

CELEBRATION OF GETTYSBURG ANNIVERSARY

House Votes \$50,000 For Participation by the Government.

An appropriation of \$50,000 to enable the United States government to participate in next year's celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg was passed by the house after Representative Burke of Pennsylvania had asked to have the subject discussed by bringing up the senate concurrent resolution covering the matter.

The resolution provides that the federal government will look after the tentage, policing and sanitation of the huge camp which will be necessary to accommodate the thousands of veterans of both sides who are expected to be present.

Representative Burke said that in some instances the states have appropriated \$250,000 each to send their veterans to the reunion and celebration. In reply to a question by Representative Mann of Illinois, Mr. Burke said that both Confederate and Union veterans would be entertained and should be provided for by the states and federal government.

Representative Lamb of Virginia, a Confederate veteran, who was in the battle and whose announcement of that fact elicited loud cheers from the members present, made an enthusiastic appeal for the passage of the resolution.

FIND 12 DINOSAURIA IN UTAH.

Dr. Holland of Carnegie Institute Calls It Greatest Discovery Made.

Dr. W. J. Holland, director of the Carnegie institute museum at Pittsburg, who is accounted the highest authority in this country on the diplodocus and dinosaur, has just received news of paleontological discoveries in Utah. Dr. Holland is known for his work abroad in mounting the replicas of the frame of the gigantic Diplodocus carnegii, which Andrew Carnegie presented to the king of England, emperor of Germany, czar of Russia, the kings of Italy and Spain and the Austrian emperor, the doctor each time being decorated with orders.

The doctor learns that strippings in a quarry near Jansen, Utah, have revealed the existence of three or four fossil dinosauria of huge size, which appear to be lying undisturbed. Up to the present time the work of excavating has disclosed nearly a dozen skeletons, one-half of which are practically perfect, all the bones lying in place. Dr. Holland says it is the greatest collection of Saurpoder dinosauria which has ever been found in the history of paleontology.

The quarry, which is under the supervision of Dr. Holland, is nine miles north of Jansen. The bone level now reached is in the bed of an old river, where cobblestones and shells abound with the sand covering. It would seem that the mammoth animals lay down in the river and a flood blanketed them with stones and sand.

KIPLING ATTACKS HOME RULE.

Bitter Poem Against the Irish Bill by the English Writer.

Rudyard Kipling's slashing denunciatory poem on the Irish home rule bill is entitled "Ulster." It follows:

The dark eleventh hour Draws on and sees us sold To every evil power We fought against of old— Rebellion, rapine, hate, Oppression, wrong and greed Are loosed to rule our fate. By England's act and deed The faith in which we stand, The laws we make and guard, Our honor, lives and land, Are given for reward To murder done by night, To treason taught by day, To folly, sloth and spite, And we are thrust away.

The next two stanzas of "Ulster" declare the home rulers to be England's foes. The poem concludes:

We know war is prepared On every peaceful home; We know hell is declared For such as serve no Rome; The terror, threats and dread In market, hearth and field We know when all is said, We perish if we yield.

CHICAGO'S JUVENILE CENSUS.

Illiterates, Defectives and Babies Under Four to Be Listed.

Selection of supervisors and enumerators is being made by the superintendent of compulsory education, preparatory to the biennial school census, which will begin May 2. The census will show the name, address, sex, age and nativity of each child as well as the parents' nativity. The census will record the number of illiterates between twelve and twenty-one years, the number of children between fourteen and sixteen years who are working, those neither working nor attending school, the number of deaf, dumb, blind, crippled and epileptic children of school age, the causes for illiteracy and a complete list of babies under four years old.

Orchestra of One Armed Men.

Portland, Ore., has an orchestra of one armed men. It is believed to be the only one in the world. Two men are required to play the instruments where two hands are needed.

First All Night Theater.

The owners of the Lyric theater, Chicago, have decided to keep open all night and all day. This is the first all night theater in the United States.

800 FAMINES IN 1,000 YEARS

Charles F. Gammon Tells of China's Hungry Millions.

50,000 MILES ARE AFFECTED

Relief Fund Used Largely in Employing Sufferers to Reconstruct Dikes and Roads Destroyed by Excessive Floods—People Work For Food.

Charles F. Gammon, who has spent seventeen years among the Chinese, has written the following description of that great country's distress:

"In a period of 1,000 years China has had over 800 famines, yet practically all of these have been unknown to the world at large. The great famine of 1878, taking its terrible toll of 9,000,000 to 13,000,000 lives, aroused the attention and sympathy of the whole world, and the generous response which followed the appeal of a famine committee at that time did much to break down the barriers of anti-foreign feeling which up to then had been insurmountable.

"The present famine, unlike the drought famine of 1878, has been due to excessive rains, followed by typhoons and floods, affecting an area of over 50,000 square miles and a population of over 3,000,000 people.

"Past experience has rendered possible the distribution of famine relief on a most systematic and economical basis. The pauperizing effect resulting to some extent from relief operations in other famines, due to affording support to thousands during prolonged periods of enforced idleness, has been practically eliminated in this.

How Fund is Used.

