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PERSONALS.

JOHN McDOWELL, of Batesville, Ark., has taken a St. Louis paper for fifty-seven years.

MISS MARY COOK, who died a few days ago at Alliance, O., aged seventy-five, had been a teacher nearly all her life, and had accumulated a fortune of one hundred thousand dollars.

OTTO EHLERS met a Chinese prince in the Laos state who received callers seated on a throne in the kitchen. He is content to let his wife run the affairs of the kingdom, but insists upon being around when the palace cooks are preparing his meals.

A. E. BURR, of Hartford, completed fifty-five years of journalistic life recently. He is the oldest newspaper man, by actual years of service, in New England, and is still a daily occupant of the responsible editor's desk in the office of the Hartford Times.

Mrs. PETER McPHERSON, of Muncie, Ind., attended a party at which there were thirteen guests. Some one, superstitiously inclined, remarked that before many weeks some one of the number would die. Mrs. McPherston at once felt ill and died January 2.

MARRIAGE LAWS.

THE laws of most of our states appear to show that the responsibility for the marriage contracts rests on the parties themselves.

MARRIAGE is now contract, but differs from all others in that it is the only contract minors can make which in a court of law will be held good.

EMPEROR THEODOSIUS made an edict against the marriage of men over sixty and women over fifty, but so strenuous were the objections of widows and widowers that the law was soon repealed.

For a clergyman or registrar in England to celebrate a marriage in a private house, except by private license from the archbishop of Canterbury, is a felony, and punishable by severe penalties.

THE Scottish marriage law is so loose that if a lady living with John Smith is addressed in the presence of Smith as Mrs. Smith, and answers to the name, the courts have decided that she is legally his wife.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

HE who forgets his own friends meanly to follow those of a higher degree is a snob.—Thackeray.

THE devil knew not what he did when he made man politic; he crossed himself by it.—Shakespeare.

DO NOT accustom yourself to consider debt only as an inconvenience; you will find it a calamity.—Johnson.

NO TRUE and permanent fame can be founded except in labors for the happiness and good of mankind.—Charles Sumner.

IF your eye is on the Eternal your intellect will grow, and your opinions and actions have a beauty which no learning or combined advantages of other men can rival.—Emerson.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

By the will of Mrs. Kate Johnson, of San Francisco, widow of R. C. Johnson, that city, under directions of the Catholic church, gets nearly one million dollars for a free hospital.

THE public graphophone that works for a nickel can be used by the infamous for regaining the filthy minded with the vilest of conversations. A New York reporter discovered a case of the kind in that city.

LIEUT. S. S. BUNSTEAD, senior Inspector of rifle practice in the Massachusetts militia, has resigned. He was a member of the American rifle team which went to Europe, and ranks among the first rifle shots of the world.

REFORM MOVEMENTS.

IN Connecticut 60,000 people have signed the pledge.

THE pope has been requested to take steps to stop gambling at Monte Carlo.

THE anti-race track organization of New Jersey routed the gamblers of that state in the late election.

LORD ROBERTS says he has under his command in India 14,000 British soldiers pledged to total abstinence.

THE Indians of the Omaha reservation, it is stated, have put aside \$3,000 from their "pasture money" to be used in temperance work.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

THE STORK CAME BACK.

An Amusing Bird Story Told by a German Clergyman.

I heard last summer a true story, which seemed to me worthy of the ear of young readers. It was narrated by a clergyman to a group of young folks on a hotel piazza. I shall not tell his name, because I know the story better than the historian.

Several years ago this gentleman was living in the German capital with his family. There were many new sights and sounds to interest the American family, but nothing more fascinating than the colony of white storks which settled on the adjacent house tops and made a bird village of the nestled chimney stacks.

The birds had such an air of proprietorship and general coziness, that



STORKS ON THE WING.

some member of the family insisted that that particular part of the city was the regular summer home of these tourists, who returned to their old quarters each season, in human fashion.

This idea was not accepted as fact, and there were many speculations as to some possible means of testing the theory. Not being up in the stork language, no one could ask questions and get answers, neither could any mortal remember the fine points of stork physiognomy from year to year.

A plan was finally decided upon, and one particularly aristocratic monarch-of-all-I-survey-looking bird was entrusted by a good dinner into the garden. There a silver ring was placed about his leg, on which was engraved "Berlin, 1888." He then flew back to his favorite chimney, and ere long he joined the passing flocks that were constantly leaving for the south.

Many a thought followed the feathered fugitive during the long winter, and at the first sign of spring eager eyes watched for the return of the travelers. After many days, a distant line of storks, far up in the blue, came into view. Over the clergyman's house several detached themselves from the sky caravan and hovered around the dwelling.

