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CLASSMATE OF KING

BRILLIANT ENGLISHMAN DIES A PAUPER NEAR BOSTON.

Was Known as the "Melrose Hermit" - Found Ill Among Swine in a Piggery and Taken to a Hospital.

Boston - Made a penniless exile by a blow dealt his father, Charles Frederick Powell, who was a classmate of King Edward at Trinity, proves to have been the pauper who died at the Melrose hospital recently.

He was taken to the hospital some days ago from a piggery, where he was found ill among swine. Pneumonia had him in its grip and from it he never rallied.

In life he loathed children and when one of them approached the cave in which he dwelt in Middlesex Fells he growled and so comforted his features that he spread terror among all those of the neighborhood.

He was born in Plymouth, England, 57 years ago, and in his early life was surrounded by every comfort and luxury.

He was sent to school until he reached manhood, when he matriculated at Trinity college, Oxford. The prince of Wales, now King Edward of England, was a member of his class at Trinity, where he himself sang in the choir and often appeared in solos to which the young prince was a listener.

He did not complete his course at Trinity because of trouble he got into with the school authorities, but he later studied at a German university, whether he was sent by his father, who at that time lived in Liverpool, and it was there that he finished his education.

According to the story he told the woman with whom he boarded in Dorchester, who knew him as a sign painter and who identified him at the hospital, his father married a second time. He took a dislike to his step-mother. In one of the son's quarrels with the woman the father interfered and for his trouble received a blow which knocked him down. The boy, overcome by remorse, fled to America. He did not see the couple afterward. He called himself a tramp, though he was brilliantly educated and a fine talker.

According to Mr. and Mrs. Beckford, Powell was also a poet, and he had told them both that he had written a book of poetry dealing with the beauties of Middlesex Fells. This trunk, he said, was buried in the ground near the "Boston rock" near the Melrose-Malden line and the spot was marked by a flat stone which covered it. The trunk has not yet been located, but search for it will be made soon.

In his pockets when found were two photographs, one of a woman and a child, the other of the same child alone. They were the portraits of his own mother and his sister, he said, and he never, from the day he landed in America, allowed them out of his possession.

Sent Dog by Mail; Fined.

Louisville, Ky. - For mailing a puppy to a friend Lawrence Bunnell of Warren county was fined \$15 in the United States court. Lawrence, who is 15 years old, tied a tag to the neck of the little animal and put it in a mail box. It was addressed to a Lexington, Ind. Lawrence explained that he was sent to drown the puppy and hadn't the heart to do it.

PRINCE TO BE A FARMER.

Erik of Denmark Ignores Royal Custom of Entering Army.

London - Prince Edik of Denmark, the third son of Prince Vladimir and nephew of Queen Alexandra, is to become a farmer, and with that object in view is to receive a thoroughly practical education in agriculture.

Although only 17, the prince holds very decided views about his own country.

He is convinced that agriculture is Denmark's principal industry and that her success and prosperity are bound up in it. He does not intend, therefore, to follow the rule invariably accepted by royal princes and enter the navy or army.

The prince proposes to make himself a master of all the arts and crafts of husbandry, and is to be inducted in the most thorough and practical manner on a big estate some distance from Copenhagen.

"So far as we know," an official of the Royal Agricultural society said, "this is the first occasion on which it has been announced that a royal prince has expressed the determination to learn farming in a really practical manner."

"In many ways Denmark is an exemplary country so far as agriculture is concerned, and the success of her dairy farming is known to the wide world. No doubt the young prince will pay special attention to this important branch of husbandry, for it has brought Denmark a very large amount of prosperity."

GORY RELIC OF CIVIL WAR.

Veteran Again Sees Watch of Dead Comrade After Many Years.

Owosso, Mich. - S. J. Rouse and a companion enlisted in the union army in 1864 at Cleveland, O., and were assigned to the same company. In an engagement at Ft. Anderson, N. C., Rouse's comrade was killed.

The Owosso man took from the body of his friend a silver watch, splattered with blood, wrapped it in a paper covered with blood stains and sent it north in a box to the young widow.

After the war the incident was forgotten. Last November while on his way from Nebraska to San Francisco Rouse met a couple who proved very companionable. In discussing the civil war the incident of the watch was touched upon. The woman showed much agitation and, reaching into her grip, produced the identical watch that Rouse had sent north over four decades before. It was wrapped in blood-stained paper, as the soldier had forwarded it, and on the case the stains were still seen. The woman proved to be the daughter of the man from whose body the watch had been taken.

