

ROAD CREW DIGS UP INDIAN BURIAL PLOT

Skeletons of Early Indians Are Unearthed.

Los Angeles.—Students of early California history have turned their attention to the discovery of an early Indian burial ground near Carpinteria, uncovered unexpectedly by a crew of workmen making a cut through a cliff for a road to the beach.

Some of the traditional Indian burial customs were revealed as the great steam shovel tore open the graves. The skeletons were found lying face down, foreheads resting on surfaced stones, with arrowheads, cooking utensils and other articles buried with them.

The story of the savages' graves was related in Los Angeles by George A. McDonald, local broker, on whose property the burial ground was uncovered by a drilling crew engaged in running a road to the beach for oil-drilling work.

Scores of Skeletons.

For 80 feet from the place where a steam shovel started digging into the edge of the cliff, which drops straight to the ocean's edge, skeletons of Indians were uncovered by the score, according to McDonald.

In the majority of the graves the Indians were lying on their faces, their heads toward the west. In one grave a mother and her child were discovered, the mother with one arm half-circling the infant. Close by was the skeleton of a brave. Imbedded in his forehead was an arrow, one which undoubtedly struck him down during battle more than a century ago.

Hundreds of arrowheads, a number of grunting and mixing bowls and other articles were buried with the bodies. Many of the skulls have been removed from the property with the permission of the owner.

When Roscoe Eames, drilling superintendent, encountered the old burial ground he immediately halted excavation and made a preliminary investigation. He asked McDonald for permission to continue, and given the right, resumed building the road to the edge of the cliff, and throughout the entire distance turned up many of the skeletons.

Students Visit Spot.

When word was received of the discovery at Carpinteria, classes from nearby schools were dismissed to visit the old burial grounds and to study the various finds. According to McDonald the cemetery may stretch many feet out and around the road under construction, and hundreds of skeletons probably would be found if that entire area were excavated.

Parts of skeletons could be seen, sticking out over the edge of the newly excavated portion of the road, and these were pulled out of the ground by members of the steam shovel crew and tossed in a heap. Sightseers removed the pieces.

McDonald owns the property for many feet into the ocean fronting the old burial ground. The oil well will be drilled out in the ocean and within a stone's throw of the cemetery.

Horse Refuses to Bow to Auto in France

Paris.—The automobile is not replacing the horse in France, an official survey reveals. The total number of horses in France is estimated to be nearly the same as in 1913, when the automobile was not a serious menace to horseflesh.

The government survey shows that in 1913 there were approximately 3,200,000 horses in France. During the war millions of them were killed in action, while many were eaten for food.

The years following the war looked dark and it seemed for some time that the fields of France would no longer see any horses. But the farmer of France have staged a great comeback. They refused to introduce tractors and instead started breeding new herds of horses. As a result France is now well furnished with horseflesh. It is also stated the quality is much better and that more horses are butchered at an earlier age because the public demands more tender meat. Horseflesh still remains a popular meat in France and special butcher shops proudly bear great metal horses' heads over their doors.

English Train Serves Sunlight to Tourists

London.—Travelers to the south of England for winter holidays may now count on the benefits of the vacation beginning almost the moment they board the train. For its Cornish Riviera express service, an enterprising railway has fitted all its cars with window glass permeable to ultra violet light. In this way passengers are assured the full value of the sunlight as they travel.

The Cornish Riviera is so called because Cornwall, in the extreme south of England, has pleasant, mild winters with more than the average amount of sunshine. It is a favorite winter resort where inhabitants of fog-ridden, smoky cities go for intensive doses of sunlight and health-giving ultra violet rays.

