

FORTY-ONE YEARS IN COURT.

A Suit in Behalf of New York Indians
Was at Last by Attorney
J. B. Jenkins.

Attorney James B. Jenkins, of Oneida, has received a dispatch from Washington announcing that his case in behalf of the New York Indians against the United States government was decided in his favor. This case grew out of a treaty with the New York Indians by which lands owned by them in the state of Wisconsin were transferred to the United States for the sum of \$425,000 and 1,534,000 acres of land in Indian territory, now a part of the state of Kansas. This land in Kansas was taken up by squatters during the Kansas-Nebraska fight, and by an act of congress the land was finally sold to the squatters, the proceeds going into the United States treasury.

In 1859 Attorney Jenkins, associated with several other prominent attorneys, took up the case for the Indians, says the Watertown Times, and he has fought it through the courts down to the present time. Mr. Jenkins being the sole survivor of the original attorneys. Since 1863 he has managed the case and has labored under contracts with the Indians. In 1890 he succeeded in getting a decision by which the United States government was to pay the Indians \$200,000. The attorney-general of the United States got an appeal and the case was taken before the supreme court of the United States. Here it was argued in 1890 and reargued last March. At the time of the reargument last March Mr. Jenkins was sick and employed Joseph H. Choate to argue the case for him. The case for the government was argued by Assistant Attorney-General Charles E. Binney.

In the decision which the supreme court of the United States has handed down in the cumulation of the life work of Attorney Jenkins. The case has been in the courts for 41 years. He has paid out, he says, nearly \$25,000 in costs alone in the case, and the rich reward which he will now receive is but a just compensation for his indomitable pluck in what he believed was a good cause.

NOT A SUCCESS IN COLLEGE.

Richard Croker, Jr., Is Obliged to Leave Brown University at Providence, R. I.

Richard Croker, Jr., is out of Brown university at Providence, R. I., for good, and he has terminated his career at the old Baptist college because of his inability to keep up with the demands of the curriculum.

About ten days ago he "funked" in his studies, and he was notified to appear before the faculty on Friday a week ago. He did so and was unable to make a satisfactory explanation. The next day he came to New York for the purpose of seeing his father off for London.

Young Croker made an attempt to secure a position on the ball team this year, but he also "funked" in that, and Paton secured the coveted goal. As soon as Croker was summoned before the faculty he resigned himself to his fate and announced to his close friends that he was done with college life at Brown.

When Croker first went to the university he was a promising youth and stood well in his studies and athletics, but he has fallen steadily behind.

Frank Croker remains at college and on the ball team.

MARSH'S GREAT DANE.

United States Representative Has a Magnificent, Intelligent Animal of Which He Is Proud.

Representative Marsh is the owner of a mouse-colored Great Dane of which he is particularly proud. The dog is a thoroughbred, and is as large as a Shetland pony. It was presented to Col. Marsh by the late Charles E. Barber, who gave President McKinley a St. Bernard during the early part of his administration. The Dane is an aristocrat and refuses to have anything to do with strangers, but when he does descend to make an acquaintance with a newcomer he is constant. Mr. Hull has two sons, of whom the dog is very fond, and before they are awake in the morning he begins scratching at their door to let them know that he is waiting for them. "Dick" Marsh usually takes the Dane out for a airing promptly at ten o'clock every morning. At about 9:45 the dog takes his place before the hatrack and begins to whine, and continues until "Dick" dons his hat and coat. The dog never leaves the premises alone, and if he is let out by a member of the family he waits for hours until some of them appear to accompany him on his morning stroll.

DONATIONS TO A COLLEGE.

Gifts to Columbia College Amounting to \$300,000 Are Announced by President Jones.

The trustees of Columbia university met the other day. President Low announced a gift of \$300,000 from the estate of Daniel Fayerweather. As a result the building hitherto known as the Physics building will be called Fayerweather hall.

It was announced that \$7,500 had been donated to the university for the establishment of a fellowship of music, to be known as the Joseph Moenthal fellowship.

Largest House in the World.

The sultan of Turkey has just built at Mecca the biggest house in the world. It is intended for the accommodation of the pilgrims and is capable of sheltering 6,000 persons. The next biggest house in the world is in a suburb of Vienna. It accommodates 2,112 tenants.

Convicts.

The 45 states of the union have about 65,000 convicts.

BLANKETS AS CASKET.

Antiseptic Coverings for the Dead to Be Taken to Cuba.

War Department Gives Order for 10,000 of Them—Will Preserve in Perfect Condition a Corpse for Two Weeks.

From the quartermaster general's office of the war department an order was placed with a Tampa (Fla.) firm for a large quantity of antiseptic blankets for use of the army of invasion in Cuba, and by which the bodies of soldiers fallen in battle may be protected from decomposition. It is the intention of war department officials that the blankets shall be used by the soldiers in the field to sleep upon in camp and to protect the bodies of those who meet death while in transport to America for burial.

