

ANCIENT NIPPUR.

WONDERFUL REVELATIONS OF PRE-HISTORIC CIVILIZATION.

An American Expedition Makes a Wonderful Find—Records of Civilization Over Ten Thousand Years Old—King Sargon—Value of the Discovery.

Recent discoveries in Babylonian history, made through the medium of excavations conducted on the site of old Nippur, supposed to be the oldest city of the world, by a commission sent out by the University of Pennsylvania...

before Sargon's day and at least 6,000 years before Christ. Fragments were found containing cuneiform characters scratched 6,000 years B. C. But the world was not an infant even in those days.

The expedition is admitted to be one of the most important scientific undertakings in the history of Western Asia.



Ruins of Ancient Nippur.

The deciphering of the inscriptions and the piercing of the fragmentary text will be the work of years. Many interesting stories have already been found in the mite bricks and fragments of the ancient city.

R. L. SIMMS.

DEER POINT THE WAY TO GOLD.

Circumstances Which Open Golden Vista for a Taxidermist.

Frank Dixon, the taxidermist of 72 Walnut street, who left this city three weeks ago to hunt for gold in Colorado...

Dixon's hunt for gold, and the way in which he undertook it, would seem to many like a wild goose chase. Dixon was the only taxidermist in this city...

Dixon took the teeth to a dentist and he said the incrustation was really a gold deposit. He took them to his friend Schnetter, a goldsmith, and he became an enthusiastic as Dixon.

The Supreme Court on Toothache.

The dignity of the Supreme Court of North Carolina may have suffered in its manner of rendering a recent decision on the departure from the stilled and involved phraseology of the court reports...

Tact and Gentleness.

Of all the gifts to be prayed for, next to grace at heart, tact and gentleness in manner are the most desirable. A brusque, shy, curt manner, a cold indifference, a snappish petulance, a haughty appearance of stolidity, antagonize and wound and rob even really kind actions of half their value.

Election Figures.

The remarkable nature of the recent election is only becoming known as the figures are studied and compared with those of the presidential election in 1892.

In 1894 Cleveland had a popular vote of 5,556,918, and Harrison 5,176,108, and there were 12,110,636 votes cast. Cleveland had a popular plurality of 380,810.

The total vote was 13,600,000, an increase of three millions and a half since the last presidential election. While McKinley's plurality is very large the returns show that it can be made up by the pluralities of three states—Massachusetts with 165,000, New York with 249,000 and Pennsylvania with nearly 300,000.

The vote was a tremendous one, at least on paper. We hope it is a real one. It is, to say the least, remarkable that what appears to be a plurality of 1,168,355 should be met with an increased vote of 1,876,994, assuring a Republican plurality of 708,639.

Turned Down the Miners.

We clip the following from the Daily, published at Sunbury. It says: "The indignation of the workmen of the anthracite coal region is aroused at the glaring insult by the newspapers of Philadelphia, when they declined to publish the resolutions on the United States Senator contest and condemnatory to John Wanamaker, one of the candidates for that high office."

Reduced Rates to Washington on Account of the Inauguration via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3, and 4, valid to return from March 4 to 8, at the following rates: From New York, \$8.00; Philadelphia, \$5.40; Baltimore, \$1.60; Harrisburg, \$5.00; Williamsport, \$8.79; Buffalo, \$11.20; Rochester, \$10.48; Altoona and Pittsburg, \$10.00; and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.

This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country. The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions.

Charles Clark, of Williamsport, was on Friday riddled with shot while out gunning. He sat down to rest with his head against a stump, and had on an old gray hat, which, from a distance, resembled the color of a squirrel of that species.

Thin or gray hair and bald heads, so displeasing to many people as marks of age, may be averted for a long time by using Hall's Hair Restorer.

BOYS AND TOBACCO.

A skilled physician recently investigated the effects of smoking on thirty-eight boys between the ages of nine and fifteen years. Twenty-seven showed distinct signs of nicotine poisoning. In twenty-two there were serious disorders of the circulation, indigestion, dullness of intellect, and a marked appetite for strong drink.

Williamsport's board of trade has issued its annual report of the industries in that city. It shows that the number of males employed is 6317; females, 1412; a total of 7729. The averages wages of males is given as \$11.23, and of females at \$5.67.

The general pension appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1896 carries a total of \$141,263,860.

670 new wells were completed in the coal oil fields of this state during November.

A girl rescued from the Johnstown flood seven years ago by Michael Sabol, has just been identified.

A mother wouldn't steal her own child, but we often see her kid napping.

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