

WORSHIP A NEW GOD

ALLEGED APOSTLES CAUSE AGITATION AMONG MONGOLS

Make People Believe the New Deity Will Deliver Them from Foreign Yoke and Create an Independent Kingdom.

The agitation among the Mongols inhabiting the Altai region near Bjek, Russia, is increasing over the appearance of the god Airoi, who they believe will deliver them from a foreign yoke and create an independent kingdom.

These so-called apostles preach the resurrection of the god Airoi and pretend to carry from him messages to the people, saying that he has not been happy since he left them 200 years ago.

The new prophets are said to have been discovered to be Japanese who have passed the winter in caves in the mountain fastnesses, carefully concealing their presence in the country.

HISTORIC MEDICINE CHESTS

Receptacles Carried On Many Important Expeditions Form an Interesting Exhibit at Fair.

In the British section of the palace of liberal arts at the world's fair at St. Louis there is an exhibit of chests that have a wonderful interest for collectors.

The aluminum medicine chest that was carried by the Jackson-Harmont expedition which spent three years in Franz Joseph land is shown side by side with the chest used by Pizarro.

One of the most interesting specimens is the chest used by Sir Henry M. Stanley on his expedition which spent three years in Africa.

GOT BAD MONEY FROM COW

Indiana Man, Charged with Counterfeiting, Startles Court by Novel Excuse.

Charles Johnson of Mitchell, Ind., under indictment for counterfeiting, on being arraigned at Indianapolis started the court by declaring that a cow had given him the bad dollars.

"How is that?" asked the judge, mystified.

"The sir," answered Johnson unabashed, "a hand appeared from behind the cow and gave them to me. I often get money in that way."

"Who told you to go to the cow?" the judge queried.

"Spirits, your honor," promptly answered Johnson. "They come to me at night and told me to hunt the cow. This I did, and then the hand appeared."

The case was postponed until further notice, as the court was called to the next morning.

No More Spanish Chateaux. King Alphonso has signed the extradition treaty between the United States and this country.

The Difference. An aged Mexican has died without heirs, leaving \$2,000,000. If he had been an American, says the Chicago Daily News, the services of the census taker would have been necessary to count his wife.

GROWTH OF CHICAGO

POPULATION IS NOW ESTIMATED AT 2,341,000

List of Names in New Directory, Minus Those of Unmarried Women, Is 3,000 Greater—Johnson in the Majority.

With the 2,000,000 mark far in the rear, Chicago is rapidly pushing her population up to the 2,350,000 post, according to the estimate made by the compilers of the Chicago directory for 1904.

There are 667,000 names in the new directory. Comparing this number with the census of 1891 the city's population is placed at 2,341,000.

There are only 3,000 more names in the directory this year than last. The directory company explains this slight proportionate increase by stating that greater care has been taken in securing names than ever before, and that especially were the names of unmarried women not in business heretofore used, excluded.

Comparing the number of names with the government census of 1891, the population of the city is only 1,910,700, but the directory compilers say the last federal census was erroneous, and cite the returns from the census enumerators in Evanston to prove their contention.

The census of 1890 is therefore taken as the more correct one, and the estimate is made from it.

Charles J. Aabel is the first name in the new directory, and Joseph Zyvas is the last. There are 2,389 pages devoted wholly to names, and the Johnsons claim 20% of them.

OHIO HAS CURIOUS FREAK

Animal Discovered Near Columbus Has the Body of a Dog and the Head of a Boy.

"It's a freak," said the proprietor of a Columbus O. bird and dog store, who is in the business almost as much from his love for animals as in the hope of profit.

The animal is a well developed specimen of a dog, but the head, which is that of a boy, is some one discovered the animal some where north of Columbus. It is now about three months old.

The body is distinctly marked with the black and white spots of a coach dog. The hair is short, as that of a mouse and almost as fine.

