

The Department of Agriculture has come to the relief of the grosbeak. He is a very much maligned bird, this high authority avers, and instead of being destructive to crops, is of great benefit to the farmer.

New York and New Jersey are making a joint study of the evils of cold storage. A bill is pending in congress looking to a reformation of the same evil, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Long ago the wasp waisted, considered so fashionable, departed from feminine favor. Now the small foot is following in its wake, which proves that womankind is falling into line in approving safe and sane fashions.

A woman in Pennsylvania got two licenses simultaneously—one to get married and one to teach. This was a wise provision, as in case one failed there was the other to fall back on.

A western aviator who flew over three states in an afternoon was embraced, wept over and kissed by Mme. Bernhardt when he landed. Next time, probably, he will keep on flying.

A Philadelphia woman says the nation's best cooks are farmers' wives. And the old dinner bell makes sweeter music than the hotel orchestra.

A high-hatted and opera-cloaked burglar was given the option of leaving the country or going to Sing Sing. He chose to go abroad, as they do not dress for dinner at Sing Sing.

When it becomes necessary to arrest a man for sobbing too loud at a funeral we begin to suspect that there is something more than sorrow in his system.

A bachelor puts himself up in a rafe, he proceeds to apply upon a church debt. This is taking commercial account of a well-known and unromantic estimate of marriage.

A monument has been erected in London to William Penn. It is up to Philadelphia to go the Londoners one better and raise a monument to Connie Mack.

Another attempt will be made to fly across the Atlantic, this time without an equilibrator. How do they expect to prove an alibi in case of failure?

A French aviator has succeeded in flying 102 miles in an hour. Luckily he didn't do any of the record-breaking coming down.

New Jersey has taken to dynamiting mosquitoes. The scientific crusade for their extermination has apparently wound up in desperation.

Some people believe implicitly in the prophecies of the katydid who refuse to believe the weather man.

Men should be careful how they take their pens in hand to write letters, as in the course of human events nobody knows how or when the letters will show up in court.

Occasionally a day passes without news of a broken aeroplane record or a broken neck.

A Brewster, O., man hanged himself for a joke. This is our notion of going too far to be funny.

ALL OVER THE STATE

TOLD IN SHORT ORDER

Pottsville.—Angered because her lover, John Philliston, put off carrying out his intentions to marry her, Miss Clara Boyster, aged twenty-three years, tried to commit suicide by throwing herself from the high breast of the Upper Tumbling Run Lake, a pleasure resort, into fifty-five feet of water.

Easton.—For eight years complaints have been received at the Easton postoffice from citizens of repute, men and women, ministers and business men of the receipt of letters of a defamatory and indecent nature.

Stroudsburg.—George Bellis, aged fifteen, was shot and killed by Harvey Osborn, aged fifteen. The youth then made his escape, and County Detective John M. Decker, is scouring the county for him.

York.—Earl Leppo, 14 years old, son of Ira F. Leppo, of this city, placed his toe to the trigger of a double-barreled shotgun on the farm of E. P. Flinchbaugh, a short distance south of the city, and blew off his entire head.

Hollidaysburg.—Daniel S. Ferguson, a wealthy grain merchant of Altoona, and Mrs. Sarah Crawford were married here by Rev. Thomas Reich, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church.

Pine Grove.—Pine Grove has a school tax collector who received the job by contract. The board and the regular tax collector could not agree as to commission and advertised for bids.

York.—J. M. Grove, L. C. Grove, Benjamin Chaffer and I. F. Grove, all of Glen Rock, were fined seventy-five dollars and costs of prosecution by Judge Warner, charged with polluting Codorus Creek, in Glen Rock.

Hollidaysburg.—A physical endurance test was responsible for the death of Frank Fusco, a young man of Altoona, at Frankstown, in the Juniata River. Fusco bet his fellow bathers he could stay under the water two minutes. It was two hours before his body was recovered.

Harrisburg.—William H. Eyles, a Pennsylvania Railroad freight conductor, fell on the tracks while trying to get out of the way of an express train in the yards here and was killed. He had been in the Pennsylvania service for twenty-five years and formerly lived in Columbia.

Steelton.—Two cases of infantile paralysis were discovered here, the first in this county for some time and immediate steps were taken by the State Health authorities to observe the cases.

Reading.—Truant Officer George D. Stoekel instituted a suit for five thousand dollars damages against Stephen S. Wisser and Charles F. Wisser, his son, of West Reading, for injuries received in being run down by an automobile belonging to the Wisser's last April. Mr. Stoekel claims to be permanently injured.

