

AD INFINITUM.

Dr. Dempsch, of Berlin, announces that he has found an aquatic insect which preys upon the anopheles mosquito.

THE ASS AND THE LION.

Translated From the Portuguese of Antone Leandro's "Old Time Tales."

By WILLIAM S. BIRGE, M. D.

HERE once lived in Portugal, about two days' journey from Lisbon, a miller who had an ass, which like other asses, had very long ears, thick lips and a voice that made the whole country resound.

Do you ask me why I upbraid you? I wish you to know that you have deprived me of the greatest pleasure I ever received.

While he was satisfying his appetite, a proud lion approached, who marvelled greatly at the boldness of the ass in having come to feed upon the mountain without license.

The lion, who was a good swimmer, crossed the river in less than no time. Standing on the opposite shore, he called out:

On the other hand, the ass, seeing the lion, was so much alarmed that his hair bristled and stood up. He no longer dared bend his neck to eat the grass, nor even move from his place.

The ass, finding himself on land, safe from the terrible waves, put himself into a passion as before and abused the lion.

The morning came, and they arose and went forth in company till they arrived at a deep and wild ditch. Then the lion said to the ass:

The lion went into the deepest part of the forest, where he felled and ate much prey; the ass went to a farm where he saw the horn door open, and a great pile of oats on the barn floor.

The ass, finding himself out of danger, turned to the lion and heaped upon him all the abuse in his power.

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"And how did you take it?" said Brancalion. The lion told him all he had done, his arts, his ambushes and his ruses.

"On important business, I must be at a certain place this very hour, so don't trouble me," replied the wolf.

"Not far from her," said he, "Brancalion, a very large animal, with monstrous ears, and a hide thick enough for a shield.

"Go, my friend, if it seems good to you," said the lion; "for my part, I am satisfied with what I have seen."

"Be quiet," he said to the lion, "be quiet, I entreat you, and have no fear. It is only an ass."

"Comrade, I think we may now untie our tails; what do you say?" Hearing no answer, he turned and saw that he was fastened to a dead body.

United States Topographical Survey. The United States Geological Survey is diligently prosecuting its topographical survey of the United States.

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Reform in Education.

By Professor Eliot, President of Harvard University

WE all know that there is no real line between the elementary and secondary schools, neither is there a definite distinction between the secondary school and the colleges.

Every child in the whole country ought to have a chance to attack the language and observation studies. The hindrance to this system lies in the fact that certain studies are held back for High School study.

The Uses of Corporations.

By Charles A. Conant.

THE discovery was made long before our time that a piece of property or a new enterprise could be given mobility and divisibility by putting the title of its ownership into transferable shares.

To give mobility to the shares thus created, it is necessary that they should have a market. It would be comparatively useless to divide an enterprise into shares if there were no means of transferring these shares readily from hand to hand.

The Distinctive Feature of Our Constitution

By Justice David J. Brewer.

THOUGHTFUL men, the world over, have not been lacking in praise of our constitution and system of government. As the years go by it becomes more apparent that the distinctive feature of the constitution is its judicial system.

We call ours a Federal system of government. It is Federal because there is a Nation and States within and a part of that Nation—a Nation supreme in national affairs and in foreign relations, and yet powerless to control the purely local interest of the separate States.

We Can All Help to Make Life Pleasanter if We Will

By Margaret Stowe.

THE question that is naturally asked is, "How on earth can I help to make life more pleasant? I have no money to give, no influence and no time."

Begin by looking out from within for a moment. Are your thoughts cheerful, or gloomy and dull? You can make your mental attitude toward the world such as will have the power, the influence, or the force to strengthen and uplift.

It is good to see on every side evidences of the fact that people are beginning to realize the power of thought and to know that through that channel they are a help in the world.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

PENSIONS GRANTED

Thieves Make Big haul—Rester on Memorial—Probable Fatal Shooting—Overland Trip.

The following names were added to the pension list during the past week: Samuel F. Dickson, Tyrone, \$10; Jerome Bowman, Johnstown, \$65; Etta C. Farrelly, Townville, \$8; Martha E. Hench, McAllisterville, \$8; Margaret Keller, Allegheny, \$12; Joshua B. Williams, Tyrone, \$40; Lemuel G. Edgar, Beaver, \$35; George T. Atkinson, Slippery Rock, \$12; Edward J. Hillson, Pittsburgh, \$40; Susan C. Shue, Washington, \$8.

While passing Mays siding, on the hill about seven miles west of Kane, the boiler on one of the locomotives pushing a Philadelphia & Erie freight train exploded, killing one and injuring four others, three perhaps fatally.

Lewis C. Tissue, an old soldier, was killed by lightning near Uniontown. During the electrical storm a bolt of lightning came down the chimney, jumped across the room to the iron bedstead, up the leg of the bedstead, jumped across the sleeping wife and instantly killed Mr. Tissue.

The store of H. Teitelbaum, of Derry, was entered by thieves and burglarized of 29 suits of clothing, valued at about \$500. The booty was carried away by the aid of a horse and wagon, which had been stolen from the stable of Ambrose Penrose, a short distance east of Derry.

Farewell services were held at Meyersdale for Miss Christine Teilsoldner, who was chosen by the foreign mission board as a missionary teacher for Yehow, China, to assist in the girls' and women's schools conducted there by the Reformed Church in the United States.

The final account of the assignee of the insolvent banking house of Gardner, Morrow & Co., of Hollidaysburg, as filed in the Blair county court, indicates that creditors, who hold claims aggregating \$500,000, will receive a dividend of about 10 cents on the dollar.

A hundred-barrel oil well was struck on the Dr. W. S. Throckmorton farm at Nineveh, Greene county. The well is owned by Black Bros. & Co. This field was developed 15 years ago and later abandoned. A recently organized company is drilling two wells.

At a meeting of the old Company D of the Tenth regiment held at Conellsville and attended by Col. James Barnett it was decided to suggest that the full roster of the regiment be placed on the Hawkins memorial in Schenley park.

The work of increasing the size of the various buildings which compose the Juniata shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Altoona, with a view to almost doubling the output of locomotives, is now about complete.

Major Weaver, of Philadelphia, stated that he would return to councils without his signature the ordinance known as the "Trolley Merger bill," providing for the merging of five elevated passenger railway companies.

The United States Steel corporation has practically closed a contract with the Bessemer association of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio for 200,000 tons of pig iron for delivery in the latter half of the year.

BUSINESS CARDS.

G. M. McDONALD, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Notary Public, real estate agent, patents secured, collections made promptly. Office in Nolan block, Reynoldsville, Pa.

Navigation in the Yukon River has doubled in five years. Rich asbestos mines have been discovered near Irkutsk, Siberia.

Failure of crops, disease among the cattle and over-population are causing acute distress in Java. Within six months 120 new companies have been incorporated whose stock aggregates \$1,500,000,000.

The International Association of Machinists, which has been in session in Milwaukee, Wis., adjourned to meet at Boston, Mass., in 1906.

BON TON BAKERY. JOHN H. BAUM, Prop. For good first-class baked goods such as fine Marble Cake, English Wine Fruit Cake, French Fruit Deviled Cake, Angel Cake, Lady Fingers, Jelly Drops, Kisses, Maroons and lots of other good cakes.

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