

A FLOUR-RUSHING BUSINESS.

The Big Mill of Bridges & Johnson on the Blue.

Forgotten Facts from Crete and Dorchester.

Correspondence of THE PRESS. DORCHESTER, Neb., February 16.—When I was at Crete some weeks ago some of the principal interests of the town were overlooked, or merely mentioned, on account of lack of time in which to look over and get a definite idea of them.

When the writer was a tow-headed urchin, among the hills of the Empire state, he was somewhat familiar with flouring mills, and the process of manufacturing "bread timber," as there was a mill of considerable capacity just across the stream from his father's farm.

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A RICH AND RACY CHAPTER.

The Diplomats at the Capture of Lima, Peru.

Their Impetuous Stampede from the Dangerous Situation—How Mr. Christianity Flagged in the Race and was Urged On.

The surrender of Lima, Peru, which occurred on the 17th of January, 1881, was made notable to Minister Christianity of the United States Government, as well as the entire diplomatic corps, from the several narrow escapes they had from being killed, the facts of which have not yet been made generally known.

On the 15th of that month, at 2 p. m., Minister Christianity, with all of the diplomatic corps, were in the city, embracing those of the English, French, Spanish, etc., legations, went out to Milaflores, a village five miles distant from Lima, to receive from President Pierola his answer to the terms offered by the Chilean General Bagedano, through the committee of the diplomatic corps, consisting of Mr. Pinto, Salvadorian minister, dean of the corps, and the French and English ministers.

The machinery of the basement and first floor, derives its power from the main shaft direct; but above that it is propelled by an immense leather belt, extending from the basement to the top floor, distributing power and motion all over the building evenly.

The window and door sills are of stone and the roof of iron. The power is furnished by a ten foot two-inch dam across the Blue river—below which is placed a 54-inch American Turbine water wheel, giving a 140 horse power. The main shaft from the power to the mill is 5 1/2 inches in diameter and 110 feet long. The mill is worth at least \$100,000. It will turn out 250 barrels of the best flour per day.

It is an object of pride to the inhabitants of Crete and the people of the whole State of Nebraska as there are but eight of them in the United States, and it speaks well for the energy and enterprise of its owners.

Another of the solid business establishments of this section of country is the Citizens' Bank, which issued a statement of its condition a few days ago. Among the resources are loans to the amount of over \$67,000, cash on hand \$17,000, due from Banks \$32,000, etc. The bank has a paid up capital of \$30,000 and does an immense business.

Prof. Sweezy, of Doane College, is rejoicing over the receipt at the College of an alligator Mississippiensis, from Florida, which was donated, nicely stuffed, by Mr. Frank Thompson.

DORCHESTER, nine miles west of Crete, is a lively little town of about 400 people, who are working for their share of the business of the county. Judging from the appearance of their business houses they seem to get rather more in proportion than the larger towns.

genius. One day in a rapture of culinary composition, this great artist devised the farinaceous tubes which all love so well, and the succulent accessories of rich sauce and grated Parmesan familiar to those who have partaken of "macaroni al sugo" in southern Italy. Having filled a mighty china bowl with this delicious compound, he set it before his lord—a gourmet of the first water—and stood by, in deferential attitude, to watch the effect of his experiment. The first mouthful elicited the ejaculation "Car!"—idiomatically equivalent to "excellent" in English, from the illustrious epicure. After swallowing a second modicum, he exclaimed, "Ma, car!" or "Excellent, indeed." Presently, as the flavor of the toothsome mess grew upon him, his enthusiasm rose to even higher flights, and he cried out, in a voice tremulous, with joyful emotion, "Ma, caroni!"—Indeed, most supremely, sublimely and superlatively excellent. In paying this verbal tribute to the merits of his cook's discovery, he unwittingly bestowed a name upon that admirable preparation which has stuck to it ever since.

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PETER COOPER.

The Philanthropist Celebrating His Entrance upon His 92d Year—Reminiscences—His Annual Dinner With His Friends.

