

WOULD TAKE HIS PLACE

Young Woman Who Wanted Secretary Alger to Let Her Believe Her Sick Soldier Lover.

Secretary Alger recently received a novel letter from a Pennsylvania girl which rather startled him and stamped the young woman as a heroine of the highest type.

The second was one which made the secretary's heart swell in admiration of the girl's courage. This was a proposal that if the soldier could not be spared she should be permitted to take his place in the regiment.

Secretary Alger did not lose any time in acting in the matter, and immediately telegraphed Gen. Otis to discharge the soldier and send him home on the first transport leaving for this country.

INDIANS SELECT A CHIEF

Pottawatomie Pick an Honorary Successor to the Dead Pokagon—Tradition of Tribe Observed.

About 100 of the Pottawatomie-Pokagon band of Michigan and northern Indiana held a council two miles north of Hartford, Mich., under the old council tree, nearby the residence of Indian Mezia.

It was proposed that one of the oldest Indians of the band should be chosen honorary chief, and inasmuch as different candidates would be presented that they should be voted for by ballot.

This was finally agreed to. Two veterans were selected to run for honorary chiefs. The chairman instructed one of them to take his position on the east side of the old council tree and the other on the west side.

TO STUDY HYBRID WHEAT.

Prof. Webber Will Pay a Visit to Europe for This Purpose.

Prof. H. J. Webber, of the division of vegetable physiology, department of agriculture, has sailed for Europe to attend a meeting of hybridists in London, held under the auspices of the Royal Horticultural society.

Garton Bros. have for ten or fifteen years been experimenting in wheat, with the intent of producing a harder and more fruitful variety than any yet known.

ALL HOPE ABANDONED.

The Fine Steamer Paris to Be Left to Her Fate on the Manacle Rocks.

Second Vice President James A. Wright, of the International Navigation company, says that the owners have given up the Paris, now on the Manacle rocks off Cornwall.

Liquor in St. Petersburg. There are 5,000 licensed liquor shops in St. Petersburg, against 25,000 a few years ago, and under the law a person can obtain but one drink of liquor in one tavern.

TO BE FINE SHIPS.

Six New Cruisers to Be Added to American Navy.

They Will Constitute a Distinctly New Type of War Vessel—Utility for Offensive Purposes is the Leading Characteristic.

Agreement has finally been reached after several months of discussion by the naval construction board on the details of the six fine cruisers, the Denver, the Des Moines, the Chattanooga and the Galveston, the Tacoma and the Cleveland, authorized by congress on March 3.

The approved designs contemplate greatly improved vessels of the Raleigh type, heavier in armament and protection, with much wider radius of action, at a sacrifice of two knots' speed, but with added comfort for the men and comparative independence of dry docks.

Utility for offensive purposes is the characteristic of the Denver class, that object having been kept sharply in view in the design as superior to all other desirable qualifications.

One of the most remarkable features of the new design is the large displacement adopted, congress having allowed only for vessels of the Detroit class.

The battery of these ships shows what faith the experts have in the five-inch caliber of 50 calibers in length, burning smokeless powder. Two of these guns will be mounted on the upper deck, one forward and the other aft, having ranges in all directions.

MUST FIND OUTSIDE MARKET.

Failure of German Beet Sugar Industry Depends Upon Large Export Trade.

A report of interest to beet sugar growers has been received by the state department from Consul Henry Diederich at Magdeburg. It is a collection of the most reliable statistics obtainable since 1877.

"As the future of the German export trade in sugar has of late been engaging many minds, I would call special attention to the above figures bearing on this export up to the present date. These very clearly show that Germany must find an outside market for two-thirds of her production, and that most of this surplus for the past five years has been sold to England and the United States.

SPINNING METAL.

Invention of a Cleveland Man That Promises Great Things for Metal Manufacture.

James H. Bevington, a Cleveland (O.) inventor of note, has completed a device for spinning metal which promises to work important changes in various lines of metal manufacturing.

Female Mariners. Female sailors are employed in Denmark, Norway and Finland, and they are often found to be most excellent mariners.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

Proves Such a Success and is So Liked by Farmers That It Will Be Extended.

Arrangements are being made at the post office department to extend the rural free delivery service at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1 an appropriation of \$300,000 becomes available, and with this fund the department will be enabled to give a large number of farmers almost as good mail service as suburbanites now have.

If the petition is indorsed by the member representing the district the post office department sends a special agent to look over the ground, map out a route, select carriers for appointment, and recommend the establishment of the service, if in his judgment it can be successfully and economically carried out.

Illinois will undoubtedly secure a large slice of this appropriation, as a number of applications are already on file, and will be acted upon favorably. Reports from sections where the service is in operation show the farmers are greatly pleased with it, as it enables them to transact business with greater facility and receive the daily newspapers almost as early as suburban residents.

DOING GOOD WORK.

Splendid Schools Established in Porto Rico by the United States Government.

Hon. John W. Eaton, who in company with Dr. Victor S. Clark, was sent to Porto Rico last January as inspector of public instruction, has returned to make his report.

