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BY virtue of an Order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa., and to us directed, we will offer at public sale on the premises in Lincoln Township, on

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1891,

at 1 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, to wit: A certain tract of land situate in Lincoln Township, Somerset Co., Pa., adjoining lands of David Coleman, Edward Shaffer, Wm. Shaulis, Lincoln Stern, J. J. Barr, and Jacob Smith, containing 102 acres more or less, of which there are 84 acres cleared and balance timbered, having a story and a half log

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and bank barn, and other outbuildings thereon erected. There is also a good fruit orchard on the premises. The farm is close to church and to schools, and is a very desirable home.

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FREEMAN J. HOFFMAN,
MARY M. SHAFFER,
apr15. Admrs. of Henry A. Shaffer, dec'd.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE
— OF —
Valuable Real Estate!

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale issued by the Orphans' Court of Somerset Co. Pa., and to me directed I will expose to public sale at the late residence of Jacob S. Livengood, deceased, in Elklick Twp., Pa., on

SATURDAY, MAY 16, '91,

at 2 o'clock p. m., all the real estate of decedent described as follows, to wit:

A certain tract or piece of land situate in Elklick Township, Pa., adjoining lands of Elijah Livengood, Cyrus Rodamer, Marshall Holliday, James Maust, and others, containing 174 acres, more or less, having thereon erected a two-story frame

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with a bank barn, &c. This most excellent farm has on it one of the best Sugar Camps in the Township. It is well watered, and has timber sufficient for the use of the farm. Has a fine vein of limestone running through it. The buildings are in good condition. Any one wishing a good home can purchase it here.

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J. C. LOWRY,
apr15. Trustee.

WRIT OF PARTITION.

To Chas. Elrick, of Conemaugh Twp., Cambria Co., Pa.; W. W. Elrick, South Oil City, Venango Co., Pa.:

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of a Writ of Partition issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset Co., and to me directed, I will hold an inquest on the premises, on the real estate of Isaac Elrick, deceased, situate in Shade Twp., Somerset Co., Pa., on Friday, the 15th day of May, 1891, when and where you can attend if you think proper.

Sheriff's Office, April 10, 1891. ISAIAH GOOD, Sheriff.

WRIT OF PARTITION.

To Casimer Cramer, Indian Head, Fayette County, Pa.; Samuel D. Cramer, of Scottdale, Fayette County, Pa.; Wm. Cramer, Indian Head, Fayette County Pa.; David C. Cramer, Indian Head, Fayette County, Pa.; Rosy A. Cramer, intermarried with Joseph C. Meyers, of Scottdale, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Maggie Cramer, intermarried with Herman Wissinger, Stahlstown, Westmoreland County, Pa.; Rachel Cramer, intermarried with John Adams, Garden street, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ella Cramer, Indian Head, Pa.; Mary Cramer, intermarried with Fred D. Lentz, Scottdale, Westmoreland County, Penn'a.; Ellen Hamer, of Maple Valley, Washington, John J. Cramer, of Milton, Ill.; Lorain Cramer, of Whitten, Iowa, Hamilton Cramer, of Highland, South Dakota; Hudson Cramer, of Cambridge, Neb.; Mary Cramer Beal, of Burnette, Neb.; Kate Cramer Lepley, Gilford, Ia.; Sarah Cramer Moore, Hubbard, Ia.; Leland C. Cramer, Highland, South Dakota; Kate B. Moore, of Fostoria, Ohio; John Bowman, of Sabetha, Kansas; O'Harra Bowman of Aaronsville, Ohio; David Bowman, Joy, Ohio; Francis Squires Gowen, of Kansas City, Mo.; Wm. Badgely, of Fostoria, Ohio; Jane B. Moriarity, of Fostoria, O., and Sarah Bowman, whose residence is unknown.

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of a Writ of Partition issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset Co., Pa., and to me directed, I will hold an inquest on the premises on the real estate of Casimer K. Cramer, dec., situate in Middlecreek Township, Somerset County, Pa., on Monday, the 4th day of May, 1891, when and where you can attend if you think proper.

Sheriff's Office, Somerset, 4-8. ISAIAH GOOD, Sheriff.

WRIT OF PARTITION.

