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#### SMALLEST OF THEIR KIND.

The Dwarf Cattle of Celebes Are 30 Larger Than Ordinary Full-Grown Sheep.

Celebes had the distinction of being the home of the smallest living representutive of the wild cattle, or, indeed, of the wild cattle of any period of the earth's history, for no equally diminutive fossil member of the group appears to be known to science. An idea of the extremely diminutive proportions of the anos, or sapi-utan, as the animal in question is respectively scalled by the inhabitants of Celeben and the Malays, may be gained when It is stated that its height at the shoulder is only about three feet three inches, whereas that of the great Indian wild ox, or guar, is at least six feet four inches, and may, according to some writers, reach as much as seven feet. In fact, the anon is really not much, if at all, larger than a well-grown South Down sheep and scarcely exceeds in this respect the little domesticated Bramini cattle shown a few years ago at the Indian exhibition held at Earl's Court, says Knowledge.

The anoa has many of the characters of the large Indian buffalo, but its horns are relatively shorter, less curved and more upright. In this, as well as in certain other respects, it is more like the young than the adult of the last-named species, and as young animals frequently show ancestral features which are gradually lost as maturity is approached it would be a natural supposition that the anoa is a primitive type of buffalo.

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

Many Milende Rates Are Sometimes Paid to Botain an Old "Hello" Address.

\*Telephone numbers have an actual money value," said an officer of the American Bell Telephone company, reports the New York Mail and Express. "The assertion has a strange sound, but if you think for a moment of the advantage a business house derives from having its location well known, the thing seems only natpral.

TAN THE "In the course of time people's mindo begin to associate a firm with its telephone number, and if, when they start to call up an old friend, they find him masquerading under a new number, it is as much of a shock has if they had called at a house with whom they were in the habit of doing business and found it had moved mway. It all comes under the legal head of 'good will,' a very clusive commodity, but one which has its market walue.

"So much is this fact appreciated by some of our old patrons that they are willing to pay heavy mileage if they move away from the neighborhood of their exchange in order to retain their old telephone address. Many important houses have followed The northward trend of business in the last few years, and there are several cases of a firm's office address being in the up-town district, while Its telephone number remains So and so, Cortlandt or Broad. The firm's line to the exchange may be several miles long."

# COULD NOT KILL THE BIRD.

After Being Fourteen Days in an Icebox the Albatrons Still Lived.

A writer says Sir William Corry told him some time ago that of one of his steamships coming from New Zealand an albatross, supposed to have been choked dead, kept in an ice box Mat a temperature which was always much below freezing point, was found to be alive at the end of 14 days. Capt. Beed, in command of the vessel in question, says Nature, supplemented that story with the statement that the bird was supposed to be killed by being strangled with twine tied as tightly as possible around the neck. This twine was not removed. The beak was closed and tied and the legs perossed behind the tail and tied. It was then wrapped in an old meat cloth and put with three other birds in the return box at the end of the port snow trunk. It remained there for certainly not less than ten days. On the snow boy complaining that the bird "grunted" when he went near it "the albatross was taken out, when It was found that it could move its neck shout and open its beak and the eyes were open and lifelike. The lower half of the body and the legs were frozen hard. The fastening on the beak had come off. It was alive for two hours after being taken out and was then strangled and put in the snow box.

Not a Beebive.

The following is told at the expense of an American gentleman who was recently stopping with his wife at the Hotel Cecil. On their first evening there he happened to retire somewhat later than his spouse. Arriving at the door of what he imagined to be his room, and finding it locked, he tapped and called: "Honey!" No answer came, and he called again and more loudly: "Honey!" Still he got no reply, and, becoming somewhat uneasy. he shouted the endearing term with his full lung-power. This time a reply came, and in a male voice. "Go away, you blithering idiot! This is a bathroom, not a blooming bee-hive!"

American Cowpunchers in Africa. It is stated that 600 "cowpunchers" of Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado were included in Canada's volunteers for the front in South Africa.

Surface Pressure of a Hurrleane. In a hurricane blowing at 80 miles an hour the pressure on each square foot of surface is 31% pounds.

#### WANTED ROYAL VISITORS.

Paris Disappointed That More of Them Did Not Attend the Exposition.

Disguise it as you may, republican France has been bitterly disappointed at the absence of the principal crowned heads of Europe from the exposition, but most of all at that of the Russian sovereign. France considered-and not unjustly-that so much was due to her from the son of a father whose memory is perpetuated in Paris by one of the most striking and beautiful monumenta ever devised by an art-loving nation. France will not admit that the absence of crowned visitors of the first rank and their heirs was due to her own folly. She who is always preaching the solidarity of republicans all over the world will not admit that there may be such a solidarity among monarchs. And, even if she did admit it, she would fail to see the reason why Nicholas II. should not have made an exception in her favor. She thinks, though she does not say it, that her quondam ally owed her this, says the London Illustrated News.

