

GUINEA FOWL IN DEMAND.

Agricultural Department Says There Is a Good Market for the Birds in the United States.

Washington.—In a bulletin just issued the department of agriculture announces a growing market for guinea fowl as table birds, and suggests that they should be bred in the United States more extensively, either with other poultry or in larger numbers by themselves.

MOTORISTS TO OWN ROADS

Powerful Syndicate of Automobileists Prepare to Spend \$5,000,000 on Highway.

London.—There is a possibility that England at last will follow America's example and build special roads for motor traffic.

Throughout its entire length the road would be fenced off to prevent the trespassing of children, dogs and unauthorized persons.

The motor track proper would commence at Norbury, eight miles from London, where the principal tollhouse would be erected.

The estimated cost of the thoroughfare is \$5,000,000, the tolls on motor cars using it being looked for as a return on this huge outlay.

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STATE EXCITED OVER GOLD

Rich Find of Yellow Ore Found Near Rutland, Vt.—Located by an Old Prospector.

Rutland, Vt.—There is a rich vein of gold not far from this city. In the Green Mountain range, according to Aldo Vondette, of West Rutland, an old and experienced quarryman, who has been connected with the marble industry for years.

His story is regarded as the truth.

HAS STAY WHILE SOBER.

New York Justice Makes Unique Ruling for Recorder in Tilt with Council.

Binghamton, N. Y.—Justice Albert H. Sewell has granted an order which probably is without precedent. On application of attorneys for Recorder Watson E. Roberts, he granted a stay, restraining the common council from hearing charges preferred against the recorder.

The appeal is taken from Justice Sewell's recent decision dismissing a writ of prohibition to restrain the common council from hearing the charges that have been preferred against the recorder.

BAD LUCK MARKS LIFE

ONCE RICH, MINNEAPOLIS MAN IS NOW A "VAG."

Well-Known Speculator Returns to Native City and Is Arrested—Accused of Mother's Murder at One Time.

Minneapolis, Minn.—L. D. Elias, at one time accused of being the author of a startling tragedy in this city, has returned to Minneapolis after a long absence and was arraigned in police court on a charge of vagrancy.

From broadcloth and diamonds to rags is the route traversed by Elias since the burning of his mother and sister in the terrible fire in Nicollet avenue ten years ago.

At that time he was a prominent figure in Minneapolis. Although considered by most persons slightly demented, he always had phenomenal luck on the stock market and often his daily winnings went up into the thousands.

The fatal fire in this case was the later brought against him by the police. The tragedy which ruined his life occurred early on the morning of June 1, 1895, while his mother and sister were in their apartments alone.

A fire suddenly broke out in the building and the mother and daughter were cremated. The mother was locked in the bathroom at the time and the cry of murder was immediately raised.

The young man was not at home that night and did not appear until late in the afternoon following the murder. Suspicion was directed against him and he was arrested.

The following day, however, the coroner's jury learned that Mrs. Elias had been gradually losing her mind and that she had threatened to commit suicide in this way. The young man was freed from all blame, was released by the police, and disappeared.

PYTHON ATTACKS MAN.

Snake in Cincinnati Zoological Garden Envelops Keeper in Its Folds—Rescued Almost Dead.

Cincinnati, O.—Rudolph Fluegal, animal keeper in the Cincinnati zoological gardens, was crushed nearly to death in the folds of a huge python quartered in the snake cage.

While he was at work the immense snake attacked him from the rear, sinking its fangs in his back. The keeper's heavy coat protected him from serious lacerations, but he was terror-stricken as he felt the coils of the long python envelop his body and slowly begin to tighten.

Keeper Edward Coyne and three assistants rushed to the cage, and while the former beat the reptile over the head, the assistants exerted all their strength to unwrap its coils from about the unfortunate keeper, but they did not succeed until it had been beaten into insensibility.

Fluegal was unconscious when rescued and it was an hour before physicians resuscitated him. He is prostrated by the nervous shock due to fright.

DEVASTATED BY GOATS.

Lanai, in Hawaiian Group, Overrun—Natives All Dead Except Two—Both Centenarians.

Honolulu.—The island of Lanai, the smallest inhabited island of the Hawaiian group, is being laid waste by the ravages of wild goats, and the blowing away of its vegetation and soil by high winds.

About 25 years ago a colony of about 400 Hawaiians settled on the island. The governor found only two of the colony left, each of whom is more than 100 years old.

Germany's Debt Growing.

It is semi-officially declared that the finances of the German empire are not in a satisfactory condition. The imperial debt, which in 1877 was \$18,000,000, now amounts to \$375,000,000, and this will be supplemented by the coming army pension bill, the increase in the estimates for army and navy supply, etc., by about \$62,000,000. The new revenues must be covered by an additional taxation and customs duties.

Judge Lynch in Russia.

Lynch law is never excusable, but that case at Luban, Russia, where a miscreant who tried to start a Jew-baiting horror was quickly seized and strung up, comes mightily near being commendable.

MARK HANNA ROCK IS CONE

Sentinel of Straits of San Juan de Fuca Disappears During Severe Storm.

Victoria, B. C.—"Mark Hanna" rock, otherwise known to navigators of the north Pacific as one of the many marine gravestones that decorate the western seaboard of Vancouver Island, has strangely disappeared, that fact being communicated to the resident agent of the department of marine by Lightkeeper Daykin of Cape Carmanah.

The rock until very recently reared 80 feet above the water near Bonilla Point, off Carmanah, the Canadian sentinel at the entrance of the Straits of San Juan de Fuca, opposite Cape Flattery, on the American shore.

The rock was named by Lightkeeper Daykin because of the remarkable likeness its contour bore to a facial silhouette of the late American senator.

