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There is an eminent American army officer in the Philippines who has revised the proverb about heaven giving the victory to the side with the best guns, "Heaven gives the victory to the army with the most mules," is his version. Today the mule is regarded as the sine qua non of modern warfare. Should his muleship rise as a would be no more up to-date wars.

The continued demand for army mules in western markets has almost doubled the Four years ago a velvety-eared, high-kicking, sixteen-hand mule could be bought for \$75, and a good mule for \$50. Now a western farmer who owns a sound sixteen-hand mule will not look at less than \$135 for him, and almost any sort of speci-

men will fetch \$100 Since the occupation of Manila 10,000 mules have been shipped to the Philippines alone. Three times that many have been sent to Cuba and Porto Rico. English mule buyers have drained the St. Louis and Omaha markets since the commencement of the Boer war, in spite of the alleged unseldierly behavior of a squad of American mules in General Buller's command, who on three occasions, it is said, deliberately led their English drivers into a Boer ambush, and balked at every at first instance of disloyalty ever recorded against the army mule. He has his faults, but he is game, and he is faithful.

Just before the breaking out of the Span-Ish-American war Spanish buyers shipped fultion, but he never jumps at conclusions, but on the status of the people as a whole army buyers were equally busy. "It was A mule can discover water two miles off, be kept at school, the higher will be the

Shipped to the Philippines.

Army officials have expended more worry in the transportation of mules to the Phil-Ippines than in the carrying of troops. Up to a year ago nobody had any idea that a mule could stand on his sea legs during a voyage of forty-one days and trot down a gangplank in better condition than he trotup. The American mule has achieved this. Formerly in attempting to transport mules over long distances the beasts were supported in their stalls by a sort of sling. like a hammock, supposed to give them an opportunity to rest themselves. This process killed from 25 to 50 per cent of the plan has been abandoned and mules are now carried to Manila from Portland, Ore., with a less of not more than 2 per cent. At Manila they swim through the surf a a mule to run away. He listens to the roar tained some knowledge of the proper care

It has been discovered that between the mule and the Filipino there is a subtle he raises the white flag never. sympathy. It is the same with the mule | and the Porto Rican, the Cuban or the Mex- stories about him are as the legends of school board's investigation. ican. Any of these people can take a mule Samson. There is a familiar Lincoln story so worn out that he will show no sign of to the effect that one day the loss by capresentment if an American soldier tickles ture of a few mules and two major generals his heels, pet him a bit and talk to him in was reported to the president. "Well," education, says the Boston Globe, is that his own jargon, jump on his back and trot said Lincoln, with a shrewd twinkle in it is not those communities that expend the him 100 miles. Before the advent of the his eyes, "I can make plenty of major American army in the Philippines the only draught animal in use (excepting the donkey It is properly understood among army The bare amount of expenditure in any and the Chinese coolie) was the ox. The teamsters that the only ways to start a state does not express the sacrifices of the mule, of course, is slow compared with a mule are to build a fire under him or to horse, but he is chain lightning beside a swear until the atmosphere is blue. Mule team of oxen. The Filipinos consider him drivers, like poets, are born, not made.



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marvel of rapid transit. There are a great many reasons why the mule is paricularly indispensable in the wars now toing on. He thrives on a hot climate and swamp fever and breakbone fever are all the same to him, for he never catches any

of them, while the horse does. As a Propelling Power.

Mules furnish the propelling power for all army vehicles. The proud war horse s not in it with the mule when it comes to actual work. An army crawls on its comach, as Von Molike remarked; the mule packs and hauls the pecessary victuals. When a battery of artillery is limbered up and galloped over a bartlefield it is drawn by plunging, rearing horses; when that battery is to be dragged slowly and painsfully over hundreds of miles of stifling bot and more than likely goes without waterand forages for its food on the journey.

A mule is the type of toughness. He will do more work than a horse and live on a third the food. He is a fine pack animal and in his ability to go without water he rivals the camel. The mule can live on any kind of provender and work and instances are on record where in a soldiering career a six-mule team has traveled for a week on what it snipped from the roadside. Also, he thrives on ill-treatment.

"It ain't kindness that a mule wants; it's abuse," says the sage army teamster. Certainly the patience of the mule is the patience of Job. He is somewhat stubborn and hard-headed, but he has a sort of mule sense, ideal in its way. His ears are not thing for nothing. He is as watchful as a parent of a lecture cat. Any unusual sound awakens him. He Most probable bashful about lifting up his voice and warn- of the pupils, and, second, a lack, on the ing his superior officers.

