

## A DESERTED CITY.

Tale of the Dissolution of One of the Strangest Towns on This Continent.

In Nevada county, Cal., repose the remains of one of the strangest towns on this continent. Meadow Lake is the American Pompeii, whose entombing lava is the summit snow storms, which sometimes bury it 25 feet deep on a level, and whose annual exhuming is brought about by the summer sun, says the New York Herald.

It was in the summer of 1865 that the name Meadow Lake was formally given to the town, previously called Excel-ler and Summit City. Until 1858 nothing had been done in the way of prospecting that particular locality.

Henry Hartly, an Englishman, who visited the vicinity in June, 1863, in search of game and chanced to discover fragments of gold, imparted his discovery to his friends. A company was formed and soon after other companies and the building of a city was started.

With the close of the fall of 1865 the new city contained about 150 houses completed and a number of others in course of construction. Then all hopes were blasted. The adventurers awoke to the sad reality that, though there was plenty of gold in Meadow Lake, it was so combined with some substance unknown to the metallurgists that it was effectually locked from the hand of man.

All dreams, the black art, science and metallurgy were set at naught. One after another, as they abandoned hope, the disappointed gold seekers turned their backs on Meadow Lake, and went down the mountain.

More than \$2,000,000 had been poured into that bottomless abyss of California known as "dead work" to pay for mills, roads, buildings and mining.

For years the solitary inhabitant of Meadow Lake was Hartly, the Englishman who was mainly responsible for the existence of the town.

## CATS PROTECT CHICKENS.

Three Semi-Wild Baboons Upon a Hawk That Invaded a Poultry Yard.

H. C. Barnett, who lives near Media, has in his possession the body of a chicken hawk that was killed in a peculiar manner, reports the Philadelphia Record. Barnett is a general farmer, but makes specialty of poultry raising. Since he has owned the farm three old cats left by the former tenant have hung about the place in a semi-wild state. At first Barnett tried to tame the animals, but they repulsed all friendly overtures and took up their abode in the barn. However, as they did not harm the chickens they were not molested.

The other day, while Barnett was on his barn roof replacing some shingles, he heard a loud cackling in the yard below. Looking down, he saw a number of his chickens huddled together and seemingly greatly agitated. Then he discovered a large hawk just preparing to make a swoop. Barnett was preparing to descend to the rescue when the hawk made a plunge at the terrified fowls. The robber was leisurely preparing to carry off a chicken when there was a quick patter of feet and the three cats bounded into view. The hawk made an effort to escape with its prey, but the cats came to the rescue in the nick of time. The hawk made a spunk resistance, but the combined assault of the cats overpowered him, although only after a fierce battle. Barnett had reached the battlefield by this time, and he rescued the hawk's body from the cats.

## POETESS ON COMPLEXION.

She Says That Love and Sorrow Only Intensify the Beauty of Women.

A poetess of passion has written an article on the art of keeping young, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. She does not call it that and she devotes nearly all her space to complexions. Of figures or hair or dress or ideas she says not a word. She says women do not paint or calcinate their faces in this enlightened age, but they do work over them and think about them and spend money on them. They do not tell the men of their acquaintance the brand of cold cream or the make of loofah they employ, because men are prejudiced beings and cannot conceive of virtue and pearl powder in the same person. Many think soap and water insufficient cosmetics for any woman. The poetess of passion flouts him; she says there are scores of excellent persons of the feminine persuasion who never use soap on their faces. One of the most beautiful women she knew at 60 had a pink and white skin, the result of bathing in hot milk, and never having used soap.

The observing writer goes on to say that the popular idea that unattractive, unfeeling, unmotivated women alone can retain their youthful complexion is a fallacy. Love and sorrow intensify instead of spoiling beauty, she says. It is only the low and meager passions, like envy and spite and ill-temper, which mar the face beyond repair, and the poetess believes in skin tonics and skin food, massage and all the other scientific aids to beauty.

Cut His Name on Morro's Cannon. While the Yale was anchored off Morro castle, after the surrender of Santiago, a sailor by the name of McLean, to illustrate his patriotism, rowed ashore, climbed to the top of the great old structure, and filed his name good and deep in the topmost of the ancient guns which point out to the sea.

Russia's New Fortified Harbor.

Russia is going to turn the harbor of Libau, on the Baltic, near Riga, into a first-class naval station and fortress. The port will be closed to merchantmen and foreigners, for whom the harbor of Windau is being fitted up.

## REPRODUCES COLOR.

McDonough's New Photographic Process Put to Test.

Proves a Great Success in the Preparation of Stereoscopic Slides. Science Deeply Interested.

The McDonough color photography, used in the preparation of stereoscopic slides, proved to be a great success in the public test made at the Field museum, Chicago, the other day. The colors as they appeared on the screen, as well as those on the film, were perfectly reproduced. In the experiment the most difficult colors were dealt with, dull gold being the most in evidence. The pictures reproduced were of jewelry and vases taken from the pyramids of Egypt, and supposed to have been placed there by Queen Aahotep, 2,000 B. C. Twenty specimens of the curious oriental workmanship were exhibited on each slide. The colors shown were gold, carnelian, lapis lazuli and violet. The photographs had been taken from a color print page ten by twelve inches in size. The pictures were thrown on an immense screen.

The slides were used in the illustration of a lecture on "The Pyramids of Egypt," by Prof. James H. Breasted, of the University of Chicago. He spoke enthusiastically of the new discovery in photography which enabled him to present a scene in the colors of nature.

