

NEW GOVERNOR OF ALASKA.



Walter E. Clark, a well-known Washington newspaper man, will, on October 1, become governor of Alaska, succeeding Gov. Hoggatt, resigned. Mr. Clark is well informed on Alaskan affairs, having visited that country at different times.

QUEEN'S KIND ACT

How Helena Helped Crippled Italian Boy.

Makes Protege of Small Lad She Found Suffering and Sad by the Seashore—Affected by the Youngster's Pessimism.

Rome—Queen Helena has added another recruit to the legion of her small proteges. The story of how Michael Gallo managed to attract the queen's attention is told by the Roman newspapers.

Her majesty accompanied King Victor when the latter went to Brindisi to meet the German emperor. When the meeting was over the king and queen went for a long motor excursion in the neighboring district.

Approaching the poor boy, Queen Helena asked him a few questions. Though a boy of quick intelligence, Michael Gallo, such was the cripple's name, did not realize that the solitary couple were the king and queen.

In looking for an explanation some investigators blame the hard times. Others say the Berlin married women show greater dislike to large families.

Rusty Pail Lid No Cause. Husband Kept "Exhibit" for Nine Years Before Suing for Divorce—Judge Dismisses Case.

New York—Judge Kinsey declared that Frederick A. K. Aiers' complaint against Mrs. Mary Aiers, in his suit to divorce her, was trivial and dismissed the case.

Another startling fact just brought to light is that in 1876 every fourth married woman bore a child, in 1908 every sixth.

Famous Old Tree Fallen. "Balm of Gilead," to Which Lewis and Clark Tied Canoe in 1805, Succumbs.

Vancouver, B. C.—Vancouver's historic old Balm of Gilead tree, to which Lewis and Clark are said to have tied their canoe in 1805, and which marked the landing point of the Hudson Bay Company of fur traders in 1814, fell a victim to the waters of the Columbia river.

Offers Titles for Sale. Marquis de la Rochebryant Would Open Way to Nobility for a Consideration.

New York—To any rich American woman who is ambitious to scintillate in the society of the European nobility, a woman styling herself as the Marquis de la Rochebryant offers a display of 29 choice titles from which a selection may be made.

Queer Little Mollycoddies That Ignore Their Own Kind and Prefer a Feather Duster.

Columbus, Ind.—Some time ago a brood of young chicks, the property of Mrs. Andrew Paulcoer of this city, sprang into prominence, and now they seem to thrive for newspaper mention, although they are regarded here as mollycoddies.

Kids on Long Ride. Guthrie, Okla.—Anxious to emulate the strenuous life, Temple and Louis Van Abernathy, aged five and eight, respectively, sons of United States Marshal John Abernathy, have left for a 1,100-mile horseback trip through Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico, to Roswell, N. M. "Sam," the now famous pony mount for Roosevelt during his Oklahoma wolf hunting trip, will carry Louis.

RACE SUICIDE IN GERMANY.

Discovery That Birth Rate in Berlin Is Steadily Decreasing Alarms the Nation.

Berlin German statisticians point in alarm to the decreasing birth rate, most plainly observed in Berlin, and a pronouncement against "race suicide" such as ex-President Roosevelt hurled at the American people is expected from Emperor William.

In England the discovery of Germany's danger will come as a great relief, for one of the main arguments of the agitators during the war scare in England has been to point out that the German housewife is providing seven children to the English wife's four.

As far as Berlin is concerned, there can be no doubt that the situation is serious. Every year shows a decreasing birth rate. In 1908 the total fell to 51,036, from 53,899 the previous year.

In 1898 about 29 children were born for every 1,000 of population, whereas in 1908 the rate had decreased to 24. In 1875 the birth rate was over 44 to the 1,000.

Another startling fact just brought to light is that in 1876 every fourth married woman bore a child, in 1908 every sixth.

In ten years the illegitimate births have increased out of all proportion to the natural increase of population.

Several bands of workers were gathered up. In every case it was found that they were not honest in their desire to gain employment.

These agents made their way first to New York. They were authorized to offer full fare from that city to San Francisco to everyone who cared to work, with transportation by boat from the Golden Gate to Honolulu.

Agents in other cities reported similar conditions, and the immigration authorities of Hawaii were in despair.

It has now been decided to give up all hope of getting American citizens who will take up an agricultural life, and look to Europe for relief.

Accordingly, the agents have gone abroad and devote themselves almost entirely to gaining Portuguese farmers, who are said to make most admirable citizens, and who are thrifty, honest and industrious.

According to a high official of the department, thousands of laborers are needed in the island. The Chinese are leaving by the hundreds, as are the Japanese, and when they once leave the ports of the territory are closed to their return.

