

A CHILD'S LONG JOURNEY.

Travels from Finland to Alaska Unable to Speak English. Traveling from Finland to Alaska without speaking a word that anyone understood, without a single traveling companion, or without meeting a person who knew him from one end of the journey to the other, is no small undertaking, but it has just been completed by an eight-year-old boy, says the Seattle Times.

Magnus Nessler left a pleasant home in far-away Finland on June 3 to join his father and mother, who are working at Douglas City. He made his long journey across the great pond in the steerage of one of the big ocean steamers.

"GIVE ME ANOTHER GOURDFUL."

Last Heard Words of a King Who Had Been Drunk Fifteen Years. In other lands there are drinks far beyond ours in strength and strangeness, says the Chicago Times-Herald. There is the Russian vodka, for instance. A gill of it poured down a Carthaginian tummy will set that long dead person to fighting all his Punic battles o'er again.

PEARL "RUSH" IN ARKANSAS.

Thousands of Persons Are Searching the Streams for Gems. Further discoveries of valuable deposits of pearls in lakes and rivers in Arkansas have added to the excitement already existing over similar discoveries, and thousands of people are wading through the water in different parts of the state searching for the gems.

PENSION VOTED TO A HORSE.

Oregon Fire Commissioner Retired a Faithful Quinine Servant. The board of fire commissioners has decided that the big bay horse Jerry, which has faithfully served the city in the fire department for 17 years, and is now 23 years of age, shall be given his time for the remainder of his days and be a pensioner on the city, says the Portland Oregonian.

The White House.

The steady growth of the nation has rendered necessary a great expansion of the capitol at Washington, but nothing has been done to increase the size of the white house, says the Washington Post. The latter remains as it was when first occupied by President John Adams, at the beginning of the present century.

Novel Sport in France.

The running of auto-motors, or horseless vehicles, has become a national sport in France, and clubs devoted to it have been formed in the larger cities. One of the sights along the French roads this summer will be the addition of many motor wagons to the great number of bicycles.

Solid Food for Infants.

In France it is a punishable offense for anyone to give infants under one year any form of solid foods unless such be ordered by written prescription signed by a legally qualified medical man.

SCALES A MOUNTAIN.

Prince Luigi's Successful Expedition to Summit of Mount St. Elias.

Fixed the Height of the Peak at 15,120 Feet, and Also Demonstrates That It Is Not of Volcanic Origin.

The expedition of Prince Luigi of Savoy to the summit of Mount St. Elias has determined two facts of prime importance to the scientific world. It has fixed once for all the altitude of Mount St. Elias at 15,120 feet. The figures are subject only to such slight corrections as may change the total 30 or 40 feet either way.

The route was absolutely unknown. Advancing up these glaciers and moraines took 39 days, or until July 4, on which day the prince declared for the entire party a general holiday. At Pinnacle pass was found the first evidence of Russell's expedition in 1891, in the shape of a tent bottom and a single rivet connecting Mount St. Elias and Mount Newton.

At one o'clock on the morning of July 31 they commenced the ascent of the great mountain. For 11 hours the upward climb was made, and at exactly five minutes before 12 o'clock the summit of St. Elias was beneath the feet of the explorers. When they reached the topmost peak there was neither wind nor fog, and the thermometer was only 20 below freezing.

MUSTERED INTO THE U. S. A. R.

Archbishop Ireland, Under a Dispensation, Becomes a Comrade.

Archbishop Ireland was mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic at Buffalo. He has been popularly considered as a member of the G. A. R., but it was not until the other day that he really became a comrade. He has been an ex-member of the Loyal Legion for many years.

STANDARD OIL TENTACLE.

New Controls the Gas Supply in Nearly Every Large City.

The gas supply of nearly every important city in the United States is directly or indirectly controlled by the Standard Oil company, which has not only made tremendous profits by issues of new securities of gas companies and the increase of the prices of these securities, but has provided a permanent cash market for nearly 18,000,000 barrels of its own product which is unavailable for general commercial purposes.

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY.

The famous Giant's causeway, on the north coast of Ireland, has recently been declared by the Irish vice-chancellor to be private property, with no public right of way, in spite of the fact that during living memory the causeway has been freely visited by anybody who wanted to go there.

A LONG WIRE.

The longest single span of wire in the world is used for a telegraph line over the River Kistnah, in India. It is 6,000 feet long.

MAXIM INVENTS A NEW LIGHT.

It Is Said to Be Greatly Superior to the Incandescent Lamp in Use.

I saw to-night a wonderful new light just invented by Hiram Maxim, the American scientist, and inventor of the Maxim gun, writes a correspondent from London. It is the finest, cheapest, and strongest electric light ever discovered, with nearly three times the candle power of the ordinary incandescent light. It lasts more than twice as long and requires less than half the energy. Unlike the lights now in use, the film is made of mineral instead of vegetable substance, the nature of which is a secret.

STUCK IN A SMOKESTACK.

Young Cigarette Smokers, Seeking Seclusion, Get Into Difficulty.

