

PERFECT RED ROSE.

MAGNIFICENT CREATION OF AN INDIANA MAN.

It is the result of 25 years of labor, a rich crimson in color—wins prize at the St. Louis Exposition.

The crowning feature of the national flower show in the horticultural place at the world's fair came in the display of a magnificent new red rose.

This rose was created by J. D. Hill, of Richmond, Ind., one of the best-known rose growers in America and Europe.

It was shown for and won the silver cup in class 543, cut flowers seedling roses, best rose not in commerce, 20 blooms.

The new red rose, which the originator has designated the Etna until it enters the commercial field, is the most perfect in form, color, foliage and habit of any red rose ever produced.

It is the center of an admiring group of professional and amateur flower lovers all day, and its originator was busy receiving congratulations and offers from friends and would-be purchasers.

He refused \$5,000 for 60 plants. Mr. Hill possesses the entire stock—5,600 plants—of the new rose.

A DOUBLE TOBACCO CROP.

Arkansas Grows Plentiful Plant Yields Good Second Cutting from Same Soil in One Year.

Two crops of tobacco from the same ground the same season is a new possibility in agriculture in Arkansas discovered by a planter near Rison this season.

The second crop is just out of the field, the cutting having begun the last days in October. The quality of the first crop is said to be as fine as the first grade in the tobacco belt of Kentucky.

It occurred to him that he could produce a second crop, as frost did not come until late in November. The experiment proved more of a success than was at first anticipated.

Rison is a small town on the Cotton Belt railroad just below Pine Bluff. The soil is a yellow clay, and until recent years was not suspected of being productive.

The tales that are told of country railroads in America are matter of fact enough compared with a story that comes from France.

The Deadly Auto. Germany is experimenting with automobiles for use in war. Why should it be necessary to have any more experiments of this kind?

SENTIMENT IN JAPAN

A CHANGE OF FEELING AMONG PEOPLE REGARDING WAR.

Government Said to Be Trying to Shift Responsibility for Conflict—Light on Cause of Russian Disasters.

A private letter from Japan speaks of a considerable change of feeling among the people going on in regard to the war.

The Japanese government itself would appear, according to the same account, to be becoming conscious of the change in the situation, and is trying to shift the responsibility of the war, which it sees is becoming unpopular, from its own shoulders.

Accompanying the letter is a clipping from the Yokohama Eastern World, containing some very interesting facts to show that the Japanese government has been diligently preparing for the hostilities which its diplomacy was leading up to.

Reading between the lines of Count Katsura's speech to the government, it is apparent that his government is beginning to feel uneasy at the prospect unfolding before it and would be glad to see relief coming in some shape.

CLERK IS KING OF ISLANDS

American Who Left United States Twenty Years Ago Comes Back a Millionaire.

Max Schlemmer, King of Laysan Islands, arrived at Port Townsend, Wash., the other day, on the steamer Robert Lewis, from Laysan, 900 miles southwest of Honolulu and 300 miles from Midway Islands.

Twenty years ago Schlemmer left Puget sound for Honolulu. From there he went to Laysan and entered the employ of the Pacific Guano company.

The annual output of guano reaches 45,000 tons, which is shipped to Hawaiian sugar plantations, bringing \$60 per ton. The mining is done by 200 Asiatic coolies.

FINDS RADIUM IN OIL.

Scientist Believes He Has Discovered Secret of Reducing Cost of Precious Element.

A chemist employed in the city laboratory at Odessa, Russia, has just finished some interesting experiments with petroleum secured in the Caucasian mountains.

The chemist, in an elaborate report to the scientific board, says that he believes this will prove to be the secret of reducing the cost of the precious element and has sent a specimen of the radium he has precipitated to Prof. Curie, of Paris.

WIGGING GERMAN PRINCES.

Kaiser Tells Offspring Never to Forget That They Are Hohenzollerns.

Princes will be princes, it seems, and there have been times when the Kaiser has had to talk like a father to his offspring.

"Never forget," he said solemnly, as they stood to attention before him, "that you are Hohenzollerns and sons of the Kaiser of Germany. But you," he added, turning upon one who shall not be particularized, "you remember that I have my eye on you."

PAPER FROM FIBER PLANT.

Visitor at World's Fair Declares That Its Manufacture from Texas Growth Is Possible.

Paper will be manufactured from the west Texas fiber plants in the near future, if the experiments proposed by a visitor in San Antonio from the east are successful, says the San Antonio Express.

In speaking to a group of gentlemen in the Express building at the fair grounds he said: "I noticed in my travels another variety of plants, as yet ranked merely as weeds, which I believe will become a source of wealth to the state I speak of the great yucca family, of which the lechuguilla, maguery, sotol, beargrass and Spanish dagger are the common types.

