

USE OF TRACK TANKS.

Eastern Roads Equipped with Them for Passenger Traffic.

11th Fast Express Trains to Make Rapid Runs-Baltimore & Ohio to Experiment with Them for Use by Freight Engines.

The use of track tanks, by which locomotives of high speed passenger trains may take water without stopping, is almost universal on the larger eastern roads, where fast expresses are the rule.

The transportation officials made some calculations, and the figures showed a saving of no small sum, if track tanks are used for slow freights on the divisions where business is very heavy.

If the experiment on this part of the road proves successful, track tanks will be installed on every division between Baltimore and Chicago.

ILL-TREATED BY TURKS.

Jewish Immigrants to Palestine Find Their Pathway Strewed with Bitter Persecution.

Consul Merrill of Jerusalem has made a report to the state department regarding the unfortunate condition of the immigrant Jews in Palestine, in which he says: "The Turkish regulation requiring Jews arriving at Yafa to leave the country again in 30 or 90 days, if they come as visitors, has, I understand, been agreed to by our government.

"As the Turks do not accept the word of the immigrants on landing, a system of money pledges has been resorted to. This may be called 'fine,' 'tax,' 'deposit,' 'backshesh,' 'bail' or 'pledge'.

"In many cases the consul is appealed to, and rather than see them starve or sent back to the steamer, which would probably not receive them again, he gives his word as security that they will leave the country at the expiration of the time specified.

"It is the immigrant class—Russian or Polish Jews—who are suspected by the authorities here as likely to swell the ranks of the colonists."

LUXURIOUS ELEVATOR.

Is in the Queen's County (N. Y.) Jail, and is Built of Rosewood and Lined with Pink Silk.

The most expensive elevator anywhere around New York is the one in the Queen's county jail. It was put there by the board of supervisors of the county, which will officially next April, and which, the people of the county assert, is trying to spend all the money it can before it goes out of existence.

It is said that when they advertised for bids they announced that the highest bidder would get the job. He got it and constructed a car of rosewood, lined with pink silk, which is simply a "dream" of beauty.

DOG RESORTS TO SUICIDE.

Great Dane Climbs to a Third-Story Window in a Chicago Building and Jumps Out.

Pedestrians in Thirty-first street, Chicago, were startled early the other morning by the crashing to the sidewalk of a Great Dane dog which had jumped from a third-story window, evidently with suicidal intent.

Several persons observed the dog mount the stairs leading to the upper floors at 35 Thirty-first street and commented on his unusual size. A few minutes later they saw him at the window. He placed his paws on the sill, looked up and down the street and then at the pavement. Two or three minutes he remained there as if in contemplation and then, giving a spring, fell to the sidewalk 25 feet below. He was so badly hurt that an officer shot him.

"There is no doubt that the dog committed suicide," said a man who saw him jump. The animal was a stray and had been in the vicinity several days.

SCENES AT A FIESTA.

Mexicans Gamble While Seeking Favor of Venerated Saint.

Strange Mixture of the World and the Church During Celebration in Memory of St. Francisco Xavier.

Such a strange jumbling of the world and the church is seen nowhere in the United States as is exhibited at Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico, during the period of the fiesta in honor of the memory of St. Francisco Xavier. The fiesta opens on September 28 to October 10, but October 4 is celebrated as the birthday of the great missionary.

Tuesday night thousands of people camped in the plaza on the campus surrounding the cathedral and elsewhere near by. At four o'clock in the morning when the bells in the tower rung the call to early mass the crowd pressed into the big auditorium. There in the center under the dome on a catafalque covered with rich lace and silk lay the life-sized figure of the saint, robed in the costly raiment of a prelate.

Religious duties performed, the crowds passed to the market place, a block away, where gambling and drinking tents are pitched and where high officials of the state and prominent mine owners win and lose fortunes.

For September the exports of domestic breadstuffs amounted to \$25,140,471; cattle and hogs, \$2,299,736; provisions, \$13,098,317; cotton, \$17,082,792; and mineral oils, \$7,004,628.

USED BY SIGNAL CORPS.

Experiments with the Automobiles Prove Most Satisfactory—Will Be Sent to the Philippines.