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Johnson Used Proverb to Drive Home Point

"He who would bring home the wealth of the Indies must carry the wealth of the Indies with him" is taken from an observation made by Dr. Samuel Johnson, as recorded by James Boswell. Boswell says: "I said to him that it was certainly true, as my friend Dempster had observed in his letter to me upon the subject, that a great part of what was in his Journey to the Western Islands of Scotland had been in his mind before he left London. Johnson: 'Why yes, sir, the topics were; any book of travels will be good in proportion to what a man has previously in his mind; his knowing what to observe; his power of contrasting one mode of life with another. As the Spanish proverb says, 'He who would bring home the wealth of the Indies with him.' So it is in knowledge.' Boswell: 'The proverb, I suppose, sir, means, he must carry a large stock with him to trade with.' Johnson: 'Yes, sir.'—Pathfinder Magazine.

Literature for Blind

Before Braille System

One of the earliest systems whereby the blind might read originated in Peru, where the alphabet was formed by knots on a length of string. In the sixteenth century Francesco Lucas, a Spaniard, engraved characters on wood for the blind, and in 1640 an arrangement of movable metal type was used in France. This plan failed through lack of funds and the blind had to revert to the wooden letters and pins stuck in cushions. Other devices for the blind were Doctor Pinseaux's frame with a small handle into which metal letters could be inserted, and a German scheme with letters cut in cardboard. Then Valentin Haüy realized the possibilities of embossed paper. It was at this school that Louis Braille was a pupil and he saw the superiority of the point system over the many others, including Gall's Moon type, that were causing confusion. His method is now world-wide. The Koran has been transcribed into Braille, and the system adapted to Chinese and Arabic.

Youngster Understood

A small boy asked his father how wars began. "Well," said his father, "suppose that England quarreled with France—" "But," interrupted the mother, "England mustn't quarrel with France!" "I know," he answered, "but I am taking a hypothetical instance." "You are misleading the child," said the mother. "No, I am not," he answered. "Yes, you are." "No, I am not." "Yes." "No." "All right, Dad," said the small boy, "I think I know how wars begin."—Border Cities Star.

Missing Rembrandts

It is not generally known that there are no fewer than 70 lost Rembrandts, some of them possibly in the possession of very poor people. If they only knew, they might possess the wherewithal to maintain themselves not only in comfort but even in luxury for life. All 70 are described in ancient records as having been painted by the master. One London art dealer has already devoted many years to a quest for these lost masterpieces. Some of them have been missing for centuries. The principal reason why they are still missing is that their owners do not realize their identity.

Buried With His Five Wives

In a country town not more than ten miles from Springfield, Ill., is a cemetery near the roadside whose ancient stones, moss-covered and weather-beaten, attract the passerby who may be interested in curious epitaphs. In the center of one lot is a large monument on which is inscribed: "Here lies John Jones, aged ninety-two. At rest." On the side of the monument are five small stones exactly alike, each bearing the name of a woman and date of death and each having this inscription: "Beloved wife of John Jones."—Springfield Republican.

Eyes Never Sleep

What could be more inactive than a person's eyes while he is sleeping soundly? But Prof. Walter R. Miles, a Stanford university psychologist, has completed researches on the state of the eyes during sleep which indicate that the eye muscles perform definite work while the lids are closed. The pupils contract, the eyes are rolled up in the head, then the muscles surrounding the eye pucker up. None of these are relaxation, as commonly supposed. In fact Professor Miles believes that our entire sensory system is more or less active during sleep.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Farmhands on Stilts

The English hop vines grow 18 to 20 feet high, being trained on strings, and in order to get the best results the vines must be carefully watched and trained along these supports. This work is done by men who move about on stilts in order that they may readily reach the vine tops. The stilts are fastened to their feet and belted to them at the waist, which leaves their hands free. The men become very proficient in their movements about the fields.

GOULD IS GAMBLING CZAR OF THE WORLD

Expects Big Profits From Plants in Europe.

Paris.—Frank Jay Gould, owner of three of the principal gambling establishments in France, representing an investment of several hundred million francs, has become the gambling czar of the world.

Sir Basil Zaharoff and the mysterious "Monsieur Andre," overlords of Monte Carlo, Cannes, Deauville and other casinos, now appear like small time gamblers in comparison to the vast establishment whereby Gould hopes to lure a fortune from those who stack their chances against the table.

