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Railroad building is making a real estate boom in Jerusalem.

Canada is building two large trading vessels for the lakes. They are called "trading vessels," explains the San Francisco Examiner, because an old treaty precludes the use of the title of men-of-war.

Some far Western and Southwestern newspapers are seriously discussing the desirability and possibility of introducing the kangaroo into those regions. Much is urged as to its utility, because of its economic value in "flesh, fur and foot wear," and some little about the novel sport it would afford, taking in this particular the place of the defunct buffalo.

Among the famous or well-known men who died last year were the Khedive, the Duke of Clarence and Marsina da Fonseca, ex-President of Brazil. In Catholic Church circles Cardinals Simon, Lavergie, Mermillod, Manning and Howard, and General Anderley, of the Society of Jesus, are among the dead.

Paris is of a culinary academy with this for motto: "Artis, each an accomplished cook." At their monthly meetings new dishes are discussed and old ones discarded. Although, nesses the San Francisco Chronicle, France is one of the countries where the breakfast hour is still held sacred, and where he who interferes with a man's dinner is regarded as little less than a criminal, yet the Paris chiefs complain that the hurry of modern life has struck a fatal blow at true gastronomy.

In narrating the statistics of accidents, the annual report of the Inter-State Commerce Commission continues its dreary tale of numbers killed and numbers injured, and shows that casualties during the year ending June 30, 1891, are greater than in any previous year covered by reports to the Commission.

LOOKING BEFORE AND AFTER.

All is not lost though much is changed and dimmed. Though tamed the eager torrent of desire, And sobered, dashed, or dead the hopes that rimmered. The morning hills of time with magic fire.

"IDEELY'S SUITORS."

BY AGNES GIFFORD.

RUFUS had been burning on the mountain for several days. The air was thick with an opalescent haze. The distant peaks were shrouded in some peach trees on the lower slopes had burst seemingly over night into a conflating, ephemeral, delicious bloom—pink shot with a tone of mauve.

"They hev got to kem by this hyar road," he said, as if bringing some doubt that had arisen in his companion's mind. "They ain't no other. And it air a powerful queer thing of they don't kem along mighty quick now."

The younger Pierson made no reply. He was desistate of personal volition in momentous affairs and even in minor ones was wont to defer to his brother. On the mountain he was considered altogether a "no count critter."

Slowly the mountain variety of the "prairie schooner" came nearer. Rufe Pierson threw one glance at the clay bank. Then he vaulted into his saddle. His brother—still dolorously, unenthusiastically acquiescent—followed the example.

Idelia was driving the mules and cart slowly homeward alone. Then there happened that which was the talk of the mountain exclusively for many a many a day after. Different accounts of the occurrence percolated into the country papers, the chief of which read somewhat as follows:

The fire had been left to go out in the stove of the court room, but that product of a partial and makeshift civilization still served as a long suffering target for the expectorated tobacco juice of the habitués and assembled loungers.

"This hyar Rufe Pierson has a been-a-hangin' round to Tennent's and a-tryin' fer ter git Ideely ter choose him ruther'n me this yere long spell. He 'lowed ter me ex how she didn't set no store by me, but was a-bein' compellid into givin' her consent ter marry me just along o' Ike an' Lijah—them two brothers o' her'n a-settin' their. An' he war mighty violent an' got plumb crazy onet, becase I told him I had a powerful pore 'pinion of enny man war couldn't git no gal o' his own, but hed to kem a-querrellin' and a-fightin' around fur them thiet set no store by him—"

In view of all these things the final verdict consisted in a fine of \$500, which Rufe Pierson and his brother were called upon promptly to pay.

Meantime a great change had come over Rufe Pierson. His friendliness had given place to a dogged melancholy. "T'warnt the payin' o' the fines I minds," he said to his faithful heeb-man and brother. "But I've kem to see ez Ideely an' me ain't fixed ez I 'lowed we was. I alius 'lowed she hed a notion o' keepin' company together with me same ez I hed with her. N' I 'lowed ez I tuk her away from her brothers o' her'n she'd show me how it war with her feelin's. But she ain't done it. Ye knows, I reckon, thet I never sot out ter do her no hurt, but was jest meanin' to stop this yere foolishness 'bout'n Budd Wayne. But she air shann no coles an' ca'rous that I doesn't set clear in this yere consarn no mo' Gals air quarre an' e'f, after all, Ideely ain't a-minded ter keep fer me, but air a thinkin' o' that yere Budd Wayne—why, the mounting ain't no place fer no mo'." N' I air agoin ter git s'et of it."

