A SCOURGE OF WOLVES.

Montana and Texas Cattle Killed by the Ravenous Beasts.

Stock Raisers in These States Are at a Loss for Some Means to Save Their Young Cows and Horses from Destruction.

Wolves are the great bane of the stock-raising industry in the west and southwest, and how to get rid of them or even to prevent their increase is just now of most serious concern to ranchmen. The trouble is not confined to any one section, for stories of havoc among stock and of helplessness to cope with the pest come alike from points in western Texas and in eastern Montana.

At the recent annual meeting of the Montana stock growers the surprising fact was stated and corroborated by ranchmen from all parts of the state that during the past two years twenty-five per cent. of the young calves and ten per cent. of the colts on the ranges have been destroyed by wolves. The sheep men of Texas agree that they suffer from the depredations of wolves more than from any other cause, and estimate their average loss at twenty per cent. of their flocks. J. M. Campbell, who has one of the largest ranches in western Texas near Del Rio, where he has a flock of twelve thousand head of sheep, says he has had over three thousand head killed by coyotes or wolves during the past year.

The number of wolves does not diminish. "The fact is," says a Montana newspaper, "that wolves have increased in vast numbers within the past three years, and that all methods for their destruction have hitherto failed." And Mr. Campbell says of Texas: "The wolves are becoming so numerous and bold that it is no trouble to trap and shoot them; but their numbers do not seem to decrease." His fellow sheepmen say that the losses to their flocks from the depredations of the wolves in the past few years have equaled, and in many cases exceeded, the profits from the business. Men who have raised sheep in Australia and other countries say there is no better country in the world for sheep raising than Texas, but for the wolves.

How wolves may kill sheep is not difficult to conceive. Killing young steers and colts is a bolder job. The wolf, preying alone or as one of a band, picks out a fine young animal, leaps on its hind quarters and cuts the tendons of the leg. The animal is crippled and the feast is easy for the wolf or the pack. Usually but little of the animal thus killed is devoured, for the wolf prefers fresh meat, and calves and colts and sheep are plentiful and easy prey.

How to get rid of the wolves is a problem much essayed but still wholly unsolved. The Montana stock growers debated it for six hours and left the case open. The unanimous opinion was that only two suggestions were considered at all workable, one for their extermination by stag hounds and the old one of a bounty to hunters. The sly beast will not touch a poisoned carcass unless driven by extreme hunger, a condition unlikely with young stock so plentiful and easy to slaughter. The stockmen say that strychnine, even when eaten, for some strange reason or other, now rarely takes effect on a wolf. Offering an increased bounty is an expensive and risky business. It might mean as much expense as the loss of the stock the wolves kill, for if the bounty were large wolf scalps would be imported from Canada and neighboring states for bounty purposes.

Mr. Campbell, the Texas sheep raiser quoted, has a new scheme for exterminating the pest, about which he is very hopeful. He trapped seven wolves recently and penned them with a dog badly afflicted with the mange. In several weeks the wolves had all caught the disease, and having made it sure that they had it and Mr. Campbell turned them loose in Val Verde county, Tex. He believes that the disease will spread so rapidly that within two years that there will not be a healthy wolf in Texas. Dogs afflicted with mange do not breed, and die in a short time, and he believes the same effect will hold good in the case of the wolves. Mr. Campbell proposes that the legislature should establish stations in every county in western Texas for the propagation of mange among wolves. The sheepmen in his section have great faith in his experiment, and with stockmen in other parts of the union are looking with much interest for results.

RAILROADS IN THE TROPICS.

It Is Hard to Keep the Growing Foliage from Becoming an Obstruction.

