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Workmen Chased Out of a Warehouse by a Flood of Grain.

Six thousand bushels of unsacked wheat got loose and went on a tear. It happened in the warehouse of the F. C. Ayers Mercantile Company at Denver. The scenes that followed were something similar to those described by Victor Hugo when a cannon got loose from its fastenings on board ship and rolled and reared from one end of the gun deck to another until the ship was disabled and a number of the crew killed. Only, nobody was killed by the wheat.

In the rear of the Ayers warehouse are four great bins, built up from the ground floor and capable of holding twenty-five carloads of wheat at a time.

The company's bookkeeper, sitting in his office at the front of the building, 100 feet or more from the bins, heard a terrific ripping, tearing, splintering sound, as if the whole end of the warehouse was being torn out by a monster hand. He rushed from the little box of an office out onto the main floor of the warehouse. He paused, gasped for breath and threw up his hands.

What he saw was a giant wave of wheat flowing toward him, licking at the very heels of a dozen laborers who had been at work near the bins and who were now fleeing for their lives.

The ocean of wheat moved onward for a score of feet or more and then calmed down as suddenly as if a barrel of oil had been spread on its troubled waves. The bookkeeper yelled to the laboring men to stop running, pulled his hands down to their accustomed pockets, took a deep breath and whistled.

By and by the cloud of dust that had arisen drifted away and the bookkeeper and the laboring men could see what had happened. It didn't take long. One of the stout beams had grown weak from the burden on its back and snapped in two. A hundred other stout beams had followed suit. There was nothing left for the imprisoned wheat to do but make a rush for a less confined resting place. There were 6,000 bushels of it in the bin, and it was no wonder that its moving caused consternation.

After the dozen laboring men had recovered their wits and gone to work again the little bookkeeper in the front office said the damage done would not exceed \$50. All that was necessary to do to save the wheat was to sweep it up off the floor and pack it in sacks.

The Monkey Bread Tree.

Cape Verde, that is, the Green Cape, is said to owe its name in part to the foliage of the Adamsonia digitata which adorns the whole of Senegambia and Guinea with its green elliptical arches; a full-grown tree presenting at a distance almost the appearance of a forest. According to Adamson, trees are met with having a diameter of thirty feet, although the height of the tree is moderate, varying from fifty to sixty feet.

The lower branches, however, shoot out to an incredible length, at first in a horizontal direction. These are covered with an immense foliage, which from its weight causes them to bend toward the ground and thus there is presented a huge hemispherical mass of verdure, 120, 140 or even 150 feet in diameter and perhaps 60 feet in height.

The fruit is an oblong, dull green, downy body, eight or nine inches long, containing several cells, in which there is a number of hard shining seeds, immersed in a soft pulp, which is scarcely juicy. From this pulp the native negroes prepare an acidulous drink, much used in the fevers of the country.

The bruised leaves in a dry state form a substance called halo, which they mix with their food, and imagine it useful in checking or counteracting the effects of profuse perspiration. All the soft parts of the tree are emollient or mucilaginous.

Action of Sea-Water on Cast Iron.

Some cast iron cannon balls were recently recovered from the sea near Brest. They had been under the water for over a hundred years. They could be cut with a knife, a great part of the iron having disappeared. Exposed to the air, the interior became quite hot, of course losing the heat in a short time, after the oxygen of the air had ceased to act upon it.

National Impoverishment.

Hitherto it has been supposed that the record of national impoverishment was furnished by the Transvaal, in the treasury of which, when Great Britain took it over, was the magnificent sum of about \$3. But Sir George Bowen, when he was the first governor to Queensland, found in the public chest no more than 17 cents.

THE DEVIL'S POCKET.

"It was somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 years ago that I met with one of the most thrilling adventures of my life," began Maj. Rawling, as he lit his cigar and settled down in a comfortable arm chair before the open grate fire.

"I was at that time in command of a scouting party of a dozen men, which had been sent out from one of the government posts on a reconnoitering expedition.

"We had ridden for hours without meeting with any signs of our foes, and I was congratulating myself on not having any fighting to do for that day at least, when just as dusk was coming on, I saw, plainly outlined against the horizon, the figure of a solitary Indian on horseback, apparently watching us.

"The instant he noticed that he had been discovered he whirled like a flash and disappeared from view over the brow of the knoll.

"At that moment a perfect storm of yells broke out in the direction of the knoll, and the clatter of horses' hoofs could be heard rapidly approaching. There was no time for parley or delay.

"Right wheel!" I shouted, "and make for the Devil's pocket! Ride for your lives!"

"We spurred swiftly across the prairie in the direction of the spot where we expected to find refuge. The Indians came on yelling and firing; but fast riding and excitement, as well as the increasing darkness, disconcerted the aim of our savage foes, and we reached our objective point without losing a man.

"The Devil's pocket proved to be a deep cleft or canon in the side of a high bluff. The place was a natural fortress, and 10 skillful marksmen could have held it against 1,000 redskins.

"Thrice they charged up to the mouth of the canon, and thrice we drove them back.

