

WOMAN MISER'S BOARD.

Mrs. Hunnicutt, Who Lived Alone, Left \$11,000 in Her Hat on Cherokee Strip.

The sum of \$11,000 in bills was found in the house of Mrs. Lucy Hunnicutt, on the Cherokee strip, a few days ago.

When she died her remains were sent to Greencastle, Ind., for interment, at the request of her relatives living there.

A few days ago it was reopened, and in removing the household goods the money was found under the carpets.

Mrs. Hunnicutt was Miss Lucy Crow, daughter of a farmer in Putnam county, Ind. At 20 years of age she married Hunnicutt against her father's wishes.

She then obtained a divorce from Hunnicutt and lived alone in her little house for six years, up to the time of her death.

MAKES FORTUNE IN WEST.

Former Canal Driver Distributes \$15,000 Among Relatives on Christmas Day.

Patrick McGinn left Oswego, N. Y., for California in 1853. For ten years previous to his departure for the west he was a driver on the Black River canal.

All of the relatives of Mr. McGinn who live in Oswego were invited to attend a Christmas party given in his honor at the residence of Mrs. T. G. Burnett, his niece.

He thereupon presented to each of his married relatives \$1,000; to each unmarried relative \$500; to each female relative a new dress, and to each male relative a new suit of clothes.

AN IMMENSE FOSSIL.

Petrified Animal of Prehistoric Times Found in Chilli-Cross Between Alligator and Lizard.

A fossil, evidently prehistoric and a cross between an alligator and a lizard, was found at Caldera, a seaport of Chilli, by Archie MacKenzie August 26 last lying on a sunken rock near the north beach.

Evidently an uncommonly low tide at the time of the discovery had washed back the sand which perhaps had covered the fossil for many years and left it exposed to view.

HOW ROBERTS HEARD NEWS.

British General First Learns of His Son's Death While at Travelers' Club.

Lord Roberts, says the London Outlook, learned of his son's death at the Travelers' club. He was talking to a distinguished general at a little distance from the tape round which was formed a circle of members.

Some one who did not know Lord Roberts was present exclaimed: "Good heavens! Bob's son is killed."

He read the fatal intelligence, then walked out of the club without a word, the members gazing after him with silent, affectionate sympathy.

VANDERBILTS IN FRANCE.

W. K. and His Bride, Formerly Virginia Fair, Take an Automobile Trip from Nice to Paris.

From the Riviera at Paris the news comes that young W. K. Vanderbilt and his wife, who was Virginia Fair, are just back in Nice after an extended automobile trip through Marseilles, Cete, Narbonne, as far as Paris and return.

The trip consumed three weeks. In the course of which the young couple had many picturesque experiences at curious wayside inns and 80 cents a day (everything included) country hotels.

They met with only two or three accidents, and those without gravity. The weather was ideal throughout the journey.

ARMY CHAPLAINS.

Bill Being Drafted Which if Passed Will Improve Their Personnel in the Army.

Army chaplains may be benefited by the draft of the law which is being prepared in the war department. It is proposed to increase the number of chaplains to 42, or one for each regiment of regulars.

There is also a plan to give chaplains better pay, and, strange as this may seem, the proposition appears to come from officers on duty in Washington who have hitherto been unsparring in their criticisms of army chaplains.

Some of the authorities have a plan for improving the personnel of the corps by apportioning the chaplains to the various religious denominations and permitting the church authorities to designate the chaplain to represent the respective creeds.

This is frequently done in the Catholic church, and sometimes in some of the Protestant churches, but generally the appointment depends upon the political and personal influence commanded by the candidate.

Government Policy Discouraging Indian Wild West Shows Causes Alarm to Showmen.

Since the recent announcement of the new policy of the interior department discouraging wild Indian exhibitions the department has been deluged with both written and oral inquiries. Col. W. F. Cody has protested that the action will nearly ruin his business.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S FUTURE.

He Was Sixty-Two on Christmas, But Will Continue on the Active List.

Admiral George Dewey was 62 years of age Christmas day, and, under the ordinary process of law, would have been placed on the retired list on that account. The special law under which he was advanced to the head of the navy makes no provision for his retirement, and, therefore, he will continue on the active list of the navy, in all probability, until his death.

WEDS SAME WOMAN THRICE.

And Now John Crisman Seeks to Be Freed from Her for a Third Time.

John Crisman, a horse dealer of Perry, O. T., has married the same woman three times. Crisman was first married to Pauline Rodenbaugh at Bryan, O., 30 years ago.

RACE PREJUDICE NORTH AND SOUTH.

It will have to be admitted that there is a prejudice against colored men in the skilled trades which must and does inure to their material disadvantage, and which nothing but the lapse of time and the spread of education will overcome.

COASTLY WATER SUPPLY.

London's new water supply will cost \$35,000,000.

BARTENDER BECOMES A COUNT.

Romance in the Life of a Mixer of Drinks at Pleasanton, California.

