

FLOW BETTER THAN PLENTY

Mrs. J. J. Harsha says there is more money in potatoes than in any other crop.

New York.—Potatoes pay an inch better than theology, according to the view of Rev. Dr. William Harsha...

He was a forcible and brilliant preacher and his resignation from his pulpit here was a sensation eleven years ago.

According to an article from his pen, which appears in the current number of the magazine, Success...

"While he was away I was allowed five shillings a week for the three youngest children, and with the help of my son Robert, who is twenty, and a liftman in the city, we got along all right.

"Since then he hasn't done a stroke, even in the house, and the five shillings a week has stopped. I can't feed him, and we are worse off than ever.

"I shall be fifty this month," he said in reply to a question. "I can't get work. I've no pain. It's not a disease. He was too tired to smile or cough.

PARROT JEERS AT PURSUERS

Bird Cries "Stung" When Boys Under Take Capture and Takes Refuge in Automobile.

New York.—"Catch that bird!" shrieked a woman, wheeling into Seventh Avenue from One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street the other night.

"Stung!" remarked the parrot, and off it flew again. This time it perched on the roof of the Alhambra theater.

"Red," assistant property man of the theater, pulled off his coat, got on the roof and stealthily approached the bird.

"Stung!" shrieked the bird. Then it flew away over the Winthrop hotel at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Seventh Avenue and vanished.

"GHOST" IS ONLY BLACK CAT

Society Formed to Investigate Visits Place and Pussify Gives Them Big Fright.

New York.—A party of men of Asbury Park, N. J., and Lakewood, N. J., who believe in spirits and ghosts, have formed a society among themselves for the purpose of proving that ghosts and spirits of those departed return to visit us mortals on earth.

The other night a few members of the society, consisting of John Hanzford, John Ryan, Harold Woolly, William Mason, Amos Allen, and Frank Cook, visited a suburb of Asbury Park, where there was a haunted and deserted house, reported to contain ghosts.

"They arrived at the house about 9:30 o'clock and waited there for the hour of midnight.

About 11:45 o'clock, according to Ryan, there was an awful noise in the house and Mason, who is a detective in Lakewood, rushed forward with drawn revolver and encountered a very large black cat.

Eggs From Siberia

Philadelphia.—Forty-four thousand pounds of Siberian eggs, imported from Russia via Liverpool, were placed in bond the other day, having arrived here on the American liner Haverford.

London.—Estate in this country worth \$27,140 was left by the late King of the Belgians, whose will has been proved in London.

IS LAZIEST OF MEN

Lies in Bed for Days at a Time, His Wife Declares.

Makes No Protest When Spouse So Described Him in Tottenham Police Court Recently—Cannot Find Work and is Healthy.

London.—Though Archibald Depau of Tottenham has never claimed on his own behalf to be "the laziest man in the world," he made no protest when his wife so described him at Tottenham police court recently.

"How can I leave him with the children?" asked Mrs. Depau. "For two years he hasn't worked and won't try to get work. Through the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children he was sent to prison for six months last summer for neglecting them and me.

"When he was away I was allowed five shillings a week for the three youngest children, and with the help of my son Robert, who is twenty, and a liftman in the city, we got along all right.

"When the cook arose to build the fire she found four rats lying intoxicated on the floor of the kitchen, which adjoins the room containing the cupboard. The deacon says he thinks the rats crawled half a mile from the cellar of a local barroom.

GOAT KNOCKS OUT POLICEMAN

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TWINS FIRST MEET WHEN 39

Brothers Were Parted Almost at Birth and Came Together After Many Years.

Greensburg, Pa.—Separated a few days after birth, 39 years ago, neither having seen the other, Amos and Cyrus Lape, twins, met here for the first time.

Amos is employed near Export, and a few days ago a stranger approached him with the greeting, "Hello, Cy, what are you doing here?"

CHILDREN IN AERIAL LEAGUE!

English Boys and Girls Organize to Aid in New Science of Aeronautics.