"A mule will speak out and tell you about a thousand things that a horse would let pass without saying a word," says the old attendance and analysis of the causes of tempt to retreat. If this is true, it is the army man. "He's a better sentry than the withdrawals," comments the St. Louis Reaverage man, who would resent being called by his name.

Never Gets Rattied.

18,000 mules from American markets. Our and he does not know the shape of fear. The longer the children of a community can a popular supposition at the time that and he always speaks up and tells the educational development of the community. Uncle Sam was holding back to get his war driver about it. He will go without water The statistics of Boston show amply that ships ready," says an old army officer. "He for days if necessary, but when he gets that city has made progress in solving the wasn't he was buying mules. I myself within sniffing distance of it he halts and problem of keeping children at school. Even bought 11,000 on contract during the Maine remarks, "I say, now, there's water over municipal officials share in the good work yonder, and I propose to have a drink, by enacting and enforcing truancy laws

A well trained mule can be ridden into a child from falling behind other children a well or up a tree. He never breaks down of his age because of absence, and thus on a march. As in the case of the army remove the principal cause of withdrawals wagon, there is a tradition that people have seen people who once saw a mule team to as a cause of withdrawals in St. Louis collapse, but no person can be found who after the fourth grade. Boston supplies has himself witnessed such an event.

vehicles the mule is the only pack animal. plying them up to the fourth grade and not He will carry everything his master puts thereafter gives parents an impression that on him, and he will carry it forever, and the end of the fourth grade is presumed to give no sign of complaint. He fattens on be the limit of education for a workingwading marshes and swimming rivers and man's child. This causes a sudden slump climbing mountains. He is as sure footed in attendance with the beginning of the as he is clear headed. A mule team can fifth grade. It is doubtful, therefore, animals and the rest were in a state of draw an ambulance six miles an hour for whether free books in the lower grades. collapse at the end of the voyage. This twenty hours and feel rested after eating a where the cost of books is triffing, are much bunch of hay and drinking a barrel of better than no free books at all. St. Louis

> sound of battle has neither terror nor charm last longer. for him. He stays where you put him, and

On the whole, Missouri men are supposed body else. When General Otis was in command in the Philippines a raw Missouri mule team. His appointment was unfortunate, because he had "hitched on to the Baptists" just before joining the army. The roads were almost impassable, and the rest of the teamsters were literally bombarding their charges with oaths. The balked and refused to advance a step. The driver used every endeavor to urge the beast along, but to no purpose. At last he reared out solemnly: "Oh, Lord, you know where this mule ought to be as well as The whole army knows where he ought to be. He knows where he ought to be. I know where he ought to be, oh Lord, and if he doesn't move in a minute intend to say so, by gum!"

Another soldier was assigned to teamster duty in General Funston's division. He presented himself apologetically before

"Cap'n." he said, hitching his thumbs awkwardly in his trousers pockets, "I wisht you'd 'p'int Bill Jones to drivin' them

"How's that; can't you drive?" "Yeh."

'What the devil's the matter, then?" 'Well, ye see, Cap'n, I ain't half wicked nuff. It takes a recklesser man than a pirate to drive a six-mule team." These assertions are all from the viewpoint of the army mule's stubbornness. No man who has had experience with him doubts his loyalty, his courage and his

A WOMAN'S BIG OIL STRIKE. Mrs. Ihrig of West Virginia is Now

West Virginia oil developments of the operators are pleased to call an "oil queen." She is Mrs. Mary Ihrig, formerly of Sisterville, now living in the Tyler county field,

peculative fever. tracted for the drilling of a well on her accommodate 3,000 pupils.

pletion of the job until December 4, when the drill touched a pocket of oil and a small gusher resulted. The flow was prospect that the output will be main-

tory that will prove to be very valuable. Mrs. Ihrig is preparing to put down other fact that girls are more capable than boys. the state of Indiana. He began by blacking wells just as soon as rigging can be hauled but because of the growing tendency to take shoes and as opportunity offered went to has fixed upon several spots upon which go into business. In college the young men ary and grammer schools. As he became her agents will begin drilling as soon as as yet outnumber the young women, but the stronger he added to the list of his occupaher new interests from that place.

POVERTY NOT THE CAUSE

immune to everything. Yellow fever and Why Pupils Leave Public Schools Before Completion of Their Course.

RESULT OF INQUIRY IN ST. LOUIS

Money and Results in Education-Preponderance of Girls in High Schools-Various Educational Matters.