"The famine fund is being largely used in employing the sufferers to reconstruct their own dikes and roads, which were destroyed by the floods. Thus the idle and despairing people are enabled to earn a living while waiting for another harvest and are at the same time helping to restore normal conditions and to prevent future occurrences of this nature. Wages are paid in food only, and this reward is necessarily so limited as to offer inducements only to those truly deserving. To save and sustain life is the object of famine relief, and since the means never equals the need the rations must be carefully distributed and those who are suffering least ignored for those whose necessities are vital.

"These extreme cases make no demonstration. They have got beyond that. They do not even beg, but are mute and motionless, the spark of life hardly struggling to retain its hold upon their emaciated forms. Sometimes when they understand that the ticket given them means food and life tears roll down their cheeks. Tickets for food are given only in the home, except in exchange for labor, the necessities of each family being judged not by the home, but by the faces of its inmates. A man may be hungry and suffering for food, but unless his face is swollen from anaemia he must be passed by for those more terribly needy. Were it not that through centuries of poverty and extreme hardship only the strong have survived half the 3,000,000 now suffering would have died in the first months of the famine.

Horror Difficult to Realize.

"It is difficult for us to realize the real horror of these extensive famines, confined almost wholly to China, India and Russia. Under the best conditions the Chinese live but a sordid life, devoid of many things we would regard as necessary to existence and with every form of luxury unknown. What the Chinese know as prosperity we should regard as the severest hardship, as it means a coarse and meager living, a cramped and cheerless hut and the most trying toil from the rising of the sun until the fall of darkness.

"Milk and butter are practically unknown, meat is rarely tasted oftener than once a week, and then only under prosperous conditions, and in the fat years there is little surplus to be saved for the lean years of famine. Hence when drought or flood destroys the crops there is nothing for the hard-working farmers to fall back upon.

Conditions Existing Today.

"In the case of a man of five, he sells first his cow, the water buffalo that plows his fields, then his farm utensils, and finally his household goods. One by one all are 'eaten up,' as he would say. Then the doors and windows are taken from the mud-brick hut and carried to market, and at last the few timbers that support the roof go to nourish the family. Left at last without a roof, they join the endless procession of refugees, some to drop and die where they fall and others to struggle and stagger onward in the hope of reaching some more prosperous region. Often they are huddled into tiny huts, hardly larger than a half barrel, cut endwise and made of cheap matting, and in these camps pestilence soon finds its way, often in the form of relapsing fever, frequently the deadly typhus, and also in smallpox.

"These are the conditions existing today over an immense area of China. It is the result of three lean years followed by excessive rains and floods, with terrific typhoons, which wiped out whole towns and villages from the map and turned the roads into bogs."

GARDEN SEED SOWING.

Hard to Find Man Who Can Perform Operations Properly.

Among the different gardening operations there is none more difficult than seed sowing. To get a man who can properly sow both broadcast and with hand drill all the various seeds is almost a hopeless task. The subject needs close study to avoid heavy losses, which may come either way by over or underseeding or by entire failure. Some operators would make us believe that the time for broadcast sowing is past absolutely. Such is not the case. There are times and subjects when broadcast seeding is very successful. The reason for this is very plain upon investigation. Broadcast seed is covered at varying depths, so that under almost all conditions a stand is obtained. If the weather turns wet after seeding those seeds nearest the surface will sprout; if dry the deeply buried ones will have their chance, while by the drill method they are all uniformly covered; hence if the weather turns unfavorable for the depth at which they were sown the whole lot may be a failure. Old market gardeners know from experience that it is easier to get a stand of lettuce, spinach, radish or turnip by broadcasting than by drilling; hence the method is still in use. We do not like broadcasting, but admit its uses, says Gardening.

To operate seed drills successfully requires close attention. Where a very thin stand is desired and a drill set very close it will be found that after some time the machine has actually sifted the seeds by allowing the small ones to pass and rejecting the large ones and thereby reducing the stand for the last one-half. Some machines will not stand close regulation at all, as they choke up unless the flow is liberal. When this is the case the only way out is to proceed rapidly, thereby reducing the time for the seed to roll out. Where land is too rough for nice work such machines as have a two piece coverer can often be made to work by removing one side of the covering device, thus allowing clods to pass. Another way to handle rough land is to precede the drill with a single wheel hoe, using one slim cultivator tooth to open a mark and roll the clods aside. This can be made to work where nothing else will. Sols that bake readily can be handled similarly by opening a slight furrow, removing the covering device entirely and depending upon the roller to firm the seed without covering. This permits the weak seedlings to come up through the crevices. There can be no greater mistake made than preparing land too fine if it is liable to puddle and bake. A certain amount of roughness is absolutely necessary to keep such soils open.

Washington's Birthday Party. For a Washington's birthday party, given for children between the ages of eight and fourteen, the following will be sure to prove amusing:

Pictures of George Washington and a number of his generals, a drum, a boat, a flag, a tent, a picture of Mount Vernon and a cannon have been cut out of white cardboard. Red, white and blue crayons are to be given to the children, with the request to decorate their designs. The latter are chosen by blinding the eyes with a handkerchief and then leading the child to the table. This method of obtaining the picture precludes any preference. Allow half an hour for the completing of the pictures. Each guest is to keep the figure that he or she colors. Cut the sandwiches with a hatchet shaped cutter, and the ice cream should be molded in cherry forms.