To Sophia Livingston, intermarried with Neff Lohr, and Sadie R. Livingston, intermarried with Josiah D. Blough, both of Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.; Hiram R. Livingston, of Freeport, Kent County, Michigan, and Sam'l E. Livingston of Panne Rock, Barton County, Kansas:

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of a writ of partition issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa., and to me directed, I will hold an inquest on the premises on the real estate of Tobias Livingston, deceased, situate in Conemaugh Township, Somerset County, Pa., on Thursday, May 14, 1891, when and where you can attend if you think proper.

Sheriff's Office, Somerset, 4-8. ISAIAH GOOD, Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of Margaret Ringer, dec'd., late of Addison Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.

Letters of Administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, May 16, 1891, at the late residence of deceased in said township.

URIAS M. RINGER,
apr8. Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Adam T. Snyder, late of Upper Turkeyfoot Twp., Somerset Co., Pa., dec'd.

Letters of Administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, the 9th day of May, 1891, at the late residence of deceased.

B. F. SNYDER,
apr1. Administratrix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of J. L. Burkholder, late of Brothersvalley Township, Somerset county, Pa.

Letters of Administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, the 16th day of May, '91, at the late residence of deceased.

ANDREW J. COLEMAN,
apr1. Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Henry Walter, late of Somerset Twp., Somerset county, Pa., deceased.

Letters of Administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement on or before Saturday, the 2nd day of May, 1891, at my office in the Borough of Somerset, Somerset Co., Pa.

JAMES L. PUGH,
mar18. Admr. of Henry Walter, dec'd.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately existing between Frederick Durr and Francis W. Bare of Sand Patch, Somerset County, Pa., under the firm name of Fred Durr & Co., was dissolved by mutual consent on the 1st day of April, 1891, the said Fred Durr retiring therefrom. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by said Francis Bare, and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment.

FRED DURR,
apr8-3. FRANCIS W. BARE.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John K. McClintock, dec'd., late of Addison Twp., Somerset County, Pa.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, May 2, 1891, to the Executor at the late residence of the said deceased, where he will give his attendance for said purpose.

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If I were you, with such flower like face,
And all a flower's own grace to hold it too;
I'd keep my heart as flower pure in its place,
If I were you.

If I were you and looked to be a queen,
I'd keep myself, as though I knew,
That what's beneath should equal what is seen,
If I were you.

If I were you, and God had made me fair,
So fair that I seemed made to woo;
I'd be as gracious as my graces were,
If I were you.

If I were you—but no, alas! I see—
I could not love you as I do;
Nor tell you all I'd strive to be,
If I were you.

—Brooklyn Life.

The Oldest Family.

In matter of antiquity Mohammed must yield precedence to the Chinese philosopher, Confucius, who died 479 years before the Christian era. There is no known race that can boast of an antiquity like his. On the occasion of the death of the Chinese statesman, known in Europe and America as the Marquis Tsang, we learned that his title of nobility was due, not to any connection with Confucius himself, but to his descent from one of the four chief disciples of the great teacher.

There are, however, very numerous living descendants of Confucius; and although he has been dead 2,370 years, superior rank is conceded to them in China solely from their relationship to him. Moreover, when Confucius was born, 550 B. C., his family was already among the most ancient of the empire, and had a recorded history of more than three centuries. Tradition goes still further back, extending the probable duration of the family to little less than 3,000 years.—Chicago Times.

Vespucius' Descendant.

It is rather remarkable that so many men identified with the early history of this continent should have living descendants. Many of us remember the lady who visited New York some years ago who claimed descent from Americus Vespucius, and had a conviction on her mind that the Congress of the United States ought to bestow some kind of pecuniary recognition on the name. Congress was not in a pensioning frame of mind and she returned home no richer than she came.

Her visit, however, led to a close investigation of the career of her ancestor, which resulted in the discovery that the word America originated in a name given by the natives to a portion of the coast which he visited. Nevertheless the lady is believed to have been lineally descended from Americus Vespucius, or rather the person whose name was Latinized into that form.—Chicago Times.

The Page of the Czar.

Little Kapioff had made a bet with his fellow pages that he would pull the Emperor Paul's pigtail (which was held in respect by the highest persons in the realm) like an ordinary bell rope at the next court banquet. Accordingly, when the czar took his seat at the table, surrounded by the members of the imperial family and the dignitaries of state, Kapioff took hold of the queue and gave it a jerk as if he were pulling a bell. The emperor uttered a cry of pain and turned round in a desperate rage. Everybody trembled; only the little page stood there cool and impassive.

