

THE MOST HEALTHFUL CITY.

Marion, Ia., Given This Distinction by the Latest Water Reports of Hospital Service.

The most healthful place in the United States to live is Marion, Ia. According to reports received by the marine hospital service...

The average of the death rate in all the cities and towns was 17.47. It appears from the compilation of the marine hospital service that the state having the best record for health last year was North Dakota...

California last year had an average death rate of 17.32; Colorado, 25.39, and Arizona, 32.32. The last named state had the highest rate of mortality of any state or territory in the union...

The town in the United States having the highest rate of mortality last year was Carlyle, Ill. The population was 1,874, and the number of deaths, 300, making a death rate of 16.01. The most healthful of the large cities was Washington, with a death rate of 11.71...

WILD MAN IN THE WOODS.

A Most Startling Discovery is Made by Two Hunters in the Woods of Michigan.

Adolf Meiser and John Slattery, two young men from Crystal Falls, Mich., who were hunting partridges on the headwaters of the Deer river...

The strange man was large, but had become emaciated from exposure and hunger. The clothes he had on were in shreds exposing his body to view. He carried part of a gun barrel and a tent pole in his hands...

The Crystal Falls men hurried to town and reported the discovery, and a posse was organized to hunt for the man. It is thought that the man is some unfortunate hunter who has been lost in the woods...

Minister Refuses Boxing Match.

Members of the congregation of St. John's Episcopal church in Hoboken, N. J., are in a state of turmoil over the fact that their rector, Rev. David B. Matthews, acted as a referee at a boxing match the other night...

Canada's Forests.

The Ottawa (Ont.) correspondent of the New York Tribune says: "Canada's forests are found to be equal to supplying the world with pulp wood alone for 540 years..."

Plata Murderer Kibber Way.

If a crowd is justified in lynching a man one man is justified in putting another man to death, says the Indianapolis News. In the latter instance it is perfectly plain that the man is murdered, but it is just as plainly an act of murder when the victim suffers death at the hands of a mob.

MESMERIST SUED BY GIRL.

Paris Physician Incurable Endless Trouble After Being Impudent Exercise of His Powers.

Dr. Vial has been indicted at Paris upon the singular charge of mesmerizing a Miss Thorne, an Austrian girl who was sitting opposite him in an omnibus...

He says that while he was riding in the omnibus with another physician their conversation turned to hypnotism as a means of controlling innocent people for the perpetration of criminal acts...

At Dr. Vial's office, in the presence of several physicians, experiments were conducted which proved his contention. For example, when he ordered her to go to a fruit vender across the street Miss Thorne seized a knife and started immediately...

TOKIO WANTS DEEP HARBOR.

Japan Engineer in This Country Gathering Information to Be Used in Making Vast Improvements.

Yetsu Nakajima, chief engineer of the city of Tokio, Japan, and professor of engineering and mechanics in the University of Tokio, is in this country on a tour of inspection...

"After a careful examination of your rivers, harbors and wharves, I have arrived at the belief that I can, by dredging, bring big ships up to Tokio. We are about 20 miles from Yokohama, and there will be a lot of work to be done, but we will do it."

A MATHEMATICAL QUIZ.

Will of a Milwaukee Man Divides His Small Estate in Most Puzzling Manner.

Heirs of Peter J. Gergen, whose will was filed for probate at Milwaukee, Wis., the other day, probably will be forced to resort to higher mathematics to ascertain the amounts to which they are respectively entitled...

Mixed His Metaphors.

A prize essay on temperance was recently published in Liverpool, England, but whoever adjudicated the prizes must have been fond of mixed metaphors. Here is a paragraph from the successful paper. The writer enlarged on the art of sending children for beer, thus: "They sip some home, then introducing the thin end of the wedge, which is certain to spring up into a harvest of drunkenness. Think, oh, think, of these weary little ones going down life's hill over a thorny road. They are bound to float out into eternity, with no hand to shake their dying pillow. Brethren, pray for them, and help to lift them out of the quicksands, which will burn into their very souls."

