

MAKE CROPS GROW IN SAND

Agricultural Society Is Reclaiming Waste Land in New Jersey for Farmers' Use.

Hammonton, N. J.—Farmers of Atlantic county are especially interested in the bill introduced in the legislature by Mr. Miller of Cumberland county...

FINDS A STRANGE MISSILE.

Texas Man Picks Up Cannon Ball of Peculiar Pattern on Old Battlefield.

Whitewright, Tex.—Kit Cowan, of Whitewright, has in his possession a peculiar specimen of cannon ball or projectile...

The battlefield of Babop's Pilot Mount lies between Monterey and this city, but is perhaps ten miles from where the ball was found.

HISTORY OF DECLARATION.

Col. William H. Michael's Book on Independence Movement a Public Document.

Washington—Colonel William H. Michael, chief clerk of the state department, has published a book by order of congress, giving an illustrated history of the Declaration of Independence...

STAR YARN OF THE WINTER

New Hampshire Farmer Tells of Witch Grass Growing on Family Kitten's Back.

Nashua, N. H.—John Groves, of Hadson, furnishes the star yarn of a prolific winter. New Hampshire farmers have long told of the hardihood of witch grass...

SHOCK OF FORTUNE IS FATAL.

Mrs. Thomas Boyer, who recently inherited \$75,000 as her share of the estate of her brother, James Tiltman, a Sussex county (N. J.) farmer, died of general debility aggravated, it is thought, by the shock caused when she received the news of her legacy.

BIG RABBIT TRADE

KENTUCKY COUNTY IS GREAT TRAPPING CENTER.

Hawesville Shipped Over 30,000 of the Animals to Outside Stations During the Past Winter—Cannot Supply Demand.

Hawesville, Ky.—That more rabbits are produced in Hancock county than any other community in Kentucky is evident from the great number that is annually shipped from this place.

Although this is one of the smallest counties in the state in area, it is, no doubt, the largest rabbit market in the southern states. About 30,000 rabbits were shipped from Hancock county last winter to the big cities...

The snares are made by bending a small bush and fastening it to a prong, which is driven into the ground, by means of a trigger and button...

In a number of instances negroes have been known to pay as high as 25 to 50 cents for a rabbit that was caught in a graveyard so that they might get the left hind foot to carry in their pockets...

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR CAT.

Black Angus, Namesake of Alice Roosevelt, Will Allow Only Feline "400" at "Coming Out."

Sharon, Pa.—Invitations have been issued by Mrs. J. C. Hitchcock, of New Castle for a fashionable feline party in honor of the third anniversary of her black Angus cat Alice, named for President Roosevelt's daughter.

FORTUNE FOR OLD DISHES.

Set Buried in Days of Indian Attacks Is Now Valued at About \$10,000.

Oneonta, N. Y.—There has been much interest in the suit pending over the possession of the rare old dishes dug up on a farm near West Edmeston, in this county, in 1903.

GREEN CARNATION AT LAST.

A C. Stillace has been trying for six years in California and the east to produce a green carnation and at last he has succeeded. He refused to explain the process, except that prepared soil is used.

ONCE PAINTER, NOW A MAYOR.

Robert Buckell, who in 1866 was a journeyman house painter in Terre Haute, Ind., has just been elected lord mayor of Oxford, England, for the third time.

NOT OFTEN IS IT THIS.

The republic of Panama has celebrated the first anniversary of its birth and established a new record for that latitude. It has run for a year without a revolution.

AMERICAN TURNS CHINESE.

Although Born in United States, Boy, Adopted by Orientals. Thinks He Is a Foreigner.

Portland, Ore.—One of the most remarkable cases ever brought to light by the police of Portland is that of Luk Yi, now 14 years old and of white parentage.

Patrolman Galbraith made the discovery and reported the case to Capt. Moore. Chief Hunt will probably take up the matter and see if there is anything that should be done by the officials.

As the matter stands, the boy, although an American, does not know it, for when he was but three months old, a Chinese woman now living in Astoria secured him from his mother and kept him for many years.

It is a case, the police declare, where an American-born lad has been robbed of his nativity and the privilege of growing up as others, being deprived even of the knowledge of the difference between his present life and what he should have been.

LITTLE GIRL IS A MARVEL.

Mary Ada Hendricks, 12 Years Old, Without Arms, Uses Her Toes Like Fingers.

Owingsville, Ky.—Twelve-year-old Mary Ada Hendricks, who resides with her parents in Ansel, Wayne county, Ky., is undoubtedly the most wonderful girl in the United States—barring Helen Keller.

Although born without arms, Miss Hendricks can perform many feats that a girl possessed of her own arms cannot do. She is proud to be able to perform.

Miss Hendricks cuts and makes the prettiest of artificial flowers. They cannot be told from those made by the two-armed species of girl.