London.—Although the science of aeronautics has only just found a footing in England, schemes for helping it along are springing up on every side, and the latest of these has developed in the shape of the Royal and Girls' Aerial League.

Amos and Cyrus Lape were born at Blacklick, Indiana county. A few days after their birth their mother died. The boys were placed with two families, living some distance from each other, and neither boy ever knew of the whereabouts of the other.

Pastors in Gum Test.

Canon, O.—To find who could chew his gum the longest and stretch it the most, ministers, deacons and elders entered into an original contest at the picnic of the German and United Evangelical churches.

Disappointment was caused by the quality of the gum, which refused to be stretched more than a foot or two.

The prize was awarded to John Butters, an elder. Rev. William Davis of the Trinity United Evangelical church was beaten by a mere fraction of an inch.

Whale's Jawbones Heavy.

New York.—The jawbones of the largest whale ever caught by Japanese whalers have just arrived here, consigned to the Museum of Natural History.

The bones weigh 65 tons—110,000 pounds. They are 40 feet long and were transported from the steamship pier on a large truck drawn by 18 horses.

The whale was caught off Moll, Japan, and was more than 200 feet over all. The tail was 30 feet long.

PIED PIPER BADLY WANTED

Rodents Overrun Town of Greenwich, Conn.—Get Intoxicating on Deacon's Liqueur.

Greenwich, Conn.—Wanted.—In Greenwich, Conn., one piper stands out to the one who formerly operated in Hamden, province of Hamden, Prussia, and whose effective business methods have been described by the late R. Browning.

"The advertisement of one something like it may soon be published by the Greenwich board of selectmen if the rats here continue to increase in numbers and business as they have been doing in the last two weeks.

Druggists have sold more rat poison in the last two weeks than in a year previously. Merchants, particularly fruit dealers, are greatly worried by the rats.

"More surprising than anything else is the story of the depredations committed in the house of a certain aged deacon and temperance worker here, whose name is withheld by request.

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PUT BAN ON ADONIS SHAPES

Coney Island Officials Are Tired of Men Strutting Around in One-Piece Suits.

New York.—Capt. Galvin, at Coney Island, has ordered that men who pose in tightly fitting bathing suits on the beaches must go. Hereafter modesty will be the watchword from Seagate to Manhattan Beach.

"We have been receiving so many complaints lately," said Capt. Galvin, "that I have instructed the men to arrest every man who wears one of those tight fitting suits or a one-piece suit. I'm tired of those Adonis who put on their suits and pose. I've looked them over myself and some of the fellows I've seen are indecent.

"It might not be so bad if these fellows would go in the water, but most of them are so vain that they just strut around, puffing out their chests, trying to make a hit with the girls. I don't mind a woman posing on the beach—it adds to the landscape—but it's most too much when a man struts that sort of game."

China Corn Experiments.

Manhattan, Kan.—Experiments in the production of a variety of corn that will resist drought are being conducted by the botanical department of the state agricultural college here.

About a dozen kinds of corn from the dry western counties of the state have been secured. Crosses are to be made between this variety and a Chinese corn obtained from the United States department of agriculture.

This oriental corn is said to have unusual drought resisting qualities.

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BANISHES ALL PETS

Dogs and Cats Should Be Eliminated From All Cities.

Health Commissioner Evans of Chicago Says Animal's Spread Contagion and Are Responsible for Great Many Deaths.

Chicago.—Health Commissioner Evans put a ban on cats, dogs and other pets.

He declared that they were a means of spreading contagion, and undoubtedly were responsible for many deaths in a year.

"There is no question in my mind," he said, "but that dogs and cats, especially the latter, should not be permitted in cities.

"Without doubt they carry contagion and are responsible for many deaths annually—just how many no man can surmise.

"We quarantine a house whose there is scarlet fever for instance. It has been established that contagion is spread principally through contact. We say: 'No one inside the house shall come out, no one outside shall come in.' But there is a family pet. It is constantly in contact with infected things, if not actually stroked by the sufferer.