The brother took these gloomy predictions of departure as he took all other decisions emanating from the same source. No one contradicted Rufe Pierson and what he said he would do he usually accomplished.

dilated, her breath short, stood at the threshold. "I kem ter warn ye," she said, imitating gasps. "Ye hev got ter look at Lijah n' Ike n' Budd Wayne air in 'drunk an' hev determinated ter 'low yere n' do some hurt to somebody. I hearn 'em talkin'."

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"Come, now, shut up!" drawled the functionary. "We uns don't want no fightin' an' no quarrellin'."

"Then to the rejected and scowling Budd Wayne he volunteered a joosse reminder of the fact that:

The Turkey buzzards that are to be seen in New Jersey, and that appear to be working their way northward in considerable numbers, have changed—or, rather, extended—their habitat within recent years. Before the war there were no buzzards in this latitude.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

SEVENTH DAY.—In the Senate to-day Senator Neeb's bill for the hanging of murderers by the penitentiaries was favorably reported.

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The communication of the governor relative to the state printing was referred to the committee on printing.

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Mr. Marshall—Making it lawful to publish, sell and deliver newspapers on Sunday. Mackel—Allowing aldermen, magistrates and justices of the peace fees for preparing affidavits of claim and copies thereof.

Among the bills introduced were the following: Landis—Increasing the term of tax collectors from one to three years. Marley—Directing that the public highways be placed in charge of the secretary of internal affairs from the first day of January next.

TENTH DAY.—In the Senate to-day bills were affirmatively reported repealing legislation providing for the publication of mercantile appraisers' lists containing the value of mercantile appraisers' grading, the licenses of liquor-dealers in cities of the third class from \$500 to \$200, according to population and Senator Neeb's bill legalizing the sale of newspapers, soft drinks, etc., on Sunday.

Among the bills introduced were the following: By Green of Berks—To repeal the dog tax law. Penrose, Philadelphia—For the establishment and government of a State militia, consisting of two battalions in time of peace & a year for the year of registration of births and marriages.

THE FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

Proceedings of the Senate and the House. SENATE.—The anti-option bill and Cherokee outlier bill were considered, but no action was taken. The Senate then went into executive session and soon adjourned.

HOUSE.—The House in continuation of Saturday session met at 11 o'clock this morning. This had the effect of continuing the special order under which the quinine bill is being considered, and the House immediately proceeded in committee of whole to further discussion of that measure.

The bill as it passed the house requires vessels clearing for the United States to obtain from the consul or vice consul at port of departure a bill of health. The present law requires that a medical officer to serve in the office of the consul at foreign port for the purpose of furnishing information and giving the bills of health.

SENATE.—Early in the day a communication from Chief Justice Fuller of the supreme court to the vice president, announcing the death of Associate Justice Lamar, was before the Senate. Mr. Fairbank, (Iowa), proposed that the Senate adjourn on Monday in respect to the memory of Mr. Lamar.

SENATE.—The bill authorizing the construction of a two-armed coast defense vessel, 10 boats of 8,000 to 10,000 tons displacement, eight first class torpedo boats. The appropriation is for the construction of appropriations. It fixes no limit of cost appropriate \$8,000,000 toward the cost of the vessels, \$1,000,000 toward equipment and \$200,000 for torpedo extension and trials. Mr. Fairbank, (Iowa), proposed that the bill be referred to the committee on territories.

HOUSE.—In the House to-day the Senate bill was granted the right of way, which a few amendments were placed on the track, none of them proved disastrous and the bill made fair progress. When concluding the bill the House adjourned.

Many Mexican Miners Killed. Fire broke out in the Conception Mine, Atorcie, State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Thirteen persons have already been killed. The fire still rages, and at least a few other workings had collapsed and subsidence was momentarily expected. The loss financially will reach \$1,000,000.

The steam ferryboat Robert O. which plys between Brooklyn and New York City, carries as many as 5,000 people at a single trip. It is said to be the largest steam passenger ferryboat in the world.