The ninety-first anniversary of Mr. Peter Cooper's birth falling on Sunday this year it was celebrated yesterday. Mr. Cooper was hale and hearty and in the best possible spirits.

With yet greater pride he spoke of the great institutions upon which he had expended more than a million dollars, and this was yesterday nearer his heart than all things else. He was led to create the Cooper union after a long experience as an officer of the public schools of New York forty years ago.

When asked by one of his visitors yesterday what had contributed to his long life, Mr. Cooper replied that the regularity of life and his simplicity of diet had probably preserved him. He lives mainly upon milk.

At the annual dinner in Mr. Cooper's mansion last evening there sat at the table Messrs. Jackson S. Schultz, William E. Dodge, John Bigelow, Hamilton Fish, W. G. Hunt, H. M. Southampton, A. L. Low, Maj. Bryce, Mr. Beecher, Joseph C. Choate, the Rev. Vincent Colyer, Judge Brady, P. H. Watson, William R. Raymond, Prof. Weisze, J. E. Parsons, Abram S. Hewitt, Edward Cooper and Peter Cooper.

Kidney Complaint Cured. B. Turner, Rochester, N. Y., writes: "I have been for over a year suffering from a disorder of the kidneys, and often unable to attend to business; I procured your Burdock Blood Bitters, and was relieved before I had used it. I intend to continue, as I feel confident that they will entirely cure me." Price \$1.00, trial sizes 10 cents.

Nye at the Orank. Salt Lake Tribune. "Bill Nye, the famous hand-organ player was traveling in the east some years ago. He was walking up Michigan avenue one evening in Chicago, when the strains of a hand-organ attracted his attention. Advancing to the spot he found a poor blind man turning out the doleful sounds of Home Sweet Home, with a lugubriousness of detail that caused the quick ear of the great virtuoso to detect an early neglect of the man's musical education and bending over him asked in kindly tones of his life and circumstances. Stating that he was the sole support of an aged step-mother, a drunken father who was a city alderman and two dozen poor relatives in Kalamazoo, the Boomerang editor agreed to take his term at the organ. The old man gladly resigned the machine and no sooner did the deaf hand of Nye touch the crank than all within ear-shot knew that a master paw was mauling the melodies of their country. Discarding the notes, he cast the book aside, and with his eye turned toward

the mansard roof of the Potter Palmer house, improvised a sad, woe melody, which caused a hundred hands to gather the nearest brass and shower them into the outstretched hat of the dreamy organist. Some missed the hat, and crashed into the organ, wiped forever from the ears of man one of the most extraordinary pieces of crank music ever heard since the stars sang together on the mystic plains of Laramie. Nye's bald head was the shining mark which the crowd loved, and there want a splinter left of the hand-organ. The organist sold the brick at \$4 a thousand, and never ceases to bless the memory of the unknown friend who helped him in the spring of 1850.

The English minister, Hon. Spencer St. John, wrote to his home government a graphic description of their flight, concealing nothing, "nor setting down aught in malice. He says in his report: 'The corps divided, one party making for the railroad train they had left but little while before, whilst another party sought to gain the railroad track far ahead of the train, Mr. Christianity, the United States minister, who was with the latter, advising that course, saying: 'That though he were not actively engaged in the late rebellion in his country, yet he understood banking. I joined the Christianity party and the race for life commenced. The shot and shell came thick and fast and our party displayed all the leg activity each one was capable of. Shells would explode in front of us, causing a temporary halt; when an enormous solid shot in our rear, plowing up the ground for rods and throwing the dirt over and around us, would give a sudden impetus to a forward movement, and we would again hasten toward Lima.'"

"The United States minister fared badly. Aged, tall and of a figure not adapted to gymnastic exercises, he made but sorry work, and I felt for him deeply. The perspiration rolled off him, and at times his legs would give out, and he but feebly staggered on. It looked very serious for us, but endeavored to cheer him up. After a narrow escape from a round shot I cried to him, 'Keep up a good heart, your excellency; remember your wife at home!'"

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