



HOUSEHOLD TALKS
No More Run-Down Heels.
Patentees, actors and other pedestrians should drink a toast to a man in Australia...

MONEY IN CANTELOUPES.

Former Desert Land Now Worth \$5,000 an Acre.

In some sections of Colorado and in the Southwest, where only a few years ago the land was a worthless desert, the cantelope is king...

From four districts in the West the export value of cantelopes this year will be \$10,000,000. In the vicinity of Glenwood, Colo., new land, reclaimed by irrigation and devoted to cantelopes, is selling for \$5,000 an acre...

The region about Glenwood which it is possible to irrigate does not exceed 20,000 acres and most of it has already been snapped up...

Another cantelope district is the Salton Sea, in southern California, formerly a desert strewn with bleaching human bones. Part of it is now irrigated and from one section there was shipped this year \$2,000,000 worth of melons...

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FARM.

President Asks Many and the Commission Is Busy.

President Roosevelt wants to know whether the farmer likes his farm and why. To receive this information a commission on country life, consisting of six members, is now conducting an investigation...

Some of the questions now going over the thousands of rural routes are as follows:

"Are the farm homes in your neighborhood as good as they should be under existing conditions?"

"Are the schools in your neighborhood training boys and girls satisfactorily for life on the farm?"

"Do the farmers in your neighborhood get the returns they reasonably should from the sale of their products?"

"Do the farmers in your neighborhood receive from the railroads, highroads, trolley lines, etc., the service they reasonably should have?"

"Do the farmers in your neighborhood receive from the United States postal service, rural telephone, etc., the service they reasonably should expect?"

"Are the farmers and their wives in your neighborhood satisfactorily organized to promote their mutual interest?"

"Are the renters of farms in your neighborhood making a satisfactory living?"

"Is the supply of farm labor in your neighborhood satisfactory?"



Senator Culberson of Texas has been appointed to succeed David R. Francis of Missouri as chairman of the advisory committee of the Democratic national campaign organization...

Candidate Taft came out of his vacation seclusion at Middle Bass Island and started from Sandusky across Ohio by train, making many short addresses from the rear platform of the observation car in which he rode.