There was no proof that Oscar of Sweden and Norway, Leopold of Belgium, and George of Greece are not as solicious of the prestige of their fellow sovereigns as the rest, but all three felt that they owed something to France and they were determined to acknowledge the obligation in that way. Oscar is of purely French descent; Leopold's father indirectly owed his crown to France, who fought the battles of Belgium against the Dutch, without which battles there would have been no Leopold I. George had to thank Napoleon III. for being where he is. These three sovereigns have shown their gratitude, and France, who can be very generous, will not forget this.

### INSANITY IN ARMY CAMPS.

A Medical Authority Says That Not Infrequently Military Commandero Are Mentally Unbalanced.

Mental disease in military life may be more common and more productive of evil than we think. If an insane commander is given such a position that all subordinates cannot possibly criticise or make their suspicions known for fear of the swift punishment that follows lack of discipline insidious and awful errors and wrongs may result and may continue a long time before superior and far-away officers suspect the true condition. It is said that during a recent war a balloon was sent up which, instead of defining the enemy's position, revealed that of the general ordering the balloon, and of his troops, to 100 gunners who only awaited the indication to play havor with their shells. says the Philadelphia Medical Jour-

The commander, it is further said, now known to have been insane, his father, mother and sisters having died insane. Suppose that chronic meningitis should exist in a general intrusted with the conduct of a campaign far from the seat of the central government, and that he should have delusions of grandeur, with other symptoms of profound but not easily recognized morbid mental action. Incalculable mischief would ensue before he would be suspected and before he could be recalled. The application of psychiatry to military life is a suggestion of possible tremendous significance in view of the wars existing in all parts of the world many thousands of miles away from the capitals of civilization.

# Barara A TOUGH OLD SALT.

Admiral Reppel Has Spent a Lifetime in the British Marine Bervice.

'The Keppel family, of England, of

which the brave old admiral bearing the name is a member, is notorious for its toughness. Sir Harry, as the admiral is called, was conspicuous among the guests at Lady Mary Keppel's wedding a couple of weeks ago. Sir Harry retired from the royal navy in 1879, afer spending no less than 57 years in that service. In the China war of 60 years' back, he had command of the Dido, and won distinction, and he was quite an old fighting hand when he served in the Baltic and Black seas during the Crimean war. After the close of the Crimean campaign he returned to China and covered himself with glory in the desperate work in Fatshan creek. Keppel bay, in Borneo, now an old established settlement, was called after him. Forty years ago he asked the electors of his beloved Portsmouth to let him go to parliament, but they insisted on keeping him to the quarter deck. The admiral is a fine specimen of the old-fashioned sea dog, and is as young yet as many who might be his grandchildren.

Too Much Honor for a Mayor. Not long ago a gentleman of the name of Aldridge Devenish was the popular mayor of Wein ath, in Dorsetshire, England. Some new public buildings had been completed during his mayoralty, and at a council meeting held to make preparations for the peremony of opening them, a town councillor indignantly asked why the mayor was to be favored by having his initials A. D. carved in large letters before the date of the year.-

An Ignorant Thief.

A clock that was once owned by Napoleon, but now belongs to Dr. Reuling, of Baltimore, Md., was stolen recently. The thief did not know the value of the timepiece, for he sold it for 50 cents.

Caricatties of Human Hands.

It is a strange fact that the right hand, which is more sensitive to the touch than the left, is less sensitive than the latter to the effect of heat

#### GIRLS ATTEND UNIQUE FEAST.

Baltimore Studenta Have Skeleton an timest and Arrange Table Like a Laboratory.

Pretty girls of the Women's college, Baltimore, Md., sat beside a real grinning skeleton, which had the seat of honor, at a unique entertainment the other night in Bennett hall of the college. The affair was called a laboratory supper. Young women students from all parts of the country gathered about the board. The invitations were in the form of bacteria, mushrooms, amocha, haematococcus, and other forms of plant life which the class has been studying, daintily done in water color.

A cell wall of smilax with the nucleus of bread surrounded a center piece composed of moss and ferns and an aquarium containing frogs. The candelabra were chemical flasks holding pink candles. Chemical breakers were used for serving the water. Glass stirring rods took the place of spoons. Cream for the coffee was eerved from a piece of apparatus composed of bulbs and tubes. The skeleton at the feast was decorated with a wreath of flowers.

Menu cards were attractively decorated with biological specimens done in water color. The menu was made out in long scientific terms, which, however, did not detract at all from the delicious fare which was set before the guests. The bird course was set down as Colonius virginian, chicken salad appeared as Apium graveoleus gallus domestica.

