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No youth without a cat: her's glove can expect to make an impression on the public.

But some people have supposed that every perfect lady always carried a rat on to the street car.

The new governor of Jamaica is said to be "affable and democratic." Comparatively speaking?

A hundred years ago two enterprising merchants were ducked once for every missing ounce.

Oxford is to confer the degree of bachelor of letters on Mark Twain. Oxford can't expect any gift from King Leopold.

There are 85 widows in Bowdoinham, Me., a village of 1,300 inhabitants. The youngest is 29, the oldest widow is 99 years old.

As if there were not enough street perils on wheels already, a prominent physician advises stout elderly men to go in for roller skating.

Swinbourne, the English poet, who has just passed his seventieth birthday anniversary, is writing a tragedy based on Caesar Borgia.

Andrew Carnegie has sailed for Europe to recover his health, thus demonstrating that, although he is a man of steel, he has not a constitution of iron.

The California man who sold his inheritance to a million for \$80,000, rather than wait a couple of years for it, must have needed the money badly.

Dr. Osler says hope is one of the best medicines people can have. A good thing about such medicine is that one can hardly take an overdose of it.

A professor at Berne university is Mlle. Gertrude Woker. She is 26, and passed all her examinations some time ago with great distinction. She lectures on physics and chemistry.

The thief who snatched a pocketbook and a package of ham from a woman was no seeker after analogy. However, the pocketbook may have been one of pigskin.

Even prosperity has its disadvantages. A New York policeman has been discharged because a prisoner slipped through an opening and escaped, and he was too fat to follow.

The outcome of the fund left to the city of Boston by Benjamin Franklin so long ago, which matured last year, and was doubled by an endowment from Andrew Carnegie, is to be a fine trade school.

The oldest Alpinist living is M. C. Russi, a schoolmaster of Andermatt, who has just celebrated his one hundred and first birthday. Last summer he, accompanied by several Alpinists, made his last climb, ascending the Gutsch mountain, nearly 7,000 feet, without assistance.

A trolley line is to be constructed from Washington to Gettysburg. That will facilitate sightseeing and will be an added attraction for visitors to the national capital. The construction of trolley railroads is one of the remarkable developments of the age, and the probability is that in course of time all the points of special interest in that quarter, and notably the battlefields on which the Army of the Potomac figured during the civil war, will be brought within easy reach by this means.

Philadelphia has at last started something original. Prof. Stecher, director of physical instruction in the public schools, has decided that the young women employed as teachers in the summer schools must qualify themselves as baseball umpires and supervise the games of their pupils. This will not only increase respect for the umpire in the rising generation, but it opens a new field of employment for women that is at once dignified and remunerative. And quite possibly man will be willing to surrender the job.

Russian statesmen seem to object to a physical connection between America and Asia as effectively if not as vigorously as British statesmen object to physical connection between England and France, remarks the Youth's Companion. The plan to tunnel the English channel so that railroad trains may run from London to Paris has lately been disapproved by the British government, and last month the Russian cabinet rejected the proposal made by an American syndicate to dig a railroad tunnel under Bering Strait, to provide connection between the Alaskan and the Trans-Siberian railroads.

The bill recently passed by the Illinois legislature forbidding the police to photograph prisoners for the rogues' gallery except after conviction is merely an indorsement of the right of an accused person to be held innocent until he is proved guilty. It is generally commended.

By the election of Lord Michaelhan (formerly Herbert Stern) as an alderman of the city of London the Jews again have a representative in the London council and may look forward to the induction of another Jewish lord mayor.

# WORLD TOUR OF SIAM'S KING



KING CHULALONGKORN

Out to see the world. The king of Siam by easy stages is going to girdle the earth, and whether the potentate of this little Asiatic kingdom is actuated by a spirit of adventure and longing for some new sight and sensation, or is moved by a deep purpose to know the world better that he may govern his principality more wisely is an open question, but one thing is certain, and that is he is having a royal good time and is making the most of his opportunities wherever he goes. Paris has just extended the glad hand to him, and is going to help him have a good time as only the Parisians can do. No doubt kingly honors and distinction will be showered upon him, but it is not just what he is after, according to persons who are close to his majesty and who say that he specially desires to remain as much incognito as possible, as he wants to do much sight seeing and on the quiet "have the time of his life."

And after Paris is covered from center to circumference, London and other European cities are on his list, after which it is likely that he will come to America and cross to the Pacific coast, where he will embark for the voyage back to his own land and his place at Bangkok.