"Color photography is of incalculable importance in future culture," he said. "To be able to reproduce nature in its original color is a matter of such great import that it cannot be given adequate expression. To show the colors of nature in the tropics with its beautiful effects is an achievement of surpassing importance in the scientific world. It is the fruition of science, the culmination of scientific endeavor."

Prof. C. F. Millspaugh presided, and many members of the university were present. E. Burton Holmes was an interested spectator and expressed the belief that soon all plates for stereoscopic use would be made by the new method, which seemed superior to the old.

H. T. West, secretary of the International Color Photography company, represented those who are developing the McDonough process.

The scientists at the university are particularly interested in the isochromatic plates and pronounce them invaluable to science.

## INDIANS FIGHT BICYCLE.

Puyallup Reservation Near Tacoma, Wash. May Be the Scene of Trouble.

The Puyallup Indians of Pierce county, Wash., are making war upon bicycle riders. President John M. Bell, of the Wheelmen's association, has appealed to the county commissioners for protection. The principal bicycle path of the northwest, connecting Tacoma and Seattle, passes through the Puyallup reservation, and some of the more intelligent young Indians at the government school have abandoned the cause for the bicycle.

In the present difficulty these young men are working with the Wheelmen's association to punish the enemies of the bicycle. At first the Indians obstructed the path with brush and stones, following this move by felling trees across the path. This aroused the white wheelmen to a high pitch of indignation. At this point the Indians began threatening the younger members of the association. The Indians have become bolder and have chased several bicycle riders off the reservation.

## PRIEST PREACHES IN STREET.

Father McSweeney, of New York City, adopts a New Method to Reach People.

Open-air Catholic services were held in East Eleventh street, New York city, the other afternoon. Rev. Dr. McSweeney, rector of St. Bridget's church, who officiated, said that so far as he knew it was the first time Catholic clergymen in this country had gone into the streets to preach. If the innovation was successful in bringing lukewarm Catholics to a better performance of their duties, he proposed to continue it. He first obtained permission from Archbishop Corrigan to preach in the streets for the benefit of the large number of Italians in his parish who would not attend church. In New York city, he says, there are 130,000 Italians, all Roman Catholics, and of the number scarcely 10,000 attend church. In seeking for the cause of this indifference he found that the Italians were opposed to building or supporting churches because in their native land the government did that.

## GIVE BRAINS TO SCIENCE.

Many Great Men Promise Strange Bequests Requested by Dr. Wilder.

The extraordinary requests of Dr. Burt G. Wilder, professor of physiology in Cornell university, made in circular form, to numerous great men of New York city and elsewhere, that after death they shall permit their brains to be sent to Cornell for scientific purposes, is said to have met with a number of favorable replies.

Upon the death of the maker of such a bequest the documents in the case are to be sent to the relatives of the deceased, and, no objection being raised, the desired organ will be claimed and removed. It is calculated that the benefits to science resulting from this enterprise will be great.

## The Name of Argentina.

Argentina owes its name to the all-very reflection of its rivers.

## CORSETS KILL A COMEDIAN.

Tight-Lacing Responsible for the Death of Bernhard Rank, the German Actor.

Corsets, it is believed, caused the death of Bernhard Rank, the German comedian.

For years Rank played women's parts on the stage, which necessitated his wearing corsets. He was engaged by the Germania theater, New York, and became known as one of the best Saxon dialect comedians in the country.

His corpulence and age made the task of shaping his waist on the feminine pattern especially hard for Rank this year. He had always complained of having to wear corsets.

"If I was a woman," he said, "I would never wear them. I know how uncomfortable they are and how injurious, too, and if I could I would start an anti-corset crusade."

The Germania opened a week ago, with Rank in a woman's role in "The Corner Grocer of Avenue A."

He had been on a vacation all summer, and his corsets had to be laced extra tight. He suffered much pain and ascribed it to the corsets. He went to a physician about it, but received no relief.

Later the actor was attacked with severe pains in his side. He stayed in bed all day. When his servant went to call him at 6:30 o'clock in the evening he was found dead.

## PIN WAS IN HIS LUNG.

Exercise on Football Field Probably Saves Student's Life at Ansonia, Conn.

Fred Ward, a student at Taft preparatory school in Waterbury, a few miles north of Ansonia, Conn., swallowed the blowpin from an airgun at his home in New Haven last April. The pin lodged in one of his lungs, and almost immediately he began to fail. Several physicians were consulted, and everything known in medical science was done to remove the pin or relieve him, but it only resulted in failure, and Ward was threatened with death in consequence.

The young man is ambitious, however, and determined to continue his studies. At the beginning of the school year at Taft he made his appearance and joined his class. Before the accident he was a great lover of football and other athletics, and when the team was being made up at the school he went in for a trial.

On Wednesday he was practicing with the team and taking violent exercise. Suddenly he was attacked with a fit of coughing, and after the most violent effort he spat up the blowpin. Since then Ward has felt no soreness of the lungs, his appetite has returned, and his health is improving.

## FAST BEING EXTERMINATED.

Extinct of the Catch of the Pelagic Sealing Fleet-Small Catch by Regular Company.

An authentic report regarding the pelagic sealing fleet has just been received in San Francisco. Among the poachers that have made the largest catches were the following: Enterprise, 533 skins; Minnie, 400; San Diego, 673; Theresa, 320, and Otto, 727.

These skins, being excluded from the United States, are shipped to England, where the rookeries on Commander Island.

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