Ice cream was served in the form of ests and dogs, which do duty as specimens in scientific work, and was given on the menu as Canus familiaris and Felis domestica. Confectionery came under the head of carbohydrates.

#### MAY TRY SUBMARINE BOATS. English Admiralty, It Is Said, Will

Make a Series of Experiments.

The London Chronicle asserts that, despite official and other details, it is a fact that the admiralty is trying, or is about to try, a submarine boat. Two naval officers have invented a special steering apparatus which has been adopted for the experimenter. The naper says it learns, but does not youch for the securacy of the information, that the vessel is of the nature of a submarine torpedo-boat destroyer, the primary object of which will be the destruction of hostile submarine boats. She will carry submarine guna discharging a sort of small, torpedo-like shell charged with gun-cotton. The charge will be exploded by an adaptation of the wireless te legraphy.

The Chronicle adds that the method is based on the well-known fact that the explosion of a heavy charge of guncotton will stave the sides of any submarine boat by concussion, even if ex ploded at a distance of a hundred feet from the vessel fired at.

# FIGHT BETWEEN TWO LIONS.

Female Defends Her Young When - Attacked by the Perscions Male.

"Nellie" and "Barnum," the lion and lioners in F. Ferari's animal show at Bay and Julia streets, Jacksonville, Fla. fought desperately the other morning. The entire neighborhood was aroused at an early hour by the deep roars of Barnum, and it was not long before the keepers and other attendants of the show found the cause of the trouble. Nelke had presented her handsome mate with four magnificent cubs. When in captivity the male lion always endeavors to kill any of the young ones, and the big fellow had begun his work well by killing one of the kittens before the attendants could reach him. Seeing her little one destroyed Nellie becarne enraged, and a terrible battle ensued. The two animals were confined in the same cage, and it took the combined efforts of six men to separate the maddened beasts and put the kittens in a place of safety.

# MARINE TORCH TESTED.

Trial of an American Invention on the Thames Proves Successial.

Westminster bridge was crowded the other evening with people gazing at the strange right of bare lights popping under the waters of the Thames and coming up again apparently without any means of ignition. The display was the first practical public demonstration of its products before the admiralty and the board of trade by the Marine Torch company of the United States. Representatives of the Armst rongs and agents of the French, German and Italian governments, and the Trinity brethren, also witnessed the display. The torches burned brilliantly for an hour. All those who witnessed the exhibition declared that it was very successful.

# NEW FRENCH GUN TESTED.

Experiments with the Invention of an Artillery Captain Are Witnessed.

. The Petit Journal states that Gen. Andre, the minister of war, recently witnessed experiments with a new gun at Bourges. The gun was invented by a captain of artillery of the name of Tournier, who is attached to the foundry there. The weapon, which is of great power, is worked by novel and ingenious mechanism. Gen. Andre also witnessed experiments with illuminating shells. These burnt in the air at & certain determined point and emit plobes which vividly light up a large section of country for a considerable time.

Schoolhouses im Kansas. More than 150 new schoolhouses have been built in mansas within the

## HAVE MANY DEMANDS

New York Servant Girls to Organ-. . ize a Union.

Will Unite in an Effort to Secure Greater Privileges and Have Grievances Adjusted or Removed.

New York city housewives who have been grinding their downtrodden servants at \$18.50 a mouth and two half days off will have to watch out. The kitchen queens are rising, and they're going to form themselves into a labor union, with walking delegates, regular headquarters, rules, meetings, and, in fact, they are going to get themselves in shape so that their relations with the "missus" may be properly "strained" and all their grievances duly "sifted." They're going to have a press agent, too, and any galling injustice will be properly exploited.

The meeting for permanent organization will take place in the rooms of Mme. Simcowitch, 248 East Thirtyfourth street, who is to be assisted by Mrs. Justin Beale, the official organizer. The latter, in order to know whereof she speaks, has within the last few days taken six different places in and around New York and in that time has found out a number of strange things, so she says. Some of the objects of the union are:

"To secure rest of body and a fair measure of enjoyment of life. To secure an agreement whereby the relations of mistress and maid shall be of a purely business nature. A certain amount of work shall be given for a certain price, to be agreed upon at the time of the engagement. Any extra work shall be paid for at so much per hour. The hours of labor shall be arranged so as not to exceed II hours each day. One-half day of recreation and either Sunday morning or afternoon shall be given each week. The sting of servitude shall be removed. References shall be exchanged at time of engagement or a month's wages paid as an equivalent. An apartment shall be set aside where the maid may partake of food, rest or recreation and receive her visitors during recreation hours. Herman Robinson will lecture to the domestics on the dignity of labor and how much they should expect each Wednesday night at the Social Reform club."