"Who did that?" inquired his majesty in a passionate tone.

"I did," said the youth; "that queue is always awry; I put it straight down the middle."

"Why, you scamp, couldn't you do it without pulling so hard?" and there the matter ended.—Le Petit Moniteur.

How Flies Multiply.

From where do all the flies come? The question is often asked, and seldom receives so satisfactory an answer as has been given by a contemporary. The common fly lays more than a hundred eggs, and the time from egg laying to maturity is about two weeks. Most of us have studied geometrical progression. Here we see it illustrated. Suppose one fly commences "to multiply and replenish the earth" about June 1. June 15, if they all lived, would give 150. Suppose seventy-five of these are females, July 1 would give us, supposing no cruel wasp or other untoward circumstance to interfere, 11,250. Suppose 5,625 of these are females, we might have July 15, 843,720 flies.—Rarebits.

A Prompt Answer to Prayer.

A United Brethren preacher, the Rev. John R. Eberly, of Lewiston, has been conducting meetings at the Brush Ridge school house, in this county, for three weeks. The countryside for miles around is represented nightly, and intense interest is shown. The other night an amusing climax occurred during the delivery of Brother Eberly's opening prayer. The venerable minister has shown a partiality for the phrase, "O Lord, shower thy blessing down upon us," which is incorporated in all his prayers.

When this period of his invocation was reached the audience was thrown into a condition of extreme excitement by the copious fall of water from the trap door directly over the minister, drenching him through and through. A temporary check was given to the services by this sudden fulfillment of the preacher's prayer and the tranquility of the meeting was not re-established until an investigation revealed the cause of the unexpected downpour. John L. Smith, a fifteen-year-old boy, had secreted himself in the attic of the school house in advance of the meeting and given practical effect to Mr. Eberly's invocation with two buckets of water.—Lewiston (Pa.) Gazette.

A Window Decoration.

What is more beautiful for a low screen around the kitchen windows than sweet peas. If the kitchen is on the sunny side of the house they will luxuriate with no other fertilizer than the soap suds of the weekly washing. The seed should be planted very early in the season, in a rich, sunny place, as deep as six or eight inches. Some floriculturists plant them in the fall, putting them down the depth of ten inches and covering the ground with rich fertilizer. They must be given something for support as soon as they are out of the ground. Bushes may be used for this purpose, but a wire gauze of large mesh, painted a medium shade of green, is prettier than anything else. The new varieties of sweet peas are considerably larger than the old varieties and will cover a trellis from four to six feet in height. A mixture of black-purple sweet peas with the old fashioned rose and white "painted lady" looks very pretty on such a trellis.—New York Tribune.

A device is used by traveling men for the name strap on their valises. A card bearing their name and address is slipped into the leather card pocket in the usual way, but now in addition a piece of mica is slipped in on top of the card, keeping it neat and clean, and at the same time permitting it being read by reason of its transparency.

Housing Work People.

At the twenty-fourth annual general meeting of the Artisans', Laborers' and General Dwellings company (limited) the report showed that the income for the year 1890 amounted to more than £130,000, the net revenue being £85,000, out of which dividends amounting to £54,604 had been paid. The increase of capital during the year had been £110,100, with premiums amounting to £14,407; the total amount paid up to Dec. 31 was £1,757,500, the authorized capital being £2,000,000 in ordinary shares and £750,000 in preference shares, 4½ per cent. The revenue and capital reserves now amount to £83,149.

The completed estates of the company in London are Shaftesbury park, S. W., and Queen's park, W., comprising nearly 3,500 separate houses. At Noel park, N., at the close of the year 1,238 houses had been built, nearly all being let and occupied. This estate when completed will comprise 2,300 houses. An estate of sixty-six acres had been acquired at Streatham, and would be developed in the same manner as the other suburban parks of the company.

Block buildings have been erected in Lesson grove, Shepherd's place, Grosvenor square, Carpenter street, Berkeley square, Coldbath square, Rosebery avenue, Seymour place, East street, Marylebone and Rosoman street. Nine hundred and fifty-two tenements, comprising 2,278 rooms, had been let as soon as they were ready for occupation. Other block buildings are in progress at East street, Marylebone, Shepherd's place, Grosvenor square and Rosoman street and Skinners street, Clerkenwell.