"We have tried in our work," he said, "not to throw the American system just as it is at the Porto Ricans, but to adapt and modify it to their needs, retaining the fundamental principles which have long ago proved their correctness, but changing the details to suit the best interest of the people.

"We have started a great change in this state of affairs, Gen. Henry authorizes the appropriation by the general government of \$32,000 for the good of education during the coming year, and the Society of Education, which has been formed for the benefit of the children, is doing a great work for good in that direction.

HAD REMOVED REMAINS.

Body of "Barefoot King of Hawaii" Found to Have Been Taken from its Tomb.

The report comes from Honolulu that when the tomb of Lunaillo, the "barefoot king of Hawaii," was recently opened it was found that the remains had been removed and that the metal casket contained only portions of the grave clothes. It is surmised that the body may have been taken by natives to a heathen grave in the mountains, as a thunderstorm on the day of the burial had much affected his superstitious subjects.

European Cycling Tour. While on his present trip to Europe President Keenan, of the League of American Wheelmen, will complete the appointment of L. A. W. representatives in all of the continental countries.

Rhine Wines. A German chemist explains, in Prometheus, why Rhine wines are famous, even if they are apt to be sour. They have more than the usual amount of bouquet, due to lack of excessive sunshine and heat, which in all countries diminish the fragrance of fruits and wines.

Dairy Progress in Great Britain. As a result of dairy progress in Great Britain the import of Canadian cheese fell last year to the extent of about \$2,000,000.

GROVER A POACHER.

Ex-President Ordered Off a Farmer's Fishing Grounds.

Wanders Into Forbidden Waters and is Not Recognized by the Excited Owner of the Place—Unwittingly Got Even.

Grover Cleveland, former president of the United States, was stopped while poaching trout on the land of Frank Johnson, a farmer of Tyringham, near Winsted, Conn., the other day, and ordered from the place.

The distinguished statesman went to Tyringham as the guest of Richard Watson Gilder, who has a residence there. The place is in the Berkshire hills, just over the Massachusetts state line.

Johnson has some of the best fishing waters in the neighborhood, and protects them with difficulty. A few weeks ago he caused the arrest of a poacher. When he saw Mr. Cleveland on his grounds he "stalked" him, creeping along a hedge until he came to the spot where the large, lone fisherman had just landed a big trout.

HUNTING AND FISHING ON THESE LANDS STRICTLY PROHIBITED BY LAW.

"Ha!" he shouted, as he burst through a thicket and rushed up waving a stick, "I've caught you at last, have I?" "But, my dear sir—" Mr. Cleveland began.

"Don't you 'dear sir' me," shouted Johnson, who was white with anger. "You just get off my property, and don't you lose any time about it, either, or I'll have you arrested."

Mr. Cleveland had only one thing to do, and he did it. He made his way to a fence and climbed over it, but for a moment he sat on the top rail, and it collapsed under his weight. It was Johnson's fence, and the mishap to it made the farmer madder than ever.

"First you steal my trout and then you destroy my fences." But the former president had vanished. Neighbors went to Mr. Johnson and told him who the trespasser was. Instead of being sorry, he said: "Grover Cleveland, eh? That's the man who wouldn't appoint me village postmaster when the whole place indorsed me. It beats all how vindictive some men are, and I never did a thing to him."

Mr. Cleveland started at once for Gray Gables.

TAKES A JAUNT TO PARIS.

New York District Telegraph Messenger Boy Goes on a Vacation on Borrowed Funds.

Carl Wonderman, 15 years of age and repentant, is in the New York Tombs for the little matter of a jaunt he took to Paris in company with another lad, Henry Myer, on money which did not belong to him.

He received \$27.50 from the Union Trust company and a check and some other coupons at two Wall street institutions. Some time later Carl met the Myer youth in East Broadway. Myer became friendly, and presently the boys found themselves on a ferry-boat bound for Jersey City.

The boys went to Philadelphia, where they spent some of the money, and returned the next day, taking La Gascogne for France. What followed is told in a letter dated May 19 from Arnold de Foliard at the American law office. He wrote to Mr. Wonderman at his home, 168 Suffolk street, saying that Carl had thrown himself upon the mercy of the consul general after two days of sightseeing in Paris.

THE CAPTURED CANNON.

War Department Gets Rid of a Perplexing Task by Turning it Over to the Governors.

The war department has solved the question as to the disposition of the artillery captured from Spain in Cuba and Porto Rico by turning the whole matter over to the governors of the states. Very many applications have been received at the department for the gift or loan of these guns, and the pressure has been renewed since the navy department made known the fact that all of its guns had been disposed of.

Consists of Lincoln and Davis. John Peverley, a commercial traveler of Wichita, Kan., is a distant cousin of both Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis. Mr. Peverley's grandfather was first cousin to Lincoln's father, and his grandmother was first cousin to Davis' father.

REMARKABLE FAMILY.

All Its Members Have Never Been Under the Same Roof at One Time.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Scott, who live near Navilleton, Floyd county, Ind., will for the first time, when they celebrate their golden wedding February 13, 1900, see all their children together under the same roof.

