

## The Columbus Journal

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"Jack Frost," complains the Boston Herald, "is flirting with us." Slip him on the wrist.

Perhaps the New Yorker who lived on grass would point to that as proof of his horse sense.

The tremendous apple crop of this year might arrange a pair advantageously with the wheat crop.

In what better way could a New York heiress get her jewels before than by being robbed of them?

Prof. Benbow successfully steered his air ship for 500 yards at St. Louis. It's a thousand miles to Washington.

It would suit Lipton if the rules of the game could be so amended that he could have his British yacht built in America.

An eminent sculptor declares the human foot is growing smaller, but it is understood he never worked with Chicago models.

The Brooklyn man who lived on grass for six months seems to have succeeded in reducing a meat diet to its first principles.

If Sir Thomas Lipton is going to race with an American-built boat manned by an American crew the cup is indeed in danger.

Hans, the educated horse, proves to be a fraud. Still he probably has brains enough to know what to think of his recent admirers.

It will take thirty yards of material, the dressmakers say, to make an autumn dress—but they won't bother Dr. Mary Walker.

An Ohio man has been arrested for killing a book agent. Possibly, however, the sheriff was new to his business and didn't know any better.

In order doubtless to dispel local prejudices against the practice, Boston papers announce that a woman 102 years old "takes a daily bath."

What a helpless creature is man! A convention of dressmakers says that big sleeves are to be in style once more and he cannot prevent it.

Close on the heels of Mr. Hill's promised retirement comes John L. Sullivan's equally conclusive announcement that he is "done with house."

The folly of the woman who marries a man in order to reform him is exceeded only by the folly of the man who marries a woman in order to reform her.

J. Pierpont Morgan has acquired a reputation as a dog fancier. He gave \$10,000 the other day for four beautiful collies. His money now is going to the dogs.

## POSTS CAPTURED

THREE DAYS' FIGHTING IN PORT ARTHUR VICINITY.

### JAPANESE SUCCESS REPORTED

They Capture Several Important Posts—Their Losses, However, According to Russian Sources, Were Unusually Severe.

CHEEFOO—As a result of the battle before Port Arthur, which began on September 19, the Japanese succeeded in capturing several important posts and Sunday the Russian tenure of the big fort guarding the north, northeast and northwest sides of the town is seriously threatened.

Chinese information places the Japanese losses under \$3,000 for the three days' fighting, and that comparatively small casualty list is due to the excessive care used by the Japanese in making their preparations for the advance. Russian sources, however, claim to have information that the Japanese losses were unusually severe, amounting to fully three times the number mentioned above.

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### PROTECTS MONEY OF INDIANS

Proceeds of Lands Deposited in Bank Subject to Agent's Control.

WASHINGTON—One of the most drastic orders ever issued by the government for the protection of the several Indian tribes against fraud and robbery was promulgated Tuesday by Acting Secretary of the Interior Ryan. The order in question amends the rules for the sale of inherited Indian lands, so as to require that the proceeds to be derived from their sale shall be placed with the most convenient United States depository to the credit of each heir in proper proportion, subject to the check of such heirs or their recognized guardians, for amounts not exceeding \$10 to each in any one month. Before being paid, however, it will be necessary for these checks to be approved by the agent or other officer in charge. For sums in excess of \$10 per month the money will be paid upon the approval of the agent only when specifically authorized so to do by the commissioner or Indian affairs.

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### WEATHER MEN AT BANQUET.

Addresses Are Made by Prominent Members of Society.

Pearl, Ill.—The announcement was made at the weather convention of the appointment of James H. Spencer, in charge of the United States weather exhibit at St. Louis and late of the Lincoln, Neb., office, to take charge of the station now building in this city.

The annual banquet was held at the National hotel Thursday night. Addresses were made by Congressman Joseph V. Graff, Prof. F. R. Sturtevant of the weather bureau at Canada; Captain George P. Blow, representing the United States navy; Prof. Cleve Land Abbe of Washington, Dr. Faig of Baltimore, Prof. A. G. McAdie of San Francisco, Mr. Curley of Chicago, representing a department of marine insurance, and others.

A telegram of congratulations was received from Secretary Wilson.

The forenoon was given up to an address and the ensuing discussion on the topic, "Instructions and Research by Weather Bureau Officials," by Prof. Abbe of Washington.

### CRAZY MAN AT OYSTER BAY

Taken in Charge by Officers While Going to Sagamore Hill.

OSTER BAY, R. I.—A man who is regarded by the secret service officers and by the authorities of Oyster Bay as a dangerous crank was apprehended here Tuesday. He is J. E. Reeves, a medium sized, roughly attired man about 40 years old. He was making his way to Sagamore Hill when he was arrested. He told Officer Tyree, who apprehended him, that he wanted to see the president on important business. Believing from the man's manner that he was insane, Officer Tyree took him before Justice Franklin for examination. To the justice Reeves said that six years ago he died in a New Jersey hospital and went to heaven in an automobile. While there he received an important message for President Roosevelt which he was directed to deliver personally. He refused to say what the nature of the message was as he declared he could communicate to nobody but the president. The man was held for examination as to his sanity.

OMAHA WINTS THE PENNANT

Pa Rourke's Rangers Are Champions of the Western League.

Experts in education aver that the wonderful Berlin horse, Hans, shows real power of mental concentration. Hans must be related to some mule we have known.

Maybe the reason why the Japanese soldiers get 45 cents a month pay, instead of half a dollar, is that the Japanese war department doesn't do anything by halves.