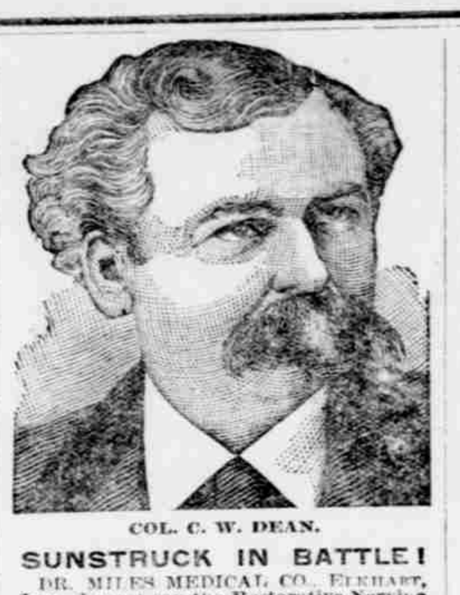
Apropos of the projected Pan-American railway, it is to be noted that not only is the first cost of railway construction in tropical countries very heavy, but the annual maintenance of way is expensive to a degree which cannot be appreciated by those who have no experience in this connection.

The Antioquia railroad in Colombia, says Charles P. Yeatman in the Engineering Magazine, cost in a single year, for repairs of track and bridges, $2,266 per mile. The Cauca railroad, in the same year, cost $3,837 per mile. These two roads are in Colombia and are sometimes mentioned either as future feeders of the Pan-American railroad, or parts of its main line. On the Antioquia road, if the undergrowth were cut at the beginning of the rainy season, less than two months' rain was sufficient to form an arch of green trees thirty feet high leaning over the track so as to shade it completely.

The constant change from dryness in the day to soaking moisture at night, even in the dry season, would soon ruin the best of timber, but nature furnishes a still quicker means of getting rid of it, in the shape of an ant or wood-louse, which is careful not to mar the outside of his domicile, but will patiently honeycomb the inside, until what looks like a solid 12x12 stick is but a shell from ⅛ to ¼ inch thick, filled with dust and ants. The native timber suffered so much from the inroads of these pests that, upon hearing that yellow pine was used in Panama to avoid them, a trial of it was made on the Antioquia road. Georgia pine had to be shipped by way of New York, at a cost of nearly $100 per 1,000 feet, board measure, when put in place. When I left there the first of my yellow pine trestle was being replaced. It had been built less than four years.

Paraguay Points.

At the beginning of the last war (in 1886) the population of Paraguay was reckoned at 770,000; to-day it has less than 250,000—and fully six-sevenths of that number are women. These figures do not refer to the nomadic savages that swarm that part of the country called the "Chaco," whose borders are separated from Asuncion only by the narrow river—but to their near kinsmen of more or less adulterated blood, who live in bamboo huts, cultivate the soil to a limited extent, and consider themselves civilized. The uncontrolled Indians of the Chaco are reported by the government statisticians to number upwards of 100,000; but in reality nobody knows much about them. Even at the capital the aboriginal Guarani language is more universally spoken than Spanish, and the weekly journal, El Latigo Inmoutal, is half of it printed in that language.



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A WONDERFUL BIRD-WEAVER.

How the Baltimore Oriole Builds His Cozy Swinging Nest.

The Baltimore oriole is a prince in a house of princes, says a writer in Scribner's Magazine. The family to which he belongs is composed of birds remarkable either for plumage, note, nest, eggs or habit. Each can claim something curious and original; but the Baltimore shines in every one of these particulars, for in plumage, song and nest alike he is an especially remarkable bird. When the earl of Baltimore became the lord of Maryland his followers quickly noticed the correspondence between his heraldic livery of orange and black and the orange and black of the splendid bird that so abounded in the new estates, so that, very naturally, the name "Baltimore bird" was suggested and has been borne ever since.

His nest is one of the most wonderful examples of bird-weaving in existence. It is made of separate threads, strings, horsehair or strips of bark, closely interwoven into a sort of sack, and so firmly knit together that it will bear a weight of twenty or thirty pounds. In the southern parts of this bird's range the nest is suspended from two or three terminal twigs for protection from numerous enemies, such as snakes, opossums and the like. It is also made six or seven inches in depth to prevent the eggs being thrown out by the high winds. But in the colder north, where tree-climbing foes are rare, it is hung, not at the extremity of the branches, but in a cluster of twigs that affords shelter. It is much shallower than when exposed to the wind, but is very thickly woven and lined with soft, warm materials. The oriole's loud, fife-like notes ringing from the high tree-tops in the morning are an ample refutation of the old theory that melody and bright plumage have never been bestowed on the same bird.