From the ordinary sphere of a cocktail mixer to the exalted position of a Russian count has been the rapid flight to fortune of Hugh Kruger, of Pleasanton, Alameda county, Cal.

A few days ago Kruger announced he was about to return to his native land, and in this connection the secret of his past life became public. He is a descendant of the Russian nobility. At the age of 30 he fell in love with a peasant girl. When his father learned of his intention to wed a woman so far beneath his social station he sent him to America for a pleasure trip in the hope that he would forget the object of his affections.

GERMANY THE GAINER.

England's Carrying Trade Being Diverted Owing to Use of Her Steamships as Transports.

Charles H. Cramp, of Philadelphia, in speaking of the extensive shipping facilities which England is employing in the conduct of its South African war, said:

"No war in the history of Europe has ever used so much of the great transportation facilities of the ocean. Today practically every fast transatlantic liner in the merchant marine service of England has been impressed into the transport service, and the effect will be most marked in the carrying trade of that country. Germany is already securing a profitable foothold in transatlantic navigation, and she will maintain it for years to come."

FIRST COIN GOES TO LOUBET.

La Fayette Memorial Dollars All in the Hands of the Monument Committee.

The first silver dollars of the LaFayette memorial monument series was presented to the president by George E. Roberts, the director of the mint, and will be sent to President Loubet, of France. The entire issue of 50,000 LaFayette dollars authorized by congress has been coined and turned over to the association in charge of the monument fund.

A MARVELOUS TOP.

Prof. Jacobus Invents a Toy Which Will Spin Forty-Three and One-Half Minutes.

A marvelous top, capable of spinning 43 1/2 minutes and then remaining erect and still, has been constructed by Prof. Charles Jacobus, for many years president of the New Brunswick (N. J.) schools, but now of Springfield, Mass. The inventor of this top guards it carefully and never allows it to pass out of his hands. He has spun it scores of times before scientists in New York, Philadelphia and many other cities. He spun it a short time ago before the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, who devoted one hour to watching it. The inventor calls it a scientific top, and when it is not in use he locks it up in a case and carries the case with him.

A CORKSCREW BOAT.

A Brooklyn Inventor Finds Capital With Which to Test His New Style Vessel.

James Gresham, of Brooklyn, has found capital to demonstrate the commercial usefulness or success of his corkscrew boat, for which is anticipated a speed of 50 miles an hour. W. J. Arkell has organized a private syndicate of New York capitalists, with which to build a small boat on the corkscrew plan, with the further understanding that if it demonstrates its ability on a commercial scale to approximate the speed which the models have reached the syndicate will furnish enough capital to build a modern boat.

PIGEONS FOR ARMY.

Shows in Report to Secretary Root the Advantage of Rapid Communication Between Sections of an Army Operating Together.

It is possible a carrier pigeon service may be adopted for the army. A proposition to this effect has been made by officers, one of whom in a report to Secretary Root says: "The necessity of rapid and reliable transmission of information is recognized everywhere, and no argument is needed to demonstrate that those military forces which possess the most complete system of intercommunication are best able to operate in concert, and therefore possess a distinct advantage over their adversaries."

"Of these the first two trace their origin to antiquity; the others are comparatively modern institutions. In recent years experiments have been made by one or two European powers with trained dogs as dispatch bearers or as guards against surprises from the enemy. Our army has neither trained dogs nor a signal service. About 12 years ago the signal corps established a station at Key West with the intention of training birds to fly from the West Indian islands, but the enterprise failed."

MANY STARE AT BELLE MCCOY.

Young Woman in Wild Western Garb Excites Wonder in St. Louis Depot.

Miss Belle McCoy, en route to her home near Silver City, N. M., from Devil's Lake, S. D., where she has been visiting, attracted a great deal of attention at the Union station, St. Louis, the other day, where she appeared dressed in a suit of brown corduroy with skirts just touching the tops of her shiny shoes. A large white sombrero with a broad white feather rested jauntily upon her curls, and a red silk handkerchief fastened at her throat, the ends thrust negligently into her jacket, completed her attire. An ivory-handled revolver peeped out of her belt.

NEW WAY OF MAKING COKE.

General Process is Being Thoroughly Tested by a Tennessee Coal Company.

A new way of making coke, known as the Keneval process, is undergoing a series of tests in Knoxville, Tenn., under the direction of the Tennessee Coal and Coke company. So far the tests have met the expectations of its advocates and the hope is entertained that a solution of the difficulties of making coke with a high percentage of sulphur has at last been found.

BLOODHOUNDS FOR OHIO CRIMINALS.

James H. Robertson, Mayor of Canton, O., has purchased by authority of the town council and with money subscribed by the citizens two bloodhounds to be used by the police for the tracking of criminals.

MAY DISPLACE COPPER.

High Price of the Metal May Cause Telegraph Companies to Substitute Aluminum for It.

