

SPORT IN ALBANIA

The announcement that Prince William of Wied occupies the throne of Albania will give birth to some hope of sufficient tranquility being restored to allow of shooting there again; at any rate, in that part of the country which is opposite Corfu. For two years this capital hunting ground has been closed to sportsmen while human warfare raged all around it, but no fighting has taken place over the 29 or 30 miles of seacoast which offer the best and most get-at-able shooting, so the game has had a good rest, and what is more, has probably been driven down from the disturbed regions into this quieter haven. It is easy to pass two or even three months in shooting the coverts round the harbors which are opposite Corfu, and four of these are such snug little anchorages that even an open boat would be perfectly secure. Cutters, small but well found, can be hired at Corfu, and are in every way adequate for this trip. The sea journey from Corfu to the farthest harbor is not more than 18 miles, and to the nearest about eight, so, as the little cutters sail well and the water is smooth, great pleasure is added to the trip from a sailing point of view. The scenery rather resembles Scotland; deep water and good holding are found all along, and, in fact, the little inlets are so snug and well masked by the mountains that a 500-ton yacht can lay just inside and be quite hidden. About this time of the year the snow comes down on the mountain tops and drives the woodcock to the warmer coverts on the coast, and very numerous they are; in fact, I should think it would puzzle anyone to find better woodcock shooting, go where they would! The marshes also teem with snipe, and some thousand duck, teal and the like fight in from the sea before stormy weather. Even the best shots, however, get but small bags of this game, fascinating as it is, for the "flight" last only 30 to 40 minutes, and the surrounding land is so high that it is impossible to see the birds against it at dusk, while by waiting till they are right overhead, the chances are they see the sportsman first and wear up out of shot. Flocks of pelicans pay occasional visits to Burritto marsh, but I have never seen flamingo.

Ward's bird-shooting, there is good sport for the rifle. The country teems with wild bear, and in a lesser degree deer come out of one covert. The local shepherds form up as beaters, from six to eight are enough to drive the coverts properly, but the more the merrier, and two francs a day is all they ask; the head beater, who places the guns and knows the run of the game, wants, of course, a little more. They are a wonderfully pleasant race to deal with, and in all the years I have known the country I have never heard of their giving any trouble to Englishmen. They fight freely among themselves, no doubt, and still more



AN ITINERANT TOBACCO SELLER IN CREEK



BEATER WITH TWO BIG DOGS

freely against the Turks, who ride rough shod over them and take their sheep and mules without so much as "by your leave." But the sylvan shepherd, as found in this particular region, is in every way a good fellow and entirely reliable if well treated. The only danger lies in getting mixed up in some local affray, as we did once, when the bullets flew freely over our heads, the Turks looting off merrily, as is their little way! Obviously, alas! our sporting rifles must be a sore temptation to them. I have had one of these ragged individuals come and sit down close to me while waiting for the beater, and beg to be allowed to handle my rifle. Needless to say, I have never been quite so confiding! Flint locks were used by the Turkish soldiers who patrolled this coast until three years ago; four-foot barrels richly caparisoned with brass, firing huge spherical bullets, implements better suited to adorn a museum than to protect life in an uncivilized country. The treatment these guns received, however, was not conducive to their shooting straight, as I once saw one of these Turks bang his gun down on the rock and jump on it, as a punishment for missing a hare! The "bashes" on the barrel bore witness to this being no unusual transaction. These represent-

atives of law and order have by now been requisitioned on active service, and a good job, too, as they merely extorted the wherewithal to support their useless lives out of the Albanian shepherds, until the latter got out of all patience, and within my personal experience three of these wretched Turks were murdered. The shepherds look to their dogs for protection as much as anything, and train them accordingly, so it is well to keep a good look-out for these brutes. Considering that they are as big as wolves—in fact, practically indistinguishable from them—it is no laughing matter when they set upon you three or four strong. But for sport such as there is in Albania, you must expect to take a few risks, and as it is obtainable from the fastness of your own yacht, with all the conveniences of civilization close at hand, this country must be reckoned as offering very exceptional facilities for sportsmen.—B. S. Hughes.

Improved Method of Farming.
Great interest is taken in France just now in a new method by which the yield of crops per acre is enormously increased. In one test case the increase of wheat has been three times above that grown in similar soil in the same neighborhood.

The remarkable value of the method is indicated by the statement that it has made twenty grains of wheat produce 700,000 in one year.

The method consists in preparing seed beds in widely spaced lines on very mellow land; then at the end of two months dividing the tufts springing from each grain, replanting each of these rooted shoots thus detached, and finally in hoeing and earthing up these new plants many times in such manner as to provoke at all the points brought into intimate contact with the earth the growth of numerous adventitious shoots, each of which bear an ear.

Dangerous Jewelry.
All bracelets and rings have been barred from West Virginia factories by the state labor commissioner, I. V. Barton. He declares that jewelry worn on the hands of working girls has caused more accidents in the factories of West Virginia than almost any other thing.

"Bracelets, especially of the chain variety, not tight fitting, invariably drag a hand or arm into some fast whirling machine, and rings are also apt to catch," he says.

