

NEBRASKA INDUSTRY.

STATE YIELDS A MAMMOTH CROPOF "CORKSCREWS."

Each One Weighs Many Tons—They Were Made Before Man Was Thought of in the Scheme of American Development.

(Omaha Letter.)

SOME gigantic fossils brought from Nebraska recently by Prof. E. H. Barbour of Washington, D. C., have excited much interest in the east. There are lots of them in Nebraska, where they are popularly known as "corkscrews."

These freaks are commonly known as "fossil twisters." They are of enormous size, sometimes as much as forty feet long; but the most remarkable thing about them is the symmetry of their structure, which is absolutely mathematical.



QUARRYING CORKSCREWS.

capable of producing anything like what exists in the present day.

The corkscrews occur in astonishing numbers in the region referred to. One frequently sees hillsides more than 100 feet high studded from bottom to top with the great spirals, but more particularly with the so-called roots which project out from them.

Professor Barbour has established the fact pretty satisfactorily that they are fossil plants, and that they grew in water. There was a time, a couple of millions of years ago, when Nebraska and all the great basins east of the Rocky mountains were covered by an immense lake—an inland sea of fresh water.

The waters of the mighty lake received great quantities of sediment, brought to it by streams, and this was deposited on the bottom at a very rapid rate—so rapid, indeed, that it is difficult to see how plants of any sort could have subsisted under such conditions.

An Expensive Product. The most expensive product in the world is the charcoal filament which is used for incandescent lamps.

WHAT MEXICANS EAT.

One Need Not Leave President Diaz' Table Hungry.

Different lands have different diets. The usual complaint made by Americans when they go to Mexico is that the food is all alike and so highly seasoned that if it were different no one could tell it, says an exchange.

THEATRICAL LETTER.

CURRENT SAYINGS AND DOINGS OF STAGE FOLK.

Maurice Grau the Victim of a Suggestion from the New York Post—Doing Double Parts—Evils of Cockney Dialect—Some Salary Statistics.



HE New York Evening Post makes the happy suggestion that if Maurice Grau should ever lose the great singers who now make opera possible in New York he might create a sensation by producing a very old Italian opera, "Berenice," and putting it on the stage, as it was done at Padua in 1760.

Victory Bateman made her debut in comic opera roles and then essayed the interpretation of various characters in a repertoire presented by Creston Clarke.

actor play the servant, the landlord, the first officer and the notary, as they figured separately in each act. He therefore approached Dodson and said to him very courteously: "My dear boy, I'm going to give you an opportunity to display your versatility.

Some Salary Statistics.

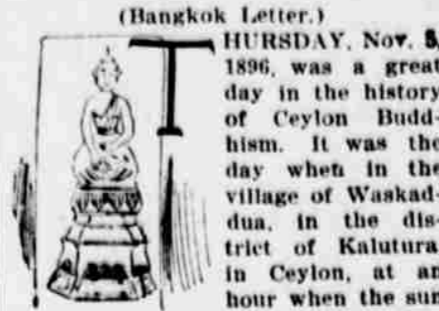
Hillary Bell vouches for the accuracy of these salary statistics. Grand opera stars receive ten times the salary earned by actors. The best of our players is glad to earn \$300, or, at the most, \$500 a week.

Lillian Lewis. An actress of rather indifferent meth-

PRINCE TURNS MONK.

PRISDAN OF SIAM TURNS HIS BACK ON THE WORLD.

Could Not Please the Reigning Monarch and Concluded to Abandon Statecraft for Missionary Labors—May In-vade Christendom



(Bangkok Letter.) HURSDAY, Nov. 5, 1896, was a great day in the history of Ceylon Buddhism.

After receiving an elementary English education in Siam, the Prince went to England in 1873 to complete his education. He joined King's college, London, and was a pupil of the famous Rev. (since Bishop) Alfred Barry, D. D.



