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BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA

The man who wears the corset vest must not be offended if real men call him sister.

Russia may not like the looks of the lanky persons that are patting Japan on the back.

What is the use of a vacation that only means harder work afterward to catch up with your work?

Look out for the pneumonia germ, which is hiding around the corner ready to pounce upon you.

The Chicago cow who had sixteen ounces of pins concealed about her person was plainly a perfect lady.

Probably it would be rude to inquire how much Alfred Austin has to pay to get those things of his printed.

Hall Caine has nervous prostration. Now perhaps he knows how much of the people who have seen his plays suffered.

Gen. Uribe-Urbe threatens to march against us, but we shall probably be able to make a stand against both of him.

College songs, it seems, are not as popular as college football. The Yale glee club lost \$2,400 on its Christmas trip out west.

A bear is running at large in New Jersey. The citizens are in hot pursuit of the animal and if caught it will be incorporated.

David Kaphokohokmokewonah has been appointed a postmaster in Hawaii. Let us hope that Dave's administration will be O. K.

So many automobiles seem to be determined to soar among the stars that some of them might, perhaps, be usefully converted into airships.

A West Virginia marksman has been fined \$25 for killing his rival in love. Which seems a reasonably cheap price when you come to think of it.

A farmer's wife at Driffield has given seventeen shillings to the church missionary society, "proceeds of eggs laid on Sundays."—London Daily Mail.

A Chicago woman's club has in some mysterious way discovered that modern poetry is all down at the heel. Poets are, of course, seldom well-heeled.

When a woman gets so she doesn't care about the size of her feet and turns her attention entirely to her soul, you can set it down that old age is creeping on.

A New York man committed suicide rather than undergo an operation for appendicitis. He must have been afraid the doctors could do something worse than kill him.

What war costs nowadays is shown by a Tokio dispatch which says that the Japanese government has on hand \$300,000,000—"enough to sustain a short, sharp contest."

Thirty thousand orders for automobiles have been placed with American manufacturers for this year. The horseless age may not be in sight, but the good roads age is.

Mr. Howells thinks that authors ought to form a union. When they do, every member will doubtless have to pledge himself not to work more than twenty-four hours a day.

The New York judge who has refused to declare that a marriage is illegal because it is loveless will, of course, be condemned, regardless of contempt of court, by all romantic people.

There is a young man in Pennsylvania who has attended Sunday school 1,300 times without missing a Sunday. He ought to be eligible for a good job in the Standard Oil office.

President Harper, who says that "the bright student is almost always lazy," probably feels that he could point out a number of students who are cultivating a reputation for brightness.

Louisville, Ky., claims first rank among the cities of the world as a tobacco manufacturing center. Peoria concedes this, but insists that tobacco is only one of the necessities of life.

A Frenchman on Long Island has discovered an "infallible opposite" to the mosquito, which he promises, will exterminate that pest. After it has eaten up all the mosquitoes, what will it do next?

Out at Miller, S. D., a woman desperado has awed the town and kidnaped Wilbur Quirk, a drug clerk. We extend our sympathy to Wilbur and emphatically protest that the Miller woman is carrying the leap year business too far.

Now it is announced that the Spanish sailors, and not Dewey, sunk Spain's ships at Manila. Presumably the Spaniards saw that one of the fleets must be sunk and with true Castilian courtesy decided that it should not be that of the visitors.

SPLENDID MONUMENT TO ILLINOIS SOLDIERS FOR MILITARY PARK, VICKSBURG, MISS.



Memorial Temple to 35,000 Illinois Soldiers to Be Erected in the National Military Park at Vicksburg.

MEMORIAL FOR SOLDIER DEAD.

Commission to Pass on Plans for Vicksburg Monument.

Plans for a \$150,000 monument to be erected by the state of Illinois in the national military park at Vicksburg, Miss., in honor of the 35,000 soldiers and sailors who participated in the siege of that city from March 29 to July 4, 1863, have been completed and presented for final approval to the state commission.

