

Gleanings from the Story Teller's Pack

GENERAL SHERMAN was one of the most approachable men who ever commanded a great army, says a writer in Lippincott's. During his famous "march to the sea" both north and south were completely mystified as to what point he was striking for and one day an old Georgia planter who had called at his headquarters and enjoyed his good cheer asked him plumply if he had any objection to telling where his army was bound.

"Not the least," said Sherman. Then, leaning over, he whispered in his guest's ear, but so loudly that everybody else in the tent overheard it, "We are going pretty much where we d—n please."

At the Army and Navy club the other evening, relates the New York Times, a group of officers were discussing the recent difficulties of ex-Senator Chandler with Rear Admiral Evans. One of the officers, now retired, mentioned incidentally the fact that Mr. Chandler, upon taking up the navy portfolio, was not as familiar with nautical matters as might be desired.

Soon after taking hold of his official duties the secretary had occasion to visit what was at the time one of the larger vessels of the navy. Upon the morning following his arrival the commanding officer, after a brief exchange of greetings, said:



STRIPPING THE CINCHONA BARK FROM THE TREES.

"Mr. Secretary, would you care to see the marines mustered on the quarterdeck?"

"H'h," replied the head of the department, so the story goes, "It seems to me that for the secretary of the navy at least a half-dollar deck should be provided."

Governor Odell of New York is fond of a good story and does not withhold one even if the point of it is against himself. "Some years ago," he said the other day, "I was a candidate for a local office and I did some canvassing in a country town. One of the most influential democrats there owned a barber shop and I was advised to see him. I entered the shop and while the knight of the razor was shaving me I sounded him carefully. But he soon told me that he could not support me. When I left the chair I remarked that if he could not vote for me he had at least improved my appearance. 'Well, it don't take much to do that,' he answered."

Before the days of proper safeguards, says the Detroit Free Press, a good many cattle got in the paths of Michigan railroads and were killed outright or so badly injured as to necessitate putting them out of misery. These happenings frequently afforded the owners of the cattle an opportunity to bring suit against the railroad companies, so that the employees were required to be very careful as to details and to keep a strict record of the manner of a cow's death, etc. Regular printed reports of such cases had to be turned in by the section master, who was required to fill out blanks stating the probable age of the deceased animal, weight, color, distinguishing marks and disposition of carcass, the animal being sometimes cut up and sold for beef.

Naturally it was an Irish section "schuperintendent," who, like Finnigan in his terse report of a wreck simply stated, "Off agin, on agin, gone agin—Finnigan," made out the record of a certain bovine tragedy in a characteristic way. Mike guessed pretty well at the age and weight and color of the dead cow, but when he came to the line "disposition of carcass" he scratched his head reflectively.

"Sure," he muttered, "she doiled aisy, anyway." Then opposite the line he scrawled, "Kind and gentle."

"I was slashing copy on old Storey's Chicago Times many years ago," said one of the guests at a New York reunion dinner. "We had a correspondent in an Illinois town who simply would not schedule his matter, but as he generally sent good stuff we let him run on, slashing his stuff to suit the exigencies of the night. Besides, his stuff always suggested good headlines, and that was one of Storey's hobbies."

"On one occasion the correspondent sent up about 700 words which went into 100

with nothing over. On the 100 words I constructed a headline which was right up to the mark. The next day I was instructed to tell the man who made out the checks for the country correspondents to knock \$5 off the correspondent's pay.

"When he received his check he wrote to Mr. Storey saying that under ordinary circumstances he wouldn't kick about the deduction, but in this particular instance he did because the fool headline over the item, made by a fool telegraph editor, had infuriated the man whose name was mentioned in the dispatch and brought on a fight between him and the correspondent, the result of which was that the correspondent was fined \$5 in the police court."

"Mr. Storey was a very just man when you got at him the right way. He instructed the cashier to send the correspondent the amount of the fine and raised my salary because the headline I wrote had caused a row. That was his way of encouraging a headline writer."

Carpenter's Letter

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and keep the laborers in debt by giving them credit and paying them in store orders. This would mean the practical enslavement

of the natives. You see the Javanese are much like children. They have no care for the morrow and no idea whatever of accumulation. We protect them by holding on to the lands. If we allowed them to have the lands they would sell them to the Europeans and they in turn might resell to the Chinese."

How the Government Leases Lands.

"It was a good deal of a question with the government as to how to manage the lands," continued Lord Van Bethem van den Berg, "and I think you will find it quite a problem in the Philippines. When we took hold of this island there was much waste land and it was undecided whether it belonged to the government or the natives. Thereupon the government advanced the theory that the lands originally came from God to the kings of Java and to the Dutch government as the heir to those kings."

"The government now leases its lands for terms of seventy-five years at about a golden, more or less, per acre. This rent takes the place of taxes, although there is an additional tax on incomes. At present there are about 900,000 acres leased out in that way, and it is the only way that land can be secured. Since 1816 the government has not alienated any land in this island and at present there are little over 2,000,000 acres owned by the Europeans and less than 500,000 acres owned by the Chinese."

The conversation here turned to the Javanese, as compared to the Filipinos, and I told his excellency that our people were telling the Filipinos they were our equals. He replied:

Word About the Filipinos.

"In that you are making a mistake. They are not your equals. They are children and you are doing as much wrong to tell them that as you would if you were to tell your little boy that he is as strong in body and brain as yourself. The Filipinos will not understand you, and you will do yourselves and them a damage which will take years to repair. We try to impress our superiority on the natives. They have been accustomed to look up to their chiefs, and we try to have them do the same to us. It may be that they will so advance in time that we can treat them differently. At present they are as happy as any people of their kind anywhere. They do not suffer, and travelers say they are the happiest and most prosperous of all the natives of the far east."