Western civilization is permeating China. In another generation will not be considered disgrace for a Chinese woman of high rank to stand on a broad footing.

Speaking about discipline, an educational expert urges the school teacher not to let bad boys go when they annoy her. Just smile joyously when the best pin strikes home.

London is getting giddy. The daughter of the lord mayor has been jilted by an Egyptian official and somebody exploded a bunch of fire-crackers in Westminster Abbey.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$100,000 to the Young Women's Christian Association of Cleveland. The members must resemble the biblical virgins who also had oil in their lamps.

Five American automobiles are sold abroad for every one that is imported to this country. Which seems to indicate that the automobile, besides having come to stay, has come to go.

Two Buffalo women fought with crowbars for the possession of a clothesline. The loser is about to make business for the undertaker and the winner is being sought by a vaudeville manager.

An Alabama spellbinder got married between trains while on his way to deliver a speech in New York. It would have been better advertising if he had had the ceremony on the platform right after his speech.

It's noble in those Menominee (Mich.) girls who will wear on their silk stockings mottoes in praise of the town. But, name of Venus! What of the classical proportions of ankles so constructed as to afford advertising spaces?—New York World.

The palace of peace, for which Andrew Carnegie has provided funds, is to be erected at Scheveningen. Any one who has ever tried to pronounce that famous name to the satisfaction of a listening Hollander will recognize the need of a palace of peace in the neighborhood.

The secretary of the Panama canal commission says that the work of digging the canal will cost \$145,000,000 and will be completed in eight years. Paste this up somewhere, and it was again in 1917.

The Connecticut postmaster, drawing a salary of \$3 a week, who has resigned his office because he has had to get up at 5 o'clock every weekday morning, is a perfect mystery to his farmer neighbors, most of whom have been getting up before sunrise every morning in the year, some of them for less than that, all through their lives.

Having at last secured the necessary funds, Commander Peary next year will make another dash for the pole, with firm confidence that the dash will not turn out to be a hyphen-

## THE GREAT CANAL

CHIEF ENGINEER WALLACE TALKS OF THE PROJECT.

### TIME TO COMPLETE THE WORK

Within Eight Years the Ditch Will Be Cut From Ocean to Ocean—Health of Men Engaged in the Work Is Good.

CHICAGO—John F. Wallace, chief engineer of the isthmian canal commission, who is in direct charge of the construction of the canal to be built by the United States across the isthmus of Panama, is at home for two weeks after a busy summer in the canal zone. Mr. Wallace will enjoy a brief vacation at his home and will be in Washington on October 6, when the bids are opened for machinery and material to be used on canal construction. The bids were advertised for some time ago, and will cover the expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000.

During his three months' stay in Panama Mr. Wallace covered the entire canal trip, ten miles wide and forty-five miles long, at least twenty times and his observations were thorough. He says that at present there are about 1,500 men in the field of Panama. Of this number about 500 are in the sanitary department under Colonel Georgia, who is assisted by Major Ross, Colonel Legarde and Major Carter. There are now at work six divisions of engineer corps, each in charge of a resident engineer, who reports to Mr. Wallace as chief engineer. There are subordinates in each engineer corps, such as assistant engineers and superintendents, and the rest of the men at work in connection with the canal are laborers.

The engineering and clerical departments are almost entirely Americanized and nearly every arriving steamer brings fresh additions from the United States. Most of the common laborers, as well as a few of the skilled laborers, are English-speaking negroes from Jamaica.

Mr. Wallace declares that the bad name that Panama has had in the popular mind is mostly due to the fact that until lately the heterogeneous population has paid but little attention to the ordinary laws of health. He says that most of the men who now hold responsible positions in connection with canal work are sober, industrious and ambitious and that many of them are college bred men. They find health conditions in Panama excellent and sickness among them bears but a small per cent to the total number of men now on the isthmus.

The sanitary corps has paid special attention toward stamping out malaria and yellow fever. Of all the men at work on the canal this summer, only two died of yellow fever and only one of those was an employee of the government. It has been learned that one kind of mosquito, which bites only at night, carries malaria fever, while another kind, which bites only in the day time, carries yellow fever. It has also been learned that it is the female only which bites, blood that the creature sucks being not for food, but for fecundation. It will take about eight years to complete the work.

TO KEEP OUT FEDERATION MEN

Colorado Mine Owners Formulate a Plan.

LEADVILLE COLO.—The Leadville District Mining association, which takes in every mine manager in the district, has decided to issue working cards for the purpose of carrying on the fight against the Western Federation of Miners.

Notices will be posted at every mine in the camp to the effect that no person will be employed who shall not have deposited with the timekeeper his card of recommendation from the miners' association. An office will be opened in the city, where the cards will be issued. Every applicant will be required to sign a statement that he is not a member of the federation or any order controlled thereby. If he is a member of the federation he will be required to renounce his allegiance to it. The mine owners here believe that the federation is seeking to secure a foothold in Leadville, a large number of Cripple Creek miners having come here since the trouble in that district.

FRENCE AND THE VATICAN.

ROME—The vatican has sent to Paris a special courier with documents said to concern possible negotiations for a Franco-Vatican reapproachment which, although very difficult to arrange, is not considered impossible, as according to information received by the holy see, President Loubet, Foreign Minister Delcassé, Minister of Public Instruction Chauvelin, Minister of Finance Bénard and Minister of Public Works Marcellin are in favor of such an understanding.

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