The monument will be in the shape of a rotunda or circular temple, constructed of white marble or granite, with bronze ornamentation. Surmounting the main portion, which will be forty-eight feet in diameter, will be a hemispherical dome, the crown of which will be fifty-eight feet in height. In the pediment of the portico will be sculptured a scribe, which, with figures of Fame and Valor, will represent History recording the deeds of the Illinois soldiers as they pass. On a bronze tablet in the interior will be a bas-relief representing Richard Yates, the war governor of Illinois, presenting to U. S. Grant his commission as colonel of the Twenty-first Illinois. Other tablets will represent the gunboats running the batteries at Vicksburg on the night of April 16, 1863, and the surrender of Vicksburg by Gen. Pemberton.

"With malice toward none, with charity toward all," words from Lincoln's second inaugural, will be engraved around one side of the exterior of the dome. On the other side will be the last phrase from Gen. Grant's farewell order to the army, "Let us have peace." On the grounds where the temple will be located will be eighty stone markers to designate the points where fifty-five infantry regiments, fifteen batteries of artillery and ten troops of cavalry advanced nearest the works.

The spot is one of the most conspicuous within the limits of the military park, and was the point upon which the McAllister battery was stationed during the siege. It is within sixty rods of what was one of the strongest fortresses of the Confederate stronghold, which was designated by most of the union soldiers as fort Hill.

Logan's division of the Seventeenth army corps was strung along this position, and the most famous sap run by the soldiers in Logan's command passes the knoll upon which the state will erect the memorial.

Pastor Gives Up Salary.

A mild sensation was caused in Warren Avenue Baptist church, Milwaukee, by the announcement that for three years past, and entirely unknown to the greater part of those who habitually attend the church, the pastor, Rev. Herbert S. Jonsson, has donated every cent of his salary—\$3,500 a year—toward defraying the current expenses of the church and carrying on its benevolent work.

Brakeman Becomes Millionaire.

John A. Bunting, while a brakeman on the Southern Pacific a few years ago, bought some land in the Kern river district of Texas. When the oil excitement arose in that section he secured options on some more land, which he held until it became the center of attraction. Then he sold at his own price, retaining some of the most valuable. He is now believed to be a millionaire.

Mrs. Harrison's Good Deed.

Mrs. Benjamin Harrison recently visited the reform school for boys in Plainfield, Ind., and became interested in a colored lad named Alexander Baker, who had been sent there as an incorrigible. Mrs. Harrison was convinced that he would respond to kindly influence and when he was paroled took him to her home, where he will be trained as a house servant.

WHAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BOUGHT IN PANAMA

What has Uncle Sam actually bought or contracted to buy at Panama? Let us take account of stock. These are the items:

30,000 acres of ground at terminals and along the route.

2,431 buildings, including offices, quarters, storehouses, shops, hospitals, and terminal sheds.

An immense collection of dredges, tugs, barges, excavators, cars, locomotives, and other machinery and appliances, not considered of much present value.

Work done by the old and the new French companies, with an estimated removal of about 25,000,000 cubic yards of material at a cost of a little more than \$88,000,000.

Maps and drawings, and the records gathered by the French engineers, valued at \$2,000,000.

The Panama railway, including three steamships.

For these several items the second, or new, French company is to receive \$40,000,000. Twenty-four millions of this amount, less obligations, will be turned over to the old company, which had spent at the time of its collapse nearly \$250,000,000, largely in promotion.

The Republic of Panama is to receive immediately \$10,000,000, and annually, after nine years, the sum of \$250,000. The United States receives from Panama the grant of a strip of land five miles wide upon each side of the canal. We are also to become sponsors for the continuance of good order throughout the new republic.