The company would, when work now in hand was completed, provide accommodation for some 70,000 persons. The houses and tenements were fully let, and the loss from arrears was exceedingly small. Mr. Farrant, deputy chairman, gave a full detailed statement as to the progress of the various properties of the company completed and in course of development, and referred to the appreciation of the buildings shown by the occupiers and the care taken to select the most suitable tenants. After replying to questions put by shareholders the report and accounts were adopted and a dividend of 5 per cent. declared.—London Times.

Armstrong and Booth.

Dr. Armstong, who died in Atlanta a few days ago of apoplexy, led a peculiarly romantic career. For years he furnished newspaper correspondents with material for wild stories, and numerous efforts were made to prove that he was identical with J. Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Abraham Lincoln. James H. Payson, of Sidney, O., who is in this city at present, knew him intimately in former days, and in referring to the matter said:

Dr Armstrong spent several years in Sydney as a United Presbyterian preacher, and was noted for his eloquence and for the theatrical methods which he employed in the pulpit. During the war he mysteriously disappeared, but came to the front a few years later as an Episcopal clergyman.

He continued in the latter capacity until made the subject of two assaults by persons who believed him to be J. Wilkes Booth. He then went to Cincinnati where he achieved through the newspapers an unenviable notoriety. For ten years nothing has been heard from him by his old associates. There is no doubt that he bore a remarkable resemblance to the assassin of Lincoln. He limped with his right leg and wore long, black hair, which those who suspected him claimed was utilized to conceal a scar resulting from a wound inflicted by Boston Corbett, who claimed to have shot Booth.—San Francisco Call.

Ecclesiastical Wheat Fields.

Some months ago Presiding Elder F. A. Burdick called a meeting of all the Methodist pastors of the Aberdeen district in South Dakota, and put before them the plan of sowing acres of wheat for the liquidation of the church debts. The pastors took to the idea, and after talk with their people found the farmers would furnish the land and do the work if the church would furnish the seed. The general societies of the church, which have their headquarters in the east, then took hold of the matter, and shortly announced that the money for the seed should be forthcoming.

The Rev. Mr. Burdick said: "We hope to have at least forty acres of wheat on every charge in the Aberdeen district, and on some as many as sixty. As a matter of fact the church at Bath has already started the ball rolling with sixty acres. The income from this source will be applied altogether toward the payment of church debts, and I confidently expect to see several cleared away before another winter."—Cor. Minneapolis Journal.

Helping Electric Cars Uphill.

At Seattle there is about to be put into operation a novel method of running electric cars up steep grades. The electric railway there has a very steep grade about 800 feet long, and it has been found that the motors on the cars are inadequate to surmount the hill. To correct the difficulty a small conduit about two feet square is constructed, and in this is to run a small car as a counter balance. Two ropes will be attached to the counter balance car at the top. When an ordinary car is attached to the rope the counter balance car runs down the hill, but when the car reaches the top of the hill it runs down on the other side, and aided by the motor, it pulls up the counter balance car which is now ready to take up another car.—Boston Transcript.

Buffaloes for England.

The proprietors of Buffalo park have received a cable from London ordering three pair of young buffaloes to be sent to England. Sir Joseph Naylord is the purchaser, and he has been corresponding for a long time to get these animals. The six buffaloes are sold at five hundred dollars each, the purchaser to pay the expense of crating and all other expenses connected with their shipment.—Cor. Denver Republican.

Effects of the Indian Climate.

Among the 600 men composing the First battalion of the Scottish Borderers (the old Twenty-fifth), which will arrive from Burmah in a week or two, there are only six who went out with the regiment to India in 1875. These are the sergeant major, a sergeant and four members of the band.—London Tit-Bits.

Robert Buchanan, the poet, novelist and reviewer, was a poor Scotch village boy a score of years ago, without fame or fortune or prospects of either. The success he has had in literature has been won by hard work and merit, but today he is one of the foremost men in London literary life.

In some of the West End restaurants in London as much as twenty-eight shillings a week is paid by a waiter for the right to look after the wants of wealthy diners. Tips there vary at anything between 6d. and 2s. 6d., and a first class man may reckon to clear a solid £3 a week.

