

NOVEL RELIEF PLAN

ILLINOIS EDITOR ORIGINATES "EGG DAY" FOR FRISCO.

Ten Thousand Dozen Speedily Contributed by Wives and Daughters of Jersey County Farmers.

Jerseyville, Ill.—As a result of "egg day" in this city more than 12,000 eggs or 1,000 dozen have been collected for the San Francisco people who were made homeless and penniless as a result of the earthquake and fire.

"Egg day" was originated by J. M. Page, editor of the Jersey County Democrat, who appealed to the citizens, especially the wives of the farmers of Jersey county, to contribute a few dozens of eggs to the Frisco sufferers.

The eggs are all fresh and will be the most nutritious food that can be supplied those who are lying in San Francisco hospitals from injuries received in connection with the disaster.

Mr. Page, the originator of this novel scheme, urges that similar contributions be made by other towns throughout Illinois, Missouri and Kansas.

Although the number is not very great, still if all the towns in Illinois, Missouri and Kansas would do the same millions of fresh eggs would be brought to the hospitals of San Francisco, Santa Rosa and San Jose and other places where they are so badly needed for the sick and wounded.

NOTE IN MARE'S MANE.

Maine Man Finds Communication from Missouri Woman on Purchased Animal.

Lewiston, Me.—Securely fastened by wires under the mane of a handsome bay mare, one of a carload of western horses lately arrived in Lewiston for George P. Curtis, was a sealed letter, apparently written by a woman, the former owner of the horse.

"Dear Sir: To the man who buys this mare: Her name is Nina. She is a kind and splendid work horse, and I trust some one will get her who will be kind to her and feed her well, for she was a pet of mine. Would you be so kind, if you get this note, to stop me a few lines to let me know where she is and how far from home she is? I am very anxious to know. Hoping to hear from you, please.

Mrs. J. D. McMillon, Mr. Curtis is the proprietor of a livery stable. He will acknowledge the receipt of Mrs. McMillon's note.

Twins Join Division of Grand View. Mrs. John Weston, of Grand View, a small town over the line in Edgar county, Illinois, holds the record of this community for living up to President Roosevelt's anti-race suicide idea.

War on Tuberculosis. Strong measures against tuberculosis have been taken by the local government board of Scotland, writes Consul Fleming from Edinburgh. It is put in the class of infectious diseases, and a campaign of disinfection is inaugurated.

Alive Under 2,100-Pound Roller. Charles B. the 12-year-old son of David Dries, of near Kutztown, Pa., was engaged in rolling land with a roller the other day, when the horse took fright and ran away. The boy fell, and the 2,100-pound roller passed over him, but the ground was soft and he got out of it alive.

Tea Shipments Cease. Owing to the disturbed conditions in China the tea shipments to this country from Calcutta have almost ceased.

BALD-HEADED BRIDECROOMS

They Are Fine Citizens and It Is No Wonder the Girls Like Them.

An esteemed contemporary has opened the columns to a discussion of the question "Why do educated and refined women marry bald-headed men?" and men with and without hair seem to be considerably agitated over it.

It is the form of the question evidently that confuses. It presumes too much and the presumption is accepted as established by the wrangle—they do not question the premise.

Educated and refined women do not as a rule marry bald-headed men, though they do sometimes, when they cannot catch them earlier.

The question deals with particulars as general. It should be "Why do women marry men?" And the answer to this, if we do not confuse the issue by the citation of examples, of which we remark: "What on earth did she see in him?" is simple.

Women marry men to get husbands. Men marry women to get wives. Fat, lean, young, old, hirsute and bald, all marry for the same reason. "It is not good for man to live alone."

Let not the finger of scorn be pointed at the bald head for that he marries a "refined and educated woman." It is to his credit. The bald head is an example that the hirsute rich might emulate with profit.

Bald-headed men are worthy citizens. They must be, for they are always under inspection. A bald head is a light that cannot be hid under a bushel, it may not conceal itself, if it frolics somewhat gayly, the world says: "Behold you shameless one!"

A bald head must perforce seek virtuous ways. There are few or no bald-headed villains. They are scarce as fat beggars.

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BUSINESSLIKE GOVERNMENT

City of England That Is Run on a Simple Yet Very Effective System.

The government of Manchester is a business. Its liabilities are about \$156,000,000; its assets are about \$147,000,000; and the deficiency, about \$9,000,000, represents the amount which the ratepayers have to contribute each year, writes Samuel Merwin, in Success Magazine.

These two men are known as "selective auditors." They are elected directly by the people, and the more meretricious their attacks on the council the better they please the people. They are free from the slightest obligation to the council. They have access to all facts and figures, for the people of Manchester find it difficult to understand why their government, managed by their personal representatives with their money, should not work wholly in the light.