Rouse says that on this occasion he was tempted as never before to steal. He does not recall the name of his unfortunate comrade.

Changes Star Spangled Flag.

Washington - A rearrangement of the stars on the flag of the United States is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Ansberry of Ohio. The bill provides for the amendment of sections 1,791 and 1,792 of the revised statutes so that the arrangement of the stars shall be "in five arcs in combinations, the centers of the arcs to be the apices of a regular pentagon."

Fiddie Attracts Game.

Bangor, Me. - Attracted by the music of a violin, deer, moose and smaller animals visited a camp in the West Branch region of Maine, according to guides returning to Bangor. A camper began to play one evening, the guides said, when soon a doe timidly approached. Then came antlered bucks and at last a moose. Little game animals fairly swarmed about the fiddler.

LAKE TRAFFIC GAINS

NEARLY 10 PER CENT INCREASE IN 1907 OVER 1906.

Department of Commerce and Labor Reports Volume of Shipments Reached Total of 83,387,919 Tons Last Year.

Washington - Lake commerce during the 1907 season, as measured by the volume of shipments from the various lake ports and reported by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, reached the unprecedented total of 83,387,919 net tons. This total is almost ten per cent larger than the corresponding 1906 total and about 20 per cent in excess of the 1905 shipments.

The increase is due mainly to the larger ore and coal shipments, though the movement of grain and miscellaneous merchandise likewise shows larger totals than for the preceding seasons, the only items showing smaller shipments being lumber and flour. The iron ore shipments by lake for the year, exclusive of about 275,000 tons exported to Canada, were 40,737,872 gross tons, the largest shipping ports in the order of their importance, were Duluth, Two Harbors and Superior-West Superior.

The eastward grain movement for the season included 63,349,585 bushels of wheat, compared with 47,726,778 bushels shipped during the 1906 season, the main shipping ports, in the order of their importance, being Duluth, Superior and Chicago, which are credited in the aggregate with over 93 per cent of the total wheat shipments by lake. The corn shipments, 44,335,990 bushels, about 91 per cent of which originated in Chicago, were somewhat larger than the 1906 shipments of 43,531,510 bushels.

The shipments of oats, 20,680,188 bushels, mainly from Mantowoc, Milwaukee and Chicago, were 38 per cent below the 1906 total, while the barley shipments, 13,564,074 bushels, mainly from Superior and Milwaukee, show a 26 per cent decrease as compared with the 1906 figures.

The importance of Buffalo as a receiving port for grain shipped from the upper lakes is seen from the fact that 87 per cent of all the wheat, 64 per cent of all the corn, 52 per cent of all the oats and 83 per cent of all the barley received by lake is credited to that port.

The lumber shipments for the season, 1,289,284,000 feet, show a considerable decrease compared with the tonnage of the preceding year, 1,807,570,000 feet. The gradual exhaustion of the lumber supply in the territory contiguous to the great lakes is seen from the fact that the lake shipments of this article have decreased about 43 per cent since 1901 - the first year which the bureau has a complete record of the lumber shipments by lake.

The westbound traffic was made up largely of soft coal shipments from Lake Erie ports to the upper lake ports, the principal shipping ports in the order of their importance being Toledo, Cleveland, Ashtabula, Lorain and Huron, the aggregate shipments from these five ports constituting over 75 per cent of the total shipments, 15,309,237 tons. The hard coal shipments for the year, 4,079,177 net tons, proceeded mainly from Buffalo. The destinations of these shipments were largely the head of the lakes, Chicago and Milwaukee.

The vessel movement on the lakes aggregated 73,769 vessels of 99,166,109 net tons register cleared from the various lake ports, compared with 76,397 vessels of 94,094,316 net tons register cleared during the preceding season.

LOST IN BABYHOOD; FOUND.

Sister Sees 15-Year-Old Brother Working at Place She Visits.

Worcester, Mass. - One of the strange happenings which at times come in real life took place at the residence of John Fuller in Granby when Ray Turner was brought face to face with his sister, whom he never remembered having seen, and who had not seen him for 15 years, during which time he had been lost completely to his family.

His mother died when he was three years old, and he was placed in a family and boarded for two years. When his father came to pay another year for him he discovered that his son had been taken away by the state authorities. The family has searched for him ever since.