Reading.—William H. Haag, a former court house tipstaff here, died of apoplexy, in his seventieth year. A daughter, Anna, lost her life in a factory fire in Newark, N. J., several months ago and this is believed to have hastened his end.

Huntingdon.—William A. Clark, aged sixty, for twenty-four years section foreman of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Huntingdon, was aroused from his sleep to answer a telephone at midnight. He fell down stairs and was found unconscious. He died in a few hours.

Harrisburg.—Socialists of Harrisburg filed petitions to nominate a complete city ticket for the first time in years and will follow it up with nominations for school board and Council. Among the nominating petitions filed was that of Mrs. L. Crisley for school director.

STANDARD OIL TRUST DISSOLVED

Legally Passed Out of Existence September 1.

EDICT OF COURT IN EFFECT.

Stock of Subsidiary Companies to Be Distributed Among Stockholders of the Parent Organization.

New York.—The Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, the corporation which has been the storm center of anti-trust agitation throughout the country for years, Thursday passed out of existence, so far as its present form and functions are concerned.

The work of apportioning the company's holdings of the stock of more than 30 subsidiaries affected will occupy at least three months, it is expected, so that the readjustment will not be complete prior to December 1.

The New Jersey company, in addition to acting as the holding corporation, conducts a large oil business and has extensive property holdings. The company, however, has never made a public report and no opportunity has been afforded for gauging the value of its business and of its tangible assets.

An official of the company says that the only element of doubt as to the general effect of reorganization upon the present stockholders lay in the ability of the constituent companies, operating independently, to produce as large a total of profits as has been possible under the present form of management.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S TRIP.

Advance Guard of Secret Service Has Started.

Beverly, Mass.—So far have plans for President Taft's Western trip advanced that L. C. Wheeler, the advance guard of the Secret Service, has started out to make the preparations for the President's reception.

69,760 HAVE STOCK.

Largest Number in History of Pennsylvania Railroad.

Philadelphia.—An indication of the number of people dependent for the whole or a part of their incomes upon the prosperity of railroads is afforded by the compilation just completed of the holdings of Pennsylvania Railroad stock on August 5, 1911, the date of record for the August dividend, which amounts to \$6,784,610.75.

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Would Oust Negroes.

Muskogee, Okla.—Farmers in Muskogee county, the most populous negro county in the State, have organized a "white farmers' congress and immigration bureau" for the purpose of discouraging the negro who seeks to locate in that part of Oklahoma, and to encourage the white farmer. Members of the organization are required to take an oath that they will not sell or lease a piece of land adjoining that of a white farmer to a negro.

Ate 58 Ears of Corn.

Boston, Mass.—Charles W. Gildfen, of Lawrence, came to this city, and cornered much of the visible supply by stowing 58 ears of the succulent cereal somewhere under his belt. It took 1 hour and 55 minutes in an Atlantic avenue restaurant for him to stow the cargo. One Mr. Dugan, of New York, who heretofore has worn blushing the tasseled wreath of Ceres with a record of 51 ears of corn, now takes his place with the discredited heroes of other years.

Cholera Victims in Italy.

Chasso, Switzerland.—According to an official statement just issued by the Italian government, there were 1,635 cases of cholera and 593 deaths from the disease throughout Italy between August 20 and August 26, inclusive.

Women War on High Prices.

Paris.—The agitation against the high prices of provisions continues and disorders of considerable proportions were reported from many places.

MADE HIM GROWL



DON'T WANT PATCHED UP MEN

Surgeons Wants War Department to Dismiss Them—Government Losses.

Washington.—Army surgeons are urging the War Department to act with greater promptness in discharging soldiers for physical disability instead of trying to patch up worthless men for duty which they cannot properly perform.

The chief surgeon of the Department of the East has called attention to some specific instances where soldiers transferred to recruiting depots with a view to their discharge had been held under observation and treatment for several months.

"One case," he says, "diagnosed 'neuritis' remained 218 days; another, 'united fracture,' 161 days, still another 'hammer toes,' 128 days. When it is recalled that these men were probably on sick report at their posts an average of 90 days before being recommended for discharge, it is reasonable to estimate that the government loss by the present plan with these cases alone the equivalent of the services of an effective soldier for more than an entire enlistment."

"The army is neither an eleemosynary institution nor a place for the physically inefficient and such should not be kept in it to the exclusion of fit soldiers. Four months should ordinarily be the maximum period for keeping men on the sick reports, then discharge and the soldiers' home. If recovery ultimately occurs the question of re-enlistment can be considered on its merits."