Military Ballooning.

The Swiss military authorities have determined that next year the training of military balloonists shall be systematically taken in hand. The first balloon company to be formed is to consist of eight officers, 25 noncommissioned officers, 161 privates, with an establishment of nine riding and 99 draught horses and 28 vehicles.

CRISIS IN GERMANY.

How Going Through Saddest Economic Experience in Its History.

Well-Grounded Pride of Her Business Men in Her Reputation for Commercial Honor Has Suffered Through Disastrous Events.

Germany is undoubtedly going through its saddest economic experience since the empire was founded, says the Berlin correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce. The well-grounded pride with which German business men have hitherto contemplated their excellent reputation abroad for commercial honor has suffered a most severe blow...

The great crisis in the German iron industry, for example, is chiefly due to the fact that all consumers of pig iron committed the vast folly at the height of the boom of placing contracts for iron for several years in advance, and at the high prices then prevailing. Many of the capitalists that have recently gotten themselves into financial difficulties brought on these difficulties by excessive expansion.

LONE VOYAGERS SEEN.

Captain Andrews and His Bride Are Sighted on the Ocean in Their Small Boat.

An incoming steamer reports having passed the Dark Secret, the little canvas-covered folding-boat in which Capt. William Andrews and his bride started for a honeymoon trip across the Atlantic three days ago. The little craft was reported to be making fair headway, though pounding a good deal owing to lying so low on the water. The Dark Secret is 14 feet in length and sits dangerously deep in the water as the result of the stores which have been packed in every nook of the boat and her 300 pounds of lead ballast.

IN AID OF OUR ISLANDS.

Special Agents of Government to Gather Plants and Information That Will Prove Valuable.

Summer Lathrop, a wealthy New Yorker, who travels extensively throughout the world and sends the agricultural department many rare plants and other foreign agricultural products, and David Fairchild, a special agent of the department of agriculture, both of whom have only just returned from trips abroad, will leave shortly on another trip to the orient and other parts of the world in search of rare foreign grains, grasses, legumes and other plants for use in this country, particularly those adapted for growing in the arid regions...

Strange Fish Captured.

The other day Al Schnopp and S. Y. Pitts observed a dark object in the surf near the Big Elephant at South Atlantic City, N. J. They found it to be a monster fish of some unknown species and it required a horse and tackle to pull it ashore. The fish is nine feet in length, four feet in circumference, and its mouth is 12 inches across. It has three rows of saw teeth, some of them an inch long, fine like a walrus, and some of the old fishermen who examined it could name it.

Roman Amphitheater in Paris.

The Paris Messenger says that an attempt to reconstitute the old Roman amphitheater near the Jardin des Plantes, Paris, is about to be made. This ancient arena, which is now used partly as a playground for poor children and partly for omnibus stables, has a remarkable history. It is one of the largest-known Roman arenas, and dates back to the first century. There is evidence that Emperor Julian held sports there.

OUR LEPER COLONY.

Interesting Report of Work at Mokai, Hawaiian Islands.

Nearly 1,000 Afflicted Persons Are Now Isolated at the Place—Friends May Visit Sufferers as Often as They Wish.

There are now 900 lepers and 164 clean persons at the Molokai leper settlements in Hawaii, according to a report just received from Chief Quarantine Officer Cofer, in charge of the marine hospital work in Hawaii. All these are housed, fed, clothed and governed for \$80,000 a year. The report praises the hopeful and cheerful way in which these poor people resign themselves to their fate and can thrive only on a comfortable mode of life and good treatment. Surgeon Cofer reports he made careful inquiries as to the chances of the infection of the clean people working among the lepers and that the general opinion was that in time they would become lepers. In the last ten years, however, only ten clean residents have become lepers. The board of health has initiated a new system for preventing the lepers and their relatives and friends from embracing and kissing each other by marching the visitors immediately from the steamer landing to a corral with a double fence. The friends are compelled to remain inside this enclosure and the lepers gather around and talk through the bars. Visitors are permitted at any time under this system, instead of only once a year as formerly. The results of known exposure to leprosy, says the report, show an uncertainty as to the chances of individual infection, which make the disease one of the most difficult to operate against. Women are said to be less liable to it than men. The three oldest patients at the settlement arrived in 1874, 1875 and 1879, respectively. The number of commitments to the settlements each year during the last decade, ranging from 132 in 1891 to 85 in 1900, show a gradual decrease despite the fact that the hunt for lepers throughout the islands never before has been so vigorous.

