

GROVER IS VICTIMIZED. HER JACK A "DOOD DOGGIE."

Sends Congratulatory Letter to Brooklyn Bachelor Over Twins.

POLITICIAN TO SETTLE A BET WRITES TO EX-PRESIDENT ANNOUNCING FESTIVITIES BIRTH OF TWO GIRLS, AND USES A FRIEND'S NAME.

DR. MURRAY LOHENTHAL, a young unmarried and decorous physician of Brooklyn, found a very aristocratic-looking letter in his mail the other day. When he had nervously torn open the envelope and unfolded the note his eyes struck out when he found thereto the signature: "Grover Cleveland." The letter ran:

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"Jack's a dood doggie," she declared. "He won't bite you, 'cause me'll hold him."

But the sergeant remained at a safe distance and prosecuted his investigation. The child could not tell her own name, but was quite sure that everyone must know "Jack." She was turned over to Matron O'Brien, and to her she related that with the dog she had left her home early in the morning and wandered about until the streets were all so strange that she could not find her way back.

Matron O'Brien thought that identification might be facilitated by removing some of the dust and tear stains from the little one's face, and with this end in view she secured a big sponge and a piece of soap. But "Jack" was to be consulted. He mounted guard at the side of his companion, and by a liberal display of very fine teeth discouraged the cleaning process so that it was abandoned. All that could be learned of the girl was that she was four years of age and that her mamma was a pretty woman. At ten o'clock the mother of the wanderer called at the station and found "Jack" curled up on the floor, his shaggy side doing service as a pillow for his baby companion, who was sound asleep.

MISS WILLARD'S ROMANCE.

The Interesting Story of an Early Love Affair with Bishop Charles W. Fowler.

The politician chose Grover Cleveland. He wrote him a letter telling how his marriage had been blessed with twin daughters. He told how he had taken the liberty to name them after the great man's wife and daughter. Would it be asking too much for an autograph letter to frame, which the sweet twines could look upon and read when they grew up and cherish ever afterward? The great man fell into the trap, and the wily politician won his bet, though he stole the young physician's name to do it.

ROMANCE FROM KLONDIKE.

Supposed Dead Man Sends for His Wife to Help Him Spend \$100,000.

Poverty changed to wealth and mourning to joy when Mrs. George Turner, of Cedar Falls, Ia., received a dispatch from her husband, whom she had long supposed dead, announcing his arrival at Seattle with \$100,000 in Klondike gold and summoning her to come to him in Seattle, where he will be for some time engaged in handling large mining interests.

For some years Mr. and Mrs. Turner resided in Cedar Falls, where he was engaged as a day laborer.

On the first reports of the discovery of gold Turner sold what little property he possessed in order to outfit for a Klondike expedition, his wife going to live with her parents, who also dwelt in poverty.

On receipt of the telegram Mrs. Turner was overcome, and up to the time of departure for Seattle was unable to appreciate the good fortune which had befallen her.

A stock company which had been formed in the vicinity of Cedar Falls had half a dozen men killed by Turner's strike, and plans are now being made to send a large number of experienced men to Alaska at an early date.

MEXICAN CATTLE.

Number Exported Constantly on Increase—Danger of Exhaustion.

The remarkable growth of the exports of Mexican cattle to the United States forms the subject of a report to the state department from United States Consul Kinckirk, at Ciudad Juarez. He says that while it was supposed the large exports were attributable to a desire to forestall the increased duties carried by the Dingley act, yet this has proved to be erroneous, for the trade goes on increasing steadily until the cattlemen, in many cases have exhausted their herds and all have realized handsomely.

The island of Cuba draws about 5,000 head per month, and the consul says that the price of cattle for home consumption in Mexico will soon rise to a point where they cannot be profitably handled. There are not many cattle left in Mexico, and the quality exported to the United States is of low grade, that has no effect upon prices in the south-west.

TO CHRISTEN WITH WATER.

Battle Kentucky Will be Given a Temperature Send-off.

A special to the Louisville Times from Frankfort, Ky., says: When the battle ship Kentucky glides from the ways at Newport News her crew will not be bathed in champagne, nor in good old whisky. The fair sponsor, Miss Christine Bradley, will uncork a beautifully embellished silver vessel full of pure water.

On the farm in Larue county, where Abraham Lincoln was born, there is an unfailing spring of cold, crystal water which supplies the town of the southern part of the city, died. Tom was the proprietor of the Star and Stripes hotel, one of the most unique hosteries on earth, and the landlord was as original as the place he kept. He was known and beloved by hundreds of citizens and their children for milk round, and the wake and funeral following his death were two of the most remarkable events of the kind on record.

A few days prior to his death Tom called Albert Schaeffer to his bedside and requested that as long as Mr. Schaeffer, who is an excellent cornist, lived, and was able to do so, he should pay a visit to his grave at midnight St. Patrick's day and play "The Loss of Galway" there. Mr. Schaeffer promised, and the cornet solo which aroused the sleepers was in fulfillment of this promise.

Sliver in New South Wales.

Bronken Hill, the great silver producing district of New South Wales, yielded silver bulletin to the value of about \$300,000 and ore unconsolidated valued at over \$5,000,000 in 1897. But for the destructive effects of a great fire in the leading mine the output would have been larger.

Great Caribou in Newfoundland.

The caribou or reindeer of Newfoundland roam over an area of some 25,000 miles of unbroken wilderness. They are magnificent creatures, some of the larger stags which have been shot having weighed from 500 to 600 pounds.

Charcoal in Italy.

Charcoal is the great Italian fuel.

Naples alone consuming 40,000 tons of wood charcoal, at a cost of from \$16 to \$20 per ton, the national consumption being 700,000 tons.

Electricity for Building Tunnels.

In the construction of the Simplon tunnel electricity is being used on a larger scale than ever before. With its aid 4,000 tons of rock and soil will have to be removed.

CRUISERS ARE WEAK.

The Faithful Canine Proves Clearly Its Love for Its Lost Little Mistress.

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Great interest has been taken in naval circles in the comparison made by Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, in a report transmitted to Congress by Secretary Long of the excellence of the armament of the Japanese cruiser Naniwa, with the inferiority of the armament of the United States cruisers Philadelphia and Baltimore. Mr. Roosevelt says:

"Progress is so continuous now, especially in guns, that they have to be renewed from time to time. The guns of the San Francisco, Baltimore, Boston, Beaufort, Concord and Yorktown were very good ten years ago, but they are not what our warships should have now. These vessels have good speed and fair coal capacity. The type, machinery, and even the armor change much more slowly than the guns. But all of these ships are distinctively inferior in armament to the modern vessels of foreign powers, which have been armed with the most recent type of gun. They are inferior, for instance, to German ship like the Kaiserin Augusta, with her rapid-fire six-inch guns, to a Japanese ship like the Yoshino, with her rapid-fire six-inch and five-inch guns, and to all similar cruisers newly armed in England and France.

"On the other hand, the Olympia, Cincinnati, Raleigh, Marblehead, Detroit and Montgomery, as regards their fighting capacity, are on a level with foreign ships, although in some other points, as, for example, coal capacity, they are inferior. The German ship like the Kaiserin Augusta, with her rapid-fire six-inch guns, to a Japanese ship like the Yoshino, with her rapid-fire six-inch and five-inch guns, and to all similar cruisers newly armed in England and France.

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