NEW CENTRE OF POPULATION.

Has Moved 39 Miles East to Bloomington, Ind.

Washington.—The center of population of the United States just announced by Director of the Census Durand, is in the Western part of the City of Bloomington, Monroe county, Indiana. This is eight miles farther west than the location announced, July 17, when director Durand placed it four and one-quarter miles south of Unionville, in the same county.

The exact longitude of the center of population is eighty-six degrees thirty-two minutes and twelve seconds west, a difference of nine seconds, or eight miles from the previous announcement. Bloomington is in southern Indiana. Ten years ago the center of population was six miles southeast of Columbus, Ind., thirty-nine miles east of its new location.

GET \$5,000,000 SCHOOL

Southern Bureau of Education to Get it at Raglandville.

Nashville, Tenn.—Ragland, Ala., will get the five million dollar industrial school for white children, which is to be established by the Southern Bureau of Education with funds to be given, it is said, by John D. Rockefeller, the Russell Sage Foundation, Mrs. E. H. Harriman and others. This was decided at a meeting in Nashville of the board of directors of the bureau.

Ragland offered five thousand acres for the site, 200 lots in town, water power and other considerations. The location is about 40 miles from Birmingham.

Fifteen Men Killed.

Saint Moritz, Switzerland.—A railroad bridge, which was being constructed across a deep gorge at Bruil, in the Upper Engadine, six miles south of this village, collapsed, carrying with it 30 workmen to the depths below. Fifteen of the men were taken out of the wreckage dead and the other 15 are probably fatally hurt.

Uchida in Japanese Cabinet.

Tokyo.—Viscount Uchida, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, has been named by Marquis Satonji, who is forming the new Japanese Cabinet, as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

California Congressman Dying.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Congressman Sylvester Smith, of the Eighth District, is dying from consumption in a sanatorium at Monrovia, Cal.

American Dollars Sent to China.

Washington.—Treasury officials who have been making a study of exportation of money to China have concluded that no less than \$7,000,000 in gold is sent home by Chinese in this country every year. That sum does not include the amounts carried there by returning natives. With the further development of the postal bank system officials predict not only these particular exportations but those to all other parts of the world will steadily increase.

A FIVE-YEAR MAN HUNT IS ENDED

Negro and Wife Arrested on Counterfeiting Charge.

COINS AND OUTFIT CAPTURED

Bogus Silver Dollars Were Most Dangerous in the History of the Government—Caught Near Memphis.

Washington.—A wavering red line, straggling across a street map of the city of Memphis, on the wall at secret service headquarters here, records the story of a five-years' hunt for a counterfeiter of silver dollars, which reached its climax in Memphis with the arrest of John G. Payne, a negro, and his wife.

For more than five years the dollars, which Payne is charged with making, have been passing through banks in Memphis and some have even reached the subtreasuries. They were accounted among the most dangerous counterfeit money with which the government has had to deal. All the resources of the secret service failed to turn up a clue as to their source.

Three months ago, Assistant Chief W. H. Moran, the government's crack man on difficult cases, sent Bill Nye, also one of the flower of the service, to Memphis. A few weeks later at a negro emancipation celebration at Paducah, Nye picked up the first information which led to the identification of Payne as the man alleged to have been passing the dangerous coins. Nye followed Payne back to Memphis, consulted with Moran and the two men laid out a campaign.

Then almost inch by inch Nye began picking a trail through the streets of Memphis to Payne's house. Every day Moran in Washington with a pen and red ink, recorded the progress of Nye's search upon a map of the city of Memphis. A few days ago the thin red line came to an end in the suburbs of Memphis, eight miles from the heart of the city. It stopped in front of an isolated farmhouse, surrounded by a high board fence, which made it impossible for Nye to see in the windows.

Moran flashed a message over the wires to Memphis and a few hours later Nye reported the arrest of Payne and his wife, as well as his capture of several of the counterfeit coins, the outfit for making them and the genuine dollars from which the moulds were made.

On the counterfeiters have been peculiar little dents and scratches. Nye reported that he found them in the genuine coins he took in the raid. Moran says that proves that the moulds from which the counterfeiters were made were so perfect that they even reproduced the scratches and nicks of the genuine coins.

TROOPS FOR THE CANAL

Tenth Infantry First to Be Ordered to the Canal Zone.