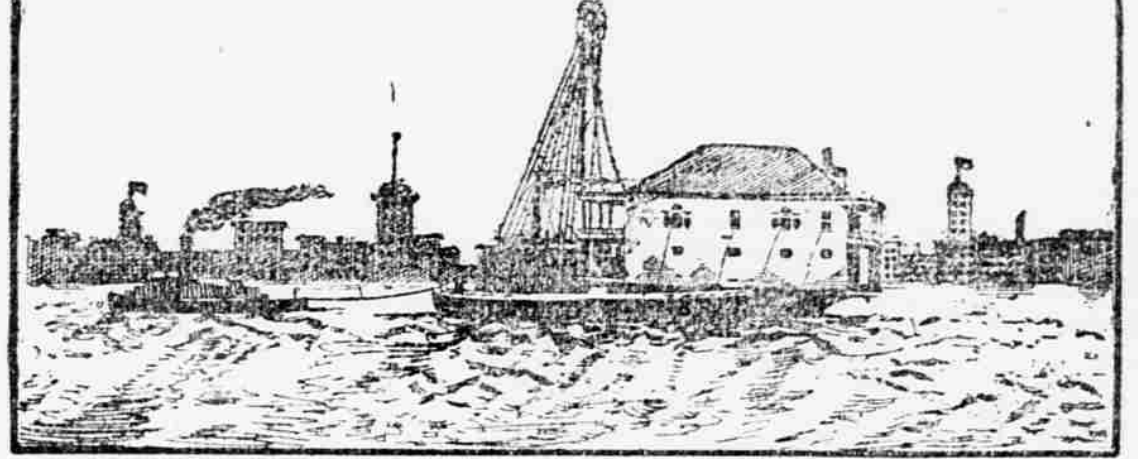
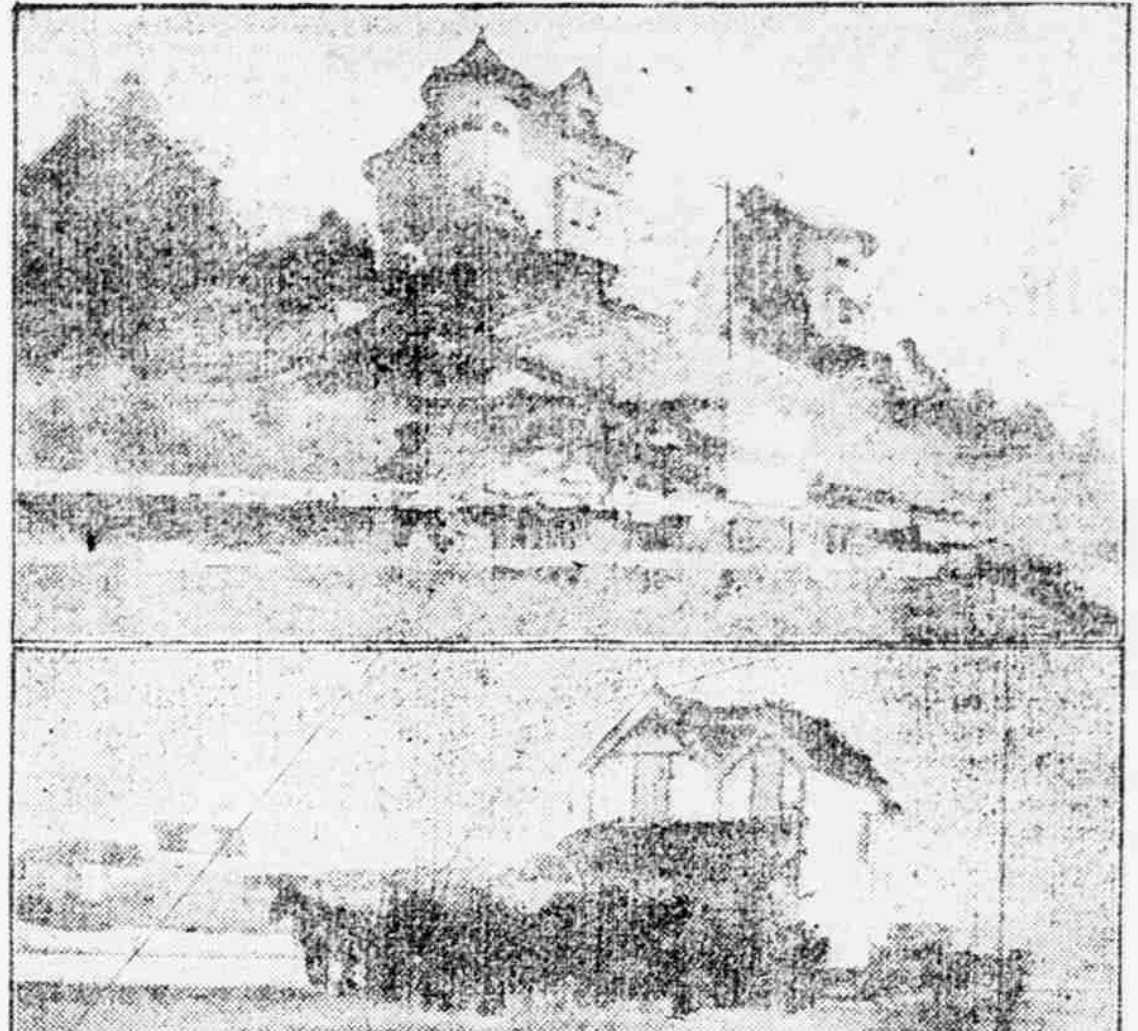
The Indiana campaign of the Independence party was opened in Indianapolis, William R. Hearst, Thomas L. Hise, presidential candidate, and George W. McCaslin, candidate of the party for Governor of Illinois, spoke.

Candidate Bryan has issued a reply to the pamphlet published by President Van Cleave of the Manufacturers' Association in the interest of Taft. Bryan says that the Democratic labor plank is not an assault on the courts, and asks if the labor question is so important as to justify business men in ignoring all other issues...

In a letter addressed to Rev. R. H. Gosner, pastor of Christ Episcopal church of Oswego, James S. Sherman, Republican vice presidential candidate, expressed himself unequivocally in favor of the re-nomination of Gov. Charles E. Hughes.

"A prohibitionist does not have to be a total abstainer," said Eugene W. Chaffin, prohibition candidate for president, in a speech at the old capitol building in St. Paul. "The prohibitionist is the man who votes the prohibition ticket on election day because he believes the principle is right."