The Baby King of Spain.

Little Alfonso XIII, king of Spain, whose fifth birthday will be celebrated in May, leads the most joyless life imaginable. He is sensitive and sickly. He is frequently taken down with violent attacks of colic, which last for days and shake his tiny weak body into a condition of pitiable thinness. Consequently he is undersized, white and languid. His mother coddles him and watches him so closely that he rarely, if ever, has an opportunity for a bit of boy's play or other healthful exercise. He passes only one hour daily in the open air, and this by the side of his mother in the royal carriage. Occasionally he is allowed to leave the carriage and walk in the park sedately in the society of his nurse, his English governess and the Countess of Peralta.

The people of Madrid say that the total of the ages of these three companions is 160 years. The Countess of Peralta is at least ninety, and was the head governess of little Alfonso's father very many years before the miniature king was dreamed of. At all events, it is certain that the royal companions, with their 160 years, frown on all royal capers, for the occasional attempts of their puny charge to run or jump or throw stones are suppressed with military promptness.

Once in two weeks the son of the Duke of Casa-Jruj is commanded to the palace to play with his sovereign, but there is little or no benefit in this for Alfonso XIII, since the three women of the 160 years are with the children constantly to prevent all boyish exuberance. So the small, unhappy sovereign worries along his narrow royal way with a burden of childish misery that has rendered him prematurely sad and indifferent.—New York Sun.

Fast Time in Bookmaking.

The fastest time on record for the making, compiling and publishing of a statute book comes from Oklahoma. The legislature recently adjourned was in session 120 days. On the morning of the last day there had not been passed enactments that when printed would fill to exceed sixty pages of an ordinary law book. At the close of the last day the signature of the governor was placed on enough more to fill a statute book of 1,260 pages without the index.

Among these were included a code of civil and criminal procedure in both district, probate and justice courts and laws governing crimes and punishments covering 300 pages. Within thirty-five days from the final adjournment these laws were copied, corrected and arranged in a manner that Chief Justice Green, of the territory, pronounced perfect, with side and head notes for each section. Within forty-eight hours after the compiling committee had turned in its last copy the printed volume, comprising over 1,300 pages, was turned over to Secretary Martin bound in law sheep.—Kansas City Times.

A Sinking Mountain.

Two or three miles west of Hiawassee and Brasstown, on the mountain dividing Hiawassee and Brasstown, on lot of land No. 87, in the seventeenth district and first section, and on the west side of the mountain, Mr. Hamilton, of Athens, Ga., is mining for corundum. He found that his supply of water, with which he used to wash his corundum, had ceased to flow. One of his workmen was despatched to find out the cause. He quickly returned and said that the mountain was sinking. Soon the alarm spread and parties started to solve the mystery.

They soon found that a very large fissure was opening in the earth in the shape of a semicircle, and large trees were falling in every direction. The amount of land encompassed was about forty acres. By examining closely they found that other fissures were opening on the southwest and northeast, crossing the mountain. The opening in some places is as much as six feet wide and the depth is unknown.—Cor. Atlanta Constitution.

A Recent Cable Dispatch.

The Anglo-Turco-Russian complication is growing more complicatedly complex. It now appears that the English-Roumanian interests, being jeopardized by the contiguity, or in fact proximity, of the ulterior understanding approximated by the Montenegrin protocol, and the disintegration of the ultimate conjunction precipitated by the Herzegovinian interpolations, the elementary attitude of the signatory powers is thereby annulled and confirmed. This, while it insures the autonomy of the Bosphorian conference, infallibly results in lowering the toll on the Suez canal eleven scudos each way, children and dogs half price. This in an immaterial degree devitalizes Premier Crispi's ultimatum eliminated by the Hungarian-Austro imbroglio, and the belligerents return to their corners.—San Francisco Examiner.

Died in His Confirmation Suit.

Charles W. Hungerford, a lad of sixteen, was to have been confirmed on Sunday in St. James' Lutheran church, in Reading. On Saturday afternoon he stopped work at the Reading railroad shops, and after eating his supper went out and procured his confirmation suit from the tailor. He carried it to the house of his brother-in-law, where he put it on to show to them. While they were admiring it he suddenly sank upon a lounge and became unconscious. Before a physician could be summoned he was dead. The cause of death was heart disease.—Allentown (Pa.) Register.