Washington.—The mobilization of a military force to guard the Panama Canal was begun Tuesday. The entire Tenth Infantry, commanded by Colonel Henry A. Greene, was ordered from San Antonio, Tex., to the Canal Zone, near the Pacific entrance, as its permanent station and will sail within a week from Galveston for Colon. The unexpectedly early movement of troops was made possible by the improvement in the Mexican situation.

Robbed in State Senate.

Austin, Tex.—During an all-night session of the Texas State Senate, held on account of no quorum, while Senator Claude Hudspeth, of El Paso, slept on a cot near a window with his trousers on a nearby chair, a thief climbed to the window and took the Senator's purse, which contained \$74. The special session ended by limitation Tuesday. The upper branch of the legislature had on its calendar 40 bills already passed by the lower House.

Solder Starts Fire.

Akron, O.—Hot solder spilled by tinsmiths ignited the roof of the First Methodist Episcopal Church here, and in an hour the building, which cost \$250,000, was destroyed. The steeple, 100 feet in height, fell, endangering hundreds of persons, but no one was hurt.

Joe Jefferson's Grandson Dead.

Buzzards Bay, Mass.—Joseph Jefferson's grandson, Joseph Jefferson, third, is dead at his summer home here from epilepsy.

NEW NAVAL AEROPLANE GUN

Experiments That Bode Ill to Military Aviators—Airships for Scouting Only.

Washington.—The encouraging initial performance of the new naval aeroplane gun has created much gossip among officers of the Navy as to the promising possibilities of the new weapon. The consensus of opinion of the naval ordnance experts is that the problem of finding a means to repel an attack by a squadron of aeroplanes or to destroy a scouting airship is close to solution by the American Navy.

While the new gun can be fired from any angle in the half circle, it is the general belief that it will never be aimed at 90 degrees or in a perpendicular position, for the reason that the shell might return to the deck of the naval vessel, probably unexploded, working the destruction intended for an enemy. The angles of firing, it is said, will likely range from 50 to 85 degrees.

The strenuous efforts which are being made to perfect an instrument of war capable of demolishing an airship, it was pointed out, demonstrated the seriousness with which the possibilities of the aeroplane in any future conflict is regarded by naval experts. Many American officers still cling to the belief that its mission in warfare will be confined largely to scouting purposes. But even this, they admit, is of tremendous importance. The scout cruisers, the "eyes of a navy," by the utilization of aeroplanes which could be sent aloft from their decks at any moment, could increase their radius by hundreds of miles. Few believe that the airship will ever be resolved into an attacking force.

With the carriage of the new gun perfected, the ordnance officers are now engaged in designing an adequate sighting apparatus. They look upon the problem optimistically and believe that this feature will shortly be solved.

MADERO NAMED FOR PRESIDENT

The Candidate of Progressive Party in Mexico—Reves Following Strong.

Mexico City.—Francisco I. Madero was nominated for the presidency by the Constitutional Progressive party in convention here.

Not content with the platform adopted Tuesday by the national convention of the National Progressive party, delegates at the convention proposed as amendments numerous pledges, the most important of which was that to bind the candidates to the support of the "laws of the reform," which were the measures whereby the separation of church and state was effected during the administration of Benito Juarez.

NEED MORE MONEY.

Plans With Reference to Work on the Wrecked Maine.

Washington.—As much of the wrecked battleship Maine as the available funds will permit, will be removed or prepared for removal from Havana Harbor, it was made known Tuesday, and then the mammoth cofferdam surrounding the ruins will be refilled with water to await an additional appropriation by Congress to finish the raising operations. Congress failed to act upon the President's request for an additional \$250,000 and the War Department has mapped out its plans for the expenditure of the money on hand, which probably will be exhausted by the time Congress convenes in December.

Because of the lack of funds, even funeral services over the recovered remains of the dead and the erection in Arlington National Cemetery of the mast of the ill-fated vessel as a monument to them must be postponed. The remains and the mast will be sent to the cemetery to be stored there until Congress acts.

The terribly wrecked forward part of the vessel, or about two-thirds of it, will be cut down to the level already reached by pumpage, then taken out and dumped into deep water outside Havana Harbor.

Togo Thanks Winthrop.

Washington.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop received the following wireless message from Admiral Togo on board the steamer Tamba Marr in the Pacific returning to Japan: "Permit me to express to you my high appreciation of the special honor you have kindly done me in giving me an escort of the squadron upon my departure from the port of Seattle."

Another Aviator Killed.

St. Petersburg.—Lieutenant Zolotnehin, a Russian military aviator, fell with his aeroplane while making a flight here and was killed.

Mother's Quick Wit.