In his annual report to the Board of Education of St. Louis the president of runds a patient six-mule term does the work that body presents facts to sustain his contention that poverty is not the cause of public school pupils leaving school before the completion of their course. The report shows that the losses in attendance come in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades and that they occur almost entirely among the older, the backward pupils. From this fact the report makes what seems to be a correct and just inference.

"It goes without saying," he says, "that the older pupils are backward in their studies; the reason for which may be sickness or slowness or lack of interest Certainly the older pupils, the retarded pupils, the discontented pupils, do not withdraw on account of poverty. I suspecthe excuse of poverty is often made a cover for criminal neglect on the part of a parent or a feeling of discontent on the

Most probable among the causes can tell the tread of the enemy at any the falling off in attendance in the schools bour of the day or night and he is not are: First, a lack of interest on the part part of parents, of an appreciation of the value of an education.

"This inquiry into the question of school public, "form a valuable contribution to educational research. The degree of culture and education in a community depends no A mule never gets rattled. He has in- on the accomplishment of single individuals, Nor will be proceed till be gets it. Such laws, if enforced, incline to prevent

"The lack of free books is also adverted free books in all its grades, Chicago sup-When the back must be used in lieu of piles them in none. St. Louis' plan of supshould supply free books in all the grades. Nothing short of an earthquake will cause Above the fourth grades pupils have at mile in landing and within a week are fit of cannon without batting an ear. The and handling of books, and the books would

"School attendance is the basic principle of school benefit to a community, and St. The mule is an army classic, and the Louis' schools should profit greatly by the

Money and Results in Education. One of the interesting facts revealed in the annual report of the commissioners of

people for education. It is the per capita expenditure that best shows this. Thus, expenditures for school purposes in

New York last year amounted to \$28,952,565, to handle a mule a little better than any- and while this was a larger sum than was expended by any other state, it was only \$4.03 per capita, while Massachusetts spent recruit was set to driving a refractory \$5.07 per capita, Nevada \$4.96 and California \$4.09 The smallest per capita expenditure in any state was in North Carolina, where it amounted to 53 cents. New York falls behind Pennsylvania it

the number of pupils enrolled. The percentage of pupils enrolled to population in Missourian held his peace, albeit in im- New York is 16.94, while in Pennsylvania potent rage. At last one of the wheel mules it is 18.76. The highest percentage of school enrollment to population is in Kansas where it is 27.87.

Iowa makes one of the best showings in the report. The total school enrollment in that state is 554,992, or 26.42 per cent of the population, and the percentage of teachers pupils is larger than in any other state, there being 28,694 teachers, against 28,828 in Pennsylvania and 33,992 in New York.

It thus appears that while New York makes a big showing as regards money several states lead it in per capita expenditures and enrollment, and achieve better resuits, besides conducting educational work with more economy. In fact New York actually lags behind in public schools, though its big school fund is so often much lauded. Monster High School.

New York is to have another high school n the borough of Bronx, to be called the Peter Cooper High school, which is to surpass all the other buildings in that part of the state. It is to be built in what is known as the English collegiate gothic style of architecture, this seeming best adapted to modern uses and construction The exterior finish is to be of gray brick gray stone and gray terra cotta trimmings. A striking feature in the facade is the large central tower of rugged Norman aspect, nearly fifty feet square and about 175 feet high. It is not merely for the appearlarge ventilating shafts which conduct the last few weeks have produced what the exhausted air from the class rooms, and one of the corner turrets will contain the boiler chimney, which the architect has disposed of artistically by this device withwhere her venturesome spirit and good out marring the general contour or beauty luck netted her an oil income that has been of the structure. The upper floors of the averaging about \$7,000 a week for a month, tower he has also provided for use as Mrs. Ihrig was formerly engaged in the laboratories for the special work of the shoe business at Sisterville and it was faculty, the need of which it was urged is while living in that busy town of oil and always felt but is rarely provided for. The oil machinations that she developed the cost will be \$469,383, and the work will not be completed until the spring of 1902. Above Her shoe business was not very success- the basement will be five stories, which ful and she began to dabble in oil. Several will provide seventy-one class rooms in all small ventures are said to have netted for school work, not including those that her enough to make her confident and will- will be used for stores, toilet lockers for ing to undertake the development of the teachers and other purposes necessary in most uncertain "wildcat" territory in the a modern school house. There will be She secured control of a large twelve laboratories, with three lecture slice of new territory in the upper end of rooms in connection with them. There will Tyler county, and, regardless of the head- be four large study halis, separate gymshakes and discouraging words of her nasiums for boys and girls. The auditorium friends, she went into the field for active will seat 1,800 people and will be used upon