LODGING HOUSE FOR GIRLS.

Place in Chicago Where Those Who Earn Small Salaries Can Live for \$2.50 a Week.

A model lodging house for girls, where they receive board and room for \$2.50 a week, will be established in the downtown district by the Woman's Model Lodging House association within a few weeks. The idea of a lodging house for girls in the downtown district is a new one to Chicago, but the promoters see a saving for the girls in the scheme. The young women who are expected to derive benefit from this institution are employed at small salaries, and when car fare and luncheon money are taken out of their weekly pittance they have little or nothing left with which to dress themselves. By locating the lodging house downtown, the girls can eat their meals there, thus saving car fare and luncheon money. The institution will be self-supporting. Merchants whose employees will profit by the institution are expected to contribute toward the furnishing of the house. The large stores, it is thought, will furnish separate rooms. Every girl will be expected to keep her own room clean, no help being hired for that purpose, save a housekeeper, who will look after things in general. A large library and parlor will be at the disposal of the roomers, as will also well-equipped bathrooms.

PASTOR'S WIFE IN PULPIT.

Preaches to St. Louis Congregation in Husband's Absence and Edifies the People.

The First Christian church congregation at St. Louis was thoroughly surprised on Sunday when the wife of their pastor, Rev. John L. Brandt, went into the pulpit and preached an eloquent and impressive sermon on the story of Noah and the ark. Rev. Mr. Brandt was unexpectedly called from the city the day before, and his nephew and assistant, Rev. Ray Henzler, was called upon to take the pastor's place in the pulpit at morning and evening services on Sunday. The usual large Sunday morning congregation had assembled, and the hour had arrived for the sermon to begin, when it was announced that Rev. Mr. Henzler had become suddenly ill and was unable to deliver his discourse. The audience was already preparing to receive the benediction and depart when Mrs. Brandt, wife of the pastor, calmly walked into the pulpit and, opening the big Bible, read her text and launched forth in a logical, forceful, and at times eloquent discourse. Perfect attention was accorded the extemporaneous woman preacher, and at the conclusion of the services she received many compliments on her efforts.

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

Districts Where There Will Be a Hard Struggle to Keep Peasant Population Alive.

It can now be foreseen that the widespread crop failures, the consequent famine and the relief work of the government and of philanthropists will be engrossing subjects in the Russian empire during the approaching winter. The word famine is not used in the official publications, which speak of famine-stricken districts as "places that are in an unfavorable condition as respects the harvest," but the facts that are freely admitted show that the struggle to keep the peasant population alive until a new harvest will be harder than has been known since 1891-2. The extent of the disaster can be vaguely surmised from an inspection of the government report, which names the province of Viatka as among those where there was an "insufficient harvest," and which gives the amount of governmental assistance required as 782,000 pounds of rye. The story of the loep has been told about as often now, says the Chicago Record-Herald, as that story of the candidate for office who kissed 20 children in order to gain the good will of their supposed mother only to find out that he had invaded an orphan asylum.

THE POWER OF SONG.

Chicago University Football Team to Be Cheered on to Victory by College Glee Club.

