

GIRL WINS A FORTUNE.

Personal Discovery in the Office of a Illinois County Clerk. A pretty romance has grown out of the efforts of relatives of James Edmunds of Carthage, Ill., to deprive his daughter of her share of the estate of her grandfather. The little girl, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds, is now 14 years old and as both of her parents are dead she is the only direct heir living to her grandfather's estate, which amounts to over \$80,000. The other heirs set up the claim that her parents were never married, and that therefore she cannot inherit her grandfather's estate. For some reason, known only to themselves, the child's father and mother left the time and place of their marriage secret, and when they died a few years ago no one knew where the marriage ceremony was performed. The attorney representing Miss Edmunds went to the county clerk's office and after a lengthy search found the records of the license of the marriage of James A. Edmunds and Cora M. Allen. These records prove conclusively that the daughter of James Edmunds is the right and living heir to her father's share of her grandfather's large estate, and it will not be long now until her rights are recognized and the stigma of disgrace removed from her name. The records stated that on March 18, 1882, James Edmunds, of Carthage, Ill., and Cora M. Allen, of Barry, were granted license to marry in that county and on the same day were married by Rev. W. F. Short. At the time the groom was ten days under age, but he carried a written consent signed by his father addressed to any county clerk in the state of Illinois. The attorney in charge of the case says he knew of the written consent carried by James Edmunds at the time of his marriage, and that he has examined the records in 20 counties in this state searching for the record. He also examined the records of counties in Missouri and Iowa. The written consent filed with the application for marriage license, and the signature was at once recognized by the attorney.

FISHERMEN LAND A BIG SHARK.

Man-Eater Over Nine Feet Long Caught in San Francisco Bay. A man-eating shark nine feet and seven inches long was captured in the bay at San Francisco by G. B. Bartola and F. Maggio, two fishermen. They were out in their felucca at midnight, and shortly after their hour commenced hauling in their seine. The weight of the net surprised them, and they were happy in the expectation of landing a couple of cart loads of tomcod, sea bass, smelt and other marketable members of the finny tribe. But they had not hauled long before it became apparent that their meshes had entangled an ordinary visitor to the current between Alcatraz and Angel islands. In the pull on the boat was drifting. The shark showed his ugly head before they knew what they had captured, for a man-eater is a very assertive creature and leaves no doubt of his intentions whenever he gets into a fight. When the monster finally did show up, bounding and leaping toward the boat as he was hauled along in the net, Bartola and Maggio were ready for him. They hauled him as close as safety permitted, took a double hitch in their net ropes, and then made for Mr. Man-Eater with both hands. They belabored him with their oars for over an hour before he gave up the ghost. Then the brawny fishermen took a long pull from their wine bottle, congratulated each other and set sail for the wharf. They are big men now among their fellows.

ROADS OF ANCIENT DAYS.

Constructed in the Glacial Period and Investigated in Amboy, O. Considerable interest has been occasioned among the people of Ash-tabula, O., and particularly among geologists, by the discovery of a peculiarly constructed roadway in the Lake Shore company's gravel pit at Amboy, seven miles east of Ash-tabula. The remarkable find has the appearance of having been a corduroy road, made of small cedar trees, and it was unearthed 38 feet below the surface of the ground. The wood is in a perfect state of preservation. Over 20 feet of this road has been uncovered. It was laid on hard clay and was covered by a thick vein of gravel. Prof. Carl Wright, teacher of geology in Oberlin university, visited the gravel pit and secured pieces of the wood, which he examined. He gives it as his opinion that the wood had been where it was found since the glacial epoch, and that it has retained its natural condition several thousand years. A piece of a mastodon's tusk, two feet long, was unearthed. It is also almost perfectly preserved, the ivory being a natural color after the dirt was removed.

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Alive and Well-Fledged It is Found by a St. Louis Merchant. A commission merchant of St. Louis has brought to light a phenomenon which is attracting the attention of scientists in that city. While one of the employees of the commission house was dressing a turkey hen he was dumfounded to find in its interior a live, well-fledged young turkey as large as a full-grown pigeon. It is perfect in every way excepting the head, which was attached to the mother and is a fatty growth. The little turkey died as soon as it was severed from its dead mother. It was preserved in alcohol and is now in the collection of the Missouri medical college, where it is attracting the attention of the medical fraternity.

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RAILROAD STATISTICS.

Facts Furnished by Interstate Commerce Commission. Number of Miles of Track, Equipment, Number of Employees, Valuation, Accidents, Etc., Compiled for Publication. The ninth statistical report of the interstate commerce commission for the year ended June 30, 1896, gives interesting information concerning the mileage, equipment, number of employees, capitalization and valuation, accidents and earnings and expenses of railways in the United States for the year named. One hundred and fifty-one roads, representing 30,475 miles of operated mileage, were in the hands of receivers on June 30, 1896, a decrease of 13 from the previous year. The capital stock represented by the railways controlled by receivers was \$242,597,698, and the funded debt was \$399,733,766. The total railway mileage on June 30, 1896, was 182,776, an increase of 2,119 for the year, Georgia showing the largest increase, viz., 233 miles. The number of locomotives in service was 35,950, and of cars of all classes, 1,297,649, an increase of 251 locomotives and 27,088 cars. Of the total cars and locomotives, 448,854 were fitted with train brakes and 545,953 with automatic couplers. The number of freight locomotives fitted with automatic couplers was 5,373 out of a total of 20,351, and the cars in freight service fitted with train brakes was 379,858 out of a total of 1,321,887. An interesting feature of the report is a summary showing the amount of compensation paid to the railway employees of the United States, who aggregated \$36,620. Their aggregate compensation amounted to over 60 per cent. of the total operating expenses of all railways, a slight decrease from the preceding year. Much data on the capitalization and valuation of railway property is contained in the report. The amount of railway capital, it is shown, was \$10,366,865,771. Freight tonnage amounted to \$765,891,385, the largest ever reported for railways in this country, and an increase of nearly 70,000,000 tons. Gross earnings amounted to \$1,150,169,376, an increase of nearly \$75,000,000, resulting in a net income of over \$33,000,000 larger than the previous year. Nearly 1,900 employees were killed, and almost 30,000 injured during the year, an increase of 50 in those killed, and over 4,000 in the number injured. One hundred and eighty-one passengers were killed and nearly 3,000 injured. The number of persons other than employees and passengers killed was 4,406, and those injured, 5,845. These figures include casualties to persons reported as trespassers. For every 444 men employed on railways one was killed, and for every 28 men employed one was injured. One trainman was killed by each 152 trainmen employed, and one trainman injured for each ten men employed. The number of passengers carried for one passenger killed was 2,827,474, and the number of passengers carried for one passenger injured was 178,132.