"Instead of charging again they tried a new tack. Retiring out of range they encamped directly in front of our retreat, apparently with the intention of starving us out. Here they remained all that night and the next day, and the succeeding morning still found them there.

"We had eaten the last of our scanty provisions, there was no water in the canon and the men were suffering greatly from thirst and hunger.

"The situation was fast growing desperate, and I was about to order my men to mount and force their way through or die bravely fighting for their liberty, when suddenly, away off to the right, a cloud of dust came rolling up over the horizon. I asked our scout what it meant.

"Bufflers—that's what it means!" chuckled the old scout. "An' it's mighty lucky that we're in here out o' thar' way. Just wait till they git a léele closer an' see the Injins skeddadle!"

"Think they'll be apt to run for a few buffaloes?"

"Few, hey?" snorted Hardy. "Thar' air thousands comin' along with that cloud of dust, an' they're erbout the only animal an' Injin'll run away from."

"On they came nearer and nearer, headed straight across the plain in front of the bluff. The Indians, intent on watching us, saw their danger when it was too late. There was no time for retreat. They must either meet that living avalanche and scatter it or go down before it.

"A few ran for their ponies and quickly mounted, while the remainder awaited the inevitable collision on foot. They filled the air with their piercing yells and fired wildly at the swiftly approaching mass; but all to no avail. Majestic and terrible, that awful sea came rolling on.

"The mighty herd passed on, but in its pathway no living thing was left to tell the tale of that brief but deadly struggle. Our savage foes would trouble us no more!"

Chinese Etiquette.

You may thank your stars that you are not the Emperor of China. He is a most unhappy individual. He is surrounded by a wall of etiquette as old as his great Chinese Wall and even more unchanging.

Here are some of the rules he must follow unflinchingly and with the greatest care. They are imperative and are never known to be broken:

He must rise every morning at 2 o'clock.

The dishes served at breakfast are the same day after day, and have been fixed from time immemorial.

Every dish is served in couples; two ducks, two chickens, two soups, two cups of tea, etc., each following the other in time-honored succession.

He must eat just so much of each dish, and show no partiality. If he appears to like any food particularly, and eat heartily of it, the State physician, who stands behind him all the time, immediately orders it to be taken away.

The Emperor must never turn a corner when out for a drive. If he is seized with a fancy to drive out, which, fortunately, does not occur often, as it means enormous expenses, all the streets must be made straight; if any houses interfere they are promptly swept away, while even a dried-up watercourse must be spanned with a bridge.

What, Indeed?

The King of Annam has an original idea in the way of a strong box. He has the trunks of trees hollowed out, filled with gold or silver and flung into his private lake, where a large staff of crocodiles wards off intruders. What will he do when he wants his treasures?

Indian Crabs.

Crabs two feet in length are often seen in India.

Parsnip Complexion.

It does not require an expert to detect the sufferer from kidney trouble. The hollow cheeks, the sunken eyes, the dark puffy circles under the eyes, the sallow parsnip-colored complexion indicates it.

A physician would ask if you had rheumatism, a dull pain or ache in the back or over the hips, stomach trouble, desire to urinate often, or a burning or scalding in passing it; if after passing there is an unsatisfied feeling as if it must be at once repeated, or if the urine has a brick dust deposit, or strong odor.

When these symptoms are present, no time should be lost in removing the cause.

Delay may lead to gravel, catarrh of the bladder, inflammation, causing stoppage, and sometimes requiring the drawing of the urine with instruments, or may run into Bright's Disease, the most dangerous stage of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great discovery of the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, is a positive remedy for such diseases. Its reputation is world wide and it is so easy to get at any drug store that no one need suffer any length of time for want of it.

However, if you prefer to first test its wonderful merits, mention the Republican News Item and write to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle and book telling all about it. Both sent absolutely free by mail.

How to Get Fat.

"Did you hear about the woman in Dankirk?" asked the kid as he rolled a cigarette.

"No; what about her?"

"Why, she sent a half dollar to a firm in Boston who promised for that sum to send a recipe on how to get fat. Two days afterward she received a postal card which read, 'Buy it of the butcher!'"

Had His Convictions.

"Did you ever have any convictions, my good man?" asked the kindly-faced old gentleman.

"Bet yer life I did! I've served t'ree terms," answered the tough-looking specimen.

Subterranean City.

A subterranean city exists in Galicia, Austria Poland, which contains a population of over 1,000 men, women and children, many of whom have never seen the light of day.

A Bird Habit.

Among the many mysteries of bird migration is the fact that over-sea journeys are generally conducted in the darkness and invariably against a head wind.

English Pickles.

About 1,300,000 pounds of pickles and sauces are exported yearly from England to other countries.

Insurance Meeting.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Sullivan county will be held at the office of the company in the Borough of Forksville on Saturday, January 7, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and other officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Surveyors and auditors will meet at the Secretary's office for the settlement of accounts on January 6, 1899.

M. R. BLACK, Pres.

R. D. LANCASTER, Sec.

Forksville, Dec. 1, 1898.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that having this day purchased of Philip D. Rider, one cook stove, pipe and fixtures, one room stove and pipe, three bedsteads and bedding, 2 stands, 1 bureau, 1 set of chairs and rockers, 1 sewing machine, 1 hog, 1 lot of canned fruits, potatoes, and all the personal property of the said Philip D. Rider, and have left the said property with him and all persons are hereby cautioned not to meddle with said property in any way.

