

AGAINST SPIKED SHOES.
Our Drivers Must Change
Footgear When They
Come to Town.

POWER IN SCOTCH LAKES.

It Is Proposed to Drain One Lake Into
Another One Thousand One Hundred
Feet Below It.

Scotia legislature has passed a bill prohibiting the wearing of spiked boots in public places and imposes a fine for violations of the law. It is baited with joy by the companies and the proprietors of barrooms and other places used by river drivers, for they suffered greatly from the spikes.

The river drivers leave the logs in the river bottoms and board the Bangor they don't stop to wear clothes, but come to town in shirts, nailed shoes and all, of the car floors full of little car rents in the cushions. It is, occasionally also jabbing the spikes into the insteps of passengers. When they cars they proceed directly to the saloon, and there they work more fast spring a lot of drivers got where a new maple floor was laid, and after they had around the place long enough two dollars for whisky the as though it had been pepper bird shot, and the saloon reckoned his loss at \$10. He about 60 cents profit on the so he charged up \$30.40 to and shoes.

A danger may be seen floors full of little holes by the shoe river drivers, and there is a policeman in the city who has prodded with the spikes of drivers. The spikes are a curse to a man who has to skin the slippery logs for a living, it comes to wearing them in anyone but the drivers suffers. legislature, after allowing the to go on uninterrupted for six years, has at last drawn the spikes—and the line is not boom.

WHY SHE IS SO POPULAR.

A Brilliant Chicago Society Favorite Explains the Secret of Her Success.

OUR WOMEN BEAT A BILL.

of Kansas Legislators Defeat Measure for an Exhibit at Paris.

to the jealousy of women a handsome lobbyist, Kansas no exhibit at the Paris exposition all came about in this way: the bill appropriating \$50,000 for exhibit was introduced Mrs. Thompson, a young, well-dressed Pratt, went to Topeka and at the Copeland. She immediately vigorously to lobby for and within ten days it is said had the promises of \$5 legislation they would vote for the measure would have given it an overwhelming majority.

Thompson's motive was that she is to one of the three commissioners. She did not adopt the usual methods of lobbying in the halls at the capital, but sent them invitations to call on her. She them in the hotel parlors, in with her cousin, Harry Bone, a United States district attorney, and within ten days it is said had the promises of \$5 legislation they would vote for the measure would have given it an overwhelming majority.

not long before the wives of legislators, of whom there are a number in Topeka, found out how were going, and how great the was that Mrs. Thompson held her husbands. They first waxed and then combated for revenge, by Mrs. W. E. Stanley, wife of former, they commenced a systematic campaign against the Paris to defeat it and thereby dashed the cherished hopes of Mrs. on to represent Kansas at the position.

NIGHT AT NEW ORLEANS.

Floors Pass the City—Curious Citizens Watch the Unusual Conditions.

Caribbeans witnessed the other day, Times-Democrat of that city, the novel features of the late cold spell—ice floes by the city. For some weeks we have heard of a great deal of the river above. There was an ice at Vicksburg and so much the river at Plaquemine as to be dangerous to go about in a

at daylight the other day this passing New Orleans, kept day, and considerable passed day also. The entire central of the city was filled with large floes of any feet in length and apparently in the river. Ice has floated by Orleans on several occasions in the but never before like this, and caravans were crowded with thousands of people to see a phenomenon as seen here before, and never likely to be seen again.

Louisiana Sugar Plantations. The recent sale of two sugar plantations in Louisiana seems to indicate in the future of the sugar industry in that state. One plantation of acres in St. John parish sold for \$10,000 or over \$5 an acre. Another acres, in Iberville parish, sold \$100,000, or \$125 an acre. The purers are successful sugar planters are confident there is money in the at these large figures.

New Test for Coal. French experimenter suggests the X ray furnishes a ready means detect stony impurities in coal, carbon is very transparent to the rays, while silica is opaque to them. Consequently the silicates, such form slag when coal is burned, can be seen like a skeleton when the coal is projected upon a translucent screen.

SOLD ARMS TO SPAIN.

The Unpleasant Predicament Into Which an Exporting House Got Itself.