The total excavation yet to be done is estimated at about 95,000,000 cubic yards, not including the work at the Bohio dam and the Gigante spillway. The completion of the canal to a depth of thirty-six feet from ocean to ocean, a distance of forty-nine miles, is expected to cost about \$145,000,000. Vessels will navigate this channel at a rate, including lockage, of four miles per hour. All sailing craft will be towed not only through the canal, but upon the Pacific side for a long distance out to sea.

The aggregate probable tonnage is placed at about 10,000,000 tons. Of this business twenty per cent will consist of coal. To what extent the canal will prove profitable, above the cost of administration, cannot now be stated. The Suez canal, under British control, repays its cost every five years.—From "What We Are Buying at Panama," by Frank H. Taylor, in February Booklover's Magazine.

HAS LOST HIS HOLD.

Hugh McLaughlin No Longer Brooklyn Democratic Boss.

Hugh McLaughlin, the venerable Brooklyn democratic leader, has gone to Florida for his annual visit. On such occasions in former years a great crowd of retainers accompanied him to the boat, but there was no such demonstration this year. The old man has lost his political grip and now there are few "so poor to do him reverence." Two or three of his oldest friends went along. He will not return until about April 1, and Democrats who follow the ancient leader's movements with some interest took the fact of his absence until that time as an indication that he has no intention of participating in the spring primaries or conventions to elect delegates to the national convention.

THINKS IT A FALSE STEP.

Minister Deplores Entry of Women Into Commercial World.

Dr. Edwin H. Delk, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Philadelphia, addressed the Young Women's Christian association of that city this week and rather astonished his hearers by saying: "I regret that women have ever entered this hard race for making money. I am sure that something of the fineness of her nature is lost when she enters the bartering world of commercialism. Her finer nature is submerged in the strife for money and personal advancement." This was particularly unpleasant doctrine for Dr. Delk's audience, as one of the association's chief objects is to look after and protect self-supporting women.

Paderewski as a Host.

M. Paderewski is the possessor of an estate near the little town of Morges, at which he entertains a variety of guests, ranging from royalty to more or less broken down musicians, who, as it were, make his home their home. Asked by an indiscreet friend how he disposed of the latter on such occasions as that of a dinner party at which royalty was present, he replied: "Those of my old boarders who have dress suits join the party. The others are driven down to a hotel, where a private dinner is served to them, at which I am, though absent, still their host. This they prefer to the constraint necessary when royalty is present."

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LITTLE FELLOW WAS BRAVE.

Making of a Hero in Nine-Year-Old Buffalo Boy.

Heroism is not confined to grown men and women; it frequently crops out in children. Recently a little girl in Buffalo was so badly burned that it was necessary to graft 249 square inches of skin on her body to save her life. Many of her schoolmates, boys and girls, volunteered to supply the cuticle from their own bodies. The first volunteer to be taken into the operating room was a boy 9 years old, who refused to give his name. He said he was "Little Zip" and that "Belle would know." The surgeon removed three inches of skin from his arm and the boy almost fainted from pain, while the tears rushed to his eyes. Then he turned to the surgeon and said: "If it will help Belle you can take another slice off me." "Little Zip" has a brave and stout heart. There's the making of a hero in that boy.

DEFEAT FOR VAST TRUST.

Citizens of Small Ohio Town Stand by Their Neighbor.

Backed up by the citizens of Chardon, a little town near Cleveland, Thomas Hossler, driver of an independent oil wagon for two years, has been carrying on war with the Standard Oil company. At different times the mammoth concern has sent rival wagons into the town, offering to sell considerably below any figure Hossler could reach and make a living. The citizens stuck to the independent dealer and in each case the Rockefeller octopus has been forced out of the small field. Hossler says triumphantly: "A man who has his neighbors behind him can't be beaten by an old millionaire."

Is There Life in Metals?

A distinguished Hindoo scientist, Jagadis Chunder Bose, professor of science in the Calcutta university, has asserted that the true test of life in an object is its capacity to respond to external stimulus—in other words, its irritability or sensitiveness—and it is claimed that, according to this test, there is no essential difference between animals and metals, that a bar of iron, in fact, is as irritable and sensitive as the human body. Further, he says a bar of iron can be killed—that is, deprived of its sensitiveness forever—just as an animal organism can be killed.

