

DEWEY'S SERVICE SWORD.

Bit of Steel Two Feet Long for Which \$1,500 Was Offered.

A bit of steel a little more than two feet in length has become the attraction for some time for the patrons of a fashionable tailoring establishment, which does a large business with officers of the army and navy, writes a Washington correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch. Though very plain and insignificant in itself, it is fascinating and important as having for long been the companion of the most notable and popular hero of the late war with Spain. Admiral Dewey, having been for many years a patron of this establishment, left his sword there to have it handle gilded, and the tailors were allowed to please their patrons by exhibiting it to them. Many are the offers that have been made for its purchase. In the presence of the writer a day or two ago one gentleman offered \$500 for it. The makers of uniforms, etc., laughed and remarked that the person would have to raise the ante several times to be up to the figures of other would-be buyers of the famous weapon. A gentleman who overheard the offer of \$500 declared himself for \$1,000, and still another who was present counted out \$1,500 in the long green. Of course the proprietor laughed at these absurd offers, as if to say there was not money enough in the world to purchase from Admiral Dewey this simple weapon that had been his side partner throughout all the days of anxiety and of victory during that passage of his life which gave him within a few short hours whatever gratification there was in the consciousness that he had won undying fame.

IT WAS DEWEY'S TREAT.

Once Each Season the Admiral Leads One Hundred Orphans to the Theater.

"In 1886," said Col. Frank Small, advance agent for a theatrical company, according to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "I was in Washington with Rose Coghlan, playing at what was then Albaugh's opera house. One afternoon I was in the box office when three ladies came in, followed by 100 children, boys and girls. One of these ladies stepped up to the window and said: 'We have just an even hundred children here, and here is a check for \$25 to pay for the tickets for them.' She handed in a check signed George Dewey, and the tickets were passed out to the lady. The happy youngsters were soon enjoying the play. I didn't know George Dewey from Adam's off ox, and I asked the ticket man who he was. He told me that Mr. Dewey was a naval officer, and that it was not the first time that he had handled his checks in that way; that once each season, anyway, the children from some of the several orphan asylums were given such treats by the gentleman, but that he seldom attended a performance himself. Now, I have been in the theatrical business for many years, but that was the first time I ever knew any one person to be thoughtful enough to put up \$25 for the purpose of affording enjoyment to the children of an orphan asylum."

ANCIENT ADVERTISING.

Picturesque Emblems with Which Tradesmen Once Made Their Wares and Occupations Known.

A noticeable survival of the picturesque old fashion of hanging emblems outside shops which dealt with the goods to be sold within, is the sign of the boot, which one may often see hanging outside a shoemaker's shop, says the London News.

Sign boots are made in two or three standard sizes and of other sizes to order. They are most commonly seen gilded, but sign boots are occasionally finished in some bright color, as, for instance, a brilliant red.

The boot signs may be bought in the establishment of the dealer in emblem signs, where there are also to be found the gilded fishes for the dealer in fishing tackle, the great gilded padlocks for the hardware dealer, and a variety of other signs of an emblematic character.

Besides these familiar gilded or painted smaller boots there is occasionally seen in front of shoe stores a giant boot, with the foot part perhaps three or four feet in length and the leg in proportion, four or five or six feet tall.

These great boots, of which the number used is limited, are made of sheet iron or tin and painted. They are not kept in stock for sale.—London News.

Antarctic Exploration.

In the Strand Magazine, Sir George Neaves tells the story of the Southern Cross Antarctic expedition up to February 27 of the present year. "What has happened since then none but the brave band of ten determined men can know until January next. Our winter is, of course, their summer, and then the ice will break up and melt and the Southern Cross, which has returned to warmer latitudes during the interval, will steam to Cape Adair once more." It is the belief of scientists that the most important work of exploration yet to be done lies in the antarctic continent, and the subject has a prominent place at all the geographical societies of the world.

Horses in Russia.

Russia is a country extremely rich in horses, the number of which has been estimated at 20,000,000, of which at least 1,000,000 are saddle horses fit for the purpose of war.

Dope for Oklahoma's Indians. Oklahoma Indians have developed a craze for the mescal bean, a little-known narcotic of wonderful properties, producing marvelous color visions.

BAD FOR HUMMEL.

The Smith Whom He Accused Has Been Found.

Hummel, who is in jail awaiting trial at Williamsport on the charge of murdering his wife and three children, has been contending that a man named Smith, residing at Hazleton, was either the murderer or had taken the wife and children away. It now transpires that there is a Smith in that city and when the police of that city went to the house they found Smith and also three children answering the description of the supposed victims. Smith, however, denies knowing Hummel and said he had never heard of the alleged murderer before. The children, he said were his own offspring. The discovery of Smith makes the case against Hummel stronger than ever, as his statement that he knew nothing of Hummel and was never at his house knocks out Hummel's well constructed story.

The arrest of Hummel has recalled and revived interest in the murder of Amos Ritter, at Sedan, Delaware township, Northumberland county, a little over two years ago. Many of our readers will no doubt recall the mysterious circumstances which surrounded the finding of his body, in the backyard at his home. Hummel traveled in that part of the country at the time of the murder and a great many people are of the opinion that he knows something about it.

Orangeville Won.

Orangeville and Benton played a hotly contested game of foot ball at Orangeville Saturday afternoon, Dec. 10. Orangeville winning by a score of 5-0. The feature of the game was Derr's skitting the ends with the ball. Orangeville used "guards back" for repeated gains and kept ball in Benton's territory and would have scored oftener, but for McHenry's punting out of danger. For Orangeville Derr, Allabach and Zehnder Lur excelled and Arthur McHenry and Laubach did best work for Benton.

