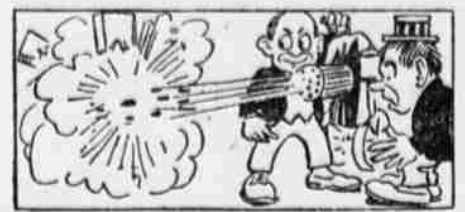


Odd News From Big Cities

Stories of Strange Happenings in the Metropolitan Towns

Gun Fires Million Bullets an Hour



NEW YORK.—A gun that, its inventor says, can shoot a million bullets an hour at a cost of \$20; that uses neither powder nor compressed air, and that fires bullets that do not require shells, was shot for the enlightenment of a delegation of New York reporters. The reporters saw the gun shoot, but they were not permitted to see that part of the gun out of which the little steel bullets came with such rapidity.

A Swiss named Bangerter was introduced as the inventor. In order that the secret should be maintained, that part of the mechanism that it is said causes the rapid shooting was covered with oilcloth. Only the motor that operates the gun and the little bucketlike receptacles into which the bullets are poured by the quart were visible to the reporters.

There were targets made of a series of big boards arranged in box fashion, each plank about a foot behind the one in front of it. There were four boards in each target. When the bullets started to fly, they riddled the target into a pile of splinters a foot high, and they did it in less than a

minute. All in all, it was estimated that no less than 15,000 bullets pierced the target.

The reporters were permitted then to enter the gunroom. They saw a motor from the wheel of which a belt was operated. The belt connected the motor with another wheel which was a part of the mechanism on the top of which was the oilcloth covered weapon out of which the bullets came. They also saw the little buckets, on either side of the gun, into which the bullets are poured as they are needed. The reporters asked to see the gun in operation. Mr. Bangerter ordered another target swung into position. There was another whirl and a second storm of bullets struck the target. The fusillade lasted about ten seconds. Again was the target demolished.

But Mr. Bangerter and his associates refused to say anything about what was under the oilcloth in the little gunroom. They did give out a typewritten statement, however, saying that one of these guns "could fire an army of thirty regiments of soldiers or 30,000 men, and could mow down that entire body of men as easy as a knife cuts the grass. There is no earthly possibility for any army to successfully face the fire from a gun of this kind which pours a veritable hailstorm of bullets into the attacking forces, who must either sacrifice their lives or turn in retreat."

West Pointers Inflict a 'Silence'



WEST POINT, N. Y.—To the average man who doesn't rub up much with army officers the West Point "silence," which has been inflicted on Capt. Rufus E. Longan, instructor in tactics here, is a good deal of a mystery. Most people understand that a "silence" is a refusal of the cadets to talk in the presence of the offending instructor or official, but that is about as far as their information goes.

A "silence" is a well organized protest on the part of the students of the Military academy against some act of one in authority. It may even be an expression of general dislike, as seems to be the case in the ignoring of Captain Longan, who had only recently been assigned from the Eleventh Infantry to do duty at the academy. How it originated no one knows, but it has been practised at the military school for many years, and in several cases has been effective in causing

the removal of officers who have ceased to be useful because of their general unpopularity.

The "silence" is most effective in the mess hall, and it is here that it is almost invariably "sprung." While discipline is relaxed at mess, nevertheless the etiquette is strict. A cadet captain, by virtue of his corps rank, is superintendent of the mess. At the head of each table sits a number of the first class—the graduating class. Every private of the first class is an assistant of the mess hall under the cadet captain, and the tables take their cue from his conduct at all times. Tables do not ply knife and fork until the first class man gives silent permission. When it is agreed to inflict "silence" on an officer, no one looks at him as he appears in the mess hall. The first class men at the head of the tables fold their arms and look straight ahead. The second, third and fourth class men imitate the attitude. There is absolute silence, not a sound or a movement being made to break the stillness.

The extreme penalty provided by law for this degree of insubordination is dismissal from the academy. Extreme measures, however, are resorted to only in unusual cases.

Texas City Runs Its Own Abattoir



PARIS, Tex.—The first and only municipal abattoir and animal reduction plant in the United States is in this city, and has been in successful operation for several months. It marks the beginning of a new era in municipal ownership of industries that directly concern the welfare of the people.

It is said that the idea is practical for all cities and that it would work to particular advantage in towns of 10,000 to 100,000 population. If generally adopted it may lead to a solution of the problem of high cost of meat and other food products.

In Paris, with an estimated population of 15,000, the municipal sanitary department found it very difficult to supervise the several separate slaughter houses maintained by the butchers.

The health of the people was constantly menaced by the unsanitary conditions under which the animals were slaughtered and the meats handled.