The new Mediterranean roulette palace at Nice, opened recently, is the most luxurious gambling establishment in the world. In comparison the famous Monte Carlo casino appears tiny. Gould himself speaks of his venture as "a palace the Caesars could not have built."

Cost \$3,000,000.

One hundred million francs (\$3,000,000) went into the building of this palace. It is solid marble and steel, the baccarat room of Italian marble, vaulted and high. This gambling room, with its bank of Gould millions there to be "broken," if that is possible, is the best guarded place of all Europe.

In the two-acre establishment Gould has a city of attractions. His restaurant seats 2,000 diners at a time. The marble dance hall is an architectural dream. The theater is as fine as any Paris possesses.

Gould, scion of American railroad kings, who has been living in France since 1913, has invested practically all of his fortune here. He has made some very fortunate deals which have doubled or tripled his capital.

Buys Restaurant.

He discovered a beautiful plot of land at Juan les Pins on the Riviera, overlooked when the Riviera was built up, but suited for the site of the American's first casino. His wife designed the large hotel there, and it is estimated that Gould's profits were at least \$4,000,000. Then on his way to Deauville he stopped at a restaurant at Evreux, liked it and bought it. It has become the most famous roadhouse between Paris and that resort known as the "millionaires' delight."

He went to Bagnolles-de-L'Orne for a health cure. The lake there was vile smelling from sewage, but Gould bought the lake and the hotel. He dredged the lake, beautified it, built a casino, remodeled the hotel, took over the curative waters of the town and by publicity brought the elite of French society to Bagnolles. It paid him 200 per cent on his investment. He expects the Mediterranean palace to do the same.

Alaska Believes Wave of Arctic Rodents Near

Fort Yukon, Alaska.—About once in a decade a wave of lemmings, small Arctic rodents, sweeps across a part of eastern Alaska and northwestern Canada. The last large number noted was in the winter of 1918, but there are indications that they are again numerous between here and Point Barrow, especially in the region between the Chandalar and Porcupine rivers.

Ten years ago lemmings migrated northward and near Point Barrow thousands were drowned when they followed leaders off the ice into the Arctic ocean. Rivermen passing here declared a southward movement met a similar fate in the Yukon river, which the lemmings attempted to cross. The rodent is about seven inches long, with round gopher head, black rat-like eyes, rich red-brown fur and a stubby tail. A feature of the periodical increase of lemmings noted by trappers is the abundance of lynx in the same localities.

Italy Fights Invasion of Our Soft Drinks

Rome.—To meet American competition in soft drinks the Italian soft drink manufacturers have concocted all kinds of formulae as thirst quencher designed to meet the foreign invasion. These new Italian mixtures claim superiority in taste, tang and "kick."

The Italians had numerous soft drinks of their own native stock even before this spurt. Soft drinks have just a fighting chance due to the abundance of wine everywhere available in Italy. Beer, too, is gaining headway and the breweries are placing advertisements in the daily newspapers extolling its health-giving qualities.

"Finders Are Keepers" Found a Faulty Adage

Milwaukee.—The old adage that finders are keepers does not apply here, Leon Dixon discovered after picking up a \$10 bill from the street. Fred Darr had lost a \$10 bill and was searching for it when he saw Dixon make the find. Dixon refused to give up the money and Darr started civil suit. A judgment was obtained against Dixon when it was brought out that before findings are keepings it is necessary to advertise for the owner, to notify the county clerk and then wait a year. At the end of that time, if the owner is not found, the money may be divided evenly with the county treasury.

Rice Long Recognized Staple American Crop.