Three "openings" have made Oklahoma—the original one, in 1889, taking in the central portion; the Cherokee strip, in 1893, including the northern side, and the Kiowa, Comanche and Arapahoe lands in August, 1901, which were the western southwest corner.

POTATO PATCH AN ELDERADO.

Something like gold mining profits will be possible soon without the trouble of digging deeper than is necessary to turn up the homely potato.

College Yell Means Death There. In this country when the college yell goes along the street the disciple of the quiet life only feels bored and wonders why the police do not do their duty.

CURE OF REAL MERIT.

An eastern college freshman, who was seriously hurt while being hosed, has brought suit against the college for heavy damages. A few strong doses of this kind of medicine will cure the hazing disease.

NEW STATE IS LARGE

SIZE OF OKLAHOMA EQUALS THAT OF KANSAS.

In Population It Exceeds Sixteen of Present Commonwealths of Union—Agricultural Future Bright with Promise.

Kansas City.—Oklahoma and Indian Territory will make a state substantially the same size as Kansas. This is smaller than most of the states west of the Missouri, but the new commonwealth will come into the union with a much larger population relatively and with much more definite resources than almost any other state has had within the last two or three generations.

According to the federal census of 1900, Oklahoma had a population of 388,831 and Indian Territory 392,049, making a total census population for the new state of approximately 800,000.

The new state will have two representatives in the senate, but it will be fully entitled to them, because it will begin with a population larger than that of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Delaware, Florida, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Washington or Oregon.

The two territories have much in common. Upon their prairies were located great reservations set apart by the government as the red men's home.

Between these, over an expanse of 400 miles east and west, and 225 miles north and south, are all the gradations of altitudes and moisture. Each section has its limitations and its advantages, and each offers to the prospective settler or investor some benefit.

Oklahoma includes what was formerly the western portion of Indian Territory, with the public land strip north of the Texas panhandle. The public land strip ceded to the United States by Texas at the time of its annexation, was by oversight not included in any of the adjacent states or territories, and until its incorporation in Oklahoma territory was known as No Man's Land.

The history of Oklahoma dates from 1866, when the tribes to whom the lands of Indian Territory had been granted ceded the western portion to the United States.

ENGLAND LOSING LAND.

To Make Up for This, Britain Aims to Fill in the Wastes, Employing Idle Workmen.

London.—With its characteristic commercial spirit, England has evolved a plan by which it can at the same time reclaim some at least of its lost millions of acres.

The first attack will be made on the Lincolnshire coast. Work of this kind has been attempted before in England, 50,481 acres having been added to the country in reclaiming the marshes on the banks of the Tay and of the Forth.

The plan in this latter locality is to dredge the channel and use the dredged matter in making foreshore instead of dumping it into the sea as is now done.

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STEED CHEWS AND DRINKS

Engine Horse at Canton, Md., Enjoys Quid Between Fires, and Likes Beer.

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HUNTING ATTRACTS THEM.

Teachers in Territory Find It Hard to Keep the Indian Children in School.

Muskogee, I. T.—The Indian youth chafes under the restraints of school life, and chooses rather to learn of nature in the solitude of the forest or along the streams.

VIPER IN BANANA BUNCH.

Beptile Was Captured and Placed on Exhibition by a Peru, Ind., Citizen.

Peru, Ind.—While carrying bananas from one room to another in the basement of the Peru Wholesale Grocery company's store John Lynch narrowly escaped being bitten by a hissing viper.

IS BIGGEST WARSHIP

EDWARD VII., LARGEST CRAFT OF KIND IN ANY NAVY.

Newly-Commissioned Man-of-War Has Every Modern Convenience and Exceeds Every Vessel of Its Class on Earth.

London.—The latest war craft to go into commission is the battleship Edward VII., which is the largest not only in the British navy but in any navy. One of the features of the new floating monster is the symmetrical "cleanness" of her sheer lines.

The superstructure is kept down to the smallest possible limits. Electric fans do the work of the tall towers that crowd the deck of most warships; the steel masts look like trimmers in the absence of the familiar ponderous military tops, and the broadside outline of the hull does not bulge into casemates.

The broadside battery is of nine-inch Krupp steel, of uniform thickness throughout. Above this belt, which is nearly ten feet wide, is a wall of eight-inch Krupp, forming a complete casemate for a length of more than 200 feet.

The gun positions for the primary armament are most effectively protected, being increased with nickel-steel plates varying from six inches to 15 inches in thickness, according to the vulnerability of the position.

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NO MISHAP IN FIFTY YEARS.

W. A. Leonard died a few days ago at his home in Huntingdon, Pa., aged 70. For 50 years he was employed on the middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, most of the time as an engineer, and never had an accident. He was a veteran of the civil war.