His sister happened to drive up to the Fuller residence, and, struck by the remarkable family resemblance of the young man in Fuller's employ, asked if he wasn't Ray Turner, and when he replied in the affirmative she disclosed her identity. Young Turner is now busily engaged in getting acquainted with his own family.

Live Bees in Stone Block.

London - While the workmen were sawing through a block of bathstone at Exeter, they cut into a cavity in which was found a cluster of two or three dozen live bees. The incident occurred at the works of Collard & Sons, monumental sculptors. There was not much sign of life in the bees at first, but when air was admitted they gradually revived, and after a few hours several of them were able to fly. The bathstone is to be removed to the Royal Albert Memorial museum for expert examination. No vein or crevice was apparent on the surface of the stone.

GIRL MAZEPPA RIDES STEER.

Shaken from Tree When a Friend is Tossed into Branches.

Jersey City, N. J. - No property man ever arranged stage effects for a melodrama better than those accidentally arranged for Miss Phoebe Polhemus and Miss Jessie Cavanagh, two Jersey City girls, who were visiting their uncle, John J. Cavanagh, at Jacksonville, N. J., the other day.

A half crazed steer was the villain. He charged the two girls as they were crossing a rocky pasture. Miss Polhemus was several hundred feet head of her companion, who wore a red shawl. The steer rushed at Miss Cavanagh with lowered head and angry bellows. The girls took to flight, screaming.

Miss Polhemus climbed a small birch tree, which sagged under her as she went higher. Just when she seemed about to lose her hold she felt the tree shake violently and she fell.

The girl landed upon the back of the steer, which she clutched as a drowning man clutches a plank. The steer bounded off across the uneven ground, carrying her a quarter of a mile before it stumbled and fell, throwing Miss Polhemus over its head.

The shock that had shaken Miss Polhemus out of the tree was caused by Miss Cavanagh being tossed by the steer into the branches. When Farmer Cavanagh rushed to the assistance of his nieces he found Jessie hanging from a limb by her skirts. The girls were hysterical. Miss Cavanagh was badly bruised and will be kept to her bed for several days.

HORSE WOULD NOT BUDGE.

Got on Track and Makes Train and Alarm Bell Give In.

Faribault, Minn. - That a young and nervous horse is a better stayer than either an automatic alarm bell or a steam engine was proved in one of the first tests of the new crossing signal established at the business grade on the Rock Island track in this city. The bell is so adjusted that it begins to ring whenever a train gets within a given distance of the crossing and is designed to supplant the old and often ineffectual signboard.

A farmer drove to town with a young horse, and just as the animal got on the railroad track a train entered the block and the bell started to ring. The horse stopped dead still, and vigorous whipping refused to move as long as that bell rang.

Then the train came in sight, and the horse, more scared than ever, braced its feet and could not even be pulled off the track. The train was stopped and some of the crew went to the farmer's assistance, but the horse wouldn't give in as long as the bell kept up its din, and finally the train was backed down into the yards, out of the signal block. The bell then stopped and the farmer was able to drive on.

MAN IS CONSCIENCE SMITTEN.

Iowan Who Beat Railroad Three Years Ago Remits Money.

Brainerd, Minn. - Superintendent W. H. Strachan of the Minnesota & International has received a letter which he says is the first of the kind he ever saw in his long experience in railroad life.

It was written by a man now living in Des Moines, Ia., and inclosed five dollars to pay the railroad company for fare from Brainerd to Tenstrike, which the writer said he got through misrepresentation. In 1905, when the company was building the extension from Northome to Big Falls, the writer went to Mr. Strachan and, claiming to be a laborer who wanted to go up to work for the company, he secured a pass to Northome, but instead of going to that place he stopped at Tenstrike.

He has since experienced religion and desired to make right the wrong he had done the company and so sent the money. Mr. Strachan states that the fare to Tenstrike is only \$3.94 and Mr. Strachan will return the surplus to the sender of the letter.

SALOON FOR ITS MEN.

Coal Company Will Open Drinking Place for Its Miners.

Huntington, W. Va. - Holden, a mining town near here, will have a saloon, the profits of which will be devoted to charity. Representatives of the United States Coal and Oil company, operating at Holden, have been granted a license.

Replying to protests against the license the attorney for the applicant stated it was not the desire to operate the saloon as a money-making venture, but that it is impossible to keep miners, because they will not stay where drink cannot be procured. The attorney asserted the company had lost heavily on account of this condition and offered to enter into written agreement to operate the saloon on a strictly business basis and to turn the profits over to such charity as the court might direct. This proposition was accepted and the license granted.

