

Paragraphs of News Taken from the Files of the Reporter of 1884.

October 15, 1884.

Every house in Centre Hall is taken up and more would be occupied if there were houses. Lots are cheap, labor is low, and houses in demand—just the thing wanted for a speculator of this kind. Now is the time to build.

Dr. Alexander and wife made a narrow escape on Tuesday afternoon, near Lemont, as they were driving on the pike they were precipitated over a bank some 15 feet, among rocks. The cause of the accident was a dangerous fill along the railroad which is carelessly exposed to mislead one in mistaking it for the regular road. The horse was badly bruised and a new top buggy smashed by the fall.

On Monday morning the large stable in the rear of Wolf's shops on Church street, was destroyed by fire. The exertions of the citizens were turned to saving the Lutheran church by parties who mounted the roof. The southern cornice of the roof had caught, and the flames soon spread to the interior of the church, and the large fine edifice was wrapped in flames in a few minutes. Most of the church fixtures were saved. There is an actual insurance of \$3600 on the church. It will be immediately rebuilt. In the meantime the congregation will hold its services in the Evangelical church.

The young ladies of this vicinity held a leap year party at the Centre Hall hotel on Thursday night. They went around and picked up their fellows just as though it was the best of fun, and hustled them off to the place where the fun was to come off, and did come off.

REBERSBURG.

James Harbach and Sterl Miller, who are employed at Cresson, were home for a few days. Mr. Harbach owns a new Ford car.

Edwin Barner and wife, of Milton, motored here on Sunday and visited at the Scott Stover home.

Prof. Elmer Bierly is shaking hands with friends in town. He will spend his summer vacation here.

One day last week the stork visited the home of Arthur Cummings and left a baby boy—No. 4.

Hon. Willis Bierly of Williamsport is spending his two weeks' vacation at this place, visiting the old home, now owned by William Frank.

Dr. Henry Krumrine and family motored from Newberry on Saturday and spent the night with his brother Sidney.

The telephone poles along the State road leading through this valley were whitewashed during the past week.

Baby No. 1 arrived at the home of Orvis Swartz, on Sunday.

Mrs. Samuel Bierly is visiting her two brothers at Hanover.

Mrs. Thomas Walker has the painters employed at painting her dwelling house.

Lester Minnich has his concrete mixer in operation daily. The machine surely is a labor saver.

Had First Call on Dance.

Down at Quantico one night recently there was a dance for the men of a certain company, who were to leave for France the next morning.

Of course, other marines than those about to go were on the floor. There was one man who was a mighty good dancer, and all the girls liked to dance with him.

There was a very popular girl there, too. She had her dance program full. There wasn't a dance left.

A marine came up.

"May I dance with you?" he asked.

The young woman said she was sorry, but her program was full.

"I am so sorry," she said.

"I am sorry, too," replied the young man. "I just came into the hall, and I did want one dance before I leave for France."

He started to turn away.

The soldier who had the dance grabbed him by the shoulder.

"You take my dance," he said.

Evidently Had Wrong Girl.

Bouncer was distinctly irritated when he bumped into somebody along the street, until he found that it was an old acquaintance of his.

"Ha! Just the fellow I want to see," he remarked. "I wanted to ask you whether you ever hear anything of Borem nowadays. Did he marry that girl he was so keen on?"

"No, I don't think so. In fact, I've heard that he's rather fond of going to her house and putting the gramophone on most of the evening, and every time his back is turned to put a fresh record on, Miss Gladey moves the hands of the clock on anywhere from ten minutes to a quarter of an hour."

Sun Lifts Much Water From Lake.

Evaporation of water from Gatun lake, canal zone, reached a new high record during the month of March, this year, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. Calculations show that the sun withdrew 3,248,000,000 cubic feet of water from the body, the equivalent of 1,213 cubic feet a second for the period of 31 days. This was one cubic foot a second in excess of the volume of water passing through the penstocks of the Gatun hydroelectric station, which, during the same month, produced 4,681,000 kilowatt hours of energy. This in turn shows the loss of potential current due to the sun's effect.

