

BEAR HUNT AT GRAND RAPIDS.
Escaped Animal Is Killed to Save Man's Life.

Jack, the favorite member of the John Ball park bear family, is dead at Grand Rapids, Mich. It was either his life or that of Chris Wilmerink, one of the park men, and the choice was quickly and effectively made. Jack had escaped from the park and was killed while an attempt was being made to induce him to return to his quarters. Bruin was discovered by the big party organized to hunt for him about half a mile from the park. Efforts were made to coax Jack back to the park, and he was finally started in the right direction, the crowd following at a respectful distance.

But Jack apparently had no intention of returning to imprisonment. He had gone only a short distance when he suddenly turned and made back directly for his pursuers. Wilmerink was closest to him and the others of the party were spread out to cover his retreat. Jack started toward the park men all fours on a run. Wilmerink waved his gun and arms wildly as he retreated backward, yelling: "Go back, Jack; Go back, Jack." But Jack had his mind made up and had no intention of going back. When the bear was within a few feet of him Wilmerink struck his foot against a stubble and fell flat on his back.

Greenley, Woodworth and Watson covered the brute with their Winchesters ready to shoot. On came Jack with a rush for the prostrate man. As he approached Wilmerink struck the bear a smart blow on the snout with his gun. It stopped him for a moment, but it only tended to increase his ugliness. Before Wilmerink was able to regain his feet Jack made another rush for him. It was his last. Three sharp reports rang out and as many bullets pierced the bear's body. Two balls entered the fore shoulder and the third found lodgment in the neck. Jack tumbled over dead.

PROUD OF THE ARMY.

Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn Talks of His Trips to Posts.
George D. Meiklejohn, assistant secretary of war, has just returned from a tour of inspection of western military posts, extending to the Pacific coast, and embracing some 20 states and territories.

Most excellent conditions were found to prevail at all army posts visited, with one exception, and that has been abandoned since his inspection. He was enthusiastic in praise of the officers and men, and doubts if their equals exist in any foreign army. He says the superb discipline and military spirit everywhere conspicuously reflect great credit upon Gen. Miles, who, as commanding general of the army, is responsible for its military control.

Mr. Meiklejohn made a thorough inspection of the high-power guns and mortars batteries at the presidio of San Francisco. He is strongly impressed with the wisdom of the recommendation of the secretary of war in his annual report for an additional force of artillerymen to care for and handle the guns belonging to our fortifications and seacoast defenses.

FAVORS THE CORN SHOW.

F. D. Coburn, of Kansas Agricultural Board, on Proposed Exposition.

Secretary F. D. Coburn of the Kansas state board of agriculture is enthusiastic in his support of the plan to hold a big international exposition devoted to corn products and their many uses, together with the cooking and dairy school at Chicago in 1899.

In a letter just made public the secretary says he can conceive of no more feasible way to properly exploit before the world every aspect of America's and Kansas' foremost cultivated plant than the proposed international corn exposition.

He suggests that the United States department of agriculture take up the work and back it with \$100,000 of the appropriation "so largely wasted in the gratuity distribution annually of 60 mail car loads of lettuce, cabbage, tomato and like seeds. It can easily be made practicable."

NEW BOAT FOR ALASKA.
Unique Craft Being Built for Use on the Yukon River.

Lewis Nixon, of Elizabethport, N. J., is to build a stern-wheel steamboat of special design for use on the Yukon river by the Philadelphia Exploration and Mining company, which is about to send an expedition under charge of Prof. Angelo Heilprin, of Philadelphia.

The party will have eight members who expect to spend two years in Alaska. The new boat will be 50 feet long over all, 15 feet beam and 3 feet 10 inches depth. She will be built in ten watertight sections and entirely of steel, of six pounds to the square foot, up to the main deck. It is estimated that she will carry 35 tons on 18 inches draft of water. There will be two engines and one large boiler fitted to burn either coal or wood, as it is expected that the principal fuel will be driftwood picked up in transit. The engine will be expected to develop 60 horse power. The contract calls for the completion of the boat within 60 days, when she will be shipped across the continent by railroad or else sent around the Horn on a well at Robinson, Ill., a brazen image was found.

This great speed demands greater power than can be supplied by ordinary engines, so the boats will be driven by steam turbines, having four separate shafts, with three-screw propellers on each shaft. The contract for the three boats has already been placed with an English firm.

The high speed requirement is based upon the wonderful performance of the little Turbine, which has run at the rate of nearly 40 miles per hour.

The Weaker Sex.

Despite the fragility with which their sex is created, the number of British female centenarians greatly exceeds that of the men, 225 women out of every 1,000,000 reaching the century mark, while only eight men of the same number round out 100 years.

Gave the Queen a Parasol.

