

MAY USE BALLOONS.

Gen. Greely Wants Money Provided for Their Purchase.

By Their Use Ships of the Enemy Could Be Sighted a Great Way Off—Plans Seem Feasible.

Secretary Alger had with him in conference for some time the other day Gen. A. W. Greely, chief signal officer of the army. Gen. Greely has urged upon the secretary the importance of an allotment of money for the purpose of connecting the various parts of the fortifications at seaport cities by means of electrical communications, and in response to his representations on this subject work in that direction is about to begin in New York harbor.

Another matter which Gen. Greely thinks of great importance to the army in case of hostilities is the employment of balloons for observation purposes. He has asked repeatedly for an appropriation from congress for experiments in this line, but thus far his efforts to obtain money have been unsuccessful. He hopes that some money may be soon put at his command for experimenting with balloons, as he believes that they would be invaluable for many purposes in time of war.

For instance, he says while floating in the air off the coast around any of the seaport cities they could observe the presence of ships of the enemy's fleet at great distance off shore, and by means of the cable attached to them and connecting with telegraphic instruments below could disseminate information of the fact while the ships were yet a great distance off. Balloons, moreover, he thinks, would be of great value to the military branch of the service.

Should an army of occupation be sent to Cuba the balloons would be of use, it is thought, in the observations of the operations of the enemy's army, the country being quite thickly wooded, so that it would be impossible sometimes to ascertain the movements of the opposing troops while on the ground. Gen. Greely does not believe there is much danger to be feared from the fire of the enemy, as experience has shown it to be a very difficult matter to gauge properly the height to which the aeronaut takes his balloon, and guns of peculiar pattern and manufacture are almost a necessity for use against balloons.

LITTLE AFRICA A MAN.

How Some Gay Detroit Society Chaps Were Taken in by a Dancer.

Little Africa, a lithe, petite dancer, sprang into popularity at Detroit a few weeks ago, and through a shrewd manager, became a drawing card at private "dinners" given by the "nice" young men. Two weeks ago the Detroit light guard gave a "smoker," and one of the attractions was the mysterious Little Africa.

The Seelye dinner dance was reproduced in all its interesting details. The lithe "twiggler" was recalled again and again, and each time responded with a new movement. Glasses clinked to her honor, she was showered with bouquets and coins, and every effort was made to discover her identity. Since that two "quite" stag parties have been given by Detroit select young men, and Little Africa, the clever little dancer, as nearly costumed a la Eve as was consistent with proper entertainments, has been idolized.

Society was scandalized, and Little Africa supplanted many a sweetheart in the affections of some fast young men. Her admirers have been searching the city to do her homage, and the scandalized members have been searching for her to make her trouble.

It has now been discovered that the dancer was Frank Bruesser, a well-known costumeur, who has been having fun at the expense of his friends. Bruesser's form has a remarkable resemblance to that of a woman.

AFTER A NEW ASTRONOMER.

University of Chicago's Offer to Prof. Edwin Brant Frost, of Dartmouth.

Prof. Edwin Brant Frost, professor of astronomy and director of the Shattuck observatory at Dartmouth college since 1892, has been asked to join the faculty of the University of Chicago as professor of astronomy and astrophysics, and also manager and director of the Yerkes telescope. He is inclined to accept the position. Prof. Frost was graduated from Dartmouth in 1885, with the degree of A. B. He obtained that of A. M. in 1889. He was assistant professor of astronomy and physics in the Chandler school at Hanover, N. H., from 1887 to 1890, and from 1890 to 1891 studied at the University of Strassburg. He has made a specialty of spectroscopic work.

New German Postal Cards.

Postal cards with lithographed views in color of scenery and historical localities have become so popular in Germany lately that the income of the postal service shows a decided increase.

Ancient Dictionary.

The Chinese dictionary, compiled by Pa-cut-ah, 1,100 years B. C., is the most ancient of any lexicon recorded in literary history.

Curious Profession in China.

In China the detection of false coins is a skillful, prosperous profession, known as "shroffing," and is taught in special schools.

New York Chinamen in a Social Club.

The Chinamen of New York have started a social club just "like Melican," and over 4,000 members have been enrolled.

TOO MANY SMITHS.

Hopeless Task of the Department of Taxes and Assessments of Greater New York City.

The department of taxes and assessments of Greater New York has run up against another snag caused by consolidation. It is the opinion of the deputy commissioners that there are entirely too many Smiths in a certain borough adjoining Brooklyn. The eastern part of Queens county has long been noted for the number of its Smiths. From Jamaica eastward they flourish by the hundreds, and as they are a thrifty race their names appear in bunches on the tax books. The indexes to the tax books show groups of Smiths with common given names all alike, and even family names are frequently duplicated. In about every other case where the tax office has started in to locate property on the field books now being made up in advance of the actual work of the deputies the employes have had to give up in despair. The clerks find it impossible to locate the abstract manner required on the field books a piece of property belonging to John Smith, adjoining on the north the farm of John Smith (the deed noting in brackets that the other John Smith is not the one who owns the land in question), bounded on various parts of other sides by John V. Smiths, John P. Smiths, and like as not a third plain John Smith.

ATE HALF HIS DOOR MAT.

A Most Remarkable Appetite Developed by a Cincinnati (O.) Lunatic.