Of the children born ten were boys, and the latter at an early age, especially the older ones, started out for themselves. All the children have seen each other, but not at the same time. They are so widely scattered that a family reunion is almost out of the question.

The conclusion of a courtship conducted by telegraph came in Jersey City the other day, when Wilbur F. Cannon, a manufacturer of Denver, and member of the Colorado legislature, was married to Mary Frances Fairchild, organist of the West Side Methodist Episcopal church.

COULDN'T TALK TO A WOMAN.

Man's Tongue Gets Him Into Jail in Texas—New Use of the Injunction.

J. R. Warfield, state agent for the American Tobacco company, was the other day remanded to the custody of Sheriff Ben E. Cabell, at Dallas, Tex., where he was kept for three days and until he had paid a fine of \$100, assessed against him by District Judge Richard Morgan.

Warfield repeatedly violated the injunction and was adjudged to be in contempt of court by Judge Morgan, who fined him \$100 and ordered him sent to jail for three days. Warfield appealed at once, taking the case to the court of criminal appeals. After weeks of waiting that tribunal affirmed the order of the lower court.

The mandate sending Warfield to jail came and he was hurried to prison. The decision of the court says the right of free speech, guaranteed by the constitution, shall not be exercised in breaking up the family relations.

WAS A GOVERNMENT PLATE.

"Monroe Head" Engraving on \$100 Counterfeit Bills Was Stolen from Vaults at Washington.

According to the story printed in the Denver News the government secret service officials here have just received the information that the plate from which the famous "Monroe head" \$100 counterfeit was printed, was not the work of Taylor and Bredell, the confessed counterfeiters, but was stolen from the government vaults at Washington, only the work printed in colors being done by the men now under arrest.

An official report made by the admiralty hydrographer states that the principal passage for large vessels entering the Thames, known as the Duke of Edinburgh channel, has been silting up since 1882, and is now reduced from a width of a mile and a half to a mile. It seems possible that it will some day be completely choked up, necessitating a long circuit. The middle Swin passage is also much contracted, threatening to compel changes in the lights and buoys.

THE TRUNK UMBRELLA.

The trunk umbrella, as its name would imply, is an idea brought out by some simple minded philanthropist. It is nothing more or less than a folding umbrella, one that doubles conveniently in the middle of the cane and can be gently laid in the tray of an ordinary trunk.

Agua's Portable Capital. Aguinaldo ought to be satisfied, says the Chicago Record, with the splendid demonstration he has made to military scientists as to the value of his plan of portable capitals.

Col. Thomas Fletcher and John D. Braddock, of Arkansas, will give to that state all the granite needed to construct the new capitol building.

WON'T BUY NEW UNIFORMS.

Naval Officers Succeed in Having an Obnoxious Order Revoked by Secretary Long.

There was rejoicing among the officers of the navy when they heard the secretary of the navy had revoked the order requiring them to buy \$100 worth of new uniforms by October 1, 1900. They made such earnest protest and there was such unanimity to the objection raised to any change in the official apparel of the service that Secretary Long reconsidered his order, which he had evidently signed without much consideration and on the recommendation of an officer who is considered a crank on the subject.

The announcement that the order has been entirely revised and that no material change will be made in the uniform means the saving to officers of a good deal of money. They felt that the abandonment of one style of coat for another was nothing better than a whim and that they were without protection against any official who desired to make changes as the notion struck him.

The only change now ordered is the placing of shoulder marks instead of shoulder straps on the white service coat and on the overcoat. This change is one which meets with favor and does not operate as a hardship. In all other respects the naval uniform remains the same. Those who admired the handsome blouse will not suffer the shock of seeing it displaced by the ugly double-breasted garment worn in the British navy.

WINS BRIDE BY TELEGRAPH.

Denver Manufacturer Keeps the Wires Hot Telling His Tale of Love and Wins Out at Last.

The train pulled out of Denver Mr. Cannon said he would continue their talk by wire. The train had not gone many miles on its eastward journey before the conductor handed Miss Fairchild a long telegram, and the answer was prepaid. This electric love-making was continued all the way across the continent.

That was the beginning of the telegraph courtship. It became an institution. Mr. Cannon and Miss Fairchild exchanged interesting wires daily. They had the advantage over letters in being quicker.

Mr. and Mrs. Cannon will stay for awhile at New Haven and then go to Denver, where the manufacturer has prepared a beautiful home for the bride he won by wire.

FORTUNE IN REVENUE STAMPS.

Mortgage on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Filled at New York Carries \$20,000 Worth.

There has been placed on record in the office of the recorder of deeds at New York a copy of the prior lien mortgage of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company to the Mercantile Trust company, and a copy of the first mortgage of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company to the United States Trust company, of New York, and John A. Stewart. The interesting part of this transaction was the presence on the papers of revenue stamps of the value of \$99,000. Most of them are stamps of the value of \$50 each. The stamps attached to the prior lien mortgage papers aggregate \$37,300, and those to the first mortgage to \$31,500.

THAMES CHANNEL SILTING UP.

The Principal Passage Has Been Reduced Two-Thirds in Width Since 1882.

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