But the rock is no more. It was destroyed some weeks ago in the seismic and electrical disturbance felt in slight degree here and to a greater extent at Nanaimo. It was noticed, black and grim, rearing itself through the storm in the afternoon preceding the shake.

In the morning Lightkeeper Daykin observed with amazement that the sea broke unfringed where it had lifted itself from the deep. The question is now being debated among local scientists whether or not the strong magnetic force said to be a property of the rock had aught to do with its final demolition.

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Runs Deer and Bear Farm

Northern Minnesota Trapper Secures an Island and Engages in a Novel Business.

International Falls, Minn.—James Allen, an old-time hunter and trapper of the northwest, has started a bear and deer farm on an island in the Rainy river, three miles upstream from here.

The island which he controls is about two miles long. He has divided it into two sections, one of which is given over to the bears and the other to the deer.

Allen figures that he can make a big profit raising bear and selling their skins, as well as their meat, when they are full grown.

He operated a similar farm near Duluth several years ago and was quite successful until a forest fire wiped out his belongings.

His widow would receive his entire insurance—\$450,000. The only way Kubelik could get as much as that would be to lose hands, legs and eyes.

Kubelik, who has arrived in New York for a tour of 23 weeks, has been insured for six years. The policy stipulates that Kubelik, in the event of losing a toe or foot, shall receive \$25,000. If, however, he should lose both feet, or a toe on each foot, he would receive a check for \$50,000.

Predicts Ruin of Chicago.

Mrs. Gall, the Waukegan negro woman who predicted the assassination of President McKinley and the Baltimore fire, is visiting relatives at North Chicago and Lake Forest.

Dem.-Pop.-Rep. Chrysanthemum.

The agricultural department every year holds a chrysanthemum show. A big yellow new variety named in honor of Mrs. Roosevelt was the favorite this season.

Friday, Not Anger.

Mrs. Prism—Don't let your dog bite me, little boy.

Little Boy—He won't bite, ma'am.

But he is showing his teeth.

Certainly he is, ma'am, and if you had as good teeth as he has you'd show 'em, too.—Stray Stories.

Big Inducement.

Dolly—Every time you call, you make love to me. I'm getting tired of it. How can I induce you to stop it?

Cholly—Marry me and I'll promise never to make love to you again.—Cleveland Leader.

AN OX RIDDEN IN GERMANY.

Beasts Ridden by Their Owners Without Whip or Spurs, Is the Rule.

In many of the out of the way districts of Germany ox racing has long been a very popular sport. The entrance fee for the races is small, but the beasts must be ridden by their owners.

When all the competitors are lined up at the starting point the signal to begin the race is given. Then the fun commences, for, in spite of the riders' efforts, the steeds usually refuse to head toward the finish mark.

There is also ground for satisfaction in the statistical evidence that illiteracy is steadily being reduced. In 1895 the number of illiterates per 1,000 was 133 for the total population, 62 for the native white population, 130 for these foreign-born white and 560 for negroes, Indians and Mongolians.

The female sex is shown to be more illiterate than the male, the illiteracy for females being 112 per 1,000 and for males 101.

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English Writer Suggests That He Be Turned Over to the Doctors.

A medical correspondent of the London Lancet suggests that he be turned over to doctors for experimentation. He desires for science the privilege of studying disease in the "laboratory of the human body," and thinks that with this opportunity the scientist "could look forward to almost endless possibilities."

Under the knife daily.

Woman Died Recently Who Had Been in Hire of Vicsectionists for Twenty Years.

Frau Magdalen Gelly, who for 20 years has been known among the medical faculty as the "vicsection rabbit," died at the age of 62 in Vienna.

Frau Gelly exercised the curious calling of a subject for anatomical experiments, and her services were in great demand by the most eminent surgeons.

Over these she had a marvelous command, controlling them at will and allowing them to be freely operated upon without the use of anesthetics.

Frau Gelly reported daily at the clinical laboratory and at the private houses of the most celebrated doctors of Vienna, usually carrying a black reticule containing all sorts of objects, such as needles, marbles, pins, pencils, etc., intended to be swallowed or passed through her nostrils or ears for experiments.

As the "vicsection rabbit" was paid three and sixpence for each sitting and averaged two daily for 20 years, she has left a small fortune, and, having died intestate, the money will probably be appropriated by the medical faculty of the university.

Godess' Dire Wrath.

Recent Report from India Describes Workings of Strange Superstition.

A South Indian correspondent writes: "Recently a very singular report has been abroad among the women of this district respecting the bracelets they wear. The report is to the effect that certain bracelets are very dangerous, i. e., those that are made of Bombay glass and have small moons and crescents, etc., imbedded in them.

It is affirmed that a certain small worm bores its way out of these glass and bites the wearers of these ill-fated bracelets, and that whoever is bitten by this worm becomes afflicted with plague or some equally fatal disease and dies. The worm is said to be a small one with a very hard head.

The report arose in Pithapuram, where three women are said to have died from the bite, and spread with great rapidity over the whole of the Godavary district. The result has been that thousands of these bracelets have been destroyed of late. The report goes on to say further that this glass was 'mined' in a quarry where there was an idol of a certain goddess, and as a consequence the goddess has been very angry and has sent this disease as a punishment."

Bobby's Idea of It.

"Ma," exclaimed Bobby, "do you like anyone to bite you?"

"No, dear; why?"

"Well, Mr. Buttrick just bit sister on the mouth and she put her arms around his neck and tried to choke him. I guess she doesn't like it, either!"—Puck.

The Whole Thing.

"Yes," said young Benedick, "we went to Niagara Falls on our honeymoon. Just as soon as we got off the train my wife and I walked right over to see the falls."

"Magnificent, eh?" remarked Hicks.

"You bet! You should have seen all the men rubbering at her as we walked along."—Catholic Standard and Times.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS