

VARSIY MEN IN WEST

MOST OF GRADUATES HUNTING GOLD IN NEVADA.

Collegians Bent on Adventure or Seeking Their Fortunes Flock to Camps and Talk of the Formation of a Club.

Reno, Nev.—There are perhaps more university graduates or men who have attended schools of higher learning in Nevada than in any other state in the union in proportion to the population.

Put out of it all there is no organization formed for the perpetuation of the ideals for which the men were trained. The college graduates are attracted here by the opportunities for making money, but with all the excitement he is prone to meet with his fellow classmates and discuss old times, the deeds of a different life.

Therefore the Nevada University club is about to be formed. Judge Norcross of the state supreme court, a Georgetown man, is one of those in favor of the project.

Assemblyman "Big Ed" Stewart, who operates in Tonopah and Manhattan, will pay the charter membership fee with gladness.

When the club is formed immediate steps will be taken to secure funds for the purpose of building a club house in Reno, where all the members will have a place to make headquarters and always feel at home.

PLAN MODEL MINING TOWN.

Work Is Begun in Virgin Forest Near Negaunee, Mich.

Negaunee, Mich.—Where there is now a virgin forest the Cleveland Iron company has commenced the work of laying out a new town in the Swaney district that within a few years will become an important mining center.

It is the intention to found a model community, patterned somewhat after the new city of Colorado, which the Steel Corporation is establishing at the western end of the Mesilla region in Minnesota.

Man Leaves Clothes Behind. South Norwalk, Conn.—When James Main, caretaker at the summer home of Dr. Garry T. Smith, was going home intoxicated the other night he fell headlong into an ice pond.

Predict Huge Kansas Wheat Crop. Topeka, Kas.—Experts who have returned from a tour of the Kansas wheat belt predict that the yield in the state will be over 100,000,000 bushels.

HER PLOT WAS CUNNINGLY LAID.

Scheme of Woman in Madrid to Get a Valuable Diamond.

London.—A story of an amazingly audacious swindle comes from Madrid, Spain. The heroine is a handsome, elegantly dressed woman who the other day visited a specialist in mental diseases on behalf of her husband, who, she said, was a sufferer from religious mania.

The next scene of action was a jeweler's shop in another part of the city, where she selected diamonds to the value of \$5,000 on the understanding that she would buy them if her husband approved.

BULLETS USED AS CURRENCY.

Valuable as Coin in Abyssinia, Famous for Big Game.

London.—Down in Abyssinia, writes a British consul, cartridges are used as currency, those fitting the popular rifle, the Gras, exchanging at a ratio of 1 to 10 with their (debased) cent.

This is truly sad news for lovers of peace in the world. In a country where bullets are coming into use as currency a growth toward militarism can hardly be doubted.

While Abyssinia is a lowly civilized country it has in circulation several forms of modern money—a currency based on the Maria Theresa dollar (value about 50 cents), and a considerable supply of Indian rupees.

ORGANIZE A "LEMON" CLUB.

Girls Before They Can Join Must Admit They Have Been "Squeezed."

Milwaukee.—Crate No. 1, illustrious Order of the Lemon, has been organized in this city. The officers of the crate are as follows:

Grand lemon—Miss Margaret Murray. Grand lemon aid—Miss Emily Metzger. Grand lemon peel—Miss Ritta Shea. Grand lemon squeeze—Miss Agnes Leonard.

The members are all well-known young girls in Milwaukee society circles. The following is the initiation code, which each candidate must sing before being made a member:

REINCARMATION IS PREDICTED.

Muskegon, Mich.—Herman Lyman, 65 years old, a wealthy retired farmer and a Biblical wisacre, has announced that 100 years hence he will be reincarnated, and in preparation for the event he has built a solid cement sepulcher surrounded by a wooden structure, in which he is to be buried.

IMPORTS BREAK OLD RECORD.

New York.—If the extraordinary increase in importations at the port of New York continues at the present rate, it is probable that congress will be called on to provide an additional building for the appraiser's warehouse.

A MASTODON ON ICE

PREHISTORIC MONSTER, PRESERVED INTACT, FOUND.

Will Be Taken from Resting Place in Alaska to Yukon Exposition at Seattle—Big Beast to Look as if Alive.

Seattle, Wash.—When warm weather comes again a party of men with well-developed domes of thought is going to take out of cold storage the largest and the oldest piece of meat ever preserved in this manner.

The particular piece of meat, which is to be taken out of cold storage shortly after the robin's nest again, is a mastodon, which was discovered incased in ice in the Cleary creek region of Alaska late last summer.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition will be held primarily for the exploitation of Alaska.

Late last summer, while President J. E. Chilberg of the exposition was at Nome word was brought in that a complete specimen of a mammoth incased in ice had been discovered by W. E. Thomas on Cleary creek.

Mr. Chilberg investigated, and learned that the specimen was practically perfect, the flesh and hide being intact except in one small place, which the melting ice had exposed, where some animal had eaten away a portion of the flesh.

Aside from the small hole in its back, the animal was in excellent shape. It is probably the finest example of the preservative powers of cold storage extant, for the animal got caught long before people knew even how to keep ice during the summer months.