The proposal to send the torpedo boats to the orient is the result of the success which last winter attended the sending to the far east of a flotilla of torpedo-boat destroyers.

CARE FOR RUSS DRUNKARDS

Reformed Muscovite Donates Magnificent Hotel for Professional Tipplers.

Kief, Russia, has become a real paradise for drunkards through the charity of the merchant, Vassil Levdeff, himself a reformed drunkard.

TURNIPS FROM THE ARCTIC

Spokane Woman Gets Two Monster Specimens from Coldfoot—Grows Luxuriantly in Alaska.

From far-away Coldfoot, well within the arctic circle, came two monster turnips the other day, and the fact that vegetables will not only grow well but luxuriantly within the Alaska region is given a most astonishing demonstration.

Mrs. Thumb Still on Deck. Mrs. Tom Thumb, made famous by Barnum, is still alive at the age of 65 years. She has a regular turn at a midgey theater at Coney Island, and is driven home each evening in the identical coach presented to Tom Thumb in 1884 by King Edward, then prince of Wales.

Rank of World's Powers. In a table covering different countries France ranks seventh among saving nations, following Denmark, Switzerland, Belgium, Sweden, Norway and Germany.

Great Trade Competition. Competition between the different nations of the world for foreign trade is causing merchants and manufacturers to make increasing demands upon their consular officers for trustworthy information concerning nearly every line of commercial and industrial activity.

Stole a Monument. The monument over the grave of John Apgar, in the cemetery at Washington, N. J., was stolen two months after it was erected. Ten months later it was returned to its place as mysteriously as it had been taken.

ORDER LONG CRUISE

TORPEDO BOATS MUST UNDERGO A SEVERE TEST.

Will Soon Start on Journey to Orient—Most Remarkable feat Ever Undertaken by Vessels of This Class.

A fleet of United States torpedo boats is about to be subjected to an unusually severe test. Five of these frail little warships will soon start from Hampton roads on a cruise to the Philippines, a journey more than half around the world.

The torpedo boats selected for this "endurance test" are the Bailey, Barney, Middle, Porter and Dupont, all members of what is known as the "reserve flotilla" of the navy.

The long journey to the orient will be not only a severe test of the torpedo boats, but in slightly less degree a trial of the health and strength of the officers and men aboard these small vessels.

On board a torpedo boat the officers and men suffer alike and the most serious phase of the work is the difficulty of sleeping on a vessel which, if she maintains any speed, quivers in a most discomforting manner.

The question of coal supply is one of the problems which confront the naval officers who have in hand the planning of this protracted voyage.

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Practically all of the harder varieties and many of the lines indigenous to warmer climates have grown in this little garden. During the past summer pea vines reached a height of four feet and yielded exceptionally well.

King's Heavy Insurance. Don Carlos, King of Portugal, has life insurance amounting to about \$1,000,000 in American money. His majesty is continually at war with his weight, which by dint of vigorous outdoor life, he has reduced from over 300 pounds to about 225.

CAR OF NOVEL DESIGN.

Added to Equipment of Big Western Road for Benefit of Women Travelers.

Something entirely new in the way of railroad equipment has just been procured by a big western road for use on its overland limited trains between Chicago and Omaha.

Another noteworthy feature of the new style car is its extraordinary strength. Throughout the car there has been placed a series of steel arches, which bind sills and sides together and strengthen the roof in a manner which renders the car almost indestructible.

The interior woodwork is all of St. Jago mahogany and presents a very rich appearance. The car is lighted with Pintsch gas and electricity. It is also furnished with electric fans by which the temperature may be moderated in the hottest summer weather.

Emigrants' Help Smuggler. Leaf Tobacco, Worth \$100,000, Is Brought Into New York by Steerage Passengers.

A novel method of bringing Sumatra tobacco leaf into the United States without paying duty has been brought to the notice of the New York custom house officials and agents have been set at work on the case.

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JUSTLY ENTITLED TO PAY.

Unique Contention in Suit for Commission on Land Sale in Philadelphia.

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But the judge, in refusing to grant a nonsuit moved for by Mr. Nichols' counsel for the defense, said the plaintiff, by showing the purchaser the plans and giving the address of the owner, had started the negotiations resulting in the sale, and he was justly entitled to compensation for his services.

WOULD WEIGH 300 POUNDS

Eight-Year-Old Boy Tries Scales at 152—Has Ambitions to Be Heavier.

Although 152 pounds is enough weight for any boy eight years old, Clarence Barnes, of Latimer, Pa., who has been dubbed "Fatty Felix," is not contented, and his great ambition is to weigh 300 pounds.