"The dog is a minor degree because contagion in a minor degree because a dog as a rule strays closer to his master's house.

"Dogs, though, are a general nuisance, and they spread the deadly rabies. Not all cases are of local origin, many persons being brought to Chicago for treatment.

"It is in the spread of contagion, though, that cats and dogs offer the greatest menace. Of what avail is it to quarantine a house when cats are going in and out and mingling with the neighbors' children?"

"When we drew up our bakery ordinance we had occasion to investigate the matter of rats in bakeries. Chief Sanitary Inspector Ball collected considerable data. The presence of the rat was defended on the score that it kept down the rats and mice. Mr. Ball in his investigation found that in fact rats did little in keeping down rats and mice, and that the harm they did far more than offset the little good they were supposed to do. It was demonstrated that they were a nuisance and a menace in bakeries.

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"I might add that it is significant that in certain sections of Chicago, where there is a dog practically in every house, we have had much trouble through epidemics of contagious diseases—diphtheria in one particular ward which I have in mind."

OMAHA HAS A FROG FAMINE

Dry Weather Causes Dearth in Market of Denizens of Millponds, Creeks and Swamps.

Omaha, Neb.—There is a "bull" market here on frogs, due to the unusual dryness of the season. Places where heretofore frogs have hatched by the millions and grown to full size this season are frogless.

Ordinarily at this season of the year frogs large enough to serve in the hotels and restaurants may be bought of the frog catchers and fishermen at 40 to 50 cents per dozen, but this year they have jumped to 80 cents per dozen, and even at those prices are hard to get.

"Blondy" Clark, who for the last fifteen years has run a frogery on the shores of Florence lake, and annually has sold from 300 to 500 dozen of frogs, finds himself now without a frog except the old stock carried over for breeding purposes.

Electric Fan for Cow.

Columbia, Mo.—An electric fan has been put up in the stall of Missouri Chief Josephine, the Holstein dairy cow owned by the agricultural college of the University of Missouri, which is being sent after the world's record for milk and butter production.

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PAY OF FRENCH PRESIDENTS

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London.—The voting of the English king's civil list has led Mrs. Crawford, the Paris correspondent of Truth, to tell how French presidents fare in the matter of expense.

A French president receives \$240,000 a year, half as salary and half as expenses, no extra allowance for hospitality, but being made except on exceptional occasions. He has no pension.

He profits by few minor perquisites outside his salary, such as vegetables, from what were formerly the royal gardens at Versailles, fruits from Fontainebleau, game from those state forests where he has shooting, and hay for his horses from the presidential seat at Rambouillet.

The French president in general gives less than \$100 to the railway employees. His contributions to charity are at the hospitals, his visits and donations to mayors for the poor are heavy. He also is expected to subscribe to relief funds for victims of fire, floods and other disasters.

REVIVE BERING TUNNEL PLAN

Paris Corporation Formed to Connect Asia and America by Rail—Scheme Feasible.

Paris.—The project of tunnelling Bering strait and connecting Asia and America by rail is attracting renewed attention on this side of the water.

General Frenchmen with important governmental relations are reported to be committed to the plan, among the more conspicuous being Francois Deloncle, formerly in the diplomatic service and now deputy representative of the colony Cochin China.

A corporation formed for the construction of the tunnel plans to utilize two small islands in Bering strait as ventilation towers, so to speak, thus dividing the tunnel into three sections, averaging in length about ten miles each.

J. Delobel, one of the capitalists interested in the project, visited London recently with the object of enlisting in it some prominent American railway men who then were there one of them, a retired railway president of vast experience who now is in France, had been asked some years ago to become a director in a Bering strait tunnel company.

An American who has just arrived in Paris from London says the invitation to this railway magnate was repeated last week, but it is not at all probable that he will accept. He has for the present positively forbidden the use of his name in connection with the project.