The Berlin correspondent of a syndicate of provincial papers is responsible for the following story: "On the occasion of the reassembling of the holy synod in the Russian capital it was resolved to forward to his majesty, in accordance with traditional usage, the archipastoral benediction. The clerk who was employed to prepare the document formally communicating the pious resolution made a curious mistake. By a slip of the pen he wrote 'architectural' instead of 'archipastoral,' and the resolution was forwarded without the error being detected.

"When the czar received it he laughed heartily and wrote on the margin, 'I have no need of such a blessing.' He then dismissed the matter from his mind. The document, however, with the imperial annotation, found its way back to the holy synod, and produced among the members of that body the greatest surprise and consternation. Without stopping to investigate the matter the ecclesiastics who were responsible for the resolution jumped to the conclusion that they had in some way or other incurred the czar's displeasure, and that his majesty's comment was an intimation to them that they were expected immediately to resign.

"They accordingly went in a body to the imperial palace and humbly tendered their joint and several resignations. It was now the turn of the czar to be overwhelmed with amazement, and it was only after a good deal of embarrassment and reciprocal explanations that the matter was set right. The interview terminated with a mild hint on the part of his majesty that, even in the records of religious bodies, verbal accuracy is a very desirable quality."

Weighs 975 Pounds; Wants to Weigh 1,000.

Before his recent visit to wonderland, in this city, John Harmon Craig had traveled more than 400,000 miles. It is a long journey, but John has much size.

The floor over which John may choose to walk must be prepared to withstand a strain of 975 pounds. Nevertheless, he eats and sleeps regularly, and consequently is healthy. His ambition is to weigh 1,000 pounds, which would shatter the records of both historical and mythological heavy weights. He thinks he will do it soon, unless his anxiety to do so retards his growth.

"It has been the law with people of abnormal weight and size," said Mr. Craig during his recent exhibition here, "to be short lived and subject to violent attacks of illness. I am the only one who has enjoyed throughout life perfect health."

Craig has accumulated several fortunes, and lost two or three in an attempt to run a circus. He yet possesses a bank account well proportioned to his own size. Besides being a fat man he is a Knight of Pythias, Odd Fellow and United Workman. Those that know him best say that he is also a regular bureau of charity.

He was born in Iowa City, Ia., and is thirty-five years old. At birth he weighed eleven pounds. At eleven months he weighed seventy-seven pounds, and at the age of two years he weighed 206 pounds. He was the biggest baby in the world for his age, and captured the $1,000 cash prize offered by Barnum in 1858. For the next two years he traveled in Europe. When he returned he weighed 300 pounds, and a year later he weighed 465 pounds. When twenty-five years old he weighed 625 pounds.

There is a Mrs. Craig and a Mr. Craig, Jr. Mrs. Craig is a blonde, twenty-four years of age, and weighs 117 pounds. They met for the first time in St. Joseph in 1884, when Craig was on exhibition there. It was a case of love at first sight for both, and in less than a week after the meeting matrimonial negotiations had ended successfully. They were married in Fort Scott, Kan., two weeks later.

Craig's father weighed 117 pounds, his mother 125 pounds.—Kansas City Star.

Something New in Decoration.

A California invention has just been patented which bids fair to revolutionize the methods now in vogue for decorating glass and porcelain. The object of the invention is to so decorate such surfaces as to produce and permanently fix upon them impressions of figures, portraits or scenery.

A sheet of glass or porcelain is covered with an emulsion, and after being subjected to a dry heat is placed over a photograph, engraving, etching or any kind of drawing. The glass or porcelain, after being sensitized, is exposed for about three minutes in a strong sunlight. After the exposure is made the picture is developed by the use of ceramic powders of any color desired.

The powder is taken dry and sifted evenly in the desired locations and brushed over with a soft brush. Gradually the images develop on the plates, green foliage, brown trunks and branches appear, vivid and true to nature. When the image is thus developed a thin coating of flux is applied, the plate is put into a firing furnace, and the picture becomes permanent. — San Francisco Chronicle.

Durango's Tin Mine.

With reference to the reported discovery of a very rich tin mine about forty-five miles from the city of Durango, John Pershmaker, the owner, says the discovery of the vein was almost an accident. He had gone to what is known as the Diabalt mine for the purpose of examining the yield of metal bearing ores, not knowing that tin had ever been found there. He found a shaft about 300 feet deep, which had passed through two light veins of gold, iron and silver bearing ores.