METHODS OF HOUSE MOVING.



The first picture shows a California house which has been cut in two for removal, the second a house being moved by horse-power, and the third house moving by boat.

Nowadays when a person wants to move and doesn't like to think of giving up the old home, he takes the old home along with him. This is not always easy, but frequently it is advisable to do it rather than go into a new country and build another home.



It has long been known, theoretically, that the tides act as a brake on the rotating earth, and tend to lengthen the day. The effect, however, is so slight that it cannot be measured in any length of time at man's disposal.

The second largest masonry arch in the world has, according to Engineering News, recently been built on a new railway in Austria. This arch is the largest span of a bridge over the Isonzo river and is 278.9 feet, having a rise of 78 feet.

The expedition organized by the American Museum of Natural History which has been exploring the Fayum Desert, in northern Egypt, seems to have located the place of origin of the elephant in the Tertiary age.

George Oakley Totten, Jr., of Washington, one of the American delegates to the International Congress of Architects at Vienna, delivered an address at the convention in the course of which, speaking of the development of skyscrapers as a result of conditions in the United States, he said: "Conditions are likely to arise which will greatly influence the architecture of the future."

Oranges and all fruits of the citrus family in Florida suffer extensive ravages from the "white fly." This insect first appeared in this country, in Florida, many years ago, and is supposed to have been imported from China.

three. These fungi may be artificially disseminated, and fumigation is also employed to combat the enemy. No insect parasites of the white fly are known to the government entomologists.

The Sensitive Bachelor. "Bachelors are the most sensitive, the most scrupulous mortals on earth," said the widow.

Mob a Classic Term. "The mob," an abbreviation of "the mobile," which represents the Latin "mobile vulgus" (the fickle crowd) came into the language about 1680-90.

Aids a Diver to Lift. The difficulty a diver experiences in lifting weights beneath the water is partly overcome by a new Italian invention, which has been formally adopted by that government.

Just Growing. "Why, Mrs. White," began the summer visitor newly returned to Saymouth, "how those maples of yours have grown since last year! It's perfectly amazing!"

Campaign Lite Killed. "Do candidates really kiss babies?" "Only in the comic papers. The only candidate I ever knew to do any kissing was Hobson, and he did it all before he went into politics."—Kansas City Times.

Better a bald head than a barefaced lie. Whenever a man falls, his wife tells the public that he was "too conscientious" to succeed. What she tells him in private is something different.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

The population of the territory now embraced in the German empire has doubled since 1838.

An elephant's burden is from 1,800 to 2,500 pounds, and that of a horse from 200 to 250 pounds.

Kobe is now the first port in the Japanese empire; it has a population of not far from 400,000.

The first English regatta took place upon the Thames, between London bridge and Millbank, June 23, 1775.

A two-mile railroad bridge has been recently completed across the Columbia river, in the State of Washington.

A hen attains her best laying capacity in her third year. She will lay in an average lifetime from 200 to 500 eggs.

In the Yukon mining regions electric lines for conveying power up to a distance of sixty miles have been installed.

The clock at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, has a record pendulum, its length being twenty-two feet and the weight of the ball 260 pounds.

The Church of England Bishopric of Mackenzie River, in British North America, is five times as large as the United Kingdom.

Russia still buys nearly all her tea in the form of tablets or bricks, probably owing to the convenience of transportation in early times.

The importation of cigarettes in Germany was lessened for a short time only by the increase of the duty from 270 marks to 700 marks.

Last year the 125 universities of Europe were attended by 228,752 students. Berlin was in the lead, with 13,834; next came Paris, with 12,985; Budapest, with 6,551, and Vienna, with 6,205.

An old judge of a New York court of record says that, if the law requiring an attorney of the courts to be of good moral character was strictly enforced, about ninety-two members of the bar out of one hundred would have to go into some other business.

Sir Walter Hillyer has been appointed expert adviser to the Chinese government. Sir Walter was born in China of English parents and is a learned linguist. Li Hung Chang once said that he spoke and wrote Chinese as well as the most highly educated mandarin.

Waldorf Astor, son of William Waldorf Astor, is a candidate for a seat in the British House of Commons, to represent the ancient city of Plymouth, from which came the founders of New England. The young man is a Conservative, or, as members of the party are known by its opponents, a Tory.