Rice, according to a legend, was introduced into South Carolina accidentally in 1693, when a vessel bound for Liverpool from Madagascar was driven from her course by a storm and compelled to put into Charleston harbor for repairs. The captain, says the legend, presented Landgrave Smith and the settlers with a small bag of rice for seed, and from this seed sprang the entire American rice industry. Although this story has been retold by many of our best historians, there is ample evidence that is a myth, says a writer in the Pathfinder Magazine. Two years before the incident is supposed to have occurred—1691—the rice industry had become so important in South Carolina that the provincial assembly granted a patent to Peter Jacob Guerrard, who had "lately invented and brought to perfection, a Pendulum engine, which doth much better, and in less time and labour muske rice, than any other heretofore hath been used within the Province." As a matter of fact a considerable quantity of rice was being raised in South Carolina within a few years after the first settlements were made. The promoters of the colony in England had not overlooked the possibilities of rice culture in the new territory and stated in their prospectus that "the meadows are very proper for rice." Sir William Berkeley had made an unsuccessful attempt to raise rice in Virginia as early as 1647.

Revelation Gave "Vet" Something of a Shock

At the beginning of the World war, the then Major Wise was in command at Philadelphia. Although a strict disciplinarian, he was very human and therefore loved by the men. The story is still told of how one marine, just past the age limit, was to have been left behind when the troop started for France.

The old vet, determined to go to the front, walked boldly up to his commander in the Philadelphia navy yard and said: "Sir, there's room enough in France for both of us."

There was, and later on, when the man went to the hospital with a bullet in his leg, it chanced to be Mrs. Wise who nursed him and endured his ill-temper, as he was anxious to get back to the front.

Then one day, he discovered that his nurse was his major's wife and what he said after that isn't printable.

Good Manners

I take it that the essence of good manners is the gift of putting people at their ease, not the chosen few people whom one likes, but all people. Yes, ease is the word that describes good manners. The great lady is at her ease with the gardener, the housemaid, the ragamuffin, the outcast, and she makes them all feel comfortable in her presence. And bad manners is the faculty of making every one uncomfortable, whether by being abruptly rude, or overwhelmingly gushing, too cordial or too lacking in cordiality, too contemptuous or too flattering. Too much of anything is bad manners. It destroys ease and makes people fidget. A manner that makes other people nervous is a bad manner, whether it be frankly unpleasant or too pleasant by far.—Mary Borden in Harper's Magazine.

Ink's High Importance

Some one has said that the art of writing "consists in putting black marks on white paper." The history of this modest essential, both of writing and printing, has recently been traced back 3,000 years. The Egyptians are credited with using ink as early as 1200 B. C. Later, the Greeks imported both papyrus and ink from their neighbors on the banks of the Nile. It is difficult to imagine how learning could have progressed or the records of the past have been handed down without ink. It has been a faithful soldier in the procession which we call civilization.—Exchange.

Sharp

Psychologists claim the late Marshal Foch as one of their own because he did not take his problems to bed with him. He dismissed them from his mind and devoted bedtime hours to sleeping. In the mornings, refreshed, he had the solutions, which apparently had worked themselves out in his sleep. Foch, however, put a different construction on the apparent miracle. He said: "It seems to me that the mirror before which I shave myself gives me the answers."

That's Something

Little Mary was sent to a strange school, so was somewhat bewildered and inattentive. Her first test came suddenly and by surprise. Little Mary's grade was just one below passing. She came home and told about it, explaining that only four in the class had passed.

"But," said her father, "why were you not one of the four who passed?" Little Mary was distressed for a moment, then said triumphantly: "But, Daddy, I was the best failure."

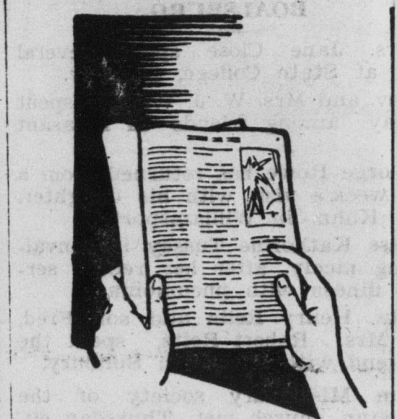
No Fear

Bessie had great fun in running up behind the pet pig and pulling its tail. Grandfather felt this wasn't a very safe thing for Bessie to be doing, so he asked her one day whether she wasn't afraid the pig would bite her. "No, Grandpa," said Bessie, "it's his head on the other end."

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