A strange case of insanity has developed at the county jail at Cincinnati. The other night Michael Delano, a brick and tile maker, about 40 years old, who lives at Sixth and Main streets, in Covington, was arrested for drunkenness and lodged in jail. He succeeded in locking his cell door with a wire nail he found in his prison in such a manner as to prevent anybody opening it for a considerable length of time. No sooner had he locked the door than he seemed to suddenly become insane. In many of the cells are shuck mats. One of these Delano mistook for an amalgamation of doughnuts, and began eating it. Before the door could be pried open he had succeeded in devouring about half of the mat, and he drank enough water to swell the shuck. When the door was finally forced open his condition was found to be serious and Dr. Guy Jackson was summoned. After making an examination of the fellow he found that the shucks could not be removed by the stomach pump and death may follow.

BABIES NAMED AFTER LEITER.

The Chicago Napoleon of the Wheat Market Has Touched the American Heart.

So much has been written about Joseph Leiter and his wheat operations and the scoop they have made of an hour of hard labor. Kuleh was able to breathe fresher air. That in the barrel was almost stifling, but it was better than none at all. For three-quarters of an hour more the people worked, one relieving the other. Finally they were rewarded for their toil when they lifted the well digger out of the hole. Kuleh suffered no injury and was able to walk. He heartily thanked his rescuers.

BIG SALMON SEASON.

Statistics Showing Amount Packed in British Columbia—Previous Season Outdone.

Statistics of the British Columbia salmon packing for the last season just compiled by Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., of Victoria, B. C., gives the following totals:

Frazier river pack, 560,459 cases; Skeena river, 65,905; Rivers inlet, 40,305; Naas river, 30,800; Lower inlet, 10,686; Naau harbor, 4,200; Albert bay, 8,602; west coast Vancouver island, 4,434.

FAST OCEAN SAILING.

Racing Records Made by Vessels Between San Francisco and Great Britain.

Two ocean races through the Pacific and Atlantic have just been completed. The British ship Olivebank came out the winner, but with little time to spare. The Olivebank and the British ship Primrose left San Francisco for Great Britain on October 27. The British bark Drumalis sailed on the following day. A dispatch was received at the merchant's exchange the other day that the Olivebank had arrived on March 17 and the Primrose and Drumalis on the 18th. This was close sailing, but for time none of the vessels compared with the latter vessel and the British ship Inchecape Rock sailed from here for the United Kingdom November 4. The British ship Aberfoyle left two days later. The Salvatore Ciampa arrived on February 23; the Inchecape Rock on February 25; the Aberfoyle on the 28th.

Freak Potato in Maine.

A most curious freak potato was raised on the farm of J. C. Hammond, of Greene, Me. The potato has not only had eyes, but a good-sized tooth, probably a horse tooth, and grew until the cavity was filled and the tooth hard and fast in the potato.

Fan Painting.

Mrs. de Pompadour encouraged fan painting, and also collected fine specimens of the work. Greuze, Watteau and other great artists did not disdain to lend their talents to the art. These pictures were done mostly on vellum of chicken skin.

Not Unexpected.

Why is it that when the expected happens we have a sense of regret that it was not the unexpected?

St. Louis on a Spurt.

St. Louis has a larger population than either Boston or Baltimore and is widening the gap.

ROBBED OF HIS BRIDE

Romance of Love Cut Short by Maiden's Brother-in-Law.

Miss Afong, a Chinese Belle of Honolulu, Stays with Her Millionaire Father, to Mr. Burns' Sorrow.

A romance of love blocked by the maiden's brother-in-law comes from Honolulu. Papers of the paradise of the Pacific contained recently a four-line item stating that the application of Z. R. Burns for divorce from Hattie E. Burns had been denied for lack of jurisdiction.

It seems that Burns, who is a Californian, had married a San Jose girl, but had found her unconvincing. She went to Yokohama on a vacation, while he sailed for Honolulu. He had letters to prominent people and at a reception the night he landed he met Miss Bessie Afong, one of the daughters of a millionaire Chinaman who married a Hawaiian wife.

One of the Afong girls married Captain, now Admiral, Whiting, of the United States navy, but Bessie is regarded as the prettiest of the family. Burns fell in love with her and she was smitten with him. They soon arranged to be married, provided Burns could get a divorce from his wife. This he set about doing. He learned his wife would offer no objection if he could secure the custody of her child.

But one of Miss Bessie's brothers-in-law, who is a lawyer, did not fancy Burns. He thought the Californian was after the girl's dowry, which is \$20,000. So he secured possession of Mrs. Burns' letter and when the divorce case came up he knocked Burns out by showing collusion.

BARREL SAVES A LIFE.

Imprisoned Well Digger Rescued Through a Carpenter's Quick Wit.

William Kuleh's life was saved in New Jersey the other day by a barrel. He was digging a well near South River and when he had dug down about 15 feet the sandy soil suddenly began to cave in upon him. It was impossible for him to draw himself up. Foot by foot the sand tumbled around him and rose to smother him. William Albert, a master carpenter, saw the accident. He immediately threw a barrel over Kuleh. The sand continued to cave in and by degrees both the man and the barrel were lost to view. It piled up several feet above the barrel. Albert was in desperation. He thought that when the man was dug out he would probably be dead after all. Albert called for help.

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SCATTERS HUSBAND'S ASHES.

Faithful Wife Carries Out the Grim Provisions of the Will of Her Husband.

Before William P. Appleby, of Hempstead, L. I., died he made a provision in his will that his body should be cremated and on the first windy day his ashes be scattered. The wind blew in steady currents over the broad sweeps of Hempstead on a recent Sunday, that being the first really windy day since the cremation of the aged farmer. So the farmhouse lawn, fronting on Fulton street. A few friends were with her, and in their presence the widow removed the lid of the urn.

Run on Their Hind Legs.

A recent discovery is that many lizards, in running rapidly, take an erect posture and use the hind legs only.

Taxed According to Size.

In Hamburg the authorities tax a dog according to its size.

Bulletin Financier.

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