The long-sustained price of 25 1/2 cents a pound on copper, as fixed by the Amalgamated Copper company, will result in important and far-reaching industrial changes, according to the statement of William H. Baker, vice president and general manager of the Postal Telegraph company.

PETRIIFIED BODY IS FOUND.

Startling Discovery Made by Boys Playing in Swampy District in Ohio.

Some boys, while playing in a swampy district between Canal Dover and Canton, found several petrified parts of a woman's body. The boys at once notified James A. Blair, who was passing along the road near the swamp, and he began an investigation.

IN SILK ATTIRE.

Ma Su, a Japanese saloon boy of the steamer America Maru, was arrested Monday night by Customs Inspector Durkin for attempting to smuggle some valuable silk goods from the vessel, says the San Francisco Examiner.

MORE THAN ONE MIND CAN GRASP.

There are many literary societies in Atchison, Kan., says the Globe of that city, but no one knows the use of all the articles in a toilet case.

ONE EXAMINATION FOR ALL.

Colleges Unite in Establishing an Entrance Examination Board—Advantages of the Plan.

Steps toward the organization of a joint college admission examination board have been taken at a conference held at Columbia university, New York city, between representatives from colleges of the middle states and Maryland.

The institutions represented at the conference were Barnard college, Bryn Mawr, Columbia, Cornell university, New York university, Princeton university, Rutgers college, Union college, the University of Pennsylvania, Vassar college, and the Woman's college of Baltimore. President Low, of Columbia university, presided.

It was voted unanimously to establish a college entrance examination board. This board will consist of a representative from every college in the middle states and Maryland having a freshman class of 50 or more students that is willing to adopt the plan.

The secondary schools will have five representatives on the board. The board will appoint each year a staff of examiners. The examinations will be held at a number of convenient points throughout the middle states, and it is agreed that certificates issued by the board shall be accepted by the colleges in lieu of their independent entrance examinations, although the latter will be continued for the present.

COUPLE MARRIED BY WIRE.

Mulatto in Kentucky Becomes Bride of Soldier in New Mexico—Starts to Join Her Husband.

Kentucky's first marriage by wire came to the knowledge of the public the other day. The groom was Private Samuel Wheeler, of troop H, Ninth United States cavalry, at Fort Wingate, N. M., and the bride was Lizzie Hummons, a pretty mulatto girl of Winchester, Ky.

The bridegroom and bride were brought into use, and the cost was quite heavy. Rev. S. P. Young, of Lexington, officiated and sent a message over the wire to the groom-elect at Fort Wingate, a distance of 1,175 miles, asking if he would take Lizzie for his lawful wife. The reply came as quickly as it could under the circumstances. Meanwhile the wedding feast was enjoyed. At the other end of the line the ceremony was conducted by Chaplain Foster, of the Ninth cavalry, and a magistrate of Fort Wingate. Immediately after the marriage had been effected the young woman consulted a lawyer to ascertain if it was binding. Being assured in the affirmative, she took the train to join her husband. Wheeler enlisted in the army from Kentucky and was assigned to the Ninth cavalry.

FOR USE IN TROPICS.

Improved Hospital Tent Which It is Heated—Modification of the Present Style.

Capt. E. L. Munson, an army surgeon on duty at Washington Barracks, has devised a hospital tent for use in the tropics. The modification of the present style consists in cutting out a space of 12 by four feet of the roof of the tent, the canvas being replaced by a rope netting. A false ridge pole is carried one foot above the true ridge, and over this the fly is stretched. The fly is of greater dimensions than the one now in use. The advantages claimed are better ventilation, lower temperature in the tent, free lateral ventilation when tents are pitched together to form a ward, and, due to better ventilation, greater capacity for patients. The tent was examined and reported upon. Its advantages over the present hospital tent for tropical countries or during the heated term are so apparent that it is recommended the tent be issued for trial in the field.

FOR YALE SUBMARINE LIGHT.

The Russian Government gives an Order for the American Invention.

It was announced at New Haven, Conn., the other day that an order has just been received by the inventors of the Yale submarine light from the Russian government. This marks the last of the leading European powers to order an invention of Yale undergraduates which has attracted the attention of the scientific world. The lamp was invented about a year ago by F. C. Hall, Jr., of New York city, and I. E. Burdick, of Danville, N. Y. The United States government report on experiments that have been made with the lights say that they were especially valuable for making minute examinations of wrecks. The lamp is a combination of a mechanism chamber and a glass globe. It has a power of 2,000 candle light, the glass globe containing two carbons. The light is 21 inches in length.

SLOT MACHINE STAMPS LETTERS.

English postal authorities are making experiments in an automatic letter mailing device which will do away with the old style of "stick-with-a-lick" postage stamp. The new apparatus resembles a slot machine and is an adaptation of this idea. It can be placed on the street corners or in the post offices. By putting a penny in the slot the letter is thrust into a slot and a dry or ribbon stamp puts a stamp on the corner of the letter, when it can be dropped into the box. The machine cancels the stamp, with the date, time of day, etc., all at one operation.