Girls in High Schools. William T. Harris, commissioner of

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world so good as Dr. Greene's Nervura. It did me good right off and I have had no and I have nad no return of my womb trouble. I had leucorrhoea, but since taking Nervura that I feel strong, and last summer was able trouble. I had leucorracea, but since taking Nervura that has disappeared. I feel strong, and last summer was able to do the work for fourteen in a family, and I weigh 163 pounds. I was so weak before, nobody knows how I worked, but I had to work for my children. I sent two lottles of Nervura to my brother in Nova Scotia, and it did him lots of good. I recommend Dr. Greene's Nervura

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ance, but is to be utilized to carry up the students in proportion to the whole popula- pensation for the hours he could devote to Springfield, Mass., Dr. Balliet devilvered an result of these two facts combined the merits. disparity bids fair to be indefinitely increased. One professor in college recently said that he was not at all troubled by the prospect of women in college halls outnumbering the men. He regretted that more young men were not having the advantage of college training, but he was glad that the young women at any rate were having those advantages. "The figures." says the Journal, "have a special significance at the end of the century."

Lucky Colored Student.

In the matter of pluck the colored youth of the country have upon more than one ocoperations. Several months ago she con- all public occasions. The building will casion set a good example to their white brethren, and in no instance has the sucmore worthily deserved than in the case of education, has furnished some interesting Willis O. Tyler, who was selected to repreunpublished statistics, says the Woman's sent the University of Indiana at the state Journal, that shows that in the high schools oratorical contest in Indianapolis. Born in pretty heavy at first, but has since settled of every state in the union there are Bloomington, Ind., in 1877. Tyer lost both down to about 250 barrels a day, with every graduated more girls than boys-in some of his parents while he was still a child. Then them twice or three times as many. In the began his struggle, but the boy had no idea them twice or three times as many. In the whole United States the public high schools in 1899 graduated 20,344 boys and 38,124 girls. This disparity is not owing to the fact that girls are more capable than boys. In color of the color of t The woman speculator boys out of ichool in order that they may the primary schools and then to the second-She has purchased a bandsome colleges are fast going the way of the high tions, and swept, scrubbed, cleaned, beat nome at Parkersburg and will likely direct schools, and for the same reason. Between carpets, and in fact found no work too la-

tion nearly doubled, but during this same it. In the meantime he went to school some period the number of female college part of every day, if possible, and, graduation increased more than six times. The the University of Indiana, where it is need-tompetition between men in business is less to say, he is getting a college education and at the same time supporting himself. constantly growing keener, while the and at the same time supporting himself. Germany, prejudice against higher education for He is a fine debater and a splendid orator women is constantly growing loss. As the and deserves all the luck that such pluck the total to date being 2.458, as against 2.249 at this time last year. The university now

Educational Notes.

Justice Marcus P. Knewlton of the su-preme court of Massichusetts has just been asked to be the erator of the day at the hext commencement of the Yale Law school. He graduated from Yale in 1866.

at this time list yeer. The university now shows the largest registration ever reached in its history. Four hundred and sixty-five degrees were conferred in June, 1996, mak-ing a total of 5.62 degrees conferred by the university. The faculty also shows a large increase. It consists of 327 professors, etc., agely-t 134 last year. The new professors are Profs. Kerr, Duggar and Nash.

the hext commencement of the Yale Law school. He graduated from Yale in 1860.

Freeddent David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford, Jr., university, says he believes that, since the higher education has become so widespread, the future of this country lies more with the universities than with any other power.

Herbert Putnam says that libraries are growing in number far more rapidly than are librarians. He directs attention to the fact that whereas there are now about 8,000 libraries in the country, there are now about 8,000 libraries in the country, there are now about 8,000 libraries in the country, there are now about 8,000 libraries in the country, there are now about 8,000 libraries in the country, there are now about 8,000 libraries in the country, there are now about 8,000 libraries in the country, there are now about 82,000 libraries in the country, there are now about 82,000 c. T. Webber, the sculptor, for the Cincinnati public schools. It is the gift of several members of the National Educational association and the Southern and Ohio Teachers associations.

D. O. Mills of New York has promised the University of California about 32,000 to defray the expenses of a two-year astronomical expedition from the Idek observatory to South America or Australia, the object of which is to study the movement of stars in the line of sight.

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