The only gift the queen of England ever accepted from a private subject was the cream-colored parasol carried by her on her diamond jubilee day. It was presented to her by Rt. Hon. Charles Villiers, still the "father of the house of commons."

A SHORTAGE EXPLAINED.

New Light on the Deficit of Librarian Spofford.

Bundles of Old Money Orders Which the Former Librarian of Congress Forgot to Cash Being Discovered.

An investigation now being made between the officials of the congressional library and the officials of the post office department promises to throw a great deal of light on the recent widely discussed shortage of former Librarian Ainsworth R. Spofford. It will be remembered that an investigation by the treasury department about a year ago showed Librarian Spofford to be about \$30,000 short in his accounts. Few people who knew him looked upon this at the time as anything more than an evidence of clerical negligence in his department. Now it appears that a large part, if not all of this deficit which Mr. Spofford promptly made good out of his own pocket will be accounted for by a great batch of old money orders which the absent-minded librarian forgot to cash.

The post office department gets a great many records of money orders from postmasters which are never presented for payment by the parties receiving them. The number of these uncashed orders addressed to the librarian of congress are perhaps greater than all of the others combined. While Mr. Spofford was in office Mr. Metcalf, chief of the money order division of the post office, would notify the librarian that there were orders on hand which he should cash. Sometimes he would get a few in response to these notifications and sometimes not. Since Mr. J. Russell Young has been placed in charge of the library, however, he and First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath have made a systematic search of the old library records and tucked away in one place or another they have unearthed hundreds of old orders which the former librarian had put aside and apparently forgotten, and more are coming to light every day. Just what the total sum will amount to has not yet been estimated, but it probably will come near wiping out the discrepancy in Mr. Spofford's accounts.

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HELPING UNCLE SAM.

GREAT COLLEGES MAY MERGE.

University of Chicago and Rush Medical May Affiliate. The University of Chicago stands in a fair way of securing a medical department. It was stated on the campus the other day that negotiations are under way between the university and Rush medical college for affiliation in the near future. No decision between the trustees of the two institutions has as yet been reached, and it was said that it was a money consideration—or rather the lack of a sufficiently large endowment—that so far has proved a barrier.

Dr. E. Fletcher Ingalls is supposed to be the person who is carrying on the negotiations for the medical institution. When seen at night Dr. Ingalls admitted that it would certainly prove a great benefit to Rush college, which he represents, to be affiliated with the university, but he asserted that he had nothing definite to give out for publication at present.

"There is nothing to say about the matter," said Dr. T. W. Goodspeed, of the University of Chicago. "That the affiliation would prove advantageous to both is unquestionable. The trouble is that we need an endowment to go with the college, and that we have not got that."

President Harper, of the university, left for New York at night. He went to pay visit to John D. Rockefeller, and it was said that his going had important bearing on the question of a medical school.

MEXICAN INVASION.

Formerly extraneous.... 7
Poder extranjero..... 6
Al... do..... 6
presta sus garantías colaterales..... 4
Tímeo... do..... 4
Papel hipotecario..... 7

MONNAIE AMÉRICAINE ET STRANGERE

et billets de Banques.

MONNAIE.

Monnaie Victoria..... \$4.80 & 40
Victoria..... 82.80 & 30
Doubloons espagnols..... \$10.40 & 60
35-pesetas espagnols..... 84.70
10-dólares americanos..... 97.95 & 40
50-centavos americanos..... 52.95
Dollars mexicains..... 43
50-pesetas mexicaines..... 41
Argent anglais, par £..... 84.60 & 80
Billets de la Banque d'Angle-
terre..... 5.91 & 16
Banques de France..... 15.20 & 124
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Pour accoupler 111 15/16
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Canal & Banking Co..... 100 120 & 129

Metcalf..... 85

Germania Savings..... 100 120 & 129

Hibernia National..... 100 120 & 129

Louisiana National..... 100 120 & 129

N. D. National..... 100 500 & 560

People's..... 50 37 & 40

Provident Savings..... 100 82% & 90

Union National..... 100 85

Whitney National..... 100 350

Argentine Savings..... 50 25 & 30

CHARGE OPEN KETTLE—Came.

Par livres..... 2.42 & 11/16

RAILINGS.

Barrel..... 5.90 & 51/2

Box..... 5.94 & 55

Barrel..... 5.98 & 55

PISTACHES.

Barrel..... 2.05 & 275

OOC'S.

Par 1000..... 20.00 & 22.00

ANALINE.

Par tonne..... 2.52 & 2

PORLES.

Par tonne..... 2.25 & 275

PECHES.

Par boîte de 1/2 de boisseaux..... —

RANANDES.

Par boîte..... 1.35 & 160

ORANGES.

Par boîte..... 3.00 & 245

ORANGES.

Par boîte..... 2.50 & 275

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Par boîte..... 2.00 & 265

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Par boîte..... 2