These private slaughter houses were rudely constructed and most of them were in some swamp or thicket. During the summer flies were about the premises in untold millions. They covered the slaughtered animals. The odor was terrific, and, indeed, the whole surroundings were such that it appeared to all that the meat slaughtered under such conditions was not at all fit for food.

The city then determined to establish its own abattoir and to provide rules and regulations that would insure the slaughtering of only healthy and well-conditioned animals and the delivery to the people of meat in perfect sanitary condition. The proposition was agitated and met with general favor on the part of the public. An issue of \$10,000 of bonds was voted for the construction of the plant. It was equipped with sanitary arrangements and is modern and complete in every respect.

Drinking Cup Sediment Kills a Pig



CHICAGO—Public drinking cups are dangerous. They are excellent mediums for transmitting the germs of disease. Especially is this true in public and parochial schools, where a large number of children are compelled to use the same cups, according to the health bureau.

Statistics show about one person in sixty has tuberculosis, and among school children there always are those who have some of the communicable diseases in light form, and these undoubtedly are communicated by the use of the common cup.

So fully is this understood that several states have passed laws abolishing the public drinking cup, and compelling railroads and public carriers to supply individual ones. The

plan also has been advocated in schools, but the better and safer plan is believed to be the installation of what are known as "bubbling" cups with the water flowing over the rims all the time.

A cup used in a high school for several months without having been washed was found to be lined inside with a thick brownish deposit. Under the microscope this deposit proved to be composed of particles of mud, thousands of bits of dead skin, and millions of bacteria. Some of this sediment was injected under the skin of a healthy guinea pig and forty hours later the pig died. An examination afterward showed that pneumonia germs had caused death. A second guinea pig was inoculated with some of the sediment from the same cup and developed tuberculosis. Careful inquiry showed that several pupils in this school from which the cup was taken were then suffering from consumption.

An agitation is urged asking the school board to install the "bubbling" cups in all schools.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest From Various Sections.

John F. Coad, a prominent banker of South Omaha, died last week.

Mrs. Hager of Holmesville vicinity was thrown from her buggy at the railroad crossing north of Wymore and sustained a broken leg.

The Midwest Life has good openings for active, competent men to represent it locally. Write the president, N. Z. Snell, at Lincoln, for particulars.

James Ziggafos has sold his quarter section of land south of Fairheld receiving \$140 per acre from local parties. This is the record price in that vicinity for purely farming land.

A two-acre patch of strawberries in full bloom in October and bearing strawberries in large quantities and of good size, color and flavor is a curiosity of which Central City boasts.

Charles Blakely of Omaha, heir of the late Mrs. Margaret Blakely, paid into the treasury of Gage county \$553.43, the amount recently found due from the estate under the inheritance tax law of Nebraska.

W. J. O. Graves and his family of Honey Creek vicinity were chased for a half mile by Henry Horns, a Winnebago Indian. A dispute over fifteen bushels of corn was the incentive that put blood in the brave's eye, and he was going to settle with cold lead instead of yellow dent. Shouldering his shotgun he set out on the chase. He was finally captured.

Melvin John of Seward county, a lad about sixteen years old, was sentenced to the state industrial school at Kearney, by County Judge Colman. The boy was caught with stolen property in his possession, consisting of three suits of clothes and one suit case, which he had taken from the camp of the telephone men who are building the new line.

Governor Shallenberger has issued a requisition for the return of Joseph French from Tacoma, Wash., on a charge of deserting his seven-year-old child, Meri French. The complaint is signed by Mrs. Mary E. French, the wife of the accused. Sam M. Melick of Lincoln was appointed agent of the state at the request of the county attorney to bring French back.

Albert Calhoun and B. M. Lynch, the former a ranchman and the latter a carpenter living in Kearney, have installed thoroughly modern machinery for a broom factory. Mr. Calhoun raised seven acres of broom corn this year and will make a thousand dozen brooms. They will plant a large acreage to broom corn next year and will manufacture it into brooms.

A statement which appeared recently that the York high school has the largest senior class of any school in the state, not including Lincoln and Omaha, has created considerable comment in Pawnee City. The Pawnee City high school has an enrollment of 175 and the senior class numbers thirty-six, which it is claimed is a much larger class than the senior York high school.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of woman's organized work in America for foreign missions. The central committee on the United Study of Missions, together with the boards of Woman's Foreign Missions, decided to hold a series of meetings in thirty of the large cities of the country, beginning in October and culminating in a great gathering in New York City in the spring of 1911. The meeting in Omaha will be the 27th and 28th of October.

Burt Simpson, a farm hand, is being sought by the sheriff and deputies of Dodge county on the theory that he is the man who stole a horse and buggy. A horse disappeared from the residence of William Burt, ten miles northwest of Fremont, and simultaneously Burt's neighbor, William Keeler, missed a new buggy. The horse hitched to the buggy was found later near Fremont. Evidently it had been abandoned near there. The fact that Simpson, who was employed on Burt's farm, has disappeared, fastens suspicion on him.