THE HORNED TOAD

It Bears a Remarkable Resemblance to the Ancient Triceratops.

There has been considerable discussion in the scientific papers of late about the curious habit of the "horned toads" found in Arizona and Mexico of spurting blood from their eyes when disturbed. Many witnesses agree in the assertion that the little animal really possess this power. According to one observer, the blood, or the liquid resembling blood, comes from little orifices just above and behind the eyes, and it appears to have a stupefying effect upon an animal covered with it.

The horned toad, says the Youth's Companion, is a strange-looking creature, and in certain ways of appearance recalls one of the most remarkable monsters that in past geological ages lived in the western part of America—the triceratops of Prof. Marsh.

This gigantic animal, whose name means "three-horned face," had its skull inclosed in a bony helmet on the upper part of which, over the nose, were three stout horns. The head of one of these monsters is no less than eight feet long.

When a horned toad is laid upon the head of the triceratops the resemblance is quite striking, as if this little modern inhabitant of some of the sandy plains of the west were a miniature reproduction, with variations, of the wonderful beast that roamed there in ancient times.

LIGHT SLUMBER.

A Street Agent's New Method of Drawing a Crowd.

An exchange says that a well-dressed man, leaning against a lamp post and apparently sleeping the sleep of the just, created a great deal of interest in a busy London street the other day. He sat on a box which he had been carrying.

Evidently being suddenly overcome with drowsiness, he had placed the box on the curbstone, and, sitting down upon it, had fallen asleep. To those who succeeded in getting close enough to the man his gentle, restful snores dispelled the fear that he might be dead. The side of his face was exposed and betrayed no sign of intoxication. It was the judgment of every one that he was sober, in good health and simply taking a quiet snooze.

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This was the reply of Robert Walton, of Rugby, Tenn., who is a member of Alhambra Temple in Chattanooga, says the Cincinnati Star.

"This woman, then, was a member of the first lodge?"

"She was. She was the grand junior warden and pillar of beauty. With the worshipful master she resided in a beautiful garden, that has come down in history as the most beautiful spot in which human beings ever lived and loved. With the worshipful master she was warmly interested in building up an ideal lodge of Free Masonry. But in an evil hour one appeared at the outer wicket. He was a fallen mason. One who had fallen into the uttermost depth, and was forever disgraced. But he was most cunning of speech, and he prevailed upon the beautiful grand junior warden and pillar of beauty to let him in. She did so. The world knows the rest of the story. The first woman had broken her vow, and let in one who of all creatures was the last to expect recognition and favors because of his fallen estate. And so the first lodge was corrupted because of a woman, and woman has never since been received as a member in masonry. The first lodge was thus broken up, and the worshipful master and the fair grand junior warden and pillar of beauty were expelled from their beautiful paradise. But though woman has never been admitted since, she has redeemed herself as a helpmeet to masons of all times and degrees, and has come to be recognized as his peer in all the virtues and activities of life, and men worship at her shrine of purity and beauty. God bless woman, and, though we cannot have her in our lodges, what would we do without her?"

Sows and Pigs of Iron.

The word "pig" as applied to iron is a mere play on the word "sow." When iron is melted it runs off into a channel called a "sow," the lateral branches of which are called the "pigs." Here the iron cools and is called "pig iron." Now, "sow" has nothing whatever to do with swine, but is from the Saxon "sawan," to scatter, German, "sawsen," to rush, and ought to be written "saws" (sows). Having a sow for the parent channel it required no great effort of wit to make the lateral grooves the little pigs.

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THE MOVING WORLD.