Trailing the Missing Link. Scientists are again on the trail of the "missing link." Two years ago certain marks were found on a block of sandstone near Warranahool, in Australia, which were thought to be the imprints of the footsteps of a prehistoric man. At the time this idea was ridiculed, but a pleaster cast was sent to Germany, and the inevitable German savant went out to investigate the matter.

How Germany Carbs Automobiles. The German government's proposed way of punishing automobilists who run down the people of the countryside is worth considering. Embodied in a bill is the scheme obliging automobilists to pay life annuities to those dependent on persons killed by their motor cars or to those permanently injured by them.

FAMOUS LOST TREASURES.

Relics of the Days of the Pharaohs and Other Epochs Worth Fortunes.

The Venus de Milo, which has been in the Louvre for many years, is as all the world knows, an imperfect piece of sculpture, though it is the greatest treasure of its kind the world has ever seen. A great reward would be given the man who could find the missing parts.

A bronze drinking cup which was stolen from an Egyptian temple in 1738 and brought to Europe has miraculously disappeared. On it is engraved the whole history of the Pharaohs and it could easily be sold for \$100,000.

Another treasure which has vanished in as strange a way is the Marcella vase of the Dresden collection. This is the only piece missing from the famous Dresden Marcella collection, the value of which is said to be \$75,000.

How it is possible that a treasure so large as a painting could be lost sight of entirely is not easily explained, but this has often happened. One of Reynolds' paintings, "The Countess of Derby," which is considered his best portrait, has disappeared.

TOO MUCH FUNNY BUSINESS

Kentucky Bridegroom Who Didn't Believe in Kissing in Public.

A well-known Kentuckian tells of a marriage ceremony that a justice of the peace in the Blue Grass state was hurriedly called upon one day to perform.

"But you'll have to secure two witnesses," smilingly observed the clerk and justice, "before I can proceed." At that he did not care for witnesses. Nevertheless, he was convinced in a moment that this formally was an indispensable one, and accordingly the necessary witnesses were procured and the ceremony began.

THE JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE

Peculiar Qualities of a Tuber That Grows on the Roots of the Sunflower.

Most young folks in the country are familiar with the sweet, crisp, juicy tubers known as artichokes. These, says an article on "Nature and Science," in St. Nicholas, grow on the roots of the sunflower tuber to boranists as Helianthus tuberosus, and are commonly called Jerusalem artichokes.

These artichokes are entirely different (yet not far distant in a botanical way) from the globe artichokes which are grown in California, and perhaps elsewhere exclusively for their edible flower buds.

England's Altitude. Of the 58,324 square miles of England and Wales 24,482 are under 250 feet in elevation above the sea, 16,865 are between 250 and 500 feet, 10,476 are between 500 and 1,000 feet, 4,694 are between 1,000 and 2,000 feet, 300 are between 2,000 and 3,000 feet and four are more than 3,000 feet.

WOULD RETAIN HERD LAW.

Western Oklahoma Farmers Greatly Perturbed Over Threatened Change.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Farmers in western Oklahoma, and especially in Beaver county, which has been free range for cattlemen since cattle were brought to Oklahoma, are becoming greatly concerned over the fact that free range will expire in August next, and making extended inquiry how to proceed to enforce the new rule.

"Some time before the law expires one-fourth of the legal voters of Beaver county should petition the county commissioners to divide the county into cattle districts of not less than two nor more than four congressional townships, or not less than 72 nor more than 144 sections.

It is likely this step will be taken in all the counties in western Oklahoma where the free range has prevailed, for these lands are now being claimed for agricultural purposes with the modern methods of farming. The land is rich and the immigration during the past year has been wonderful.

GRAVE SCANDAL DISCLOSED

Italian Government Bobbed of Millions Through Worthless Navy Supplies.

Rome.—The parliamentary commission charged with an investigation of the management of the Italian navy has just made its report to parliament, and a sensation was caused all over Italy by the disclosures made. According to the report, more than half of the warships are unfit for use, among them several battleships of the first class.

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The prevention of three wars by President Roosevelt. Destructive spring floods in the United States. A destructive eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The activity of Mount Deves and Pompeii.

ALPHONSO HAS A CAMEL.

The Animal Is a Souvenir of the King's Journey to the Canary Isles.

Madrid.—All the good things are coming Alfonso's way, and though his thoughts and inclinations were toward the Isle of Wight, where Princess Ena is staying with her royal mamma, he went to the Canary islands.

He experienced very rough weather on the voyage back. One seaman was badly injured and was presented with \$20 by the king.

Walking a Lost Art.