Julius Thiele, a prominent citizen of West Point, died recently. He was a native of Germany and had been a resident of Cuming county for forty-three years, coming there from Wisconsin as a small boy. He received his education in the public schools of West Point and in 1883 was elected county clerk of Cuming county and ex-officio clerk of the district court which positions he held for three terms. His estate is extremely valuable, consisting largely of choice real estate in this and other states.

Chicken thieves of York county visited the poultry yards of Mrs. Ross of York county and took the entire flock, including some setting hens and young chickens. Many farmers have lately reported the theft of poultry and several have made arrangements to give the thieves a warm reception with a shotgun.

F. O. Bunnell, engineer of tests for the Rock Island railroad, was in Fairbury making an analysis of the water furnished passenger and freight locomotives. For some time past the Rock Island engineers have been experiencing considerable trouble with foaming boilers.

The York County Poultry association is after chicken thieves that are contemplating "lifting" any of their fine productions and are offering a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of anyone stealing from members of the association.

The Phelps county farmers' institute and the woman's auxiliary held their annual meetings in Holdrege. The largest attendance ever recorded characterized all of the sessions. Prof. Pugsley of Lincoln was unable to be present and his place was taken by Prof. Irving Hopt, who gave a lecture on "Alfalfa Raising."

A TRAIN LOAD OF TOBACCO.

Twenty-four Carloads Purchased for Lewis' Single Binder Cigar Factory.

What is probably the biggest lot of all fancy grade tobacco held by any factory in the United States has just been purchased by Frank P. Lewis, of Peoria, for the manufacture of Lewis' Single Binder Cigars. The lot will make twenty-four carloads, and is selected from what is considered by experts to be the finest crop raised in many years. The purchase of tobacco is sufficient to last the factory more than two years. An extra price was paid for the selection. Smokers of Lewis' Single Binder Cigars will appreciate this tobacco.

—Peoria Star, January 16, 1909.

"Thank You's."

The man who is not thankful for the lessons he learned in adversity didn't learn any.

There must be plenty of thankfulness in the world if those who have loved and lost could know just what they have lost.

"Why are you giving thanks? They took \$10,000 from you in Wall Street a little while ago, didn't they?"

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Slightly Mixed.

Two Englishmen were resting at the Red Home Inn at Stratford-on-Avon. One of them discovered a print picturing a low, tumbling building underneath which was printed: "The House in Which Shakespeare Was Born." Turning to his friend in mild surprise he pointed to the print. His friend exhibited equal surprise and called a waiter, who assured them of the accuracy of the inscription.

"Pon my word," said the observing Englishman, shaking his head dubious. "I thought he was born in a manger!"

Tit for Tat.

Lloyd C. Griscom, in an interview in New York, said of party dissensions:

"They are animated by a nasty spirit, a tit-for-tat spirit; and they go from bad to worse.

"It's like the case of the engaged couple at the seaside dance. The young man, a little jealous, said coldly to his fiancée at supper:

"Let me see—was it you I kissed in the conservatory?"

"About what time?" the young girl answered, with a little laugh."

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Prudent Bridegroom.

"The uncertainties of life in New York are reflected in wedding rings," said the jeweler. "Of all the wedding rings I have sold this season more than half were brought back after the ceremony to have the date put on. The rest of the inscription was engraved when the ring was purchased, but in order that the date might be correct it was cautiously omitted until after the knot was tied."

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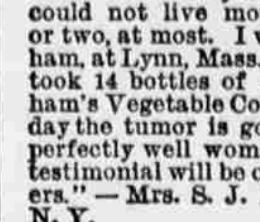
Mrs. S. J. Barber says:

"I think Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the best medicine in the world for women—and I feel it my duty to let others know the good it has done for me. Three years ago I had a tumor which the doctor said would have to be removed by an operation or I could not live more than a year, or two, at most. I wrote Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., for advice, and took 14 bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and today the tumor is gone and I am a perfectly well woman. I hope my testimonial will be of benefit to others."—Mrs. S. J. BARBER, Scott, N. Y.



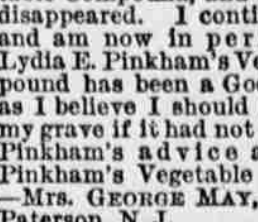
Mrs. George May says:

"No one knows what I have suffered from female troubles, neuralgia pains, and backache. My doctor said he could not give me anything to cure it. Through the advice of a friend I began to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and the pain soon disappeared. I continued its use and am now in perfect health. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been a God-send to me as I believe it should have been in my grave if it had not been for Mrs. Pinkham's advice and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. GEORGE MAY, 86 4th Ave., Paterson, N. J.



Mrs. E. F. Hayes says:

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