The nose is long, the eyes small with black pupils, and the head entirely that of a boy. When it reached the store it was small, puny and weakly. Since then it has developed rapidly.

SMUGGLERS USE AN AUTO.

Pseudo Count and Countess Discovered in Act of Carrying Dutiable Goods Across Swiss Frontier.

The latest thing in smuggling comes from the Swiss frontier, where the idea of bringing contraband goods to France by automobile has been developed into a fine art.

A party of five dressed countesses, presumably a count and a countess and a friend, have been crossing the frontier repeatedly. The suspicions of the authorities at last were aroused and the automobile stopped and searched.

The pseudo count and countess were found to be notorious smugglers. Their fine attire as well as their machine was loaded with all sorts of dutiable stuff.

Black Snake Man's Ally. "It's the snake John," of Lower Michigan, Pa., was a servant of eight rattles taken from a snake that had been killed by a black snake.

John saw the big rattlesnake at full length on one of the forest mountains, with a load in its mouth. A big black snake saw the same spectacle at the same time and made a dash for the rattles.

No Benefit in Imitations. It has been discovered that the marquis of Ankerwyck had \$200,000 worth of paste gems which were so well made that even experts had to examine them three before they were able to detect the counterfeit.

ODDITIES OF MACHINERY.

Some Singular Actions of Metals and Parts That Puzzle Even Specialists in Mechanics.

Some of the wonders of machinery such as the erratic operation of certain engines at particular times, are little understood, even by practical machinists, says a journal of the trade.

Everyday things which are perfectly familiar to mechanics of one class are totally unintelligible to the workmen in another branch.

In practice, for instance, a piston rod packing of easy fitting rabbit piston is used. When these bushes become sufficiently worn to leak, we close them up by compressing them in the water cylinder of a hydraulic press.

Again, in the foundation of embossed work, two dies are used, the female die often being made by driving the hardened male die into a block of soft steel.

When the lawn mower was first introduced, the inventor was considered little short of a mechanical heretic to imagine that he could get sufficient friction with two light wheels to rotate a cylinder six times their own weight at six times their velocity.

Another and even more curious instance of the unexpected was that of a well-known electrician who built and tested for three years a certain piece of apparatus which promised to be exceptionally good.

In another case two similar boilers were connected by pipes at top and bottom and a fire built under each of them, the water, without apparent cause, behaved very strangely all going into one boiler, and then into the other.

Death Gulch, in the Yellowstone park, is a narrow rocky steep-bottomed ravine with comparatively level floors or shelves one above another.

It was discovered in 1838, when the bodies of five bears, one elk, many small mammals and numerous insects were found lying on the bottom.

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Novel Suggestion. A proposal has been made by a woman in Zurich that all unmarried girls belonging to the well-to-do classes should be compelled to devote a year to unpaid hospital or ambulance work.

NOT CAUSED BY FISH.

OBSERVATION OF DR. TURNER REGARDING LEPROSY.

Results of His Investigations Among Patients in South Africa—Believes Infection Is Due to Some Vermin.

Leprosy must now be added to the other scourges which afflict South Africa. Until recently the extent to which this disease was prevalent in South Africa was little known.

The disease is defying the most heroic efforts at its extermination in Cape Colony, while it is also spreading in Basutoland and elsewhere.

Official returns show that 70 per cent of the total amount of fish entering the Transvaal goes to Johannesburg. Nearly all of this is eaten by whites, but until December there was not a single European in the Johannesburg hospital.

Dr. Turner is convinced that contagion is the most usual means of the spread of leprosy. He treated a few cases in which it was possible to ascertain its origin was hereditary, but practically none in which contagion could be excluded and several in which contagion was the sole explanation.

PLAN REMOVAL OF CITY.

Canadian Suggests Way to Prevent Disasters Caused by Floods at Forty-Mile.