Little Pennsylvania Girl Is Youngest and Tiniest Ever Heard in Pottstown.

Pottstown, Pa.—Just six years old and the youngest and tiniest oldest piano performer that ever appeared in public here, Dora K. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hoffman of 455 North Charlotte street, is regarded by experts as a musical prodigy.

Although from her very earliest years, when she toddled to the piano and tried to play while her mother sang some sweet lullaby, Dora showed a natural talent for music, it was not until eight months ago that she took her first lesson on the piano. A six-year-old girl, scarcely reaching to the keyboard, taking regular lessons, was a sight as interesting as it was exceptional to the other pupils in her music school, and naturally Dora became a great pet among them.

Such wonderful progress did the child make that at the Weiser School of Music commencement recently she was at the last minute called upon to fill a gap in the program. One of the girl graduates could not attend because of the death of her brother, and Dora was substituted. She rendered in splendid style a value lent by Virgil, "The Happy Farmer," by Schumann, and several other compositions in response to encores.

Has Crowless Roosters. Seattle—Herbert Joyce of Springdale, has for years been experimenting with a peculiar breed of poultry which he says he brought from one of the Sandwich group of islands in the Pacific ocean.

When he first obtained the wild birds they made a noise not unlike the hiss of a goose. He crossed his wild birds with various types of domesticated poultry and has at last obtained a rooster perfect in all respects with the exception of the crowing ability.

Report on Liberia. Washington.—A new lease on life is expected to be accorded to Liberia, the little African republic, as a result of the report now being prepared by the American commission which investigated conditions there.

The commissioners state that Liberia is not bankrupt, and the government, although in some respects crude, is generally a good one.

SHUN HAWAIIAN JOBS

Island Farm Work Plenty, But Unemployed Say "No."

Authorities Have Much Difficulty In Securing Recruits in America and Are Now Turning to Europe for Relief.

Washington—The unemployed of the great cities, according to the belief of the department of commerce and labor, are not desirous of obtaining work. This condition has been formed upon the department officials through the failure of the territorial government of Hawaii to obtain laborers in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and other populous centers.

Some time ago the Hawaiian legislature passed a law authorizing the enlistment and importation into the islands of farm laborers. The alien contract labor laws were practically suspended, so extreme was the need of the planters and agriculturists of the territory. Agents were sent to the United States to organize parties of idle men who were rallying against the economic system that prevented them from getting employment.

These agents made their way first to New York. They were authorized to offer full fare from that city to San Francisco to everyone who cared to work, with transportation by boat from the Golden Gate to Honolulu.

Several bands of workers were gathered up. In every case it was found that they were not honest in their desire to gain employment.

These agents made their way first to New York. They were authorized to offer full fare from that city to San Francisco to everyone who cared to work, with transportation by boat from the Golden Gate to Honolulu.

Agents in other cities reported similar conditions, and the immigration authorities of Hawaii were in despair.

It has now been decided to give up all hope of getting American citizens who will take up an agricultural life, and look to Europe for relief.

Accordingly, the agents have gone abroad and devote themselves almost entirely to gaining Portuguese farmers, who are said to make most admirable citizens, and who are thrifty, honest and industrious.

According to a high official of the department, thousands of laborers are needed in the island. The Chinese are leaving by the hundreds, as are the Japanese, and when they once leave the ports of the territory are closed to their return.

Little Pennsylvania Girl Is Youngest and Tiniest Ever Heard in Pottstown.

Pottstown, Pa.—Just six years old and the youngest and tiniest oldest piano performer that ever appeared in public here, Dora K. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hoffman of 455 North Charlotte street, is regarded by experts as a musical prodigy.

Although from her very earliest years, when she toddled to the piano and tried to play while her mother sang some sweet lullaby, Dora showed a natural talent for music, it was not until eight months ago that she took her first lesson on the piano. A six-year-old girl, scarcely reaching to the keyboard, taking regular lessons, was a sight as interesting as it was exceptional to the other pupils in her music school, and naturally Dora became a great pet among them.

Such wonderful progress did the child make that at the Weiser School of Music commencement recently she was at the last minute called upon to fill a gap in the program. One of the girl graduates could not attend because of the death of her brother, and Dora was substituted. She rendered in splendid style a value lent by Virgil, "The Happy Farmer," by Schumann, and several other compositions in response to encores.

Has Crowless Roosters. Seattle—Herbert Joyce of Springdale, has for years been experimenting with a peculiar breed of poultry which he says he brought from one of the Sandwich group of islands in the Pacific ocean.