On making a close examination of the sides of the shaft he noticed a large and very rich lead of oxide and tin. He ran a horizontal tunnel for a short distance, striking a vein of ore over four feet wide and composed of a solid mass of oxide of tin, assaying from 50 to 60 per cent. of the pure metal. There is no sulphur in it whatever, so that the work of reducing the ore simply amounts to the work of smelting and casting into ingots.—New York Telegram.

General Surprise.

The man eating tiger is a creature both cunning and audacious. One described by Sir Samuel Baker, which became the victim of a practical joke, was not the typical old and mangy animal, but a powerful beast of almost unexampled ferocity. It was a merciless highwayman, which infested a portion of the road, and frequently carried off the drivers of bullock carts to feast upon them in the jungle.

The natives feared to travel with a single cart, and it became the custom to pass the dreaded spot with several teams together. This, however, proved a vain precaution, for the tiger seized the driver of the hindmost cart and made away with him in spite of the cries of those left behind.

At length Mr. Duff, the superintendent of police, provided two covered carts, each drawn as usual by two bullocks. The leading one was fitted with strong bars of bamboo, which formed an impenetrable cage. In this the driver was seated, and Mr. Duff himself sat with his face toward the rear, prepared to fire through the bars at the moment of attack.

This would have been an exciting time for the driver, but that individual was personated by a dummy stuffed with straw, which might prove tempting to the tiger's eye but would hardly satisfy his palate.

Slowly the carts moved along the dreaded path. Suddenly there was a roar and crash in the jungle. A large tiger bounded forth, seized the dummy driver and dragged him away. Nothing could have been better planned, but one chance, necessary to success, had been forgotten. No sooner had the tiger roared and bounded upon the cart than the bullocks, terrified beyond control, went full gallop across the country, followed by the other team, all in the wildest panic.

It was impossible to fire, and after a few seconds of desperate chariot racing both carts capsized, and lay, with the animals, in a heap on the ground. The victorious man eater, victim of what he must have considered a practical joke, was left to a dry meal of a straw stuffed carter, instead of the juicy native he had expected to get.

The dead Belgian prince was the handsomest young royal gentleman in Europe. Tall and powerfully built and possessing the golden blonde hair and fresh, bright complexion of the Flemish natives, he was an exceedingly attractive looking youth. The delicacy of his coloring was such that the slightest emotion would cause him to blush like a girl, a peculiarity that led his young sisters (between whom and himself a very warm affection existed) to tease him by calling him "The Rose of Brabant."—Paris Cor. St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

HOW FIFTY ESCAPED.

CONFEDERATES WORKED A CLEVER SCHEME AT CAMP BUTLER.

Disguised as Citizens in Smuggled Clothes and Armed with Forged Passports a Few at a Time Passed the Vigilant Guards on Visiting Days.

A man in prison is like a man without hands, whose brain is constantly contriving to overcome physical deficiency. The ingenuity of a brain unrelieved by distraction of employment is capable of schemes which rival fiction. Many thrilling tales are told by prisoners of war about their privations and adventures while under the espionage of an alert and relentless enemy. An experience worthy of record was told an American reporter, the other night, by a man who now stands high in public life in Tennessee.

He was once a confederate soldier. He had the misfortune to be numbered with the captured at Fort Donelson, and with hundreds of his comrades was hurried across the Ohio and incarcerated in Camp Butler, a spot which will long be remembered by those who were so unlucky as to be imprisoned within its battlements.

After pining for several weary months for an exchange that was never effected these southern patriots set about to accomplish their own deliverance. Various plans were concocted, but were all successfully thwarted by the vigilance of their custodians. Finally the inspiration of this story hit upon a scheme which for audacity and cleverness is unprecedented, and won for its originator a title and distinction among his companions which time has not yet obliterated.

Among the prisoners at Camp Butler were a number of boys who served the Confederacy in the capacity of "powder monkeys," a function well known to heavy artillerists.

IT WAS A CLEVER PLAN.

The duties of these youngsters were to convey powder charges from the magazines to gunners in trenches or to assist in like manner on the floating batteries which annoyed the federal gunboats in the Mississippi river.