President Chilberg learned also that the mastodon could be removed from the ice, preserved and shipped to Seattle at comparatively small cost.

It was too late then to send a crew of men to preserve the specimen, but there was present the consolation that the approaching cold weather would freeze it solidly and no harm could come to it until next summer.

Early next season Prof. Trevor Kincaid, the zoologist of the University of Washington, will be sent into the interior of the northland to save every particle of the creature possible.

WILL SELL JOHN D.'S HAIR OIL.

Rockefeller Refuses to Pay Duty on Wonderful German "Restorer."

New York.—A bottle of hair oil which a celebrated pharmacist of Berlin sent to John D. Rockefeller some time ago is to be sold by the government because the oil king failed to pay the customs duty on the package.

It is claimed that if Mr. Rockefeller had used the contents of the bottle from Berlin he would now have a luxuriant growth of hair two feet long and also a full set of whiskers.

A box of lozenges which a Scotchman forwarded to Mr. Rockefeller from Edinburgh for the cure of his indigestion is also to be sold by Uncle Sam for the nonpayment of duty.

Other things addressed by cranks to Mr. Rockefeller are included in the sale.

INVENTION TO PURIFY MILK.

London Man Pumps in Carbonic Acid Gas and It Keeps 20 Weeks.

London.—A solution of the problem of preserving milk fresh for an indefinite period seems to have been found by one Randolph Hemming.

The invention of Hemming consists in the forced introduction into every bottle of milk of a certain quantity of carbonic acid gas by means of a special machine.

SAVE GIRLS BY HYPNOTISM.

New York Woman Gets on Feet From Philanthropy.

New York.—A worthy New York woman who is devoted to the interests of young girls has, through the agency of Dr. John D. Quackenbos, set on foot a novel philanthropy.

The treatment at Dr. Quackenbos' home was given one afternoon recently. In each case the sleep was prolonged for half an hour. The girls, who were brought from the New Jersey Home for Girls at Trenton, were all 17 or 18 years old.

"I found out what the trouble was," he said, "and by suggestion endeavored to obliterate it from the girl's memory. Only one fought against sleep and she was hysterical for a few minutes."

To accomplish anything definite Dr. Quackenbos says he must repeat his suggestions at regular intervals for a considerable period till the idea becomes fixed and the will strong enough to act of itself.

28 PITTSBURGERS "SQUARE."

Chamber of Commerce Starts Hunt Because City Is Called Sodom.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Every prominent and wealthy man in Pittsburg is going around with a worried look. Fear that his name will not appear in the list of "the righteous" selected by the Pittsburg chamber of commerce for its virtue banquet is the cause.

The low paper remarked that Pittsburg could not produce even half a dozen men who would pass muster. This statement filled the chamber of commerce. They had an indignation meeting at which it was decided they would show the world, at their annual banquet, just how long the city is on righteous men.

The tenant, Michael Brandon, said to be a dissolute, worthless fellow, had occupied the house for a year or more, but never had paid his rent. Keeshan tried on a number of occasions to eject him from the house, but he took advantage of legal technicalities and kept possession of it.

Brandon paid no heed to the warning. When he awoke in the middle of the night, however, he discovered that Keeshan had carried out his threat. The house was on fire and the flames had gaped such headway when Brandon was awakened that he barely had time to escape with his life.

EJECTS TENANT WITH FIRE.

Landlord Burns Valuable House to Force Man to Move.

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OIL KING GIVES UP FOREST HOME

Rockefeller Presents It to City of Cleveland as Park.

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JOIN IN HUNT FOR WIVES.

Bachelor Settlers in Wyoming Organize and Advertise for Helpmates.

Riverton, Wyo.—Many of the young men who have fled on homesteads on the Wind river or Shoshone Indian reservation, a part of which was thrown open to settlement last summer, are unmarried and living alone in shanties on their claims and they are very desirous of procuring wives to relieve the loneliness of their lives and to do their cooking, washing, sewing and other housework.

Accordingly they have organized what is called the Riverton Bachelors' club and through the agency of this club have begun a systematic search for helpmates. They have inserted advertisements in state papers making known their wants and they will later on advertise in papers all over the country unless they should meantime procure wives.

The members of the club will pay the railroad fare and other traveling expenses of any young woman who may come here with a view to getting married and should any young woman who may come change her mind after arriving on the ground and desire to go back home she will be given a return ticket.

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DIGS HIS OWN GRAVE; DIES.

Wyoming Man Also Made His Coffin and Carved His Own Tombstone.

Lander, Wyo.—Jerome Wilkins died and was buried a few days ago at New York, a little town southwest of Lander, under very peculiar circumstances.

He made out a list of the men whom he wished to serve as pallbearers at his funeral. And finally on the first of March he took a pick and shovel and went out and dug the grave in which his own body was to be buried.

Then he went home and calmly waited for the end. Within a few days he was stricken with pneumonia, contracted, his physician said, when he was digging his own grave, and within 36 hours he was dead.

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ROOSEVELT, JR., PRINCE'S CHUM.