L. H. BUCK.

Sonestown, Oct. 12th, 1898.

A. T. ARMSTRONG,

SONESTOWN, PA.

DEALER IN

Flour Feed and Groceries

13½ pounds of pure Lard for \$1.00

Baking molasses, 25 to 50c.

8 pounds Rolled Oats for 25c.

7 pounds of Corn Starch for 25c.

7 pounds of Laundry Starch for 25c.

2 pounds of Rio Coffee for 25c.

8 bars of Lenox Soap for 25c.

No. 1 mackerel per pound 8c.

Best Sugar Coated Hams @11c per lb.

Buckwheat Flour 25 pound sack 50c.

Buckwheat Flour 100 pounds, \$1.90.

Yellow Corn per 100 pounds 75c.

Corn Meal or Cracked Corn 80c.

Corn, Oats and Barley Chop 85c.

Wheat Bran 200 pounds \$1.50.

Flour middlings, 140 pound sack \$1.40.

Fine middlings 200 pounds \$1.60.

Flour per sack \$1.20.

Winter Roller per sack \$1.15.

Good Flour 90c.

Rye Flour 25 pounds, 50c.

Graham Flour 12½ pounds 30c.

Common Fine Salt per barrel \$1.20.

The State Normal School of East Stroudsburg, Pa., furnishes its students' rooms complete. The only school to carpet its students' rooms with fine Brussels carpet. The first and only school to introduce plain and fancy sewing, without additional cost to pupils. See advertisement in another column.

J. W. Buck has a nice line of horse blankets.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarella Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

New lot of rubbers at J. W. Buck's this week.

Don't tobacco spit and burn your throat.

To quit tobacco spit and burn your throat, be nag netic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Go to J. W. Buck, Sonestown, for dry goods, boots, shoes, caps, underwear etc.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarella. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

For shoes and rubbers go to J. W. Buck.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarella Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

For better corks go to J. W. Buck's.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c \$1. All druggists.

Everbody's Favorite. Cascarella Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, acts zealously and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispels colds, cures headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

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we marked them at a very low figure.

You can safely buy any article from our large stock as new goods. Its one of the occasions of rare good fortune that careful buyers are quick to profit by.

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Everything first-class at MODERATE PRICES.

E. L. Place,

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FALL and Winter

Every corner of the store is bright, with the newest things for Women's wear and Men's wear and Children's wear.

We are glad to have you come in and see the new life of the old store and look at its excellent line of goods.

Underware

for Men, Women and Children.

In conjunction with the inviting varieties, all prices will be found more than ordinarily small.

Grocery Department

A new and fresh supply of Groceries have just arrived.

Vernon Hull,

Hillsgrove, Pa.

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HILLSGROVE MUNCY VALLEY, PROCTOR, PA.

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The success of our Holiday Sales depends upon giving overvalue rather than undervalue for the money you spend with us. Therefore we will stand up to these resolutions.

AN AVALANCHE OF NEW GOODS.

Our supply of Christmas Goods is extraordinary. Three big stores sparkles with new styles and colorings of Fashions' latest creation for XMass presents.

General Merchandise.

Our prices always touch the lowest ebb in General Merchandise. Our stock is absolutely complete.

At prices all too small.

JENNINGS BROS.

We keep in stock at our mills a complete line of dressed lumber in hemlock and hardwood.

MANUFACTURERS OF

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SPECIALTIES

Hemlock Novelty or German Siding,

Hemlock Ceiling 7-8 or 3-8 stick,

Hemlock Flooring any width desired,

Hemlock Lath both 3 and 4 feet long,

Hardwood Flooring both Beech, Birch or Maple,

The same woods in 3-8 ceiling.

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Buy Good Goods! And you will be surprised how cheap they are in the end.

We have just unpacked such a stock of coats and capes to which we are pleased to call your special attention. We do not pretend to handle the cheapest coats in the market, but we do say we have the BEST and neatest fitting garments made. Our coats and capes are made to order, and in the latest styles with prices to suit everybody.

IN DRESS GOODS WE WERE NEVER BETTER PREPARED TO PLEASE YOU THAN AT THE PRESENT, AS WE HAVE THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT IN THAT LINE EVER DISPLAYED IN THE COUNTY.

Ladies and Misses, Boys and Men, you need not go half frozen this winter for we have plenty of underwear for you all, both in cotton or wool, red or gray and the prices are very low, so low that when you see the goods you will be astonished that we are able to give you such bargains.

One word in regard to foot wear:

Our shoe department was never more complete and if you will favor us with your attention for a few minutes when in town we will convince you that we have the most carefully selected line of fine and heavy boots and shoes ever brought before the public. Our crockery we have just received some very pretty designs in Decorated Dinner Sets to which we invite your attention.

The buying of country produce has always been a special feature of our Business, and we still continue in paying the highest cash prices for Butter Eggs and Wool.

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