Pierre, S. D.—Myrtle Olson, a nine-year-old girl, of Lantry, was bitten in the leg by a rattlesnake and was hurried to her home. Her mother, considering the case required heroic action, slashed the wound with a table knife, washed it out with kerosene, then covered the incision with salt and waited for a physician. As a result of the treatment the child is walking about little the worse for the experience.

U. S. Steel Report.

New York.—Unfilled orders on the books of the United States Steel Corporation on August 1 show a tonnage of 3,584,000 tons, a gain over June 30 of 225,000 tons, it was announced at the conclusion of the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors. This does not include an intercompany business of 850,000 tons. The steel-producing plants of the corporation are operating to approximately 78 per cent. of capacity.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

500,000 Trout Caught.

More than half a million trout were caught in the streams of Pennsylvania during the season of 1911, according to an estimate made by William E. Meahan, State Commissioner of Fisheries. This figure is based upon returns made to the commissioner from clubs affiliated with the United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania and by individual fishermen, together with observations made by Mr. Meahan and his wardens. This catch, the commissioner said, would amount to about 100,000 pounds, or \$40,000 in value, and should go far toward improving the statements made and printed that trout fishing is declining in Pennsylvania and the streams are being "fished out." The returns made came from twenty-six clubs, whose officers reported that 1,345 of their members caught 73,902 trout in 194 streams. Ten other clubs reported inability to get accurate data. In addition 387 persons reported the catch of 2,650 trout in forty streams, so that 1,732 people took 76,552 trout from 239 streams, enabling estimates of the total catch to be made.

First List of Private Banks.

State Banking Commissioner William H. Smith is compiling what will be the first complete list of the private banks ever made in this State. It will embrace every kind of bank that receives deposits, and the number is expected to be surprising. The information is being gathered for the enforcement of the new State law regulating banking by concerns not under State supervision, which will be in the hands of a State board which will organize under the terms of the Alter law before the first of December. The work of Mr. Smith will be of importance, because the larger cities of the State have numerous banks which make a business of handling the money of foreigners and they have never been under State supervision, to the occasional misfortune of many depositors. Mr. Smith, who was formerly a newspaper man and later a bank examiner, has given the gathering of information about private banks, especially those managed by foreigners, personal attention and the results bid fair to be interesting. It is stated that less than one hundred private banks are taxed by the State, more than four times that many being officially unknown, although having large deposits.

Dry Headquarters.

The State headquarters of the Prohibition party in Pennsylvania will be removed to this city from Franklin within the next few days, and it is possible that a location on Market Square not far from the headquarters of the Democratic State Committee will be selected. As soon as the headquarters are selected the office furniture and papers will be moved here and Mr. Rockwood will spend several days a week here directing the campaign work. The Prohibition policy this fall is to name full tickets in each county without regard to what other parties may do, this being a course in accord with the principles of the party to which its members have clung for several years. Mr. Rockwood will meet Dauphin county leaders here and discuss the naming of a ticket.

Views of Milk Shippers.

The State Railroad Commission received two unique letters from farmers in reply to requests for statements as to views of the milk producers and shippers in regard to use of ice cars for shipment. One letter informed the commission that a temperature of sixty degrees is about that of the water which nature supplies from wells and springs, and that if God, "in His all wise providence, had intended us to drink anything cooler, He would have given us colder water." The other letter states that considering one hundred quarts of milk a day pays more than a passenger on a passenger car on a similar trip he is entitled to better accommodations.

Mahogany Colored Tags.

Pennsylvania's automobile license tags for 1912 will be of a mahogany color with the letters and figures in white. This color has been adopted by State Highway Commissioner Bigelow, who will open bids for furnishing fifty thousand such tags to the department on September 19. The tag will bear a keystone in soft metal, which will contain the manufacturer's number, but in all respects except base color will be like the yellow tags of this year.

Can Get Water Clearer.

The Attorney General's Department has informed the State Water Supply Commission that no legal obstacle exists to the incorporation of the Evitt's Creek Water Company. It was stated in the application that the company was to operate in Cumberland Valley township, Bedford county, but charges were made that it was to furnish water to the city of Cumberland, Md. It is stated that if the company transgresses its rights after incorporation action may be taken.

A general order has been issued from the headquarters of Major General C. B. Dougherty, commanding the National Guard, that drills will be resumed by all organizations on September 18, and commanding officers are directed to recruit as near maximum strength as practicable by that time. Two courses of instruction are outlined for the winter, the first to begin on September 18 and to first to begin on October 29, embracing manual of arms, setting-up exercises and marching target practice and squad and company drills.