FRANK G. CARPENTER.

Defending the Cup

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sudden and remarkable change in the relative speed of the two boats.

This match gave birth to a new deed of gift. The official measurement of the Vigilant revealed that her dimensions considera-

THE ILLUSTRATED BEE.

bly exceeded those given in the challenge. The discovery caused much discussion, and to prevent a like concealment in the future Mr. Schuyler was asked to formulate a new deed. This requires ten (instead of six) months' notice of challenge and the exact dimensions of the challenger.

In 1893, four new boats were built to meet Valkyrie II. Burgess was dead, and the Herreshoffs, who were known as the builders of fast steam yachts, came to the front with a bound. They built two boats for New York syndicates; the Tobin-bronze-centerboard Vigilant, for E. D. Morgan, C. Oliver Iselin and others; the steel keel Colonia, for Archibald Rogers. General Paine built from his own designs the tall-fin Jubilee, with two centerboards, one in the fin, the other in the hull well forward. A Boston syndicate also built the fin-keel Pilgrim. The Boston boats were never in the contest. It was narrowed at the outset to the Vigilant and Colonia, and the former proved the better by several minutes.

Everybody who saw the two first races between the Vigilant and the Valkyrie was disappointed, not to say dumfounded, by the poor showing of the former in the windward work of the last race. The fault was not in the boat, but in the handling. Captain Iselin had been warned in the morning by the weather bureau, as had also the challenger, that a storm was approaching. He reefed his mainsail, but made no corresponding decrease in his head-ail. Consequently when the boat was put on the wind the excess of sail forward outbalanced the mainsail, and made the boat sag to leeward. The skipper of the Valkyrie displayed better judgment; he put a half reef in his mainsail and set smaller stay-sail and jib, thus preserving the balance of his sailspread, and beat the Vigilant handsomely to the outer mark. But Captain Iselin redeemed himself on the home run by setting in a gale every stitch of canvas that his boat could carry in light weather. It was a fine exhibition of pluck and his boat gave an exhibition of speed surpassing anything that had ever been seen in the history of yachting, and fairly leaped from the crest of one huge wave to the next. And how it overtook the Valkyrie! It is safe to say that no one who witnessed the sight will ever forget it.

After the Vigilant had brought him world-wide fame, "Nat" Herreshoff privately told a friend that he could build a fin-keel boat to beat it from ten to twelve minutes over a thirty-knot course. He had built fin-keel boats of smaller size previously, and they had achieved astonishing success. When he was commissioned by Messrs. Morgan and Iselin to build a boat to meet the Valkyrie III in 1895, he put his idea into form and the Defender was the result. It was not the first time that the fin-keel experiment had been tried for the defense of the cup. But it was the first time it had been tried by a master hand, and the centerboard in international yachting annals, speedily became a memory.

WILLIAM E. SIMMONS.

Mormon Stronghold

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pendence, Mo., which is another Mormon stronghold, and next year they will meet at Lamoni. They expect to make public at their next annual conference their plan for the organization of "stakes." They will measure or stake out sacred tracts of land, one at Lamoni, and the other at Independence, where they believe that Christ will first appear on earth when He comes again to His elect.

These Mormons believe in the Old and New Testaments, the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, which they claim are latter day revelations from God. They believe in miracles, revelations, prophecies, the interpretation of unknown tongues, the anointing of the head with oil and laying on of hands to heal the sick and to receive the blessings of the Holy Ghost. They believe that immersion is the only true mode of baptism and that they will inherit the earth as an eternal abode after the millennium. They claim not to believe in the sealing of spiritual wives, but their enemies say that they encourage this practice secretly. In receiving their revelations from God the church takes a vote on each one separately and decides on its genuineness. Sometimes two revelations on the same subject submitted by different men conflict in every respect.

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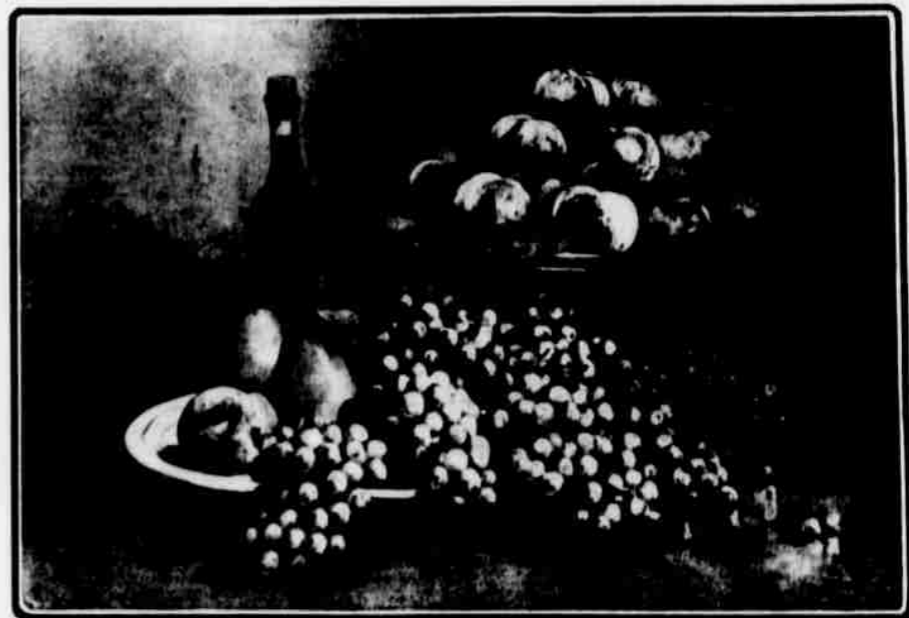
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