A TELEGRAPH messenger boy in Boston rides around town on a bicycle, delivering his telegrams.

A MAN in California has invented a device that will prevent gas from escaping when it is blown out.

A PROCESS of eliminating smoke from the combustion of coal has been discovered by an ingenious German.

A MAN in Florida named Bell is planning to build a big hotel among the branches of a grove of live oaks in that state, which are of great size and height.

THE largest cantalever bridge in the country is to be built over the Mississippi river at New Orleans. It will cost five million dollars and is to be built by Chicago men.

TOBOGGAN expresses have been a feature in the Boulder district of Montana the past season, and have been very useful in conveying freight to points off the main road.

FRENCH ingenuity has contrived an improved stone-cutting saw of remarkable efficiency—a circular saw having its edge set with black diamonds in the same way as the straight blades; but as the strain on the diamond is all in one direction the setting can be made much firmer.

LITERARY PEOPLE.

HARRIETT BEECHER STOWE, although eighty-one years old, goes calling every day when the weather is fair.

JULES VERNE is an officer of the Legion of Honor. The decree conferring the decoration on him was signed just two hours before the fall of the empire.

THOMAS NELSON PAGE and bride will make their winter home in Washington, but will choose a place equally convenient to Washington and Richmond for their permanent abiding place.

THE elder Mr. Kipling designed the queer ornament which is to be seen on the cover of his son's new book, "Many Inventions." The curious little forms which are combined to make the fantastic figure are prayers.

M. ZOLA has taken to bicycling, and finds that it benefits him by drawing the blood from his brain. One of its chief advantages to him consists in the fact that his wheel requires such close attention that he cannot give consecutive thought to study or composition.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

THE trustees of Smith college have agreed to raise $500,000 for a permanent fund.

DR. EDWARD BRAISLIN, during his seven years' pastorate of the Washington Avenue Baptist church in Brooklyn, had the pleasure of welcoming 427 members, of whom he baptized 263.

IN education Spain is far behind any other European country, Russia excepted. Less than one-third of the adult population are able to read and write; but a considerable number of new schools have been established within recent years.

THE religious statistics of the census of 1890 reveal the fact that out of our total population of 63,000,000 there are 20,043,000 members of Christian churches. This is or is not a hopeful outlook, according to the point of view. If we look at the 40,000,000 of non-Christian people of the United States we may well feel appalled at the frightful momentum of paganism.—Hartford Religious Herald.

MILITARY MEN AND MATTERS.

THE mercantile and armed natives of the world have 1,693,000 seamen.

OF the seven full generals who were in the confederate army none are now living.

THE Pennsylvania national guard will not visit the world's fair, but will hold the usual state encampment.

THE officers of the Swedish navy are considered as military officers, and in full dress are obliged to wear spurs.

DR. DELAVAN BLOODGOOD, U. S. N., who became widely known on account of his striking resemblance to the late James G. Blaine, is to be retired in August.

THE big cruiser Philadelphia is off for a three years' cruise. When she reaches the western coast of South America she will receive orders sending her to Honolulu or Samoa.

WHEN the new minister to Germany, Mr. Theodore Runyon, presented himself to the court of Berlin with his credentials, he dazzled beholders by appearing arrayed in the uniform of major general of the New Jersey national guards.

PEOPLE OF LONDON.

MRS. TEMPLE, wife of the bishop of London, is a shorthand writer.

PRINCESS MAY'S wedding ring will be made from a half-ounce nugget of gold, the gift of Welsh miners.

QUEEN VICTORIA has contributed one hundred pounds to the fund for the benefit of the families of the Victoria victims.

WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR has recently bought the estate of Cliveden, on the banks of the Thames, of the duke of Westminster and will become a citizen of London.

ARTHUR BALFOUR says that his greatest political help comes from his sister Agnes, who is his housekeeper. Each day she devotes a fixed amount of time to reading the newspapers and marking what is useful for his purpose.

A MUSICAL MELANGE.