Army officers are greatly interested in the three automobiles purchased by the signal corps and being tested here. They have been operated about the streets of Washington during the last day or two and have made trips between Fort Myer, Va., where the signal corps has a station, and Washington.

They will be used in the transportation of wire and electrical supplies, and, perhaps, provisions and ammunition. They can be used as ambulances where it is necessary to assist the regular methods of transporting the wounded. In such cases they may be armored, although any tendency to an increase in weight would not be to their advantage as speedy vehicles.

These wagons are capable of transporting a minimum weight of 600 pounds and possess a minimum radius of action without recharge of 12 miles. The wagons are so arranged as to be drawn by horses if necessary.

LET MOTHERS ATTEND CHURCH.

Baptist Young Women at South Bend, Ind., Care for Babies During the Services.

A new plan for dealing with the vexed problem of what to do with babies during church services was successfully begun at the First Baptist church at South Bend, Ind., one recent Sunday, and will be continued. A special committee of young women appointed by the Young People's society cared for three babies taken one Sunday by mothers glad to attend church services. A room has been granted opposite the church, and the young women meet the mothers at the church and relieve them of all care until the service is over.

FORTUNE FOR KEEPING SOBER.

Poughkeepsie Man Takes First Step Toward Winning the Reward His Father Offers.

To take the liquor cure, \$5,000; to remain sober a week, \$5,000 more; to drink alone forever, \$10,000 a year for life—that was what Marvin Dutton, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., offered his son, Gould M. Dutton, and the young man has started in to win the prize.

A closed carriage brought Dutton up to the private entrance to Bellevue, New York, and five minutes later he was a patient in the alcoholic ward, ready to begin.

Five Oldest Colleges.

The five oldest colleges in the United States are Harvard, 1636; William and Mary, 1693; Yale, 1701; University of Pennsylvania, 1740; Princeton, 1746. We don't know the name of the youngest college. Rutgers college stands ninth in the seniority list.

Missouri Lead Mine.

Eight thousand men are engaged in mining lead and zinc in Missouri. The total output for 1898 was 74,000 tons of lead and 140,000 tons of zinc.

A LITTLE WOMAN WONDER.

The Smallest Adult Female in the World, Who is Only Three Feet High, But of Perfect Form.

No feature of the Esplanade of the National Export exposition at Philadelphia has attracted more interest and curiosity than the exhibition of the very smallest woman of mature age in the world. This curiosity, who is in every way a perfect woman although only three feet high, was born in Cuba and is known as the "Olive-Skinned Mid-get."

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HINTS AT A ROYAL MARRIAGE.

It is Rumored That Henri d'Orleans and Princess of Asturias May Be Wedded.

The report has gone out at San Sebastian that Prince Henri d'Orleans is to marry the princess of Asturias, eldest daughter of the queen of Spain, now in her nineteenth year.

SHOWS DECLINE.

Foreign Trade in Breadstuffs for Nine Months Ending Oct. 1 Shows a Heavy Falling Off.

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The strong foreign trade in provisions continues, showing an increase over the nine months of 1898 of \$4,961,682. In spite of the war scandals, there has been an actual increase of 916,527 pounds of canned beef products, while the fresh beef sold abroad has jumped, 40,837,828 pounds.

AN OUTING IN EGYPT.

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Plan a Trip in a Houseboat on the Nile.

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., contemplate an Egyptian outing, for which they have engaged a dahabeh, the most luxurious one obtainable on the Nile.

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FINDS FROG IN HER STOMACH.

Ratcatcher in a Fox As Lao Woman Brought Forth Alive—Doctors Deeply Interested.

Mrs. Johanna Soll, of Fond du Lac, Wis., who has been an invalid for years, expelled a big frog from her stomach.

Causes of Insanity.

A Berlin doctor says women go crazy for love and men because they drink and are in a hurry. It might be added, suggests the Chicago Times-Herald, that a good many people who live in flats have plans.

Trifles and Perfection.

Trifles make perfection, says the Kansas City Star, but perfection is no trifle.

EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURES.

Their Value Is \$45,000,000 Greater for Eight Months Ending with August Than for Same Period Last Year.