Two boys, Willie Smith and Charlie Thompson, aged ten and twelve years respectively, caused considerable excitement in the vicinity of Eighth and Walnut streets, East St. Louis, Ill. They had been in the habit of enjoying quiet cigarette smokes in a box car near their home on Trendley avenue for some time, and the cruel railway men moved their hiding place to another locality. Knowing that a first-class castigation was in store for them if they were caught with the forbidden weed, they decided to select some other secluded spot.

MEND A MAN'S BACKBONE.

Delicate But Successful Operation at San Francisco.

A very delicate and extremely rare surgical operation has been performed successfully at the French hospital in San Francisco upon C. Hoffman, a young German farmer. By it not only his life has been saved, but he is on the speedy way to recovery.

VOLCANO BURNING A FARM.

Singular Natural Phenomenon on a Plantation Near Thomasville, Ga.

People residing in Thomasville, Ga., and the surrounding country are greatly excited over what appears to be the existence of a volcano on a plantation near there. The crater is about 25 feet square. Several streams of blue smoke issue from it. The ground in the immediate vicinity of the crater has sunk to the extent of two feet. Excavations made show that the smoke proceeds from an extensive bed of ashes.

INTERIOR SPONGES IN DEMAND.

There is a scarcity in Florida waters of the best sponge, the "sheepwool," and the return to the sponge fishers have been gradually lessening.

IRISH WAR CRIES.

The phrase "Erin go bragh," which means "Erin (or Ireland) forever," was the ancient war cry of the Irish. Most of the Celtic clansmen had a tribal slogan or battle cry which was used in the ranks to keep the fighting men aware of the place of their own clan when about to make an onset or to aid them in recalling them when scattered in the woods or hills.

BUY PEANUTS NOW.

The price of Virginia peanuts will be advanced soon, because the stock of shelled nuts in Virginia barely exceeds 22,000 bags, against 34,000 last year, and 60,000 at this time in 1895.

SWIMMING.

Swimming on the back in sea water, says a doctor, is the most beneficial form of bathing. Swimming on the side is very injurious to the muscles of the stomach.

GEN. MILES ON GREEK DEFENSE.

Said to Have Declared That Thermopylae Is Impregnable.

The London Times, in a dispatch from Vienna on the peace negotiations at Constantinople, credited to a statesman of experience, character and high position, says: "The Greeks, whose chief national characteristic is vanity, are now almost at their wits' end, and it is to be feared that if they are driven into a corner they may be tempted to take counsel of their desperation."

BIBLE FOR JAPAN'S EMPEROR.

Present Sent from Societies in England, Scotland and America.

The American Bible society has just made the announcement that a large folio Bible in the English language has been specially prepared as a gift to the emperor of Japan and sent to Yokohama. It will be formally presented at the first fitting opportunity after the emperor's return to Tokyo in the autumn. The gift will be made in the name of the American Bible society, the British and Foreign Bible society, and the National Bible Society of Scotland, which are jointly concerned in the publication and distribution of the Japanese Scriptures.

JORDAN VS. ELLIOTT.

Decided Difference of Opinion Regarding the Branding of Seals.

Former Learned Gentleman Declares That the Opinion of the Latter Is Not Worth Considering.

The remark of Dr. Jordan, that "the skins of the branded cows returned this year to the islands show clearly the permanency of the mark and its efficiency to render the skin unsealable without injury to the animal or to the herd," was commented on by Prof. Elliott as follows: "I yield to no one in my esteem of Dr. Jordan's ability and integrity, but in this declaration I believe him to be premature."

BRONCHO RIDERS ARRIVE.

Two Western Men Reach Sioux City After a Long Journey.

Two men from the wild west who have just arrived at Sioux City, Ia., are attracting much attention. Each man had just covered 2,000 miles astride the hurricane deck of an American broncho.

BLIND MAN RIDES A BICYCLE.

Prof. Frank H. Reese Guides Himself and Travels by Himself.

Prof. Frank H. Reese, of Mishawaka, Ind., has been totally blind since childhood, but he has become so proficient in the bicycling art that he is fully competent to ride about on the less busy thoroughfares of Mishawaka. It is possible as it appears, the blind cyclist glides along on the silent steed, turns corners and avoids accidents with phenomenal judgment and precision.

HIGHEST FLOOD EVER KNOWN.

Interesting Facts Regarding the Spring Rise of the Mississippi.

Gen. Wilson, chief of engineers of the army, has been making an examination of the report of the Mississippi river commission and has brought to light some very interesting facts connected with the flood of last spring. It is shown that the flood of the Mississippi was the highest of which there is any record. The total length of the levees on both sides of the river was 1,377 miles, and there were in all 38 breaks by the floods, aggregating 8-70 miles. An interesting feature of the breakage is that none of the levees built by the United States government were broken, but the breaks occurred in those portions which had been built by the states or by municipalities or private parties. The Mississippi river floods will form an important part of the annual report of Gen. Wilson, which is now in the course of preparation.

WORLD APT FAIRLY.

Newly appointed Georgia justice of the peace was informed that some one had stolen his horse during the night. He was not long in locating the criminal, who was speedily brought to trial, when the justice said: "I ain't qualified ter set on this case, seen' as the horse was mine; but I'm goin' ter let the bailiff preside, an' while he's tryin' of the criminal I'll be out yander a-stretchin' in' of the rope an' locatin' of the tree!"