HANS VON BULOW recently said that composers of comic operas ought to be divided into two classes—"those who plagiarize from the barrel organs and those who write for them."

RUBENSTEIN'S new Biblical opera, "Moses," is to be produced in its entirety, but in concert form, by the Philharmonic society in Berlin next fall. The performance will extend over two evenings.

"THE Girl I Left Behind Me" has been played and sung in England since 1760. Its original name was "Brighton Camp." It is an Irish air, but who composed either the words or the music is now unknown.

PATTI is now at Craig-y-Nos castle studying the new opera by Sig. Pizzi, which she will produce during her tour of the United States next winter. The opera is entitled "Gabrielle," and the scene is in the reign of Louis XIII. In the first act Mme. Patti plays the part of a nun.

MISS EMMA SICKELS, the Indian philanthropist, has three proteges, who are wonders in the musical world. They are the Misses Bluejacket, and they sing like nightingales. Of real Cherokee origin, they have the richest of copper colored skin, brightest of black eyes and reddest of lips.

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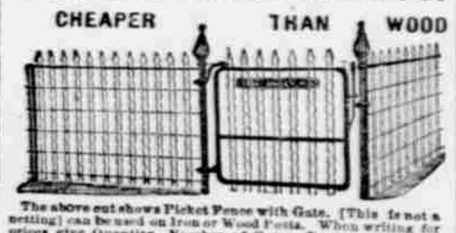

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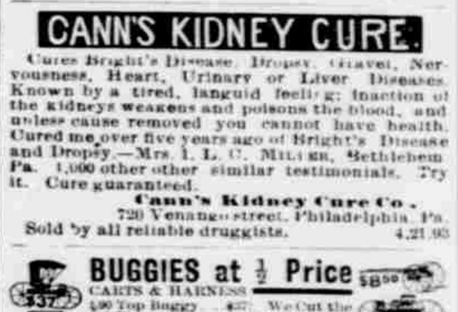

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FOREIGNERS OF NOTE.

AMONG the official family of the Corean ministry at Washington are Messrs. Yi Hlum, Chow Chick and [illegible] Bong Whang.

KAISER WILHELM has conferred on William Steinway, the great piano maker of New York, the cross of the Order of the Red Eagle.

A FRENCH journalist, M. [illegible], proposes to walk from Paris to China by way of Siberia. It is his intention to cross the Behring straits on the [illegible]

THE ex-Empress Eugenie exhibited some amiability of character in [illegible] the other day by climbing five flights of stairs in an apartment house to [illegible] on Victor Duruy, the academician, who was ill in bed. Duruy was one of Napoleon III.'s ministers and the devoted friend of his family.

THE emperor of Russia has very unexpectedly announced his intention of sending the czarewitch to represent the imperial family at the English royal wedding, having probably been induced to do so by hearing that Prince Henry of Prussia was to attend as the part of Emperor William.

MME. CALLIRRHOE PARREN, who was here as the Greek delegate to the woman's congress, is recognized in her native country as the first woman who tried to make way for the [illegible] of women in the various trades and professions. She represented [illegible] cieties at the late congress, all philanthropic or educational, and [illegible] them under the protection of the [illegible]

FOREIGN NOTES OF INTEREST.

ONE-FIFTH of the families in [illegible] live in single rooms.

LONDON has forty restaurants in which only vegetable food is served.

IN Norway persons who have not been vaccinated are not allowed to vote at any election.

IN Manchuria dogs are raised for their skins. A fairly prosperous Manchurian dog farmer will own [illegible] more dogs.

PERFORMANCES at theaters of ancient Greece sometimes lasted twelve hours. Seven o'clock in the morning was the time for the rising of the curtain [illegible] speak.

DURING the reign of Henry VIII. 400 persons were legally executed in England, the larger portion of whom were guilty of no offense more than a misdemeanor. In one year seventy-two begging beggars were hanged for asking alms.