Mountain to Fill Hole.

Chelsea, Mich. - Sixteen thousand loads of sand have been dumped in the big sink hole in the road three miles from Dexter, and now the highway is again open to traffic. The road was condemned some time ago because of the big drop taken by the surface of the earth. A contractor dumped 1,000 loads into the pit, but came nowhere near filling it. Then the road commissioner took up the work and added 15,000 loads.

WILDWEST PLANNED

SUMMER PLAYGROUND IN MICHIGAN FOR CITY YOUTHS.

John D. Rockefeller with Son-in-Law, Harold McCormick, Will Be Patron of Novel Recreation for Young Americans.

New York - Great summer playgrounds in the country for city children is the latest philanthropy in which John D. Rockefeller intends to use part of his wealth, aided by a new recruit to the army of philanthropists, Harold McCormick, John D.'s son-in-law. Capt. Jack Crawford, known as the "Post Scout," is authority for the statement. He ought to know, for he is to have direct charge of the first playground to be opened, a tract of wild-rose in Michigan, about 12 miles from Marquette.

The plan provides not only for a playground but a systematic supervision of the boys' summer play, which will be largely along the lines of hunting, trapping, woodcraft, swimming, daily exercises, target practice and regular exercise in the old tricks of the former wild west.

There will be Indian, stake coaches and a typical old-time frontier military post where the lads will learn the life of the mounted service. The "study period" will range from three to thirteen weeks.

Within the next year two play fields, if not more, will be opened, the one in Michigan, which will be in operation this summer, and another on a large tract in New Mexico or southwestern Texas. The land in Michigan embraces almost 1,200 acres, and is bordered on one side by Portage lake and the other by the government canal.

It is an idea of abundant interest and many possibilities, and Capt. Jack Crawford lays claim to its conception, though Rockefeller and McCormick money is to finance it.

"I suggested it to me in a talk I had with George Gould, coming back from England nearly 12 years ago," said Crawford.

"Mr. Gould was lamenting that much in the way of outdoor sports was almost impossible in these days with the country growing so populous. I asked him what he meant, and he said he wished there was some frontier left to which he could send his older boys, under suitable supervision, where they could learn something of real roughing it for a few weeks every year. 'It makes better men of boys,' he continued, 'to learn something of frontier life and of the things they must know to stand independent under such conditions.'"

"I agreed heartily with him, but the idea of creating an artificial frontier didn't occur to me until we reached New York. Then George Gould had started west on an inspection tour. I intended to present my idea to him if the chance ever came, but it never did."

"I was delivering lectures at the Hampshire chautauqua last August, and one day John D. Rockefeller and Harold McCormick were among my auditors. I met them after the lecture and had a long conversation with McCormick, in the course of which I happened to touch on my scheme for American boys. He became interested and I elaborated it to him. Two days afterward he sent for me and told me that whatever money I needed for the plan he and Mr. Rockefeller would furnish."

The plan is both philanthropic and educational, but not so philanthropic that the parks will not be expected to pay expenses. Where a boy applies for admittance to the camp through his parents it will be ascertained whether he is in a position to pay for his food and accommodations. If his parents are in such a position twice as much as may be necessary will be charged and he will be obliged to take another boy who is unable to pay his expenses as his guest. At that the paying boy will not be taxed more than \$50 or \$60.

LETTER ADDRESSED IN FLAGS.

Signal Code Inscription Puzzled the Postal Officials.

Philadelphia - A letter addressed with reproductions of international code signal flags has been bothering the postal officials in this city for several days, as no one could read what the code meant. The name of the person for whom it was intended, as well as the entire address on the envelope, was a series of printed flags of many designs and colors, pasted on the envelope, which to the landlubber meant little, but to any seaman the flags were brimful of significance.

No one could tell what the flags meant until it was sent up to the office of United States local inspectors of vessels, each flag meaning a separate letter. The address was "Miss Eva Sable, 1960 East Seventieth street, Cleveland, O." The letter was then hurried off, the cause of the delay being apparent, as the postmaster at Cleveland is likely to discover.

Dog Takes 1,500-Mile Jaunt.

San Francisco - Animal instinct guided "Mooney," a valuable greyhound on a 1,500-mile journey from the western part of Montana back to his old home in Oakland. Footsore and weary the dog arrived at the kennels of Michael Ryan, from which he was sold in December. It is not known how long "Mooney" was on the road. "If he loves his old home so much as this I'll try to keep him," said Ryan.