A new system for the development of college glee club singers was inaugurated at the University of Chicago the other evening by the organization of a "football singing squad." In response to a call from Ralph C. Brown, leader of the club for this year, a lively crowd of young men from the student body gathered in Kent theater to join the singing squad. During the football season the "football singing squad" will practice football songs every week under the direction of Lester Bartlett Jones, the director of music in the university, who is to coach the club this year. On Saturdays the singing squad will be located in the center of the maroon section of the bleachers and will lead in the singing for the encouragement of the playing squad of Chicago men. It is expected that in this practice the glee club officers will be able to discover all the available material for their own use. Selections will be made from the squad after competitive trials later in the year. To stimulate interest Director Stagg, of the athletic department, has offered \$10 in prizes for the best University of Chicago football songs submitted to a special committee.

SEEK BURIED TREASURE.

Expedition to Go to Island of Cocos, Where \$30,000,000 Is Supposed to Be Buried.

Another expedition is being formed at Victoria, B. C., to search for treasure on Cocos island, where \$30,000,000 worth of gold, silver and crown jewels of the Peruvian government is said to be buried. For some time past a number of Victorians have been interested in the efforts to recover the buried treasure on the southern island, which lies off the Costa Rican coast, and the schooner Aurora sailed from Victoria, B. C., a few years ago with an expedition, which returned unsuccessful. Now scientific instruments have been invented which will locate gold and silver by magnetic attraction, and which are not attracted to other minerals. A company now being formed with \$10,000 capital has the use of this new machine. This treasure was stolen from the Peruvian government in the eighteenth century by the master of the Nova Scotia bark John Dea. Callais was about to be bombarded by rebels and the Peruvian authorities carted treasure amounting to over \$30,000,000 to the bark. Overcome by cupidity the master of the John Dea proceeded to sea. He was pursued and buried the treasure on Cocos island. The captain afterwards was drowned.

WEAR JEWELS IN DAYTIME.

A New Fashion is Finding Great Favor Among the Society Women of London.

The fashion of wearing much jewelry in the daytime is growing in London. Until recently no lady of any position thought of wearing anything more than, perhaps, small pearl and diamond earrings, or a tiny string of pearls around the neck, but now, whether it be at race meetings, shopping, lunching, or on any ordinary occasion, the smart woman is covered with jewels. One was seen the other day wearing six rows of pearls around her neck. Then there was a long chain of diamonds, clear set in silver. She had diamond and ruby buckles at her waist, back and front, a jeweled purse and a box hanging from her muff. When she took off her gloves for luncheon her fingers were seen to be laden with rings, as if it had been an evening function. So much has this fashion come into favor that one woman remarked: "Every woman looks like a begum nowadays, so bejeweled is she." Even ordinary, simple blouses are fastened and decorated with seven or eight brooches, bonnet pins are jeweled, and a half-dozen chains are worn with jeweled bangles.

JAPANESE LAWS.

Are Based on the French Code and Though New the Philosophy is Regarded as Correct.

The Storrs course of lectures in the Yale law school has been opened by K. Hayama, the distinguished Japanese lawyer and former legislator, whose subject was the "Civil Code of Japan." Mr. Hayama referred to the basis of the Japanese code, taken largely from the basic principles of the French code. About three years ago it was adopted. Its workings are, therefore, new, but its philosophy is regarded as correct. The entire educational system has been reformed and modernized, so the law of the empire has been completely revolutionized. The Japanese law had grown old and it absolutely lacked unity. But the empire had outgrown it. The new code recognized no privileged class, but made all men equal before the courts and the law. Failure to see that fact and to accommodate themselves to it had led to trouble for some foreigners who claimed a special immunity, and in the case of some English subjects, it had led to friction now and then. Typhoid Fever in Ice. The Boston board of health has been considering for some time the question whether typhoid fever lurks in ice, and is prepared to report that there is little danger. In natural ice the bacteria are thrown out by freezing, and in artificial ice they are killed in sterilizing.

Northwestern Canada Crops.

Manitoba and Canada northwest farmers will have \$30,000,000 distributed among them when their crops are marketed this season.