A tempting feast was prepared, and presently the weary pilgrims flew down into the yard. Friendly eyes watched every movement with joyous eagerness. Imagine the surprise when there a silver ring was seen to have two silver rings upon its legs!

Behold! the old ring was back again, and accompanying it another, which read: "India sends greeting to Berlin."—Henry Penn, in St. Nicholas.

He Wanted to See the Stables.

A returning traveler from Italy tells this story of an American fellow wanderer in Rome; like some other travelers' tales, it is to be taken, no doubt, with certain grains of allowance. The second American, who had come from the plains of the west, visited the vatican and was courteously shown over the papal palace. He asked many questions and desired to see everything. After all the customary sights had been shown, the priest who attended him asked:

"Is there anything else, Sig. American, that you would like to see?"

"There's one thing," answered the American, "that I want to see more than anything else, and I hain't been on the edge of it yet."

"What is that, signor?"

"The cattle pens."

"The cattle pens! Why, we have nothing of the sort, signor."

"You hain't? Then where in the world do you keep them papal bulls that we're always hearin' about?"

"The Bear in the Arena."

It has been said that the bear is not so cruel as other huge animals, and in proof thereof it is asserted that in the days of old Rome, when wild beasts were turned loose in the arena to fight with prisoners—who were allowed their liberty if they could overcome their savage foes—the bear used to be killed by the spectators because it delighted the combat with Christians and other captives. Without casting too much doubt upon this statement—which is, however, certainly open to question—it must be borne in mind that the Romans knew nothing of the two fiercest bears, the polar of the arctic regions and the grizzly of the Rocky mountains.

A certain little girl from whom the Listener sometimes hears is evidently going to be a great logician. When she was called upon at school the other day to recite a verse from the beatitudes she responded with "Blessed are the dress-makers, for they shall see God."

"But, my dear girl," exclaimed the teacher, "it is not 'dress-makers'; it is 'peace-makers.'"

"Well," the child answered, stoutly, "my mother has a dress-maker and she makes dresses out of pieces."—Boston Transcript.

Carrying Things Too Far.

King Oscar, of Sweden, once passed through a little town which was festively decorated for the occasion. Among the rest, a huge transparency, affixed to a gloomy-looking edifice, attracted his attention. It bore the inscription: "Welcome to your majesty," in gigantic characters. "What building is that?" inquired the king. "That is the county prison, your majesty," replied one of the aldermen. The king laughed, and then observed, drily: "That is carrying a welcome a little too far."

Both Sides of the Question.

A man and his wife stood on the Brooklyn bridge, says The Million. He was a philosopher and a talker; she was a woman of action. A tug was hauling a long line of barges up the river.

"Look there, my dear," said he. "Such is life. The tug is like the man working and toiling, while the barges, like the women, are—"

"His wife gave him no time to finish the sentence. 'I know,' she said, 'the tug does all the blowing, and the barges bear all the burden.'"

"GATORED MULES."

Animals Driven Partially Insane by Ugly Saurians.

The Washington News says that a "gator mule" is, according to Florida dialect, a mule that has been driven partially insane by an alligator. There are hundreds of such demented mules in Florida, and it is a fact that they are never the same after a genuine fright of this sort.

I helped to "gator one myself," writes a traveler. I had been staying at Ocala, and finally agreed with several friends to go hunting in the south. Some distance from town we located upon a small stream abounding in game. After pitching camp I went for a walk, and before long I found a "gator hole. From the strong musty odor issuing from it, I knew the owner must be at home.

I decided to capture him, and called my companions. Several times we rammied a long pole into the burrow. Finally we heard a snap like the report of a gun, and the pole remained fast. The 'gator had seized it. We tried vainly to pull him out. Then some one suggested that we try our camp mule. The mule was led down to the hole, a chain fastened to him and the pole, and the frightened animal was started.

There was a creaking of chains, a roar, and an alligator fully seven feet in length came out with a rush, as the mule started on a wild run for the road.

The saurian's teeth were sunken so deeply in the pole that he could not release himself, and away went mule, pole and all. The alligator spun round, hissing like a steam engine; but he held on, while the mule, thinking himself pursued, snorted and ran.

We followed. Into the main street of Ocala flew the mule and his queer load. Completely exhausted, he was stopped by a party of men near the post office.

The 'gator was dead. We skinned and stuffed him. The mule recovered, but the sight of a swamp now throws him into a perfect frenzy of terror.

MADE HIS OWN WHEEL.

A Maryland Mountain Boy Who Was Not Baited for Want of Money.

