

NOTES AND COMMENT.

SOME IDEA OF THE MAGNITUDE OF RAILROAD OPERATIONS.

The Cost in Human Lives Is Also Great—The Splendid New Trains of the Central Hudson Road—A Remarkable Murderer—Lieut. Peary's Esquimaux.

The party of Esquimaux which Lieut. Peary brought here from their Arctic homes, have all been taken ill and the doctors have had hard work to save them from pneumonia.

It is evident that the transportation question is to play a very important part in the future legislation of the country. The railroads are complaining of the extremely low rate at which they are compelled to transport freight.

The question of safety equipment is one between the profits of the companies and the safety of the employees. One section of the law gives the employe remedy where safety appliances are not in use "by relieving him of the risk which he is held to assume under the common law and would give him the same right to recover as an outsider."

All these and other interesting statistics have been furnished by the Interstate Commission and they throw a flood of light upon the great transportation problem.

Speaking of the railroads reminds us of the new Lake Shore limited train of the Central-Hudson road which has just been put on, and which is undoubtedly the finest train in the world.

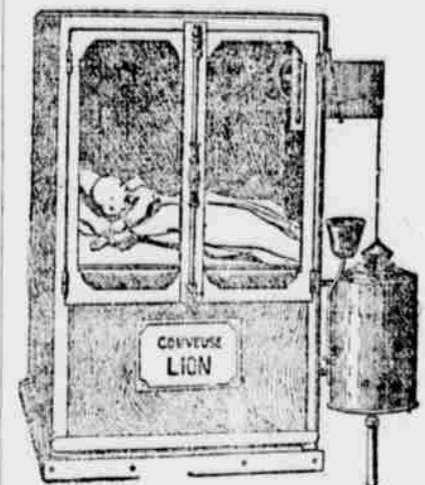


Lieut. Peary's Esquimaux.

any colonial design. The drapings of the car are heavy silk velour of different design. The baggage room of this car contains a thirty-horse power Westinghouse engine and dynamo, which furnishes electric light to the entire train.

scribed. The cars are the finest money can possibly produce. These trains commenced running regularly on November 3rd. The combined cost of the trains was \$800,000, and they will run regularly between New York and Chicago, making the trip in 24 hours.

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The Incubator.

The Indian Territory has furnished a chapter in criminal history which reads very strangely to civilized people. Walla Tomaka, an Indian, was convicted of murder in the first degree for killing his uncle, who was a deputy sheriff, and who attempted to quiet a disturbance in which Walla was taking part.

The people of the Orient salute one another in many queer and amusing ways. One of them is called the salam, or salaam, which is a very low bow, accompanied by a horizontal movement of the arms toward the person saluted until the extended hands meet edge to edge.

In China, says the Philadelphia Times, an inferior on horseback, on meeting a superior, dismounts and waits until the superior has passed. In Japan an inferior removes his sandals when he meets a superior places his right hand in his sleeve, thus crossing his arms, and rocking himself to and fro, cries: "Don't hurt me! Don't hurt me!"

"Few are probably aware of the fate of the poet's heart. After his death at Missolonghi, in 1824, his body was embalmed and sent to England, but the heart was bequeathed and obtained by the Greeks, who inclosed it in a silver case. Four years later, after the protracted siege of Missolonghi, a sailing party, carrying the relic with them, cut a way, with great sacrifice of life, through the Turkish lines; but the heart was lost in the marshes."

MUSIC AS SHIP FOUNDERED.

Deeds of Heroism in the Wreck of the Tasmania. Off Mahal Peninsula.

To the brief announcement from Australia of the wreck of the steamer Tasmania with heavy loss of life, mail advices from New Zealand add stirring particulars. When the steamer left Auckland she had on board thirty-five saloon and thirty-three steerage passengers, including a number booked through from Sydney.

Fleas in the Church.

A mystery in connection with the First Presbyterian church of Syracuse, N. Y., has been cleared up, and as a consequence the members are being subjected to a good deal of joking by their friends.

The church was thoroughly overhauled during the summer and the carpets and cushions sent to a cleaner. When they came back they were full of fleas. This fact was communicated to the trustees, who notified the pastor, Rev. George B. Spalding, D. D., that no services could be held on Sunday. Where the fleas came from no one knows. It is known only that the place was infested and that the fleas were active and hungry enough to put a congregation to rout.

