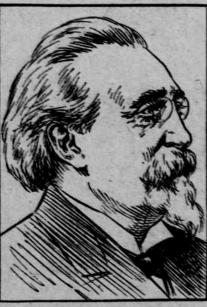
000 to sign the franchise after it had passed the council. The mayor signed and, after the signing, officers found \$5,900 in an envelope in a pigeonhole in Mayor Knotts went to Gary "broke" four years ago, living in a rude hut

on the sand wastes. Today he is rated a millionaire and lives in one of Gary's

Knotts has been constantly embroiled in samblers' and saloonkeepers wars and both factions have tried in vain to have him impeached. In the latter part of 1909 a plot was discovered in the settlement of Gary's foreign population to assassinate him. The leaders of the plot were arrested, but were never placed on trial.

If the charges of graft and corruption against city officials are true, Gary, the model city of the Steel trust, has little to learn from other places in the way of political degradation. The town has had a hot time politically ever since its organization. Several times it has required the services of squads of deputy sheriffs and even of the state militia.

#### PORTUGAL'S NEW PRESIDENT



Portugal, Dr. Manuel Arriaga, has a hard task before him. When the re public was proclaimed in October 1910, a provisional government was established and, beset by reactionary tendencies on every side, it found dif ficulties in maintaining itself. The monarchists were active in undermin ing its stability and many of the re publicans who aided in the overthrow of the monarchy became lukewarm in their support of the republic because disappointed in obtaining the sweets

of political office. Not long since the National Assem bly chose a new president and adopted a constitution. The choice for president, Dr. Arriaga, is popular, but whether this popularity will remain after he is in office long enough to make enemies is another question Meantime the supporters of the exiled King Manuel are active both in Por tugal and outside its borders and at

the present time Portuguese troops are being employed to repel a possible invasion by monarchists from the Spanish province of Galicia. That there is discontent of a widespread order in Portugal seems certain and it requires a

strong man to stem the tide and popularize the republic. The task of President Arriaga is thus a difficult one and is rendered more so because most of the leaders under the republican regime are more the orists than practical statesmen.

#### TO TEACH FILIPINO FARMERS

The recent appointment of Frederic W. Taylor as director of agriculture for the Philippine Islands, recalls the career of one of the most interesting personalities associated with the depment of agriculture. For this is the same Mr. Taylor who made a world-wide reputation as superintendent of agriculture at the St. Louis exposition, and who has been prominently identified with the agricultural exhibitions at nearly every American exposition of any importance, from the irrigation of arid lands to the reclamation of the swamp lands of the

Mr. Taylor's appointment to his new post is especially merited, for few phases of agricultural development are unknown to him. A horny-fisted farmer himself, born in lowa, he long ago established an enviable reputation as a most capable student and writer in the advancement of practical agri-

The government may well expect under his supervision a most substantial development of agricultural resources in the Philippines.



## FARMER BURNS AT HASTINGS

Hastings, Neb .- The athletic committee was instructed to secure the best possible attraction and when they made a contract with the world's bore for him, Stolypin, it can be said most famous trainer, lecturer and safely, was the most hated man in all wrestler, the board of governors Russia. To the people of Russia he thought they had just about hit the was known principally as the man who nail on the head. Farmer Burns by his wholesale executions and drum- comes to Hastings Tuesday, Wedneshead courts-martial sent over the land day and Thursday, the week of the festhe expression, "Stolypin's necktie," tival, Oct. 9-14, and as the farmer is fresh from the famous Gotch-Hackenschmidt match which took place in Chicago on Labor Day, he will have some interesting things to say to those who could not attend that famous match. During this wrestling tournament at Hastings there will be matches be tween Joe Siegman, the big Bohemian, and Jack Tamassec, the big Russian sulted in his death were made on his | who came over to see Hack get his. Then Oscar Wassam will try to throw the winner and Farmer Burns will wrestle with the winner of each match. Besides this, he will explain holds and a past master, giving a full explanation of the Gotch famous toe hold as used to throw Hackenschmidt.



OSCAR WASSEM.

## PHILADELPHIA ZOO AT HASTINGS FAIR

Hastings, Neb .- Among the paid attractions which will be on the streets during the Central Nebraska fall festival at Hastings, October 9th to 14th, will be Edwards Famous Animal Zoo. in Philadelphia and during the summer season tours all over the country. having just returned from a trip through Canada and British Columbia. The concession committee also reports the engagement of Francis Williams Dog and Pony circus which will be of interest to the children and ladies as well as being a fine entertainment for men. Miss Williams has a delightful troupe of trained dogs, monkeys, and ponies, giving the show in a big tent where seats are provided for 400 persons at each performance.

## SPECIAL TRAINS **RUN TO HASTINGS**

Hastings, Neb.-Arrangements have been made to run a special train from York to Hastings, leaving York at 7 a. m., and returning from Hastings at 9.30 p. m. This train has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 10 and will stop at points on the line. This special will arrive in Hastings in plenty of time for passengers to witness the beautiful automobile flower parade, which will take place at 10:30 in the morning. The Barlington will run a special on the same day from Fairmont and return. Special trains returning to Aurora, Red Cloud and Kearney will leave Hastings at p. m.; also the Missouri Pacific and the St. Joseph and Grand Island will have special facilities for handling the crowds on Tuesday and Friday. Better ask your depot agent about the trains for the Central Nebraska Fall Festival, October 9 to 14 at Hastings.

An automobile flower parade Tuesday, a farmers' decorated vehicle parade Wednesday, a big industrial float parade Thursday, a lodges, societies and school parade Friday; a farmers' decorated automobile parade Saturday. a horse show, a poultry show, a farm product show. Entries are entirely free to all during the Central Nebras-ka fall festival, Oct. 9-14.

Washington.-The coming session of congress is expected to be marked by much more agitation of the subject of federal aid to good roads than usual. On reason for this is the increasing activity of the advocates of federal aid to interstate road improvement. The activity of the promoters of good roads in the states is marked and is constantly increasing.

The parcels post was advocated by Superintendent Thompson of the rural mail service at the letter carriers' convention at Milwaukee.

Montreal.—The liberal ministry, whose defeat came in Thursday's election, will meet in Ontario this week to wind up the affairs of the present government and to tender their resignations. They also will consider plans for the reorganization of their party. It is now thought possible that Sir Wilfrid Laurier may continue to remain the head of his party and that he will lead the opposition in parlia-

Martial law has been proclaimed throughout Spain.