Clarence is a remarkable boy. He weighed 145 pounds when he was born, and has never been sick. He also has great strength, and can pick any of his classmates up with one hand and hold them at arm's length.

OUR COAST DEFENSES

GEN. MACKENZIE, CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, SUBMITS REPORT.

Says Work is About Half Completed—Over 2,000 New Guns Planned—Millions Already Spent and Estimated Swell Amount.

Gen. A. Mackenzie, chief of engineers of the United States army, in his annual report to the secretary of war, presents an exhaustive review of the work accomplished by his corps in the fiscal year ended June 30, and submits estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year beginning July 1 next.

The report says the seasonal defenses of the United States are now somewhat more than 50 per cent completed, and that existing projects comprise 364 heavy guns, 1,236 rapid-fire guns and 624 mortars, while provision has been made for equipping 534 heavy guns, 547 rapid-fire and 376 mortars.

The most important site to be acquired is the one at the southern entrance to New York harbor, rendered necessary, it is stated, by the new deep-water entrance, under construction.

The new works construction in connection with the scheme of seasonal defenses to the present time represent an expenditure of \$28,000,000 for engineer work alone.

The estimate of appropriations required for fortifications work are as follows: Gun and mortar batteries, \$4,000,000; modernizing old equipments, \$641,500; installation of range finders, \$500,000; sites for fortifications, \$500,000; searchlights for harbor defenses, \$500,000; preservation and repair of fortifications, \$200,000; sea walls and embankments, \$200,000; casemates, etc., for submarine mines, \$600,000; construction of sea coast batteries in insular possessions, \$2,000,000; sites for defenses on Hawaiian islands, \$325,100.

The expenditures for river and harbor work aggregated \$22,925,094. Estimates for this year have been made as follows: Under continuing contracts, \$3,442,296; rivers and harbors (general), \$21,444,257; examinations, surveys and contingencies, \$300,000; prevention of deposits in New York harbor, \$5,200; enlargement of Governor's Island, N. Y., \$100,000.

The estimate of the Mississippi river commission has been reduced by the chief of engineers to \$2,575,000. Gen. Mackenzie states that the following amounts can be profitably expended in the next fiscal year in the districts named:

Milwaukee harbor, Wisconsin, including harbor of refuge, \$150,000; Fox river, Wisconsin, \$50,000; Chicago harbor, \$225,000; Calumet river, Illinois and Indiana, \$250,000; Saugatuck harbor and Kalamazoo river, Michigan, \$75,000; Holland harbor, Michigan, \$65,000; Muskegon harbor, Michigan, \$135,000; harbor of refuge at Sand Beach, Lake Huron, Michigan, \$50,000.

DIG FOR GOLD; GET GRAVEL

Dream of Vast Wealth Realized in a Different Way Than That Expected.

As a result of dreams, John Spangler and Thomas Jackson, employees at the Fair poultry house in Franklin, Ind., have brought to light a fine gravel pit.

Several nights ago Mr. Spangler had a dream that revealed to him a large piece of gold under a big stone about two miles north of the city.

This dream was repeated so often that he became convinced that wealth was within his grasp. He told Mr. Jackson of his dream, and the two agreed to investigate by digging for the gold.

They equipped themselves with picks and shovels and drove to the spot. They began digging at eight o'clock and for eight hours they toiled. The farmer who owns the land discovered them, but let them proceed undisturbed.

Finally they gave up the search, but recently the land owner came to town and thanked them for uncovering what experts say will prove one of the finest gravel beds in this section of the state, the location of which was unknown until the two men began digging for gold.

STRONG MAN UNDEVELOPED

Extraordinary Case Exciting Interest and Amusement Among London Physicians.

London physicians are interested in a singular case of a man who possesses extraordinary strength, yet has no muscular development. The man, a German, Herr Georg Lettl, is only five feet in height and weighs but 140 pounds, but he can lift something like 25 times his own weight.

The world's record lift is 1,100 pounds, yet Herr Lettl lifted an anchor weighing 850 pounds, with four men standing on it, thus exceeding the record by about 450 pounds. He can pull backward a 16-horse power motor car running at a speed of 35 miles per hour, and, standing between two eight-horse power cars placed back to back, he holds them together by sheer strength of finger tips when their engines are working at full speed.

On the Wrong Track. A Brooklyn scientist has discovered that Chinamen never have consumption because they permit the hair on top of their heads to grow long. If this is the case scientists who have been trying to head off tuberculosis might do better if they devoted their time and efforts to the work of discovering some means of preventing baldness.

Berman by Long Distance. Rev. R. H. Conwell is arranging so that a former member of his congregation now in Chicago can hear his sermons by telephone as delivered.