Men of humor are, in some degree, men of genius; wits are rarely so, although a man of genius may, amongst other gifts, possess wit.

Manhood begins when we have in any way made truce with necessity; but begin joyfully and hopefully only when we have reconciled ourselves to necessity.

Every attempt to make others happy, every sin left behind, every temptation trampled under foot, every step forward in the cause of what is good is a step nearer heaven.

The greatest and noblest work in the world and an effect of the greatest prudence and care, is to rear and build up a man and to form and fashion him to piety, justice, temperance and all kinds of honest and worthy actions.

STEAMERS FOR ALASKA.

Five Staunch Vessels Being Prepared to Sail From This Port.

EARLY START WILL BE MADE.

A Company Headed by Charles H. Cramp Secures Boats of the American Line for Service to the Klondike Gold Fields.

The States Steamship Company has been formed under the laws of New Jersey, with a capital of \$7,000,000, and with Charles H. Cramp, head of the Cramp Ship & Engine Building Company, as its president.

President Cramp said in New York Thursday that these steamers will be sent around to the Pacific coast as soon as possible, and will ply regularly from San Francisco or Seattle to St. Michael, Alaska.

The Ohio will be the first steamer to sail, and will leave Philadelphia early in December, to be followed by the four others, all leaving by March 1.

The boats will sail down the coast of South America, touching at the principal ports of Brazil, and at Montevideo, and go through the Straits of Magellan. They will touch at Valparaiso, Callao and Panama for coal, and then up to San Francisco and Seattle, and thence to St. Michaels.

Mr. Cramp says that the lack of transportation facilities to the Klondike experienced last spring and summer, when all available boats were overcrowded and could not carry a third of the possible passengers and freight, led to the formation of this new company.

The boats will be light draught vessels are being built as rapidly as possible to make the service up the Yukon River.

WISE WORDS.

Thine own friend and thy father's friend forsake not.

There is pleasure in meeting the eyes of those to whom we have done good.

The criminal is not another kind of being; he is himself in our worst moods.

Every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm.

A set of mortals has risen who believe that truth is not a printed speculation but a practical fact.

Some women seem to think they ought to be loved, whether they do any of it themselves or not.

Men of the noblest dispositions think themselves happiest when others share their happiness with them.

Do good constantly, patiently and wisely, and you will never have cause to say that life was not worth living.

Everywhere and always a man's worth must be gauged to some extent, though only in part, by his domesticity.

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We should ponder the particular characteristics which are needed to encounter manfully all failures in life, and secure from them whatever benefit they are capable of bestowing, for these are very different from the qualities which enable a man to ride triumphantly on the tide of success.

Always there is seed being sown silently and unseen, and everywhere there comes sweet flowers without our foresight or labor. We reap what we sow, but nature has love over and above that which justice gives us—shadow and blossom and fruits that spring from no planning of ours.

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The Posse Comitatus. Even though the Lattimer deputy sheriffs be convicted as charged, that fact should not militate against the usefulness and desirability of the posse comitatus as against the militia.

The grand jury at Easton, Friday afternoon ignore the bills in the conspiracy cases of General Frank Reeder, late secretary of the commonwealth; Hon. Webster C. Weiss and Maurice O. Luckenbach and put the costs on Frederick A. Van Valkenburg, the prosecutor.

The charges were conspiracy to commit bribery and to defame the character of ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker in the legislative campaign for United States senator in which the latter was defeated by Senator Penrose.

The cases went to the grand jury Friday morning but there was some delay on account of witnesses. William A. Winsboro, the man who made the famous affidavit on which the charges were brought, could not be found, and there was difficulty in securing the attendance of a number of Scranton men, including Congressman Connell.

The court instructed the jury before they retired on the cases pending and explained what constituted a conspiracy. Judge Scott also told them to dispose of the costs in case they ignored the bills. The outcome of the case was anticipated by general opinion early in the day.

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The November Meteors. The time is drawing near for the return of the great swarm of meteors that caused the celebrated "star shower" of 1833, when, for several hours, on the night of November 13, the heavens were filled with flying sparks as thick as falling snow-flakes.

There is a Class of People Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/2 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c and 25c per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN O.

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