When the ends of the blankets are fastened together the coverings become to all intents and purposes hermetically sealed caskets in which dead bodies will be in no danger of decomposition until such time as burial will be practicable. It is understood the order placed provides for the delivery of 10,000 at ten dollars per blanket at Mobile, Ala. If, however, marching orders are in the meantime issued directing the army to move into Cuba the blankets are to be shipped to any portion of the island in which may be opened a base of supplies.

The officials of the war department decided upon making the purchase only after a thorough test, which has just been completed and which proved to the complete satisfaction of the quartermaster general's department that the value and utility of the blankets could not have been exaggerated. In making the test the body of a dog belonging to Commandant Norton, of the navy yard, which died nearly two weeks ago, was used. It was stated that the carcass would not decompose if allowed to remain in the blanket one month, which would serve all the purposes of the experiment. The dog's body was not subjected to any preparation before being placed in the blanket, so as to be in keeping with what would be the fate of the soldier who falls in battle. Owing to the expected movement of the troops, however, the officials in charge of the test consented to a two weeks' limit, and the body of the dog was uncovered. It was found to be in a perfect state of preservation, whereupon the order for the blankets was immediately placed.

BUILDING LONGEST PIER.

Erecting One at Old Orchard, Me., That Will Reach 1,770 Feet Into the Ocean.

Old Orchard will this season lay claim to the longest ocean pier in the world, the building of which is now in progress. The contract calls for a pier 1,770 feet in length. About 500 feet of that distance has already been covered, the piles set, and the frame work completed. By July 1, it is expected, the finishing touches will have been added and the entrance gates opened to the public. The approximate cost of the pier is \$100,000. Its projectors compose what is known as the Old Orchard Ocean Pier company. At the shore end the pier is 50 feet wide, but the width of the main structure is 25 feet. Extending 75 feet from the shore entrance will be a pavilion, in which will be located the offices, baggage and parcel rooms, and bicycle checking-room. At the outer end will be constructed a mammoth pavilion, to be utilized as a cafe and music hall. There will be a depth of 17 feet at the water at the extreme end of the pier at low tide and 26 feet at full tide, so that any steamboat can safely land there.

NATIONAL DEFENSE FUND.

Statement by War Department of Allocations, Expenditures and Balances.

The following is an official statement of allotments, expenditures and balances of the \$50,000,000 appropriation for national defense under the war department:

Ordnance bureau, \$5,551,967.93 allotment, \$5,550,425 expenditure, \$5,018,620 balance; engineering bureau, \$4,320,000 allotment, \$3,564,115 expenditure, \$3,567,855 balance; quartermaster's bureau, \$500,000 allotment, \$20,000 expenditure, \$480,000 balance; chief signal officer, \$120,400 allotment, \$50,000 expenditure, \$70,400 balance; paymaster's bureau, \$50,000 allotment, \$50,000 balance; lighthouse board, \$75,000 balance; totals, \$10,729,367.95 allotment, \$1,720,220.33 expenditure, \$9,559,147.60 balance.

Many contracts have been entered into by the war department for munitions of war, engineering work in connection with coast defenses and other war measures, which involve the expenditure of a large portion of the balances of allotments as shown above.

Carried a Fortune in His Pocket.

There was a man in Galveston, Tex., a few days ago. Who was carrying property to the value of \$100,000 in his inside pocket. He is representing a Boston stamp company and had stamps to sell to stamp collectors. His trip took in the cities of the northwest and the turning point was San Francisco, where he sold off \$10,000 worth, \$4,500 going to one man.

Historic Battlefields for Sale.

Standard Hill farm, near Northallerton, on which the battle of the Standard between King Stephen and Empress Maud was fought in 1138, is offered for sale.

Woman's Crowning Glory.

On an average every woman carries 60 to 60 miles of hair upon her head.

DRIVING OUT SNAKES.

Blasting on the Palisades Forces Reptiles to the Farm Meadow in New Jersey.

The blasting of the Palisades on the Hudson, near New York, has had the effect of frightening large numbers of snakes and driving them on the farm lands of New Jersey, where they have created great alarm. The board of agriculture of New Jersey has taken the matter up, and organized a course of lectures to be given before county institutes and farmers' clubs, urging the farmers to give the snake a chance, and to educate their children to regard them as harmless and useful adjuncts to the farm. Copperheads and rattlers are, of course, exempted from this rule of toleration, but they form only a small portion of the entire snake class.