The disastrous floods at Forty Mile during the last two seasons and the ever increasing danger of more serious floods, having made it almost imperative that the townsite be removed, has resulted in Canadian Collector of Customs Busby suggesting the removal of the town to high ground on the other side of the Yukon.

Busby says the only available site where security could be had is across the Yukon, on the right bank of the river. There the bank is high, the ground is level, the channel is near shore, where there is always deep water, and an excellent site for the city could be laid out.

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Members of London Club Give Biograph Tea to Compensate for Business Session.

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Cow's Strange Diet. Edwin Ruddock, of Shelburne, Mass., recently bought a cow which died mysteriously a few days ago.

Growing Rapidly. Two or three days ago Fairbanks' height was reported to be six feet two inches. The latest estimate is six feet four and one-half inches.

AN AFRICAN HERMITAGE.

The Life and Surroundings of a Woman Missionary in Rhodesia.

From New Jersey to Rhodesia, east Africa is the leap that Mrs. Helen E. Rasmussen has made to find her life work. Old Umali is her home now, and her beautiful little villa on the mountain side, a quarter of a mile from the other buildings of her mission, is a choice situation for a hermitage.

At night the hyena often comes around with its weird, plaintive cry to his mate, Jackals, wildcats, wild dogs, wolves and deer are plentiful. Leopards and lions are in the country, though Mrs. Rasmussen has never seen them around the house.

Some of the most distinguished naval men have made the blunder that is mentioned above. Even at a comparatively recent period Capt. Marryat of the British navy, the celebrated nautical author, wrote in one of his novels "What a mine of wealth must lie buried in the sands! What riches lie entangled among its rocks or reefs suspended in the unfathomable gulf where the compressed fluid is equal in gravity to that which it encircles!"

When the first Atlantic cable was about to be laid, to obviate this supposed difficulty it was gravely proposed to fasten the cable across at a given maximum depth between buoys and floats, or even parachutes, at which ships should call, hook on and send messages to the shore.

GIRL WANTED A ROMANCE.

Evansville (Ind.) Miss Wade Young Woman in a Buggy at Her Request.

Abram Anderson of Evansville, Ind., and Miss Nora Bonnett were united in marriage at Evansville recently when the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Shoultz and was witnessed by a large crowd of eager sightseers who had gathered about the vehicle to witness the unusual ceremony.

The couple drove into the city in the carriage, and up to the parsonage. The Rev. Mr. Shoultz was called out to the sidewalk, where he was informed that the young people wanted to be married.

He invited them into the house, but the bride pushing interposed with the information that they wanted a little romance in their wedding and desired to be married in the buggy.

SOME REMARKABLE VOYAGES

Cruises in Small Craft That Have in Some Instances Resulted Disastrously.

Upward of a hundred men have ventured on long cruises in boats from 12 to 30 feet in length. Capt. Joshua Sycum is perhaps the best known of these voyagers.

100 NEW STARS DISCOVERED

Miss Leavitt at Harvard Observatory, Finds Variables in Large Magellanic Cloud.

As a result of the study by Miss Leavitt of the photographs of the two Magellanic clouds, the Harvard observatory announces the discovery of more than 100 variable stars in the so-called large cloud.

The two clouds had long been objects of careful study on account of the extraordinary physical conditions which prevail in them, but heretofore they have not been known as regions in which variable stars are numerous.

Beauty for Tree Growers. A bill now before the Ohio legislature provides for the payment of a premium, or bounty, of two dollars an acre for a period of ten years to any landowner of the state who will plant and care for forest trees in compliance with the rules laid down by the state board of forestry.

The Novel Part of It. There is nothing novel in the announcement that a Florida man has cured himself of insanity by shooting himself in the head, remarks the Chicago Journal. The novelty is found in the fact that he is still alive.

Incontinent Witness. A Wisconsin man has worn one pair of boots for Sundays and dress-up affairs for 51 years. He can hardly prove it by the boots, remarks the Chicago Daily News, that he went to church twice on Sunday all that time.