"They come high, but we must have 'em," is what John Mayne, a Laingore mountain mauler, thought when he saw hundreds of wheelmen riding over the smooth roads of Frederick county, Md., several months ago. John is only sixteen years old, but he thought he would be able to ride a bike. All that was necessary was to get the "bike," and that he made up his mind to do.

He soon learned that a wheel would cost him anywhere from \$100 to \$150, and that was a little more than he felt able to pay. His funds were a little low.

He had made up his mind to have one, so he concluded that he would start to manufacture one. In his part of the country the roads are as smooth as concrete pavements, and John had often pictured himself passing along on his silent steed, leaving the fast horses in the rear. His cash did not increase in proportion to his desire for a wheel, and so out there on the farm in the mountainous country he went into his father's shop and started to construct a racer. He worked early and late, until he had finished the construction of the wheel, and now he is seen on the road trying to keep pace with some of the riders of pneumatic-tired iron horses. The entire wheel, with the exception of an old iron tire from a carriage wheel, was made by the boy. The rear wheel was made of a solid piece of oak, while the handle bar and seat are made of a lighter wood.

Just the Opposite.

An Irishman who was employed in the iron works in a western town was advised by his physician to seek some employment where the labor was less severe, on account of an enlargement of the heart. He proceeded, therefore, to set up a small grocery, which was well patronized by his friends. He was not in the habit of diminishing his prospects of financial success by giving "down weight," and one afternoon, when a customer asked for a pound of sugar, he added pinch by pinch until the scale barely turned.

"Pat," inquired the customer, looking up innocently at his careful weigher of the heart. "phwat was it the docther said was allin' yer?"

"Inlaargemint av the haart," answered Pat, with pride.

"Well, thin," said the customer, "it's toime ye were changin' yer docther, Pat; the wan t'at's 'indin' ye now don't understand yer disease, mo' b'y yer haart is gettin' smaller meilghy 'ast, an' it's in great danger yer airc!"

Since Dec. 31, 1893, those marked thus (*) have made payment on their dupliates.

The following is a comparative statement of outdoor relief and total amount of dupliates for each district:

Per Dupliates Relief Centage Lower District... 14,000 43 33.17 45 23 4-10 Middle... 5,782 49 1,221 09 21 1-10 Luzerne... 30,010 71 7,164 32 23 9-10

The whole number of persons receiving outdoor relief during the year were 372 adults and 48 children; of this number 126 are widows.

Approximate value of real estate and personal property, as taken and computed by the directors and auditors:

281 acres of land, @ \$40... \$15,240 00

Bar and other frame buildings... 5,500 00

Store house... 1,500 00

Innhouse, main building... 12,000 00

Hospital building and fixtures... 25,000 00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MIDDLE COAL FIELD POOR DISTRICT.

December 31, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

To balance from previous report... \$ 8,520 02

To Jacob Eberts, collector Luzerne township... 67 01

To Levi Marsden, col March Chunk twp... 2,086 21

To Thomas E. Evans, col Luzerne township... 2,507 53

To A. J. Goedecke, Jr., col Luzerne township... 182 76

To F. B. Fairchild, col Luzerne township... 375 00

To Hon. David, col Luzerne township... 3,819 15

To Condy Maloy, col Summit Luzerne township... 1,501 32

To Conrad Brehm, col Foster Luzerne township... 2,612 00

To Henry J. Fritz, col Luzerne township... 327 94

To Wm. Heister, col Luzerne township... 1,780 53

To Adam Weisenborn, col West Hazleton borough... 568 60

To Wm. B. Fairchild, col Luzerne township... 4 18

To James D. Mook, col Jeddo Luzerne township... 15 30

To Hugh J. Boyle, col Jeddo Luzerne township... 108 50

To John J. Moran, col Hazle Luzerne township... 1,743 53

To T. H. Evans, col Luzerne township... 27 72

To Charles E. Benninger, col Luzerne township... 100 56

To John H. Boyle, col Luzerne township... 1,215 94

To John H. Boyle, col Luzerne township... 7,912 40

To A. S. Monroe, fines col Luzerne township... 43 13

To Peter Hoffman, maintenance... 12 00

To unseated land taxes (Carbon, 274.39; Luzerne, 3,943.94) to estate of B. B. Wright... 4,217 79

To Sophia Larson, maintenance... 339 00

To L. Lockman, discount on bill... 6 00

To Thomas Gies, maintenance... 91 00

To Vermont Farm Machine Co., discount on bill... 2 50

To Gus Hensel, maintenance... 35 00

45,563 25 \$55,083 27

DISBURSEMENTS.