Dr. C. C. Abbott claims that out of the 23 varieties of snakes in the state, only these two are poisonous. The stomachs of snakes have been examined, and in the smaller varieties have been found innumerable insects which feed on vegetables, while the stomach of some of the larger varieties has contained rats, mice, timber beetles, and large insects. A farmer near Trenton killed a large, fat snake on his farm, whose stomach was filled with cutworms, the greatest pest he had to deal with. He now protects the snakes as good friends of the farmer. All poisonous snakes are known by the diamond or heart-shaped head, with broad jaws and small neck, while the harmless snakes have long, slim necks, almost as large round as the head. The copperhead has 35 triangular spots on the back, and the adder 23. It is well known that a large proportion of the so-called boas, pythons, and anacondas used by snake charmers in dime museums and circuses are the big, lazy, lumbering, good-natured spotted adder of the Jersey pines, that are bought from hawkers for 60 cents a foot, and average from six to eight feet long.

REINDEER FAIL IN ALASKA.

Government Exploring Expedition May Be Abandoned—Lack of Money the Trouble.

The government exploring expedition to Copper river and Cook's inlet, Alaska, have failed because of their dependence upon reindeer imported from Lapland to transport their supplies into the interior. Two months ago reindeer were shipped to Pyramid harbor on Lone canal. When the Klondike relief expedition was abandoned it was decided to send exploring parties to Copper river and Cook's inlet, under Capt. Abercrombie and Lenn, U. S. A. They started April 7, with instructions to stop at Pyramid harbor and secure 100 of 500 reindeer left there. The steamer Valencia, which took the expedition north, returned the other night. She reported that another serious hitch was encountered, as has been usual with Alaska ventures managed by the government. They lay at Pyramid harbor two days, waiting to take the reindeer aboard, but failed to secure any, because the Laplanders had driven the herd into the interior in search of moss, which was so scarce that the reindeer were dying by scores. The herd was then too far inland and too emaciated for the Valencia to wait for them. The expeditions were then landed at Copper river and Cook's inlet, as intended, but without means of packing supplies. The captains in charge wanted Lieut. Ryan's 100 pack mules at Taiya. Ryan would not give them up, having orders to return here on the Valencia with mules, which he did. It is expected the expeditions will be abandoned. The Indians have discovered a new route across Chilkat pass, which, when opened, will shorten the distance to Lindeman, besides saving all steep grades.

TRICK OF A SPY.

Tries to Swim into the New York Navy Yard, Is Detected and Hasted Out the Front Gate.

Spanish spies have tried all manner of means to gain entrance to the New York navy yard, and one of them came near being successful the other day. The man had applied at the Sandy street gate for admission to the yard and was refused. He left the gate with the remark that he would fool them and get in anyway, if he had to swim for it. Leaving the gate, he hired a small boat and pulled around to the basin near the stern of the San Francisco, where he purposely upset his boat and started to swim to the shore.

He was detected, and as soon as he landed at the quay wall he was fished out and hurried out of the front gate and hustled up Sandy street at a quick pace, despite his protestations that he was an employee of the navy yard.

Bibles for Cuba.

The disturbance in Cuba compelled the American Bible society two years ago to suspend its operations and withdraw its agents, who in the previous 12 years had circulated more than \$6,000 copies of the Scriptures among the people. The society is now issuing an appeal for special funds to resume the work. The presbytery of St. Louis adopted a resolution recommending that the society send its co-workers to Cuba as soon as the way is clear, and get in anyway, if he had to swim for it.

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Congress of Women Doctors.

An international congress of medical women will be held in London this year. This is remarkable, considering the fact that it is only about 50 years since the fair sex broke into the medical profession.

Platonic Love.

Platonic love is generally the introduction of the real thing.

Bulletin Financier.

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COMPTOIR D'ÉCHANGES (CLEARING HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Antécédent de la Semaine.
Semaine dernière... 36,19,192,00 \$853,874,00
Semaine dernière... 4,900,040,00 691,854,00

STATUT HEBDOMADAIRE DU CLEARING-HOUSE.

Compté par Thos. C. Headen, Directeur.

Actif : Billets des Etats-Unis et des Etats-Nationales... 5,384,500,00

Autres billets, comptant... 3,777,400,00

Change étranger... 91,900,00

Autres billets... 441,000,00

Prêts et accouplements... 15,767,000,00

Autre passe comptant... 4,815,000,00

Total... 82,679,000,00

Passif :

Opérations... 30,100,000,00

Dépôts... 307,300,00

Dépôts aux banques et à la Banque... 28,000,00

Change... 145,000,00

MARCHÉ MONÉTAIRE.

Etats-Unis—
Banque d'Amérique... 100,000,00

Etats-Unis—
Banque de l'Amerique du Sud... 100,000,00

Etats-Unis—
Banque de l'Amérique du Sud... 100,000,00