POINTS OUT WRONG NOTIONS

Harvard Professor Corrects Impressions of the Peoples of Historic Lands of the East.

"To speak of the pure old Egyptian type is as incorrect as to assert that the old type of the Pharaohs is extinct today," said Prof. W. Max Muller of Harvard in an address on "The Origin of the Ancient Egyptians" in the University of Pennsylvania Archeological museum. "The admixture of negro blood, due to intermarriage with slaves, was as popular in Bible times as now."

The speaker corrected many popular misconceptions about the historic lands. "You apply the term Hamitic to all blacks," he continued. "Sons of Ham" of the discriminating scholar of African conditions means white people, not black. African residents do not begin to call a man black until he is chocolate or copper colored.

"The degrees range all the way down to dull coal black. All shades lighter than copper, such as the tan of the American mulatto, are called white. The yellow girl is the complimentary way to address or to paint a lady over on the Nile."

"The handsomest people in the world are the Abyssinians, slender, high-browed, copper-hued—these people who have reduced stealing to a science and begging to a fine art. The color of the healthy man is a black and greenish bronze hue, of a shade often seen in statues, but generally believed not to be found in real life."

"These men, by the way, have the most luxuriant hair in the world, and yet they never can grow more than the scantiest, scrawniest beards."

MOVE FAMOUS CHESS GAME

Club Where Leading French Players Have Gathered Since 1681 Is Now in New Quarters.

The Cafe de la Regence no longer shelters the chess players whose temple it has been since 1854. The players now make their headquarters at the Cafe de l'Univers, facing the Theater Francaise, says New York Herald.

The Cafe de la Regence has been in its present site in Rue Saint Honore since the early years of the second empire. Before that it was at the angle of the Palais Royal square, where the Hotel du Louvre now is, and in that locality it operated from 1681 until it was expropriated in 1854.

In the eighteenth century the Cafe de la Regence was frequented by the encyclopedists; Diderot, Grimm, Mar-montel, even Voltaire and later Robespierre were habitués of the place. It is said that Napoleon gave a chess party in the old cafe. The cafe charged by the hours for the use of its chessboards and an extra charge was made at the night games to pay for the two candles which each pair of players used. La Bourdonnais, famous chessmaster of the Restoration, played there and after him Alfred de Musset, Saint-Amand, Rosenthal, de Bornier and other celebrities of literature and chess.

Charm of Old San Antonio.

The charm of an old city lies chiefly around the historic spots and buildings in which the romance of its early history is centered. Rarely do we enter a city that can boast of ancient edifices and haloed ground the history of which is known the country over. Kasper still is the community whose quaint buildings, picturesque scenes and romantic atmosphere are its main attractions, luring thousands to its gates each year. Such, however, is the boast of San Antonio, Tex., one of the quaintest and most interesting cities in the United States, says Architecture. Nowhere else may you find a greater appeal to the romantic and the picturesque and have such hospitable welcome extended you; nowhere will you find such a blending of the ancient with the modern as in this delightful city of our own Southwest.

Vast Sum Eluded Morgan.

In the mountains behind a Cuban city, we are told, is still buried a great amount of treasure, hidden there 350 years ago, when news came of an impending attack by Sir Henry Morgan, the pirate honored by an English king for his onslaughts upon the Spaniards. Most of the defenders were killed, and the spoils were never found. Morgan was outwitted again at Panama, and at the bottom of the harbor there lies today, some have estimated, \$50,000,000 worth of gold and silver.

When he attacked Panama the treasure was hidden under the plankings of the ships at the wharves. The city was captured before the vessels could make their escape, but a long search failed to unearth the spoils, so all the craft were sunk in revenge by the pirate and his men.

Source of Loyalty.

There is a loyalty which springs from affection that we bear to our native soil. This we have as strong as any people.

But it is not the soil alone, nor yet the soil beneath our feet and the skies over our heads, that constitute our country.

"It is its freedom, equality, justice, greatness and glory. Who among us is so low as to be insensible of an interest in them? Four hundred thousand natives of other lands every year voluntarily renounce their own sovereigns and swear fealty to our own. Who has ever known an American to transfer his allegiance permanently to a foreign power?—William Henry Seward.