There is no sovereign in the world who is accustomed to receive more abject homage than his majesty of Siam. He possesses a most imposing string of titles. Among other things he is supreme arbiter of the ebb and flow of the tides, brother of the moon, half brother of the sun and owner of four and twenty golden umbrellas. Whenever he takes an airing in his own domain his faithful subjects prostrate themselves as he passes by, no matter how muddy the streets may happen to be. Even the highest in the land when they approach his august presence must do so on all fours. His favorite wives have to kneel before him. His brothers do likewise. So King Chulalongkorn is not likely to be much impressed by a crowd that keeps on its legs before him and shouts and waves hats and handkerchiefs at him. He won't bob his head until his neck aches as European kings are expected to do when they show themselves to the public.

As king of Siam, Chulalongkorn has a much easier billet than the occupants of European thrones. He is invested with powers as autocratic as those of the czar of Russia, but his is a paternal despotism which is not tempered by assassination. Siamese folk don't throw bombs, and none of them have yet reached that stage of enlightenment in which monarchs are regarded as costly superfluousities. Chulalongkorn is not required to lead the strenuous life. He can take things as easy as he pleases. His income is something like \$10,000,000 a year. His gorgeous royal palace at Bangkok is a walled and battlemented city within a city. Behind the line of not very warlike sentries who guard its massive gates is contained treasure far in excess of the loot obtained by the greatest feat of robbery committed in modern times—the sacking of the summer palace of Peking in 1860. It is really a double palace—an outer and an inner palace. Into the latter no European of the male sex has ever penetrated. It contains about 4,000 women and one man. And that man is the king. The Siamese call the place Kang Nai ("The Inside") and so sacred is it held that etiquette forbids any open allusion to it.

The most extraordinary feature of the Kang Nai is the submerged harem, situated in an artificial lake. It is built entirely of glass of variegated colors, the plates being joined together by an insoluble cement. It is ornamented with quaint turrets and minarets. When not in use, it floats on the surface of the lake. When the

king desires to take his ease within it, accompanied by his harem favorites, he enters the single door, which, when closed, is air and water-tight. At a signal certain valves are opened and the house of glass descends to the bottom of the lake. The arrangements for supplying fresh air are perfect. In the hot summer weather it affords a deliciously cool retreat, and there Chulalongkorn is accustomed to while many idle hours away, rejoicing doubtless that fate did not summon him to reign over a progressive and civilized people. That famous saying of Shakespeare's: "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," does not apply to him.

In accordance with eastern custom he is a much married man. He has a score or two of official wives, and nobody knows just how many hundreds of what might be termed courtesy wives, though in Solomon's time they were known by another name.

How far contact with western civilization has modified Chulalongkorn's religious views nobody knows, but nominally, at least, he adheres to the state religion, which is a decadent form of Buddhism on which many superstitions have been grafted. The huge palace is girdled by a holy rope which has been blessed by the priests and is, therefore, supposed to form an effective barrier against the fiendish host whose special prey is royalty and its multitudinous offspring. It is the Siamese custom to scare demons by demons, somewhat on the principle of setting a thief to catch a thief. The demons employed are huge and hideous effigies. The priests wanted Chulalongkorn, when he ascended the throne, to permit the erection of two of these monstrosities outside the palace gates. But they compromised on the holy rope. Opposite the palace, on the western bank of the river, stands a temple known as Wat Chang, or the "Temple of Dawn," which the king attends for public worship. The wardens are two gigantic stone figures, male and female, wearing nightmare masks. And the king, skeptical though he may be as to their efficacy, deems it prudent to make an obeisance when he passes between them.

He has visited England once before. That was in 1897. He wasn't feeling particularly comfortable at that time, for France was threatening to gobble up the biggest portion of his kingdom, and he didn't show himself much in public. It was supposed then that the chief purpose of his visit was to get England to block the French game. On that occasion he paid a visit to the queen at Windsor Castle. He was assigned to a magnificent suite of rooms on the first floor, which corresponds to what Americans would call the second floor. But despite their sumptuous furnishing, it became apparent that his dusky majesty was far from comfortable in them. Then the truth leaked out. It is customary in Siam for the monarch to sleep at the top of the house, "nearest heaven," and that anybody should occupy apartments nearer the realms of the blessed than himself did not accord with his notions of what was due his rank and dignity. So he was shifted to an attic room, and though of necessity, it was a far meaner apartment, he was more than pleased with the change.

Raven as Mariner's Compass. Perhaps the Danes selected the raven for their standard out of feelings of gratitude, for before the invention of the mariner's compass they must have found him extremely useful. The only method of determining whether land was near was to let loose a raven. If the bird saw land he sailed away forever; if he did not he returned to the ship.—London Chronicle.

## NEBRASKA MATTERS

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS NOTES HERE AND THERE.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Social, Agricultural, Religious and Other Matters Having Reference to This Commonwealth Alone.

Otoe county's stock show will be held in September.

A class of five will graduate from the Seward schools this year.

The diphtheria plague in the vicinity of Humboldt has about subsided.

A heavy wind at Albion did much damage to buildings and windows.

The Fremont High school will turn our thirty-nine graduates this year.