"There are lots of queer inside stories connected with the war," said a visitor in the lobby of a hotel, "but I think I can tell the very oddest of the lot. I don't care to call any names, but the facts are these: Late last summer a certain manufacturing company, one of the biggest in its line in the world, received quite a large order from the Spanish government for supplies to be sent to Cuba. There was nothing remarkable in this, because Spain was at that time a liberal customer in the American market, but it already owed a pretty good stiff to the house in question, and there was some doubt about filling the last requisition. However, the stuff was finally sent on promise of a 90-day settlement in full. That was in September, 1897," relates the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"When the 90 days elapsed small payment was made, and the balance promised directly after New Year's. Some time in January there was another payment and another big promise. On February 15, as you may happen to recall, the Maine was blown to smithereens in Havana harbor, and in the swift succession of events that followed the bill was simply ignored by the Spanish authorities. That, very briefly, is the commercial history of the case, and the house now finds itself in a peculiar predicament.

"It is possible that it might get its money by an appeal to the president, but as most of the stuff furnished to the dons was used as munitions of war against our own troops it is reluctant to make the claim for fear of exciting popular prejudice. The amount involved runs away up into the thousands, but they figure that it would be more than offset by loss of home trade. So they have concluded to keep their mouths shut and charge it to profit and loss."

BLIND FISHES.

Two Singular Species Are Found in the Fresh Waters of Cuba.

According to Dr. Gill, Cuba is remarkable for two species of blind fishes, distantly related to the cod family and otherwise represented only in deep sea forms, says the New York Tribune. They have, after many years, adapted themselves to the fresh water of the caves in which they have become isolated, and have lost their sight after living many generations without seeing daylight. In Cuba there are also freshwater "gar pike" curiosities because of their resemblance to alligators. This similarity in appearance is suggested by the "gar pike's" hard, bony scales, which resist musket-shot; also by its stout, conspicuously crocodile-like. Other fresh-water fishes of Cuba are related to similar species of South America, Mexico and the southwestern United States. These relate to our species are some forms of killifishes and mudminnows. The only food fish in Cuban water is a large mullet, which has wandered inland from the sea.

Dr. Gill says that the fresh-water fishes of Porto Rico are scarcely known to scientific men. The fish commission's vessel Fish Hawk is now in Porto Rico waters investigating them. Porto Rico will contribute but meagerly to our list of new fauna. There are no indigenous earth animals, but rats and mice, of course, have followed man thither. About the only indigenous animal of Porto Rico is believed to be a species of bat; which from the popular point of view has nothing peculiar pertaining to it.

WOULD GET OFF ANYWAY.

A Laboring Man's Droll Report on a Woman in a Chicago Street Car.

The scene was a North State street car, and the time something after six at night. The vehicle was crowded with men and women seated closely together. A number of men were standing also, when, just before the conductor rang the signal for starting the car in its homeward direction, a fashionably dressed woman entered the doorway and raised her arms to catch one of the leather straps for support. The men had their evening newspapers, and perhaps they did not notice, but the car was well over the bridge before one of them arose and offered her a seat, says the Chicago Chronicle.

"No, thank you," replied the woman of fashion, sweetly and smilingly. "I really prefer to stand."

And the man took her at her word and sank back easily into the vacated seat.

A minute afterward the person next him, an old Irish laborer, rose to his feet, and again the woman endeavored to intercept the proffered courtesy, saying:

"Thank you, but I prefer to stand."

"I don't care a hair of my head whether you care to stand or not," replied the man stolidly. "But I've reached me corner, and I'll get off anyway."

Giant Japanese Soldier.

A Japanese paper says that a soldier of gigantic stature and enormous strength recently had the honor of being presented to the emperor. He is Private Yamashita, of the Third regiment of Nigoya field artillery. He enlisted in December last, and is now 22 years of age. His muscular strength is so great that he can carry a field piece on his shoulders and climb up a mountain when horses are not available. Yamashita regularly receives two men's rations, and his uniforms are made to order.

Tax to Buy Fagots for Heretics.

A church in London still possesses an income originally given to it for the purpose of buying fagots for burning heretics.

Archery vs. Golf.

Golf and archery came into competition recently near Birmingham, one contestant undertaking to hole out 18 holes with bow and arrow in fewer shots than his competitor would make strokes with club and ball. The archer won.

Bulletin Financier.

Lundi, 27 mars 1899.

SOCIÉTÉ D'ÉCHANGES (CLEARING HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Capital social... \$2,137,874.00 \$191,175.00
Monte tempora... 2,387,210.00 234,321.00

MARCHÉ MONÉTAIRE.

Bonne-Orléans—
Banque exceptionnel... 62
Préts sur garanties spéciales... 47
Préts sur garanties générales... 47
Papier hypothécaire... 7
Monte tempora... 2,387,210.00 234,321.00

MONTAINE.

Commerce Victoria... \$4,500 à 9%
Banque... 50,000 à 8%

25-piastres billets... 100 à 10%
Or et orfèvrerie... 2,000 à 10%

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