

STATE TEACHING GIRLS TO COOK.

Kansas Agricultural College Has Building Devoted to Domestic Science.

Kansas City, Kan.—One of the men who gave information to the Country Life commission in Omaha recently said he believed not more than 50 per cent of the farmers' wives knew how to cook properly.

Proper food, correctly prepared, is considered of great importance, because without it ill health follows, and where there is ill health there are certain to be conditions tending to create poor farms and children insufficiently nourished.

Kansas proposes to see that such criticism shall not apply to its farm homes if a well-equipped school of domestic science can prevent it.

What Kansas has been doing and will continue to do along these lines will be demonstrated at the State Agricultural college in Manhattan.

HIGHEST BRIDGE IN WORLD.

Contract Awarded for Structure to Span Snake River Canyon.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—The highest bridge in the world is soon to be built across the Snake River canyon, 800 feet west of Shoshone Falls.

The bridge across the Snake river at Shoshone falls is made necessary by the development of irrigation both north and south of the river.

WASHINGTON GREAT CRIMINAL.

Professor Declares Act of Rebellion Was Deep Legal Offense.

Bloomington, Ind.—George Washington was the greatest criminal America has ever had.

In explaining why he made such an assertion, Dr. Weatherly entered into the definition of the word crime.

It is regarded as the greatest crime now," said Dr. Weatherly, "to rebel against one's country. This is just what all the colonists did in the revolutionary war.

HIS GUESTS ALL WIDOWS.

Ebry Old Man Banqueted 76 of Them, Young and Old.

Portland, Ore.—W. C. Brown, known in the little town of Dallas, Tex., as "Uncle Billy," entertained 76 widows at a banquet.

Another feature of the celebration was a shower of nickels he scattered from the courthouse steps to the small boys.

Put 782 Persons to Death. St. Petersburg.—Statistics are published showing that during the Russian year just ended 1,967 persons were sentenced to death in the empire and 782 executed.

GREAT LAKE TRAFFIC

IS INCREASING RAPIDLY, ACCORDING TO CENSUS STATISTICS.

Nearly Three Thousand Vessels of Five Tons and More Now in Commission—Passing of the Sailing Craft.

Washington.—An extended report on "Waterway Transportation," in which the great lakes and St. Lawrence river division is treated at great length, has been issued by the census bureau.

In presenting the statistics the report states that they "indicate the extraordinary development that has taken place in the commerce of the great lakes."

The report continues by stating that there are 2,900 steam, sail and unrigged vessels of a gross tonnage of 2,392,863 operating on the great lakes and St. Lawrence.

The shipping interests on the great lakes represent from one-sixth to one-fourth of the totals for the United States, the percentages varying from 17.7 per cent of the total for the number of men employed to 25.8 per cent for the value of vessels.

The development of water transportation on the lakes has naturally been attended by change and improvement in types of vessels.

The propulsion power is gradually passing from sail to steam, while the material of construction shows a steady increasing proportion of steel.

"Since that time sailing ships have been disappearing, probably because they are unequal to the competition of the large modern steamers in freight traffic.

WOMAN DRIVES FIRE TEAM. She Takes Out Apparatus and Saves Her Own House.

South Norwalk, Conn.—Mrs. Ann Anthony, housekeeper at the Putnam base house, adjusted the snap harness and drove the spirited fire horses to her home and put out a fire the other afternoon before the department arrived.

Girls May Sit on Beau's Knees. Cleveland, O.—In a decision in which no names were used, Judge Adams of the juvenile court ruled that a girl may sit on her beau's knee without fear of interference by the law.

Baby Pianist Is Marvel. Leipzig.—This city is boasting the world's greatest child musical prodigy in Pilar Osorio, a three-year-old girl.

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HARVARD TO GET A MILLION.

McKay Bequest Expected to Be Available for Scientific Work Soon.

Boston.—There will be \$1,000,000 from the McKay bequest available for the scientific work of Harvard university within the next year.

The terms of the will provided that none of the money bequeathed by McKay could be used by Harvard until the accumulated income reached \$1,000,000.

Three years ago it was found that the McKay placer mine in Montana gave promise of rich yield, and this was then stated, unofficially, that this mine might yield a profit of \$400,000 a year as soon as it was at its best capacity.

Prof. Ostwald, one of the principal authorities on scientific education, was consulted when he was in Cambridge, three years ago, in relation to this expansion of the Lawrence Scientific school, and then was begun the conversion of the Lawrence Scientific school into a strictly graduate school.

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GIVEN GOOD JIGGER CURE.

President Knows What to Do With Toos, But It's a Secret.

New York.—A little circular recently issued by a sporting goods firm which preened itself upon having supplied the president with certain juggle articles has been put in the Rooseveltian index expurgatorius.

The tale is that the president wrote to Abercrombie & Fitch for a catalogue. "The correspondence," said Ezra H. Fitch, "had special reference to snake and insect bites and referred to our furnishing the president with some hypodermic remedies as well as a number of other things.

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HUMOR IN STUDENTS' PAPERS.

Some Good "Howlers" Sent to Us from England.

An article on "Examination Humor" in an English periodical called "Normal Echoes," contains some good "howlers."

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FRIEND OF TRAMPS

PENNSYLVANIA PARSONS SHELTERS A NUMBER YEARLY.

For Forty Years He Has Helped the "Weary Wanderers" and Has Refused to Let Them Labor—Puts Them in a Tenement.

Pottstown, Pa.—Known as the "friend of the tramps," because he has fed and sheltered them for years—as many as 300 in 12 months—Rev. Jacob B. Mensch, a plain Mennonite preacher-farmer, has won for himself a warm place in the hearts and affections of the friendless and homeless wanderers who came his way.

Down in Skippack township, Montgomery county, Mr. Mensch has lived for more than 40 years, and in all that time he has dispensed hospitality in his own quiet and original way.

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HAS FINE HEAD FOR BUSINESS.

Woman's Methods That Arouse Wonder and Admiration.

"If I had my wife's head and nerve I'd own half of Wall street in less than five years," said the man.

Early last month she bought a broadcloth dress which, with the extra charge for alterations, cost \$55.

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