At the time his friends say he is far from regarding it as chimerical, but on the contrary would probably enter into it personally if he were younger. Careful inquiries are being made in Paris regarding the character and responsibility of the Frenchmen who are promoting the scheme and it is said these inquiries are in the interest of American capitalists.

WOMAN AT EVERETT, MASS., PUTS MILE POLAIRE, NOTED PARISIEN DANCER, IN SHADE.

Boston.—Mlle. Polaire, the Parisian dancer, who boasts "the smallest waist of any woman in the world," must suffer in comparison to Mrs. Kittle Nyman of 29 Devens street, Everett, whose normal waist-barrel measures 15 inches, as compared to Mlle. Polaire's 15 1/4."

Mrs. Nyman is a little more than 5'4" feet tall, weighs about 135 pounds, with bust and hips measuring 38 and 38 inches, respectively. She says her waist is not the result of lacing, and that she never wore a corset until she was nineteen.

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OLD MAN RIDES FAN.

Greely, Col.—Rooz Magnus, 80 years old, rode into town the other day from West Virginia, having covered the distance on horseback.

He came west to locate a farm on government land. In the United States land office he displayed \$5,000 in bills which he had carried in his booting.

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Winsted, Conn.—For the third time Mrs. Eloy Peterson has presented her husband with twins. They are boys this time, weighing six and one-half pounds and seven and one-half pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are 39 years old and have had 11 children during their 18 years of married life. Seven of them, six boys and one girl, are living.

SEARCHING FOR SON

Boy Vanished From Seattle, Wash., About Year Ago.

Admiral John A. Rodgers Going to Alaska in Effort to Locate Lost Letter From Far North Tells of Mysterious Young Man.

Seattle, Wash.—Admiral John A. Rodgers, in command of the navy yard, Puget Sound, will soon go to Alaska in search of his lost son, Alexander Rodgers, who was last heard of a year ago when he was planning to go down the Tanana river on a raft.

Admiral Rodgers is impelled to make the trip north himself by a letter from Bethel, Alaska, which has just come to hand. It is written by Bob Hunter to a friend in Bremerton, whose name the admiral does not wish to reveal.

For days he would not say a word, and would then talk disconnectedly of a father in the south who had 2,000 men working for him. All of his name that Hunter had discovered was Alexander. Hunter goes on to say that he is taking the stranger along with him to the new diggings because he is such a good worker and is going to give him the Bremerton man's kit, which Hunter was keeping in Bethel. Hunter does with an urgent request to his Bremerton friend to join him in the north, because he is not sure that "Alexander" will prove a good working partner.

That Admiral Rodgers believes Bob Hunter's companion is his son is shown by his visit to the schooner P. J. Abley, which will soon sail for the Kuskokwim. Admiral Rodgers handed to Capt. E. B. Hoffman, skipper of the Abley, 50 letters addressed to Bob Hunter, which are to be distributed throughout Kuskokwim district, in the hope that one of them may come into the hands of the right party.

They describe Alexander Rodgers as twenty-two years old, five feet six inches high, weight 150 pounds, blue eyes, blonde hair, fair complexion, near-sighted, wearing glasses when he left home. The letters, which are signed by the admiral, request Mr. Hunter to wire any information from the nearest office. Admiral Rodgers was accompanied on his visit to the Abley by Lieut. John Rodgers, an older brother of the missing man, who has recently returned from a fruitless search in Alaska. A long consultation was held in the cabin of the P. J. Abley between the two naval officers and A. J. Horn, owner of the Abley, and Captain Hoffman as to the methods of the search.

When the Abley stopped at Bethel on June 27 there was no such person as Bob Hunter there. Bethel is a little Indian village and all the white people know one another by name. The letter was dated June 27, and Hunter states that he is handing it to Captain Johnson Johnson is known as the skipper of a small boat which runs between Nome and Bethel.

The Bremerton man received the letter in Cordova and brought it down from Alaska. Mr. Horn cannot account for the shortness of time between Bethel and Cordova. The only explanation is some mistake in the date line of Hunter's letter.

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