When he first obtained the wild birds they made a noise not unlike the hiss of a goose. He crossed his wild birds with various types of domesticated poultry and has at last obtained a rooster perfect in all respects with the exception of the crowing ability.

Report on Liberia. Washington.—A new lease on life is expected to be accorded to Liberia, the little African republic, as a result of the report now being prepared by the American commission which investigated conditions there.

The commissioners state that Liberia is not bankrupt, and the government, although in some respects crude, is generally a good one.

MAN SERVED IN FOUR WARS

Capt. Joseph Downing, Delaware Soldier, Celebrates His 103rd Birthday—Lives on Pension.

Dover, Del.—Capt. Joseph Downing, a hero of four wars and a native of Philadelphia, celebrated his one hundred and third birthday the other day. He served in the Creek Seminoles war of 1832 in the Mexican war in the Crimean war of 1854-55, and in the Civil war of 1861-65.

"I always felt that whenever war broke out men ought to go and get into it and get it over with as soon as possible," said Downing, "for war keeps alive on life and property."

And then the captain handed up his roll and reel and his string of cash, and started down the road for home.

Capt. Downing now lives on his pension of \$20 a month from the United States government for services in the Civil war. He is able to do odd chores, and is fond of rod and line angling for fish. He has a sister in Philadelphia 20 years his junior. She is his only living relative. He makes his home at Little Creek village with Joseph Gamble. Downing's wife has been dead 16 years. They had no children.

After his 70 days in the Seminoles war in Florida fighting the Indians into submission, Downing entered the Mexican war, where he served under Capt. John King. The Anderson conveyed supply ships and met the American troops at coast towns with supplies and arms, but was often fired at and in hot engagements.

In the Crimean war Downing's assignment was on the Golden Gate, a transport, and the work of this ship kept his men under hot fire.

Downing enlisted from Philadelphia in the Civil war. His term began July 27, 1861, and extended three years and nine days. Most of his time in the conflict was served as master-at-arms on the Yankee.

YEAH AFTER THE INFINITE. Oklahoma Man Says Five Years' Underground Course Will Make Him Grow Into Spirit.

Guthrie, Okla.—G. W. Limerick, theosophist and capitalist, of Oklahoma City, recently divorced, will dispose of his earthly possessions and join the college of occult science at Simla, India. It will be a five years' course in the underground caves of the college, silent, alone and in darkness. It will be five years of yearning after the infinite assisted by the concentration of adepts who are far advanced along the path leading to the unknowable.

"I shall leave in the fall after winding up my earthly affairs here," said Limerick, "I have already been admitted to the seventh degree of the order through correspondence with the head of the college at Simla. Upon arriving at the college I shall go underground to the caves of silence, there to dwell upon the infinite and to grow by silent concentration into the spirit."

Limerick was left \$20,000 out of his \$80,000 estate when Judge Stillwell Russel of Ardmore, handed down his divorce decree freeing Mrs. Della Limerick, a few days ago. Mrs. Limerick obtained \$25,000 of the estate, the balance going to the children. Mrs. Limerick's grounds for divorce were drunkenness and threatening to kill. The decree gives to her custody of their three children and the handsome Limerick residence in Oklahoma City.

ANTELOPES WON'T GO AWAY. Animals Enjoyed Farmer's Hospitality All Winter, Now Refuse to Move.

Denver, Col.—There is considerable of a laugh on Hugh Hoy a ranchman, near Fort Morgan, but the joke is a costly one to him for feeding a herd of 14 antelopes through the hard winter.

Now he has a kink coming. The antelope feel that one good turn deserves another, and they refuse to forsake the acres of Farmer Hoy, and troop regularly up to the back door and ask for a handout.

They browsed for a while on the prairie grass, but lately have discovered the growing wheat fields and gorge themselves.

Farmer Hoy loved the gentle eyed antelope during the cold months, when his stock of alfalfa was the only thing between them and starvation, but they have waxed fat and bold and a few days ago he set the dogs on them.

The big bucks charged the dogs and they had to retreat. Farmer Hoy has written to the game and fish commissioner for relief. He cannot find it in his heart to slay the once timid creatures, but he wants to protect his wheat fields.

Commissioner Holland accordingly sent instructions to Deputy Warden Ed. Raugh of Brush, directing him to take some good dogs to the Hoy ranch and drive the antelopes out on the prairie.

Girl Is Home Painter. Lawrenceburg, Ind.—Miss Wilma Mae Corbin is one of the city's girl painters, and one who paints artistically. The result of her work may be seen by observing the residence of her mother, Mrs. Emma Eppard, which Miss Corbin has just given a new coat of ivory white with green trimmings. It is a two-story, frame structure, with front and rear porches, and the girl applied the brush to the entire surface.