Two of these little fellows, who had fallen into the hands of the enemy, were treated with the dignity due prisoners of war, and consequently found themselves hundreds of miles away from home and mamma and subject to all the heartless discipline of military prison. The manly fortitude of these two juvenile warriors attracted the martial soul of Colonel Morrison, who commanded the post. To make their imprisonment less arduous he made them his office orderlies, and sent them on the hundreds of errands which a commanding officer finds a daily necessity in the discharge of his duty.

The little fellows were true patriots, and no persuasion or punishment could dissuade them from the cause of their fathers. It was through them that the hero of this story accomplished his designs. The boys had access at all times to the colonel's office, likewise the adjutant's desk. One night they were bidden to steal from the adjutant's desk a lot of blank passports.

But what good were passports to a soldier whose very uniform forbade exit from the inner stockade of the prison, might be asked. Fortunately, however, in the prison there was a sutler who possessed all the venality characteristic of his cloth.

Among the prisoners in Camp Butler there were several confederate soldiers who were the sons of wealthy parents and occasionally received money from home. From this element a general fund was collected and appropriated to the use of the plotters for deliverance. With the sutler, whose loyalty to the American dollar exceeded his fidelity to the American Union, it was an easy matter to smuggle in a suit of citizen's clothes now and then.

A FEW GO AT A TIME.

On visiting days hundreds of people from the country around would throng to the post to look at the fiery rebels. They were shown, under the escort of a guard, through every part of the prison, and on several occasions these parties, in some unaccountable way, would number one or two more on coming out than they did on coming in. Each individual, however, displayed his passport to the guard at the gate, and retired unquestioned from the portals of the fort into the loyal prairies of Illinois.

Had the guards counted their guests upon their arrival and departure some startling surprises would have resulted. On one occasion two confederate officers escaped by the guard with forged passes and had taken seats in a carriage which was waiting to serve visitors at the gate of the fort when Colonel Morrison himself came out and, addressing them, asked if they had seen all they wanted to see.

"Yes, sir," replied one of the fugitives suavely. "They are a hard looking set, ain't they, colonel?" At the same time he was so alarmed that his tongue almost refused to articulate.

By this process half a hundred Confederates were released from custody and returned to their commands in the field. The reader must not imagine that these men were not missed by their guardians, for after every muster the guards were doubled and many commissioned and non-commissioned officers relieved, it being suspected that they were responsible for the mysterious disappearance of the prisoners.

So cleverly did the plan operate under cautious restrictions that the leak through which the human contents of that notorious pen escaped was not discovered until the man who created it had been duly exchanged and was fighting under his own flag on the fields of Georgia, where he was known to the army as Colonel Morrison's adjutant.—Nashville American.

Still Unimproved.

Slasher—I hear that Jawkins has taken a wife from the washtub.

Stabber—That is not so; she is there yet.—Ram's Horn.

Caged in the Top of a Building.

For some mysterious reason the elevator in Fuller's block did not stop at the desired floor the other day, and kept on to the top of the building in spite of the small boy who was running it. The sole passenger was an elderly lady. It was nearly noon when the ascent was made, and it was after dinner that a gentleman discovered that the elevator boy did not respond to the bells and went to the roof to see what was the matter. He discovered, caged up in the elevator, a very much frightened old lady and a boy, who also showed signs of anxiety. With a step ladder and some outside help the prisoners were rescued through a very small opening above the door on the top floor and the elevator was set in motion again. It will be some time before that lady trusts herself to an elevator again.—Springfield (Mass.) Homestead.

A Curiosity of Red Tape.

A curious case of red tape has just come to my attention. The Brazilian Indians have a trick of compressing the skulls of the dead. They take out all the bones and reduce the size of the head to about one-third of its original dimensions, but manage to retain the features and expression exact. A gentleman in New York on a recent trip to Brazil secured one of these heads and shipped it home. It now lies in a box in the basement of the custom house, and he can get it no further, because the health officer will not give the necessary authority to the customs officer to pass the invoice, for the reason that no certificate has been furnished as to the cause of the man's death.—Cor. Chicago News.

The late Senator Hearst was forty-nine years old when the Comstock silver mines were discovered. In six months after he reached the Comstock lode he had made $500,000, and from that date till his death his wealth went on multi-