

TOWN INVADED BY BEES

Entire police force of Austin, a Chicago suburb, is engaged in running down 300,000 disturbers of the peace...

While the police force have not succeeded in locking up any of the law-breakers, they have had frequent battles with them, and a number of bloods have been wounded.

The disturbers were brought to Austin by a former resident of Glen Ellyn, and in his country are known as bees.

Children were stung by the bees, and finally they organized "beeing" parties. The bees were not to be driven off, but more children went home with swollen faces and hands.

As a last resort the police were notified, and an order was issued to arrest or drive all the bees out of Austin.

When a swarm took possession of the bakery and candy shop of Fox & Co., the bee troubles came to a crisis.

An attacking party, armed with fire pans and insect powder, finally drove the insects out and followed them to the roof of the apartment house owned by Edwin F. Abbott.

Further investigation disclosed the name of the owner of the bees. He is John P. Weibler, who is employed in Chicago, but also is interested in an industry.

Physician Who Attended Earl Li Hung Chang Declares the Chinese-man Lived Too Stressfully.

Dr. Robert Colman, who was personal physician to the late Earl Li Hung Chang, has returned to Washington to visit relatives whom he has not seen for many years.

"He killed himself with work," said the doctor in speaking of the death of his distinguished patient.

"Conditions in the empire are steadily improving. The powers are gradually withdrawing the surveillance which they exercised so strictly after the close of the rebellion.

"I do not think it wise to attempt for some time to rehabilitate the outlying mission fields. The fanaticism of the natives is too strong."

A PLAY ON WORDS. The Marriage of Miss Weeks to Mr. Day Affords Opportunity for Amusing Couplet.

An English paper records the recent marriage near Cornwall of Miss Jane Weeks to Mr. Thomas Day, and adds: A Day is gained.

This, comments the Chicago Record-Herald, will doubtless come as a shock to Prof. E. Benjamin Andrews, who says some means must soon be found for limiting the earth's population.

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CUSTOM GIVES HIM POWER

The Unbounded Authority of the English Premier Has No Basis in the Nation's Law.

The prime minister of England, strange as it may seem, has no legal status; neither has any of the members of his cabinet.

Although exercising the powers attaching to the office makes him practically such. The real head of the government is, of course, the king, who is represented in the executive administration by the cabinet.

There is no secretary to the cabinet, for the reason that no notes are ever taken at its meetings, the premier reporting verbally to the sovereign the principal events which have taken place and the questions discussed.

The premier is not an officer by itself, and it carries no salary with it, like the other government ministerial positions.

There are four lords of the treasury, and the first is usually prime minister, while the other three are known by the well-known parliamentary term of "junior lords."

Most of the railways in Egypt have been built and are owned by the state, and in the Railway Magazine Mr. A. Vale gives some description of them.

The Alexandria line is now considered the crack line of Egypt. It is by far the most frequented line in the country as regards passenger as well as goods traffic.

The railway from Ismailia to Port Said is characterized by Mr. Vale as "a disgrace." The Suez Canal company, to whom it belongs, officially call it a "steam tramway."

The state of New York now has a baby forest in the Adirondacks where trees are being raised to reforest a denuded tract.

Black and white ostrich plumes come from the male bird, the gray from the female. The feathers are not plucked out, as one might imagine, but are clipped off with a sharp knife.

What Did the Heen? Mother (extending first-born)—Don't you see a resemblance?—Look at our faces side by side.

Sanitary Regulations of City Health Boards Are Hurting the Trade of Tobacconists.

"I suppose this board of health ordinance to stop spitting in street cars and all public places is a good thing," said a New York tobacco dealer.

"I don't know whether I've had any compensation for smaller chewing tobacco sales or not. My cigar and smoking tobacco trade has grown right along. I've been trying to figure out whether the decline of tobacco chewing has anything to do with it, or whether it is just a natural increase, but I can't tell with any certainty."

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FOREIGN GOSSIP

In the German empire, extensive of Bavaria and Wurtemberg, there are 3,303 long-distance telephone stations.

The women of Ainu, North Japan, admired bearded faces, and they tattoo their own faces to make them seem sprouting with whiskers.

The Lincoln cathedral occupied 90 years in building. An English commentator has recently estimated that he could reproduce it in a few years for \$5,000,000.

A unique instance of an English lad taking part in the late war was mentioned at the prize distribution at Cheltenham college recently.

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WHERE WOMEN ARE BUTCHERS

Curious Result of War Waged by Paraguay Thirty Years Ago Against Brazilian Forces.

All of the butchers of Paraguay are women, and many other occupations also which invariably are assumed elsewhere by men have fallen to the lot of the gentler sex.

The cause of this state of things, according to historical authority, is the heroic war waged by Paraguay more than 30 years ago against the overwhelming forces of Brazil, the Argentine Republic and Uruguay combined.

When the war was over the people had been reduced to the most abject poverty and were on the verge of starvation, being driven to such expedients as to eat cats, dogs and horses.

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FEUD AGAINST THE TARTARS

Secret Societies in China Whose Chief Object is to War Upon "Foreign Devils."

To give a full history of these secret societies as they exist in China now would exhaust the labors of a score of annalists and of hundreds of investigators.

Among the societies some stand above their fellows in strength of numbers and in the power of closely knit organization. There is the Ta-Tao-Hui, or the Society of the Great Sword, whose sole purpose is the expulsion of the white man from China.

When the Chinese present-day is having the obvious thrust upon his vision. A tyranny, such as, in effect, the Chinese government is, exists so long only as it appears to the tyrannized to be omnipotent.

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OPIMUM IN HAWAII

The Drug is Openly Used in All Parts of the Territory—No Legal Restrictions.

Hawaii is a paradise for the opium eater. Nowhere else is its sale so unrestricted or its use so widespread.

When the customs offices were taken over by the United States it was recognized that the laws of the smaller republic as to prohibiting the importation of opium could no longer be enforced, and the drug was allowed to enter upon payment of the high duty assessed under the tariff act.

Members of the Anti-Saloon league may take up the task of ridding Hawaii from the opium evil. They intend to move along the line of the "original package" decisions in Kansas and Iowa, by which prohibition was enforced in these states a few years ago.

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