Many industrial companies have cooperated with the state labor department, and some manufacturers have already taken the precaution to bar jewelry from their factories.

Relative Values.
Dunbar—Did the woman who sued Pollard Doubleday get anything?
Sprague—No; but she got more than Mrs. Doubleday did.—Judge.

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TO LOCATE NEW ALASKAN RAILROADS



Left to right are: Lieut. Frederick Moors and William C. Edes. These two men have just been appointed by President Wilson as members of the Alaskan engineering commission, which is to have charge of the location of the new government railroads in Alaska. Lieutenant Moors was the chief engineer of the Panama railroad and was suggested for this new work by Colonel Goethals, and Mr. Edes was formerly the chief engineer for the Northwestern Pacific railroad in California. He is the man who located and built many of the most difficult stretches of mountain railroad for the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific. The two engineers are shown in the photograph poring over a map of Alaska in the interior department at Washington. They are ordered to proceed at once to Alaska to begin their task.

woman is the standard; while the English artists say that the thin woman approaches more nearly to the normal type. "There is no question," writes one, "that the 'new figure,' long and willowy, the result of the modern athletic movement, is superior in vitality and natural grace to the old short and stumpy figure. The tall, thin woman is freer and more healthy, a better comrade for her husband."

Another says: "Surely there is a golden mean between the plump and the meager. Let a woman aim at

Fewer Mining Accidents.
A statement issued by the state department of mines shows that the fatal accidents in and about the bituminous coal mines for the three months ending March 31, 1914, numbered 108 as against 126 for the same period in 1913. The inside accidents numbered 98 as against 112 and the accidents on the surface 10 as against 14.

Of the 98 killed inside during 1914 56 were killed by falls, 24 by mine cars, 5 by suffocation from gas, 1 by explosives, 2 by premature blasts, 2 by falling into shafts and slopes and 8 by miscellaneous causes.

In 1913 75 were killed by falls, 24 by cars, 3 by explosives, 1 by blast and 9 by miscellaneous causes.

During 1914 the inside fatal accidents were 14 less than in 1913. The accidents on the surface were 4 less in number.

English as She Is Spoke.
Knicker—I'm out for prison reform.
Bocker—I'm going in for it too.

STUDY HOG CHOLERA

PIONEER DAY SECOND SUNDAY IN JUNE.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Hog Cholera Day.

In an effort to familiarize hog raisers of Nebraska with the various phases of hog cholera and vaccination, one day in each month has been set aside at the Nebraska university farm for the instruction of anyone interested. The first day has been set for Wednesday, June 10. Instruction will be offered the second Wednesday in each month thereafter as long as the demand warrants. The visitors will inspect the serum plant, see the different processes of making serum and virus, and witness the vaccination of hogs. They will also examine the cholera infected hogs and the carcasses after the post mortem is made. From the post-mortem the stockmen are expected to become familiar with cholera diagnosis. Lectures on cholera prevention, as well as other topics of interest to hog raisers, will be given. Instruction will begin at 9 o'clock and last through the day. No charges will be made.

Will Observe Pioneer Day.

The initial observance of Pioneer Memorial day, created by the legislature of 1913 and set for the second Sunday in June, will be observed in many places in the state by appropriate programs and exercises of interest to old settlers.

The act to establish Pioneer Memorial day was suggested by Dr. Samuel W. McGrew of Auburn, introduced by Senator Walter Kiechel, and reads as follows:

"Be it enacted by the people of the state of Nebraska, that the second Sunday in June in each year shall be known as Pioneer Memorial day, and the same shall be set apart for holding suitable exercises in the schools and churches of the state, and when possible in the cemeteries and over the graves of departed pioneers, in recognition of the men and women who served and sacrificed as pioneers in the settlement of this great state, and that the present inhabitants and future generations may not forget the spirit and the achievements of the men and women who settled these plains and prairies and established the institutions which we now enjoy."

Alfalfa Pays.

Wm. H. Smith of the Seward Independent Democrat is responsible for the following item:

"L. E. Ost, who acts as agent for the Burlington railroad in Seward, and raises a patch of alfalfa on the side, is convinced that no crop grown in Nebraska is more profitable than alfalfa, and that good alfalfa land is richly worth \$150 per acre.

"Mr. Ost has five acres sown to alfalfa, from which four cuttings were made last year, the yield amounting to 21 tons and 680 pounds, and for the crop he has received \$238.20. He hired all the work done in caring for the crop, and this cost him \$61.55, which made the net receipts from the five acres \$186.65, or an income of \$37.33 per acre net, which is equivalent to almost 25 per cent on \$150 land."

Cost of Road Improvement.

More than one and three-quarters millions of dollars raised by taxation was spent in Nebraska last year for the improvement of roads, according to figures collected by Secretary Seymour of the state board of equalization from the treasurers of the respective counties. A slightly less amount was levied as taxes for the special purpose of building and repairing bridges. Secretary Seymour's returns show an aggregate of \$1,759,044 expended on roads during 1913. This does not include any outlay for paving in cities. The total amount of taxes levied for all purposes in Nebraska was \$22,487,791, so that about 8 per cent of all taxation revenues went to improve highways.