Time was when everybody walked and thought it no disgrace. For then walking was only a degree lower than the quickest means of locomotion, and by that token respectable. But who thinks of walking now? If you go into a shoeshop where 50 styles of fine footgear are offered, you won't find a shoe you could walk a mile in without being crippled, and though you call for the best grade of stockings, they are worn through the first time you put them on if you go afoot.

Filipino Student Wins.

San Victorress, a Philippine student and a member of company G, won the Hazelton medal in the annual regimental and competitive drill at the University of Illinois a few days ago.

Bridesmaids for Hire.

A Parisian lady has established an agency for the supply of bridesmaids to prospective brides who are in need of such attendants. As the same girls in the same dresses take part in many different marriages, a fee of a sovereign for each girl is considered sufficient to meet the matter.

FULFILL PROPHECY.

Predictions of Disaster That Have Been Made Good.

Forces of Nature and Man at Work Have Wrought Havoc and Ruin—The End Is Not Yet.

Almost incredible are two prophecies of the California earthquake and a possible catastrophe to New York. One was made as far back as 1845, by a Prussian architect. The other was made by Lee Spangler, a prophet living in York, Pa., and was published in the New York World December 13, 1905.

The Prussian's prophecy was made while on a visit to New York to inspect her public buildings in an official capacity. He had a way of going into trances, and in one of these he said, speaking to a friend:

I want you to write. Say that instead of four stories now being agitated by the city authorities as the proper limit for the height of buildings in this city, before the close of the nineteenth century New York city will have constructed numerous buildings 15 to 25 stories high.

"During the nineteenth century there will be presidents assassinated, and in the early part of the twentieth century another president will be assassinated."

Finally, between the years 1900 and 1950 there will be an earthquake which will demolish everything below a large and beautiful park (Central park), which will be in the center of New York city, and there will be nothing left of all her lofty buildings. All will be covered by 50 feet of water below this park.

New York is founded on a rock bed, but all beneath is subject to a molten condition so intense that this rock is being burned and continually broken away and dropped below. Opposite Blackwell's island this intense heat is continually eating its way up, and at a certain time when the North and East rivers pour their contents into this enormous cauldron, what is to become of the lower part of the beautiful city?"

This ominous prediction, now fraught with such interest to New York, is made believable by the orderly fulfilled assassinations of three of our presidents. But the most remarkable prophecy ever published is that of Mr. Spangler. Here are his predictions: A glance at the already completed will almost convince you that the others are sure to be fulfilled.

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NEW BEAST OF BURDEN.

Experiments in the Production of a Cross Between Horse and Zebra.

By means of two male zebras imported from Abyssinia as the gift of King Menelik and which are now at the National zoological park in Washington, the department of agriculture hopes to make in this country a new beast of burden—a cross between the zebra and the horse. Experiments in this direction by the French authorities at Paris have been very successful, says Country Life in America. The hybrid is smaller than the horse. It is an exceedingly tough and wiry animal and will be suited to the warmer sections of the United States. The history of the American mule is suggestive of the possibilities of the zebra. A century ago the mule was a very scarce animal in the United States. Washington had done much to direct attention to his merits and had loaned the services of a large Spanish Jack presented to him by the king of Spain. But the mule did not become popular until well into the century.

At our last census, however, we had nearly 3,000,000 mules with a taxable value of \$250,000,000. The possibilities from the two zebras are immense—they may combine with the donkey and back into the horse and thus introduce entirely new strains.

STRANGE CLIMATIC EFFECT

Black Irishman Gave a Son of E. M. a Desire to Get Back Home.

In Massachusetts the population, although colored, speak with a brogue. This has been an Iberian island ever since Cromwell used it as a prison of exile for rebels. The exiles followed the fashion of the time in forcing the population into slavery, and the descendants of these slaves, who are, of course, free, are now engaged in making lime juice and talking Irish.

A sailor from Cork landed one day at the principal port, and fell into conversation with a particularly black longshoreman. The newcomer was filled with astonishment at the familiar speech.

"An how long have yez been in this place?" he asked the negro.

"Sure in it's two months since I came over, said the other, meaning that he had crossed from the other side of the island.

"Well," replied the Irishman, "it makes a devil in me look like yons in two months, here's what's gollu back to Ireland be the next ship!"

Simple Life Yearnings.

"Why, when we go to a hotel or our club, should we pay for immense mirrors and gorgeous marble staircases, and the rest? Our forefathers got much more pleasure out of an inn, and were much more 'clubbable'—to use Johnson's word—with their sandal shoes and pawer mugs—London Church Times.

Roller-Skating Craze. History seems likely to repeat itself after 30 years in a roller-skating revival. A bicycle renaissance would better suit the open-air time of year. Still, it must be so. "All skate!"—N. Y. World.