NEW YORK CAMEMBERT.

Imported Boxes for Domestic Cheese Come in Already Labeled.

New York - Two thousand imported empty Camembert cheese boxes and boxes bearing the names of other French cheese are on their way to join their destined cheeses in this country. The titled boxes have arrived, and the authorities, out of respect to their aristocracy, allowed them to be landed without delay or extra formality.

The boxes passed expeditiously through the custom-house, after paying duty on printed matter on their 2,000 paper labels, and another duty on imported boxes covering the rest of them. Then they hastened by freight train to their appointed mates up state-domestic cheese, rich enough, it is said, to be anxious to acquire a foreign title.

Cheese experts say that the marriage of high-sounding foreign boxes and plain cheeses of American make has been going on for years. The importation of empty boxes and labels is a thriving industry. It has grown up so little disturbed, the cheese dealers say, that now the importers do not bother to bring in the boxes and the labels in separate parcels, but send them through all packed together and ready to use, which saves the inland makers of "imported" cheese a lot of trouble.

The use of labels made in France and boxes as well seems to be in the fact that the domestic boxmakers are not up to imitating the peculiar type and finish of the foreign boxes. Many dealers say that their domestic cheese when put up in the imported boxes absolutely cannot be told from the imported brands, at least not by anybody but the makers. However, the government knows who fills the boxes, and doubtless will see to the Americanization of the labels.

NOVEL CONTEST IN HOUSEWORK.

Servant Girl and Society Woman at Boone, Ia., to Compete.

Boone, Ia. - Hanna Olson, a pretty servant girl, who declares that domestic cannot afford to work for less than one dollar a day, said the other day she would accept the challenge of Mrs. M. J. Foster, society woman, for a week's contest in housework. Mrs. Foster alleges that one dollar a day is too much for servants, that most of them are incompetent and that she will prove it by rolling up her own sleeves and going to work.

"I certainly expect to beat her at her own game," said Miss Olson. Plans for the remarkable contest are going forward and if Miss Olson and Mrs. Foster can get together on terms there is no reason to doubt it will take place. Mrs. Foster won't back out.

The majority favor setting the two women at work in a home of the same number of rooms and about the same conditions. A committee will be named, of which the Y. M. C. A. will furnish one member, the Boone newspapers another and the third will be chosen by these two. One judge will stay in each house the entire week, while the third will alternate. Credits will be given for time consumed and for condition of kitchen, bedroom and living rooms at noon.

HEN STEALS A DIAMOND.

Aristocratic Fowl Loses Its Life as a Penalty.

Mitchell, S. D. - While walking through the long row of coops at the state poultry show A. H. Betts, a grain man, stopped before one in which a friendly hen of the Buff Orpington variety stuck out its head. Mr. Betts tapped the bird on the side of its head, and the sparkle of a diamond ring which he was wearing attracted the eye of the hen. Quick as a flash its bill struck the brilliant, and in a second the hen had transferred the diamond from the setting to its claw.

Mr. Betts hurried over to Secretary Scallin and wanted to know if the hen was for sale, and explained his anxiety. The owner was not present and the secretary could not say. Warm water was poured down the throat of the chicken and it became sick, but did not give up the diamond. Later it died, and after a little surgical operation the diamond was secured.

Auto Balks with Elopers.

Cleveland - An automobile which shies at wedding bells nearly spoiled the elopement of Harry W. Cowdrey and Miss Margaret Batchelder.

The two started out in Cowdrey's automobile to go to Sandusky to be wedded. While they were speeding along the road the machine stopped. They tinkered for an hour and could not make it stir. Leaving the machine in care of the chauffeur, the two got on a trolley car, went to Sandusky, and were married.

As they emerged from the minister's house the chauffeur drove up with the automobile. It didn't balk once after the marriage.

Fat Purse in Fishers' Net.

Winona, Minn. - Fishermen while sealing Lake Winona pulled in their net to find that all it held was a man's pocketbook. The purse contained notes and certificates of deposit in various banks, in all amounting to \$1,500. It also contained about \$10 in money and a mileage book. The owner, R. C. Stevenson, a local merchant, was notified of the find and claimed his property. It developed that Stevenson, while canoeing on the lake last Fourth of July, was thrown into the water and almost drowned and in his frantic efforts to save himself lost the pocketbook.