THE LINE UP.

Orangeville. Benton. Herring left end Eves O. Allabach left tackle Hunsinger DeLong left guard Davis Monroe centre Edwards Frey right guard Lewis Hirleman right tackle Koontz L. Allabach right end Laubach O. Z. Low quarter back L. McHenry Appelman 1. half back (C.) Hirleman Derr r. half back A. McHenry Z. Low (C.) full back Raber Referee—Buckalew, Bloomsburg. Timekeeper—Kisner. Time of halves—20 and 25 minutes.

Another Scheme.

The Kingston correspondent to the Wilkesbarre Times says: Two weeks ago two strangers arrived here and secured the right to place a register in the Exchange Hotel. They solicited a number of advertisements from local business men, securing six advertisements in all at \$2 a piece. They were to be printed on blotter paper and then inserted in the register, they to furnish the book complete and place it in the hotel. After the advertising slips were printed they went to each one of their patrons and showed the slips and received their pay. As soon as the money was collected they threw the slips away and left town without placing the register in the hotel. By so cleverly duping the advertisers the swindlers made \$12 for the day's work. They have evidently been operating in various towns down the river.

These chaps worked their game in Shickshinny and as usual caught those merchants who hardly ever advertise in their home paper, but let some fakir come along and they are the first to bite. Need the moral be mentioned.—Shickshinny Echo.

Women are Eligible.

It may not be generally known that women are eligible as census enumerators and as clerks in the compilation of the 1900 census, yet such is a fact. The rules and regulations for the taking of the census of 1880 were so drawn that there was no discrimination on account of sex. As a consequence many women were employed throughout the country as enumerators, and in every case did good work. In 1890 women again found occupation as clerks and as census takers, though then as now the fact that women were eligible to these positions was not as widely known as it should have been.

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Christmas Presents.

In the December Ladies' Home Journal Edward Bok writes in vigorous deprecation of the complicating of Christmas. "Much as we need simplicity in all the phases of our living," he contends, "its greatest need is sometimes felt at Christmas. And it seems a pity that we cannot make a beginning there. We could if we would simplify this question of presents: if we would leave out of our consideration all but the natural promptings of our hearts. If ever material considerations should be dismissed from our minds and lives it should be in connection with Christmas. If ever our friends should see our hearts—our real inner selves—it should be on Christmas Day. Not that we should be other than our real selves on other days. But as it is, we are not our actual selves on the day of all days when we should be. See how we strive that our present of this year shall surpass the one that we gave last year! See how instinctively we think of the material value of what we give, and actually of what we receive! See how we wrong ourselves by leaving needless things undone and inviting illness because we feel we must give something of our own making to a friend, when really a sigh goes into each stitch, instead of being frank with ourselves, and pleasing our friends infinitely more by being frank with them, and purchasing something at far less cost to our health. Every woman knows what I mean by this: the great evil of 'making things' for Christmas presents, when really neither the time nor the strength can be spared. In much the same way we complicate Christmas at the table."

Complicating Christmas.

Edward Bok writes, in the December Ladies' Home Journal, that "there must be some radical and growing departure from the right and best way of celebrating Christmas when each recurring year we hear a larger number of men saying, 'Well, I'll be truly thankful when this Christmas business is over.' And they are led to this remark generally by seeing their wives, mothers, sisters, or daughters, reach Christmas Day utterly tired out, with the prospect of a siege of illness as soon as Christmas is over. And it must be confessed that this state of affairs exists in thousands of homes. Women themselves frequently acknowledge their satisfaction when the day is over. Now, there is always something wrong when we make a burden of our pleasures. And if one of our sources of pleasure in the calendar's greatest gala day is derived from a feeling of thankfulness that it is over, there is something askew either in the way we prepare for, or spend, the day."

Decision on Adopted Children.

A new point in the adoption of children has been handed down by Judge Archibald, of Wayne county, in a case before Lackawanna court. He decides that after a child has been legally adopted the court has not the power to revoke the decree of indenture. The original relation of parent and child exists, however, notwithstanding the adopted parentage. The changed name of the old child remains, but there is nothing to prevent the child inheriting from its real parents or they from the child.

Tax Rule Revoked.

Another important ruling has been handed down by the commissioner of internal revenue in which he revokes his decision of October 24, when he declared that judgment notes under seal were taxable as bonds and as powers of attorney. The whole subject has been reconsidered by the commissioner, and the ruling received declares that judgment notes, under seal are only subject to the same taxation as ordinary judgment notes, namely, two cents per \$100, together with the 25 cent stamp for the power of attorney.

Corn and Hogs.

A writer put the matter very aptly when he said: Corn loaned to hogs is cash and a good investment. A hog is a condenser; he will put ten bushels of corn in less space than a bushel measure. He has been styled a manufacturer of hams, hair brushes, head cheese, tooth brushes, buttons, fertilizers, fats, bacon, whistles, knife handles, soap, sausage and satisfaction. He converts corn into coin and can buy what he will."

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Enumerators' compensation is fixed by Section 16, of the Act of March 3, 1899, and a minimum rate of two cents for each living inhabitant; two cents for each death; fifteen cents for each farm and twenty cents for each establishment of productive industry. The compensation will not be less than three nor more than six dollars per day of ten hours actual field work.

Section 7 of the Act to provide for taking the Census provides, that the Twelfth Census will be restricted to inquiries relating to the population, to mortality, to the products of agriculture and of manufacturing and mechanical establishments. The schedule relating to the population shall comprehend for each inhabitant the name, age, color, conjugal condition, place of birth, and place of birth of parents, whether alien or naturalized, number of years in the United States, occupation, month unemployed, literary school attendance and ownership of farms and homes.



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