Many Horses Named.

Two hundred and nineteen horses have been named for the early closing races of the 1914 Nebraska State Fair, as compared with 174 made last year. All the speed events were filled except the two-year-old pace. Forty-two horses were named for the two-year-old trot, twenty-five for the three-year-old trot, forty-eight for the 2:30 trot and thirty-three for the 2:20 trot, twelve for the three-year-old pace, twenty-eight for the 2:25 pace and thirty for the 2:14 pace.

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BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

The German Lutheran church at Auburn was dedicated Sunday. A stockmen's convention will be held at Alliance, June 18, 19 and 20.

Work will be commenced at once on the new Carnegie library at Burwell.

The postoffice at Lanham, Nebraska, has been changed to Lanham, Kansas.

A state officers' camp will be held at the state farm at Lincoln, June 1 to 10.

The Y. M. C. A. state convention was in session at Grand Island last week.

The state postmasters' association will be in session at Lincoln next week.

The annual state convention of insurance agents will meet in Lincoln, June 9 and 10.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed several buildings in Plattsmouth, causing a small loss.

The Sunday schools of Nemaha county held their annual convention at Johnson last week.

The German Lutheran church near Wausa was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

Verdon has erected a hand stand with a foundation of beer kegs in the center of its main street.

Miss Ada Talkington of Surprise was badly bruised when she fell down a flight of stairs at her home.

Thomas Thompson, a farmer near Wahoo, was found dead in a barn on his place, a victim of heart failure.

Sixty-three coyote scalps were brought in to the court house at North Platte for the collection of the bounty.

Transfusion of a quart of blood from her husband's arteries may save the life of Mrs. Joseph Bent of Rosemont.

George Morris, Richardson county clerk, paid out a bounty of \$231 for wolf scalps during the month of April.

Wolves are getting to be a menace in the neighborhood south of Beatrice, and hunting parties are a favorite pastime.

P. J. Corcoran, an Omaha letter carrier for the past twenty-six years, died Tuesday of tuberculosis, aged 57 years.

The commencement class at Weeping Water was the largest ever graduated there, there being twenty-one in the class.

The Duff Grain company has shipped more than a quarter million bushels of wheat from Nebraska City this season.

More than half of the \$700 playground fund desired to carry on the work at North Platte this summer has been raised.

Dean Coon, a fourteen-year-old Beatrice boy, fell from a tree from which he was witnessing a ball game and fractured his skull.

The Albion concert orchestra assisted by high school singers, presented a concert at the Albion opera house before a large audience.

Plans are being perfected at Beatrice for the erection of a \$27,000 theater which will seat about 1,500 and be thoroughly modern.

Beet growers at North Platte are relieved by recent rains which have softened the ground so that the beets will now have no difficulty in growing.

Roy Patterson, a well known and prosperous farmer of Scotts Bluff county, was killed by lightning Friday night, as he drove into his yard on his return from town.

Franklin J. Crowell, confessed bigamist, hanged himself in his cell at David City after he had been sentenced to serve from one to four years in the state penitentiary.

Rains at Verdigris swelled the creek into a torrent which inundated the town and caused a \$25,000 property loss. Many people were barely awakened in time to flee to safety.

After a canvass of the city, Fremont is convinced that the business men want a festival during the summer and a committee is already laying plans for a combined industrial and agricultural show to be held during August. Four counties will be invited to participate in the fair.

The city council of North Platte has been petitioned by over a hundred residents of that town to raise saloon license from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per year.

H. T. Saxon, a Burlington car repairer at Lincoln, was caught under a car in the yards there, suffering a dislocation of the spine, causing paralysis, from which he may not recover.

By a vote of 7 to 5 the Omaha board of education has decided to abandon the summer school, where nearly one thousand boys and girls were permitted to make up back work last year.

The city council of Humboldt has offered a reward of \$10 for the arrest and conviction of any gambler and \$25 for the conviction of any bootlegger.

Twenty-nine automobiles carrying one hundred men made a tour in the vicinity of Beatrice inspecting the various kinds of silos erected by the farmers.

John Clark of Nebraska City made a wager with some friends that he could ride a fractions mule. The mule threw and kicked him in the head, fracturing the skull. He died Sunday.

Under the auspices of the university Y. W. C. A., a special program for women is being prepared for the rural betterment institute to be held at the university farm, June 11 to 17.


Eugene Norbeck was electrocuted at the Cudahy plant at Omaha when he accidentally came in contact with a high power electric wire carrying 5,000 volts. He died instantly.

Eldon Carr, a five-year-old Lincoln boy, miraculously escaped death when he was thrown from his tricycle in front of a moving street car. He was bruised considerably about the head and face.

Nebraska's prospects for a bumper wheat harvest are already attracting attention in the east. Secretary W. R. Mellor, secretary of the state board of agriculture, has received applications from a number of college men who wish to work as harvest hands.

The congregation of the First Baptist church at Beatrice has extended a call to Rev. F. B. McAllister of Rochester, N. Y. The church has been without a pastor for some time.

The call to the best fields of western Nebraska is not being listened to by the usual number of German-Russian laborers in the cities this season.



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