Mrs. W. S. Peabody, of Denver, has been called "Mother of the Mesa Verde National Park." This park contains the most interesting remains of the cliff-dwellers that have been discovered, and Mrs. Peabody is largely instrumental in its being made a national park.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hayward, of Salt Lake City, who was regularly elected and served as delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Denver, is the mother of nine children, and said to have one of the best managed households in that city.

The vender of chickweed in Paris is a well-known figure. The sellers are numerous and their cry is one of the most noteworthy of those that resound in the morning in the streets of the French capital.

An entirely new design in the construction of electric lamps has been recently brought out, the novel feature of which is the entire absence, so far as the eye is concerned, of all wires. One-half of the transformer is fastened to the underside of a table, while the other half of the transformer is incorporated in the base of the lamp standard.

Dr. Charles Perrier, in an article based on observations made in French penal institutions, says that criminals are for the most part of medium height. Thieves, he says, he found to be almost exclusively of small stature, and beggars nearly always of medium or slightly under that height. "It is seldom," he says, "that a fully developed beggar nature can be found in a large frame."

MICHIGAN'S FOREST FIRES.

Million Acres of Timber Land Have Been Burned Over This Year.

This year's forest fires in Michigan are among the most destructive that have ever visited the State. Fires in 1871 swept a strip forty miles wide and 180 miles long, extending across the central part of the State from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan. At this time more than 10,000,000 feet of timber in board measure was destroyed, entailing a financial loss of \$10,000,000 and resulting in the deaths of several hundred persons.

Ten years later, in September, 1881, more than 1,800 square miles in various parts of Michigan were swept by forest fires. This resulted in a loss in property of \$2,300,000, in addition to the timber destroyed. The number of lives lost was estimated at from 150 to 500, and more than 5,000 persons were rendered destitute.

This year's fires, while not involving great sacrifice of life, are woefully destructive of timber. Prof. Roth, State forester of Michigan, who has visited the burned districts in the northern parts of the State, says that at the lowest calculation a million acres of timber have been burned over this year, including between 2,000 and 4,000 acres of the Michigan forest reserve. To re-timber this land will cost \$5 per acre, and the new growth destroyed was easily worth as much more, so that the total loss in these two items alone will approximate \$10,000,000.

Michigan was once the home of magnificent forests, but they have been frittered away until now only a reminder of their former magnitude remains. Where the timber barons have not stripped the land of its wealth forest fires have been permitted to rage at will, aside from the efforts put forth by settlers in checking their progress, and millions of dollars that might have been saved by the exercise of proper caution have gone up in smoke.

Forest fires differ greatly, but in any event the results are the same—a blackened waste that will for a generation or more be practically worthless even for agricultural purposes. The rich mold covering the ground, and which may have been accumulating for ages, is burned over, the nitrogen extracted and the soil rendered useless for years to come.

Nothing is spared. The higher the tree, the more greedily the tongues of flame that dart forth to envelop it. Filling the air for miles around is a dense cloud of pungent smoke that chokes the lungs and makes breathing difficult. The country is hidden from view, and it is often difficult to see more than a few feet away. And through it all can be distinguished at times the sun high overhead like a great ruby ball, strangely emblematic of the often futile struggle for life being waged in the plague-stricken district.

The habit of burning letters ought to be taught in the schools. That Dr. Kustin of Omaha must have been a cheerful citizen. China has decided not to let France slide down its cellar door.

No campaign is really hot until the election judges begin to fight. That is an ominous shadow which the cholera is casting over Manila. Business is beginning to pick up. Look at the ready letter-writer industry.

Lots of people can see political rainbows without going up in airships. Nobody's being kept awake by the noise of the campaign contributions.

Airship trips by moonlight. For reserved seats apply to Wright brothers. The American fleet is experiencing all sorts of novelties, including a typhoon. The poor little tuberculosis germ will now have time to take a little needed rest.

This country's record-breaking pumpkin crop ought to make pie-lovers laugh. The new Chinese minister-elect, Chung Men Yew, has a name like a midnight cat. If the freak style in hats keeps on, next thing we will have a men's military store.

Things seem to indicate that we are now living in the United States of Standard Oil. Is giving \$7,000 automobiles to actresses a pastime among needy Wall Street brokers? Bulgaria thought she might as well take a slice of freedom while it was going around.

Who would have believed that the machinery of politics had been so completely silled up?