Kaiser Wants His Son to Be College Mate to President's Boy.

Berlin.—To his desire to have one of his sons grow up with one of President Roosevelt's boys is chiefly due the decision of Emperor William to send his fifth son, Prince Oscar, to Harvard university in September.

The emperor's decision to send his fifth son, Prince Oscar, to Harvard university in September, is a continuation of his majesty's American policy, which began with the dispatch of his brother, Prince Henry of Prussia, to the United States in 1903, and which has been kept up meantime by a series of compliments, such as the donation of statues, the buying of American yachts, the exchange of professors by German and American universities, and by conspicuous hospitality to distinguished American visitors.

SNEEZES OUT CORN GRAIN.

Pennsburg, Pa.—After three months' suffering a sneeze has afforded relief to Emanuel, five-year-old son of E. M. Weller of Hill Church.

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SECOND WIFE HONORS FIRST.

Ottumwa, Ia.—When the will of the late Mrs. L. Benedict of Eddyville was filed for probate in the district court here it was found to provide a sum of money for the erection of a monument to her husband's first wife.

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THE MARAKECH BELL

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Moroccan Town Which Has Recently Sprung Into Prominence Through Persecution of Europeans—Slave Market in City.

Paris—Marakech, the town in Morocco which has suddenly sprung into notoriety through its persecution of Europeans, has "the most wonderful bell in the world," according to De Foucault, the Parisian explorer.

"This famous bell," he said in a recent interview, "is nothing less than the voice of the muezzin, the public crier in Mohammedan countries, who from a town or minaret of a mosque calls the faithful to prayer, lifted over the town at the hour of prayer from the mosque of Kotoubia. It is the most marvelously solemn and sonorous of all human voices."

"I asked the muezzin how he came by it. He answered, 'I possess that voice by inheritance, dating back some 300 years. A former sultan, Allah uplift him, appointed an ancestor of mine to be the muezzin of Marakech, with the provision that until the day of doom his descendants should fill the same lofty place. For 300 years my ancestors have called daily to the faithful in Koran verse."

"Most of everything in life I love women and perfume. The prayer, from father to son we have all possessed this voice, which is the astonishment of the east and the west. It is heard above the storms, above the thunder and the word of Ben Nacer carries from the mosque tower to the Jewish gate at the tanners' bazaar."

"The sultans have accorded to our tribe forever the fruit of 100 olive trees, which, whether the season be rainy or fair, brings in a revenue of \$2 a month. With this I am content. When I depart for the paradise of Mahomet my son Ahmed will have my place. Every day I train and strengthen my lungs and chest as my father trained my lungs and chest and as his fathers before him trained their sons, Ahmed's throat and nostrils, as every Ben Nacer's throat and nostrils, have been developed."

"Ahmed's voice will be as powerful, as sonorous, as sweet and as solemn as mine, the most beautiful bell there is on earth, and so will be the voice of Ben Nacer as long as time shall last."

Wonderful and winning as is this "bell," its attraction is more than offset by Marakech's faults and failings other than cruelty of strangers, particularly Europeans. The climate is unwholesome, sanitation is unknown, cleanliness is common and oriental ailments and vices prevail. One of the most conspicuous institutions of the town is the slave market, where a negro woman and babe may be bought for \$10.

PUT PONIES ON SNOW SHOES.

Novel Experiment on Mountain Trail a Complete Success.

Gratic, Ore.—To Elmer Thornburg and J. W. Tabor of this place probably belongs the distinction of being the first parties to travel over the deep snows of the Blue mountains with horses equipped with snowshoes.

The trip was to the Ben Harrison mine, about 15 miles from this place, in the Greenhorn mountains. The road for six or seven miles this side of the mine is buried under several feet of snow. Packing mine supplies and provisions over this snow on snowshoes is a difficult proposition, and it was to avoid this that the experiment was made with horses on shoes.

The horses used were two black ponies owned by Grant Thornburg. They weigh between 600 and 700 pounds. The snowshoes were made of boards, 12 inches square, one of these being firmly clamped to each foot of the ponies.

Thus fitted, the ponies were able to walk over the snow eight feet deep with perfect ease. They were hitched to a beef hide, in which had been sewed 500 pounds of mine supplies and provisions, and this was dragged behind the team.

EXPORTS TO ORIENT GROW.

Trade Suggests Return to Normal Conditions Before 1906 Decline.

Washington.—Exports from the Orient show an improvement in February, as shown by figures just announced by the bureau of statistics and the department of commerce and labor, and suggests a return to normal conditions of that trade, which showed a falling off in 1906.

To Japan the exports during February, 1907, show an actual gain of nearly \$500,000 over those of February of last year, and for eight months ending in February the falling off is less than \$2,750,000, against a fall of \$21,000,000 in the 12 months ending with December, 1906. To Hong Kong the exports of February, 1907, show an increase of \$250,000 over February of the preceding year, and for the eight months ending with February, 1907, are but slightly below the figures for the corresponding period of the preceding year. The exports to Hong Kong fall largely into line with those in China.

To other parts of the Orient the exports show an improvement.