THE imperial canal of China is the longest in the world and the greatest point of traffic. Its length is [illegible] miles, and it connects forty-one cities situated on its banks. It was completed in 1350, after 600 years spent in its construction.

PICKINGS THE WORLD OVER.

CENTRAL AMERICA has ninety-[illegible] volcanoes.

A STEAMSHIP line, to run from St. Louis to ports in Mexico and South America, is projected.

JAPANESE doctors never prescribe to their patients. They ascertain the patient's inclination to pay and thankfully accept whatever is offered.

IN Bengal, India, there are two harvests reaped every year; paddy and oil seeds in April, the early rice in September and the great crop in December.

BEFORE the new parliamentary legislation, turning them over to the city and ties commissioners, the London guilds enjoyed—and generally wasted—incomes, ranging from the [illegible] nual $415,000, the drapers [illegible] the goldsmiths' $220,000 down.

THE island of St. Helena, where Napoleon was held a prisoner, has an area of 47 square miles. Its population is more than 4,000, but [illegible] leave it annually. The whole [illegible] there are under American [illegible] ment and amount to about [illegible] year.

SIGHTS OF A CITY.

"I HAVE seen, at one time or another, all sorts of things [illegible] washlines," said a citizen, "but [illegible] for the first time, I saw [illegible] shirts and stockings an American [illegible]

IN the shopping district one sometimes sees a newsboy with his [illegible] of papers under his arm, [illegible] ing open the door of a carriage [illegible] lady. Sometimes she gives him something, sometimes not; he takes his chances on that.

AS A general thing the newsboy when on duty, devotes himself to hustling, but there crossed Union square, New York, the other day, a newsboy who, between cries of papers, smelled at a small bunch of red flowers with evident pleasure.

THE year 1772 was a fearful one in New York. One hundred and [illegible] cases of sunstroke occurred in [illegible] of which seventy-two proved fatal. The principal thoroughfares were fields of battle. Men fell by the [illegible] and ambulances were in constant requisition.

HUMMING TELEGRAPH WIRES.

The Noise Not Due to the Wind but Atmospheric Conditions.

You have all heard the humming or singing of telegraph and telephone wires as you passed the poles in the streets. No doubt you have [illegible] that this is caused by the [illegible] wind on the wires and given [illegible] ther thought. But it is not [illegible] the Boston Journal of Commerce [illegible] the singing is caused by the [illegible] if you are at all observing you [illegible] tice that often the humming [illegible] to be heard on cold winter [illegible] when the smoke from chimneys [illegible] straight up until it is lost [illegible] and when the frost on the wires [illegible] fuzzy and thick as a roll of [illegible] fringe.

The wind has nothing to do with the sound, and, according to an [illegible] scientist, the vibrations are [illegible] changes of atmospheric temperature and especially through the [illegible] cold, as a lowering of temperature produces a shortening of the wires, [illegible] ing over the whole of the [illegible] considerable amount of friction [illegible] duced on the supporting bells, [illegible] ducing sounds both in the wires [illegible] the poles.

When this humming has been [illegible] on birds have mistaken the sound for insects inside the poles and have been seen to peck with their bills on the side as they do upon the [illegible] other trees. The story is told of a [illegible] that mistook the humming [illegible] coming from a nest of bees and [illegible] at the pole and tore away the [illegible] its base in the hope of finding [illegible] much-coveted honey.

NATURE'S WONDERS.

AN oil well in Venango county [illegible] does its spouting only on Sunday.

TWO PERFECTLY formed [illegible] lately emerged from one egg in [illegible] pia, Washington.

FOR thirty years the beard of a [illegible] named Whorton, in Webster [illegible] W. Va., has been entirely gray. [illegible] it is turning black, its original [illegible] in his eighty-ninth year.

A REMARKABLE rock formation [illegible] cated on a peak of mountain about [illegible] miles from Aguas Calientas, [illegible] na. The rock, which measures [illegible] hundred feet high, is shaped [illegible] barrel and can be seen for miles [illegible] tant.