SPORTING WORLD



2:11½; Beuzetta, 2:06½; Blonda Redwood, 2:08¼; Birchwood, 2:15; Bell Bird, 2:22; Courier, 2:15; Edna Cook, 2:12; Hal Pointer, 2:04½; King Charles, 2:08¼; Lou Vaughn, 2:09¼; Pixley, 2:08¼; Rilla, 2:09½; Seneca See, 2:11¼; The Merchant, 2:13¼; The Swift, 2:09¼, and Vendor, 2:11¼.

Corrigan's Fine Bunch.

Thoroughbred blood from the bluest veins of some of America's most noted turf performers of the past is represented in the list of unnamed 2-year-olds which Ed Corrigan will campaign on western tracks next summer, a list of which is furnished by the nominations club to the New Memphis Jockey club's stakes. In addition to the youngsters bred by Corrigan himself from his own fine land of brood mares, there are several colts and fillies on the list given which were bred in England but foaled in this country.

Boxers and Their Wives.

Young Corbett, it is rumored, will marry and settle down. This, of course, is a commendable resolution, but can the young admirer of the bright lights stick to such a resolve for any length of time? Probably he can—if he gets the right kind of a wife. There are many boxers now in the profession whose wives govern their affairs with rigid hand, and these are the men who will have ample means when they retire.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Keeps Skating Championship.

Adolph C. G. Anderson sustained his reputation as champion skater of Illinois by winning the feature event, the one-mile race in the tournament conducted by the Northwest Skating club at Garfield park, Chicago. Anderson went the mile in 2:05, and won

Offer High Price for Racer.

A big deal is on for the purchase of English Lad, the winter favorite for the Kentucky Derby, which will be run May 2. English Lad belongs to Fred Cook, the St. Louis bookmaker. The colt is now at Churchill Downs, and John E. Madden, the Lexington turfman, offered \$20,000 for the young-



JACK JOHNSON, COLORED HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

ster, Madden made the offer to W. E. Phillips, who trains the colt for Fred Cook. Several days ago John A. Drake is reported to have made an offer for English Lad, but this was afterward denied. Later Johnny Fay, the Louisville turfman, tried to buy the colt, but did not succeed. All wanted the colt in order to have a good chance to win the Kentucky Derby next spring. If Madden secures him, however, he will send him East, and he will not start in the Derby.

Athletics Pay at Michigan.

That the University of Michigan athletics are profitable is shown by the reports at the annual meeting. The financial statement shows that from Jan. 16 of last year there were \$51,134.95 taken in as Michigan's share of gate receipts in all branches. The total expenditures were \$45,363.67, including \$20,000 set apart for the new brick wall about Ferry field.

Gans Wins from Fitzgerald.

Before a crowd of 4,000 people at the Armory at Detroit, Jan. 12, Joe Gans of Baltimore defended the title of lightweight champion against Willie Fitzgerald of Brooklyn and won in a common canter. It was a good bout all the way through, but the colored boy was too clever for Willie, and scored a half dozen knockdowns during the contest.

Fox to Coach Purdue.

Negotiations between Athletic Director Cutts of Purdue and Captain Jimmy Collins of the Boston American league baseball team, have been severed, and it is understood that Collins will coach another university team, and Captain Billy Fox of the Indianapolis American association team will coach the bootmakers.

World's Record for Oakland.

John A. Scott, an outsider, won the Adam Andrew selling stakes from Jockey Club by a head at Oakland Jan. 16, and broke the world's record for six and a half furlongs. He covered the distance in 1:18 1/2, the previous mark being 1:18 3/4, made by Jane Holly at Washington park.

Trotting Necrology of 1903.

Among the best record horses that died during 1903 were: Arch W.