The Game of Pairs.

Great fun may be got out of the game of "pairs." Each boy chooses a partner for himself. The host, who pretends he is a lawyer, walks up and down the room in front of the pairs, asking questions of any one he pleases. The answers to his questions must be made not by the one addressed, but by his partner. If the girl be addressed the boy promptly answers. For instance, the lawyer says, "What is your favorite occupation?" to the boy. His partner answers, "Dressing dolls" or "Making beds." He may ask a girl "What do you like best to do?" and the boy by her side answers, "Playing leapfrog," or some other masculine sport. If any one answers out of turn he or she must pay a forfeit. The saucier the answers the greater the fun.

A Real Handy Tree.

Did you ever head of a thread and needle tree? It is rather a handy tree to have growing in the back yard, don't you think, especially when there are boys in the house with buttons coming off about every other minute? This strange tree grows in nearly all tropical countries and in some places nearer home where the climate is warm. It gets its name by which we know it from the curious formation of its leaves. At the tip of the leaf there is a sharp thorn, which is the needle. If you grasp it firmly and pull it out there you are with a needle already threaded for your sewing. This fiber thread is very strong, and the Mexicans use it for weaving a coarse kind of cloth as well as for sewing.

Conundrums.

Why is a car strap like conscience? Because it is an inner check to the outer man. Why is it dangerous to sleep in a steam car? Because the train runs over sleepers. What should you do if you split your sides with laughter? Run until you get a stitch in them. Which of the birds would be supposed to lift the heaviest weight? The crane. Why is a dirty child like flannel? Because it shrinks from washing—Philadelphia Ledger.

Happenings in Nursery Town.

Jack Frost, the famous artist, has painted some beautiful pictures on the nursery window panes. We are so sorry for our friend and neighbor, the snow man. His nose melted away yesterday at noon when the sun was high.

Among the Chickens.

No use to sputter about it and call folks fools because they insist on having white eggs. Just get yourself into a position to cater to the taste and let it go at that. Don't forget that meat is good to make hens lay, but don't go crazy on the meat question and give them too much, for you can easily make them sick. Meat two or three times a week is often enough. Why not feed the laying hens some potatoes, cabbage, turnips, etc., and thus make them feel somewhat as they did in the summer, when they found plenty of green material for food? Then your egg basket would also fill up as it did "in the good old summer time."

Roup is usually a fatal malady, and very little can be done for the fowls unless in the first stages, when the following is effective: Balsam copaiba one ounce, licorice powder half an ounce and piperine one dram. Mix well and divide into thirty doses. Give each fowl three doses daily. Listen in the henhouse after dark and if you hear wheezing you have roup.

FOR THE CHILDREN

My Day.

I wonder where the days all go And what makes other days. Some hurry by, and some are slow, But not one ever stays.

I wish I knew a way to keep A long and happy day, But when I sleep they always creep So silently away.

I'd like to keep a day with me— The one that was the best. It would maybe just let me see What happens to the rest.

If I could only hide behind The day I loved and peek It wouldn't mind if I should find How days can make a week.

And I would take him by the hand, And he and I would go To Sunrise Land, where days all stand Just waiting in a row.

And I would see the hours grow To make my dearest day, And then I'd know why some are slow While others rush away. —Youth's Companion.

In the Heart of a Tree.

Two men with axes chopped at the trunk of a great basswood tree, and then they went at the notch with a long saw, one man at each end. The tree stood in the forest along the Montreal river in Wisconsin. The men sawed away, and all of a sudden the saw rasped on something hard—the tough heartwood doubtless. The sawyers worked the harder, but it was to no effect. The teeth of the saw were blunted, and the men took to the axes again.

Can you imagine what they found when the tree had fallen with a roar that shook the surrounding woods? Their axes had uncovered the edge of another ax blade, hidden in the living tree, covered so deeply that no mark had remained on the bark to tell of what was within. The blade must have been in its place for a century or more, while the wood was growing about it and beyond. Its owner must have been one of the early settlers or perhaps a French hunter. The ax, still in its bed of basswood, will be kept on exhibition in the Smithsonian institution at Washington.

GOLDEN LINKS.

The harvest fields are the golden links that connect the ages and the zones and associate together the most distant times and the remotest nations in one common bond of sympathy and dependence. They make of the earth one great home, of the human race one great family and of God the universal parent.—Hugh Macmillan.

Everlasting Post Holes.

Here is a way to set posts for a yard or garden fence so they will stay where you put them. Dig the holes fourteen inches square and thirty-two inches deep, then take a post, A, and make it five inches square at the bottom. Thirty inches up make it six inches square. This makes a nice taper. Now bore an inch hole through each way at B. Then put two pins, C, through so each will rest on the ground and thus hold the post in place. Then fill space D with concrete. After this sets awhile lift the post out, take it to the next hole, and so on. Then dress your posts all to this pattern and drive them in. If they rot off it is an easy matter to put in new ones.—Farm and Fireside.



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