Heavy rain visited Deuel county, insuring bountiful crops of wheat and rye.

A sneak thief broke into a barber shop at Milford and stole thirteen razors.

Chester county's thirty-fourth annual teachers' institute will be held June 8 to 16.

Forty-one persons united with the Episcopal church, Fremont, on a recent Sunday.

E. F. Thorp of Otoe county fell from a scaffold, breaking his right thigh near the hip.

Tecumseh barbers have raised the shaving price to 15 cents on and after the 1st of June.

Church people of Alliance are in a movement to have all screens removed from saloons.

Bank statements of the First National and Omaha National banks show deposits of about \$13,000,000 cash.

Bridgeport's town board is considering the matter of ordering permanent cement sidewalks along the town.

Southwestern Nebraska got effective relief from the long period of dry weather. Heavy showers fell over a wide district.

Frank Jones, a Union Pacific section hand, died at Grand Island from burns received by the explosion of a gasoline can.

David Hopkins of Dewitt died recently from poisoning contracted by piercing the palm of his hand with the horn of a catfish.

The Valparaiso state bank has reduced the capital stock from \$25,000 to \$15,000. Two of the five stockholders wish to withdraw.

A horse market has recently been established in Ravenna, where members of the equine family will be sold for shipment to the east.

The annual estimate of the expenses of the city of York for the fiscal year beginning in August, 1907, and ending in August, 1908, is \$21,450.

A tornado swept the outskirts of Hastings and did considerable damage to property, and also injured John Murphy. The storm was followed by a heavy rain.

A new organization has been formed in York to be known as the Farmers' exchange, of which Bernard King is the president. The company is erecting a large brick building.

Colonel H. C. McMaken celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in Plattsmouth by inviting all of the old settlers who came that year or previously to Cass county, also his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The proceedings against Charles Williams for the murder of his father on the 11th of last September, have been dismissed by the court at Auburn. His brother Clarence, who admitted having fired the fatal shots, was cleared last winter.

According to the records of the county court of Johnson county for twenty years from January 1, 1887, to January 1, 1907, there were 2,018 marriage licenses issued. During that twenty years there were but 187 applications for divorce filed in this county.

C. V. Bartlett, who was arrested at St. Louis, Mo., charged with embezzling \$26,000 of the funds of the company for which he was working, was formerly manager of the Nebraska City Telephone company at that place and made that city his home for several years.

The surveyor of the port of Lincoln gets \$75 a month and fees, the fees amounting to enough to make the salary about \$100 per month. The surveyor of the port, by virtue of his office, is custodian of government property in the city, but he draws no pay for his services in this position.

The Nebraska Bankers' association has advised the banks at York of a new graft that is being worked upon farmers in Nebraska who are approached by an agent for a new style of stock food and after a sale is made, the proposition of an agency is presented to the farmer and upon its acceptance he is asked to sign what he understands is an agency contract or something of that nature, but it develops that it is really a note for usually \$130.

A Crete editor tells how to get rid of dandelions. He says: Sprinkle the pest with a mixture of 20 per cent copperas and 80 per cent water. It is a sure killer and doesn't injure the grass.

"The crop conditions in the state are just as good as they were last season, and the cold weather has done little but retard the grain. Reports of damage have been greatly exaggerated." This statement was made by Vice President Mohler of the Union Pacific, who returned from a short trip through Nebraska.

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"Whiskers." "Whiskers" was a word formerly used to designate the hair on the upper lip. Scott more than once speaks of "whiskers on the upper lip" and so does Defoe in "Robinson Crusoe." Johnson defined a "whisker" as the hair growing on the upper lip or cheek unshaven; a mustachio. It seems to have taken its name from a fancied resemblance to a small brush, to "whisk" properly meaning to sweep, and a "whisker" having been a particular kind of feather brush—also, in the slang of a former time, a switch or rod. In the seventeenth century a "whisker" signified among other things a brazen lie, a "whopper."

One Redeeming Feature. A youthful New York artist recently invited a friend to dinner in her studio. As the bachelor maid's skill was greater in mixing colors than in catering to grosser tastes, the dinner was something to gnash one's teeth at and upon. The roast chicken was tough, the potatoes were underdone, the pineapple salad was pithy. In anguish of mind, the young hostess sank to the depths of apologizing. "The dinner was delightful, I assure you," said her guest, a charming woman who would cheerfully have perished at the stake rather than utter a tactless word: "I have rarely tasted such tender gravy."

Return of the Prodigal. "I do play in tough luck sometimes," declared the impecunious girl. "Last night, you remember how it rained. I happened to be in the neighborhood of some friends of mine whom I had not seen since the last hard rain. I concluded to call. Before they asked me in they grabbed the umbrella I carried, hurried across the room with it, placed it in a closet there and locked the door on it. 'Thank heaven!' they cried. 'At last! Our long lost umbrella!'"

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