Exportation of manufactures in the eight months ending with August is \$45,000,000 greater than in the corresponding months of last year, an increase of 22 per cent. During the eight months of 1899 the exports of manufactures have averaged more than \$1,000,000 per day, including Sundays and holidays, the total for the 243 days being \$246,228,916, while in the same months of last year the total export of manufactures was \$201,444,606.

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Although the Plants, mother and son, have \$30,000 a year apiece, the queer will of the late Florida multi-millionaire, Henry B. Plant, will be contested.

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GHOST HAUNTS THEATER.

Spirit of William Warren, an Actor, Still Trending the Boards of a Boston House.

The ghost of William Warren, who 25 years ago was one of the most celebrated actors of America, haunts Boston museum, according to the firm belief of Frank Cauley, the stenographer in the box office, the treasurer and several other attaches of the theater.

A couple of years ago Frank Currier, an actor, spent the night in the foyer to escape a constable who was looking for him with a bill and a writ. He had heard of the ghost of Warren, but had no faith in such yarns. He undertook to sleep on a couch in the foyer, and in the morning the theater attaches found him pacing the promenade, his hair on end, his eyes red and bloodshot, and his mind and body almost a wreck.

Off and on since then people who have been about the interior of the theater at night have reported seeing the ghost, and one night recently Cauley is certain it made a manifestation to him and to the treasurer.

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STEAM VERSUS SAILS.

Vessels Using the Former Fast Driving Out Sailing Craft.

Figures Which Clearly Show That Before Many Years Carrying Trade Will Be Handled Entirely by Steamships.

Steam vessels are gradually driving the sailing craft out of business, as will be shown by the forthcoming report of the commissioner of navigation. This year the total number of steam vessels engaged in the carrying of trade was 6,857, with a tonnage of 2,476,911, as against 6,712 vessels during the previous year, with a tonnage of 2,371,923, or a gain of 225 vessels and 104,988 in tonnage.

Last year there was an increase in the total number of vessels on the northern lakes as well as the carrying capacity. For Chicago the number of vessels increased from 144, with a carrying capacity of 43,296, in 1898, to 245, with a tonnage of 72,517 this year.

On the northern lakes there are now 3,162 steam and small craft, with a carrying capacity of 1,632,736, as against 2,724 vessels, with a carrying capacity of only 1,327,425 last year.

At Milwaukee the vessels making their headquarters there were 319, with a carrying capacity of 89,268, as against 160 vessels, with a tonnage of 20,852. At Duluth the vessels making their headquarters at that port this year numbered 204, with a carrying capacity of 153,377, as against 94 vessels, with a tonnage of 83,734 the previous year.

HAD PASSION FOR BARGAINS.

Eccentric Actions of Miss Erskine, of Kansas City, Mo.—Room Filled with Her Purchases.

Miss Anna Erskine, who died at Kansas City, Mo., the other night, was one of the most eccentric women. She was wealthy and most of her money was in government bonds, which were kept in a strong box at her banker's.

After her death this room was found neatly filled with these purchases, wrapped and tied just as they were when they left the counters. Not one had been disturbed.

NATIVE FILIPINO SCOUTS.

Are Being Used with Success by Gen. Otis in His Campaign in the Philippines.

The possibility of using the natives in the Philippines, which was suggested as an aid to suppressing the insurrection, has proven somewhat successful. Gen. Otis has advised the war department of the formation of two companies of the scout under a cavalry officer and the results have been such as to justify a recommendation that similar commands be formed throughout the islands.

SINGULAR WEDDING IN OHIO.

Everybody from the Bride and Groom to the Invited Guests Was Blind.

Probably the most unique wedding that ever took place in Ohio occurred in Cleveland, O. According to the wedding invitations issued love is literally blind. The plan was that all the participants and guests should be blind.

The bride is Miss Lizzie Brown and the groom is W. M. Moore, both blind from infancy. The wedding festivities took place at 26 Vine street, the home of George Dewees, a well-known blind musician and politician. The marriage knot was tied by Maj. Dwight W. Palmer, ex-member of the legislature, veteran of the civil war and a present justice of the peace of the city. He has been blind for many years.

Big Price for a Husband.

In a New York law case the other day it was shown that one of the parties had paid \$7,000 for a husband.