IN ROBES OF A MONK.

honors. Among the literary and other honors he received in Europe it may be mentioned that he was made an associate of King's college, London; member of the Oriental Society of France, and member of the Archaeological Society of Portugal.

On the completion of his collegiate career, Prince Prisdan was appointed interpreter to the Siamese Special Envoy to the Courts of England and Germany. In 1880 he was appointed interpreter to the Siamese Envoy charged with the honor of investing Her Majesty the Queen of England, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and Monsieur Grevy, the President of the French Republic, with the Grand Cordon of the most exalted Order of the White Elephant.

In 1883, when Prince Prisdan returned to Siam finally from Europe, a royal proclamation was issued setting forth all his various services to his king and his country.

A BATRACHIAN FREAK.

It Has Five Legs and Gives Interesting Performances.

The famous Calaveras frog has found a legitimate successor. This one also lives in California, making his home near Colma. His claim to fame lies in the fact that he has five legs, and is credited with the ability to understand the English language.

His style of traveling, however, is peculiar. With three legs on the left side and but two on the other, his course continually veers to the right, so that after making a certain number of jumps, he arrives again at his starting point.



FROG WITH FIVE LEGS.

immortalized in the familiar college song.

McGinty, as he has been named, has been taught many things which it is not supposed that the frog had sufficient intelligence to learn.

Black Animals. "Beware of black animals" is considered sound advice by a magazine writer who devotes six pages and numerous illustrations to warnings against and awful examples of black animals, leopards, cats, ravens, beetles and undertakers' horses.



MISS BATEMAN.

things versatile; no role, however difficult, has daunted her, though it has not followed that she has achieved success in all her undertakings.

Evils of Cockney Dialect.

There was a stage director with Henry Irving last season whose cockney dialect out-Chevaliered Chevalier. It will be remembered that in "Louis XI." there are a number of husky-looking men who take the part of Burgundians.

Doing Double Parts.

Actors are frequently called upon to double parts, but few are ever requested to quadruple them.

ods, but one who has succeeded in pleasing provincial audiences is Lillian Lewis. Her best work was in the play, "As in a Looking Glass."



MISS LEWIS.

Origin of "Lorenzaccio."

"Lorenzaccio," by Alfred de Musset, which is now at the Theatre de la Renaissance, with Sarah Bernhardt in the leading part, has an interesting history.

Perak, transferred his allegiance to the British government, and, as plain Mr. P. Choomast, was during the last few years employed as first assistant magistrate and settlement officer of Perak.

It was about 5 p. m. on Thursday, November 5, 1896, when, in the small upper room of the octagonal pansala at Waskaduwa, Prince Prisdan was admitted to the monkhood.

Appearing in his state dress, wearing his full complement of decorations, the Prince scattered among the vast crowds assembled round the pansala numbers of silver coins, in token that so he renounced all his wealth and worldly greatness.

Buddham, Saranam Gacchami, Dharman Saranam Gacchami, Sangham Saranam Gacchami,

the expression of embracing the Three-fold Refuge of Buddhism, meaning, "I go for refuge to the Buddha, I go for refuge to the Law, I go for refuge to the Order." It is remarkable that this is the only prayer of true Buddhism.

After instruction in the Ten Precepts of the Desa-Sila, and a complete ordination, known as upasampada, the novice would be a full monk.

The Prince is an affable, courteous and kind-hearted man, and what is most characteristic of him, more even than his devotion as a Buddhist, is his great humility.

CHINESE PAGODA.

One of the Most Striking Buildings in the "Flowery Kingdom."

The most striking buildings in China are the tapering towers known as pagodas. These are of brick, covered with marble, or most generally with glazed tiles; and are built in stories, one over the other from three, four, or five, to as many as nine in number.



A CHINESE PAGODA.

Each story is reduced in width, and has a gallery round it. The eaves are hollow or sagging and project a great deal, the corners being turned up sharply. On these light, bells are suspended which make a constant ringing when the wind blows.