Auditing expenses... 20 00

Children's society... 1,234 74

Coal and light... 530 29

Clothing, boots and shoes... 291 31

Conveying dupliates... 188 85

Dry goods and notions... 457 49

Election expenses... 55 00

Farm implements... 379 43

Farm mended children... 129 00

Farm expenses... 80 40

Groceries and provisions... 3,846 06

Legal expenses... 291 96

House... 169 34

Discount... 82 50

To estate of B. B. Wright, maintenance... 160 28

To Medicine... 5,895 03

Office expenses, stationery and writing dupliate... 306 75

Outdoor relief and burials... 12,156 67

Printing... 431 50

Real estate taxes... 297 85

To Geo. T. Wells, steward... 3,450 00

Sauces and expenses... 1,400 00

Wet... 313 35

Legal fees... 170 84

Legal fees, due from Geo. T. Wells... 425 50

Blockley almshouse... 38 00

Refunded taxes... 12 00

Cash in Hazleton Nat'l Bank, Dec. 31, 1893... 29,096 40

\$55,083 27

PRODUCE ON FAIRM.

210 bushels buckwheat; 113 bushels oats; 750 bushels corn in the ear; 8 barrels sauerkraut; 750 bushels rye; 250 bushels potatoes; 50 bushels pickled apples; 310 pounds pork; 625 bushels mangel-wurzel; 3600 pounds beef; 60 bushels carrots; 740 pounds veal; 50 bushels beets; 800 pounds lard; 10 bushels turnips; 2400 pounds butter; 8 bushels onions; 30 barrels soft soap; 400 bunches cattle; 2500 pounds hard soap; 3000 heads cabbage; 8 loads hay.

21 cows, 4 heifers, 8 steers, 7 calves, 7 horses, 2 mules, 2 colts, 180 chickens, 21 turkeys, 5 hogs, 12 ducks, 20 shots, 2 bulls.

MACHINERY.

4 2-horse wagons and 1 buckboard; 1 carriage; 1 cart; 1 2-horse buss; 1 spring wagon; 3 2-horse sleds; 2 sleighs; 4 plows; 3 cultivators; 3 harrows; 1 horse; 2 horse power threshing machines; 1 corn sheller; 1 fan mill; 1 roller.

STATISTICS.

ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR. 116 Male adults... 45 Female adults... 5 Male children... 3 Female children... 3

DISCHARGED AND REMOVED. 109 Male adults... 28 Female adults... 28 Male children... 8 Female children... 9

DIED DURING THE YEAR. 119 Male adults... 24 Female adults... 8

INMATES REMAINING DEC. 31, 1893. 98 Male adults... 24 Female adults... 24

CLASSIFICATION, INMATES REMAINING. 152 Males in hospital... 62 Females in hospital... 62 Males in almshouse... 38 Females in almshouse... 16

Of the above 27 males and 19 females are insane. Average number of inmates for the year... 144

DIED DURING THE YEAR.

Mrs. Kate Swenney, Feb. 7, aged 75 years.

Mrs. Richter, Feb. 25, aged 24 years.

John Monock, Mar. 22, aged 35 years.

John Conlon, Mar. 25, aged 40 years.

Joseph Rusty, Mar. 27, aged 32 years.

Andrew Hupay, April 6, aged 16 years.

Bruce Grant, April 8, aged 45 years.

Stephen Grozac, May 13, aged 41 years.

Christina Giazac, May 30, aged 58 years.

Frank Sedler, May 31, aged 78 years.

Catharine Rutz, May 28, aged 82 years.

Evan Sholinmayer, May 28, aged 60 years.

Andrew Buehler, June 1, aged 45 years.

Chas. Brocton, June 26, aged 49 years.

Wenell Oechelzy, July 1, aged 59 years.

Andrew Schick, July 11, aged 31 years.

Andrew Hauris, Aug. 9, aged 51 years.

Mrs. Bridget Mulken, Aug. 15, aged 81 years.

Henry Schick, Aug. 15, aged 78 years.

Peter Draben, Aug. 19, aged 21 years.

Andrew Staronopuloff, Aug. 19, aged 60 years.

Mrs. Daniel Specht, Sept. 24, aged 81 years.

Mrs. Adlamski, Oct. 7, aged 32 years.

Mrs. Washington Stock, Oct. 16, aged 89 years.

Joe McConnelly, Oct. 28, aged 20 years.

Joseph Kreminsky, Nov. 17, aged 40 years.

Bernard DeHenry, Nov. 23, aged 65 years.

Bernard Smith, Nov. 20, aged 45 years.

Frank Hagerst, Dec. 1, aged 70 years.

Solomon Miller, Dec. 19, aged 81 years.

CHILDREN BORN IN 1893.

February 12, Mrs. Richter, boy.

April 3, Mrs. Lutschak, girl.

April 18, Ida Muehler, boy.