TREASURES LOST TO HISTORY

Fanaticism of Spaniards on Isla de Mujeres Is Regretted by Archeologists.

Fortified by grim rocks from the wind-driven waves of the Yucatan channel lies the Isla de Mujeres—Isle of Women. The Spaniards on a voyage in search of gold in the sixteenth century were tossed up on this island, where they found no gold, but had an interesting time. When they started on an exploring tour of the island they came upon a stone temple. Lured by the fumes of incense, they entered and saw many idols representing goddesses, clothed in cotton garments. Officiating at the ceremonies were women dressed in bright cottons and decked out with feathers and ornaments of precious metals.

The Spaniards, excited by this scene of idol worship, rushed in, smashed the idols, triumphantly placed an image of the virgin on the altar and held mass before the eyes of the astonished priestesses and native worshippers. Archeologists have never ceased to regret the fervor of the Spaniards, who thus unheedingly destroyed unique treasures of Mayan civilization.

The Spaniards named the place Isla de Mujeres for future reference and sailed away. The frightened Mayans deserted their shrine. For years the Isla de Mujeres lay still and forsaken. Gradually it awakened. A fishing village grew up near the ancient altars and the Yucatan hunt the hawk-billed turtle where once Indian maidens swung the censers and chanted their prayers.

ART OF WALKING REVIVED

That More People Take Beneficial Exercise Is an Indirect Result of Great War.

The human race was forgetting the art of walking. Vanity had had something to do with it—and the shoemakers, who catered to vanity. For the truth was, people were paying more attention to the style of the shoe than to the comfort of the foot. Then came the war.

Whatever else they are called upon to do, soldiers have to walk. In walking, one must have shoes that fit—shoes that do not cramp the foot, shoes with flat soles and low heels. So the armies of the world provided their soldiers with shoes in which they could walk—and the soldiers found the walking easy.

Seeing these millions of soldiers with good feet, properly shod and finding that they could walk for long distances without tiring, the rest of the world gradually came to adopt sensible shoes. In the fulness of time all of us may learn to walk, and when we do we shall find that we had for many years overlooked the most delightful process of locomotion that has as yet been invented.

Walking is the best exercise that has been devised, because it is the most natural. Man is a walking animal; the process of walking involves every nerve and muscle of the body and insures health. Men and women who walk do not suffer from any kind of disease. But the first principle of walking is a proper shoe for the foot.—Southwest American.

Building the Pyramids.

In looking at pictures of the pyramids and the Sphinx everyone has wondered how these great monuments could be built in an age when there was no such thing as a steam derrick. Discussion upon the point has run through the centuries.

An English engineer has hit upon what appears to be the true explanation. His opinions are supported by the evidence of ancient inscriptions on tombs and temples. This engineer states that in building a pyramid the Egyptians constructed an inclined roadway to the level of which the work had reached.

As the pyramid grew taller the angle of the road constantly grew steeper and its length greater. Up this roadway passed all the material required in building the pyramid, hauled by slaves and pack animals.

Species of Whippoorwill.

The cry of the whippoorwill is its song and only the male utters it. The female is silent. When it is singing, just as likely as not the whippoorwill is sitting on the ground, although it sings from the treetops at times. It doesn't sing after midnight. From dark until about 10 o'clock is its favorite time for singing—or yelling. In the South there is a kindred bird, somewhat larger than the Northern whippoorwill, which is sometimes called "chuck-will's-widow," because that is what some folks assert it says. And in England there is a bird very similar to the whippoorwill known as the "goat-sucker," because it is supposed to obtain its food from the milk of goats.—Exchange.

Her Prophecy Came True.

A story is told to the effect that Simon Bolivar, when he was a child of seven, had for a playmate in Spain a boy of about his own age named Ferdinand, the future Spanish king. One day, while engaged in a game of bat-tledore and shuttlecock, a stroke by young Bolivar knocked the cap from Ferdinand's head. Whereupon an old nurse, who witnessed the occurrence, and who was deemed a soothsayer, declared that some day Bolivar would knock the crown from the king's head. Which feat he certainly did accomplish, so far as South America was concerned.

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