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HOG HAS COST \$4,000.

Vast Amount of Litigation Over a Porker Worth Only \$10. A Case in Point Which Forebodes Illustrates the Folly of Going to Law Over Petty Disputes. There is a hog in Missouri that has cost one man \$4,000. Yet the animal is not worth ten dollars. The porker has been the subject of litigation between Noah Kingsberry and John Zimmer, and will cost the latter, the defendant, not less than \$4,000. The celebrated case of Howard County was decided in the Randolph circuit court the other day. The jury awarded a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, Kingsberry, for one dollar damages, which leaves Zimmer, the defendant, to pay the costs, amounting to over \$1,000. There are also two slender cases growing out of the hog case. One of them has been compromised and the other probably will be. The full amount of the costs in the three cases, including attorney's fees, to be paid by the defendant, will aggregate \$4,000. The hog case is known on the docket as that of Noah Kingsberry versus John John Zimmer. The court history of the case would fill a book, and among the lawyers it is regarded as one of the most famous cases ever tried in the state of Missouri. It was a suit for possession of a hog valued at ten dollars. Noah Kingsberry and John Zimmer live on adjoining farms in Franklin township, Howard county, near New Franklin. About a year and a half ago a stray hog strayed onto Zimmer's farm. Kingsberry identified the hog as one of his and sent to Zimmer for it. Zimmer refused to give it up, when Kingsberry began suit for its possession, giving a replevin bond. The court ordered the constable to take the hog from Zimmer and restore it to Kingsberry. In the first trial of the case, before a justice of the peace, there was a mistrial, and a new trial was ordered. The second resulted in a verdict in favor of Kingsberry. An appeal was taken by Zimmer to the circuit court of Howard county and when the case came to trial it resulted in a second judgment in Kingsberry's favor. Owing to the alleged misconduct of one of the jurors the judgment was set aside and a new trial ordered. Zimmer's attorney, at once entered a motion for a change of venue, which was granted to Randolph county, with the result as given. One of the slender cases growing out of the above was that of Edward P. Miller versus John Zimmer. The plaintiff claimed that the defendant charged him (Miller) falsely with forging his (Miller's) mother's name to a note for \$1,000, which note was given to Zimmer. Miller claiming damages to the amount of \$30,000. This has been compromised by Zimmer releasing Miller of the payment of the note and interest and paying Miller's attorneys \$250 fees and the court all the costs in the case. The other slender suit is that of Edward Kingsberry versus John Zimmer for \$10,000 damages. Edward Kingsberry sets out in his petition that the defendant Zimmer called Kingsberry a liar, hog thief, etc., in the presence of other parties, and that his character was damaged to the amount claimed.

KILL A CANADIAN LYNX.

Campers in Indiana Have an Exciting Several Night Encounter. Several Belgians who have been camping near Salina, Ind., were awakened a couple of nights ago by the barking of their hounds. They found the dogs barking near a tree in the branches of which they could see the dim outline of some animal. Thinking it a coon, one of the men by the name of Meijer shot at it. No sooner had he fired than the wounded animal, with a screech, sprang from the tree at Meijer, striking him in the breast. With its sharp claws it tore his clothes into shreds and lacerated his flesh. It attempted to reach his throat, when it was seized by one of the hounds, which drew it to the ground. All the dogs then attacked it and after an exciting struggle in which one of the hounds was killed and two more were crippled the men and remaining dogs succeeded in killing it. The animal was taken to the camp, but none could tell what it was. The next morning they took it to an old hunter and trapper that lived near by who said it was a Canadian lynx and one of the largest kind. This is the first animal of that species that has been killed in this locality for 30 years, and how it came to be there is a mystery.

FINDS RELATIVES AND WEALTH.

Charles Palmer, Once a Runaway, Will Receive an Old Legacy. The reunion of a family long separated took place at the Harrison street police station at Chicago the other morning, when Charles Palmer appeared there to make further inquiries regarding his relatives. Since a brief bit of news in the morning's papers was published saying that Charles Palmer was trying to find his father and family, from whom he ran away over 17 years ago, James Palmer, superintendent of the elevator service at the Marquette building, has made inquiries of the officers and found that the stranger is a brother. To make it more agreeable for the young man he met with the announcement that he has come into the possession of a valuable piece of property in Utica, N. Y., and a legacy of \$1,000 on which interest has been accumulating for many years. The runaway had been favored by his grandfather in his will, and the family was preparing to claim the legacy, believing Charles to be dead. The Palmer family has been living at 1190 West Division street.

A Valuable Opal.

The Austrian government has a Hungarian opal 3 1/2 inches long and 2 1/2 inches thick. It weighs 17 ounces, and is worth \$300,000.

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