## PLUMBER BEATS RUSSELL SAGE

Plays a Sharp Trick on the Wall Street Financier, But Loues Pature Patronage.

Chuckles and broad grins are current in the little Long Island village of Lawrence just now on account of the joke the villagers have heard at the expense of Russell Sage. In round figures the joke on the financier is estimated at \$25.

As the villagers tell it, Mr. Sage, who owns several houses in Lawrence. recently engaged Plumber Holler to make some repairs. When the work was done the plumber presented his bill, amounting to \$22. The Wall street authority looked the account over carefully and remarked decisively, so the story goes: "I'll give you \$15

cash." "All right," said Holler, "I need the

money." The plumber told several friends it was a cold day when Wall street could get the better of him. Recently his chance came. Mr. Sage asked him for an estimate on another job. Holler said: "Mr. Sage, I'll do that job for \$54."

When the job was completed Mr. Sage examined the work and professed his satisfaction. Again the plumber presented his bill in person -for \$54.

"It's worth \$50 cash," said the financier.

Holler took the check and said: "Mr. Sage, I could have done that job for \$25 and made a profit of five dollars, but I expected you to best me down."

The villagers say the financier was exceedingly angry, ordering the plumber out of his presence and assuring him he had lost a good customer.

# NEW SHIPS.

Vessels to Be Constructed to Carry American Goods to European Markets.

Announcement was made the other day of a building programme by the Anchor line. Four immense ships will be constructed for the New York trade, and in honor of the United States one of these will be called the Columbia. The Columbia will be ready for service about January, 1902. Another ship, yet unnamed, is to have a greater speed than the Columbia, and will cross from the North river to the Glyde in less than seven days.

Two of the vessels are now in course of construction, and will be known as the Calabria and Perugia, after provinces of Italy and Sicily. These two ships are intended for the Mediterranean trade, and will be ready next March or April.

News Telephones in Hungary. In Buda-Pesth there is a news tele-

phone, and its object is to keep its 6,000 subscribers supplied with all the latest news. The service has a main wire 168 miles in length, and it is connected with private houses and various public resorts. From 7:30 in the morning until 9:30 in the evening 28 editions of news are spoken into the transmitter by ten men, possessing loud, clear voices, who work in shifts of two.

Few Weddings in London. Never has there-been so little marrying and giving in marriage in London as within the last year.

## SEVENTY CENTURIES AGO.

Beautiful Teatimonials When Egyptian Monarchy Were Laid Away, by the Ancients.

The center of interest for us to-day in Egypt is the first dynasty time, and how far advanced in the arts of life were the men of that age may be seen by the beauty of shape of the stone and alabaster vases that are here to view, and the exquisite workmanship of a little toilet nard or eye paint box carved out of a single block of ivory. and made in the shape of a couple of ducks whose tails are twisted together to form, as it were, the hinge of the box. The great gentleman who owned this was buried with 30 jars of offerings in his brick tomb, while is stone vases were near his hody. He had as pillowstone a sandstone block for corn grinding and a beautiful shaped tazza of slate had been apparently placed at his head, says Atlantic. These among his vases had lain when Prof. Flinder Petrie and John Garstang brought his skull bones and his funeral furniture to the light of day.

But the table in the center of the room-it is to this we turn, for here are placed contemporary carvings in wood and ivory, weapons and pieces of the royal drinking bowls and furniture of seven of the eight kings of the first dynasty, and the work of two that preceded Aha-Mena. Here is a fragment of a slate bowl that the lips of Zeser the pre-Menite king perhaps have touched. Here is a fragment of an alabaster jar that bears upon it the name of Nurmer, the succeeding sovereign, but my eyes went at once to the little bit of crystal vase which bore the name of Mena, for now I seemed to feel myth fade away and the real king who drank from a crystal goblet to the success of the city of Memphis he had built in fair fields from which he had turned the great Nile flood, seemed to stand before me.

## GREAT MOUNTAIN OF MUD.

Costa Rica's Leading Railway Is Engaged in the Labor of Washing It Away.

The principal railroad of Costa Rica, now but 117 miles long, is just being extended to reach from San Jose to the Pacific coast. The general manager of the road in speaking of the enterprise recently said:

"There is one place on the road which has given the engineers a great deal of trouble, and which has cost many thousands of dollars every year since the road was built. This place is about 45 miles from Port Limon, and is called Bluemud. For about 600 feet the track runs along a ledge on the side of a mountain, with the river Reventa Zon below. The mountain is composed of a bluish clay, which turns into mud during the rainy season and keeps constantly sliding down on the tracks. We have to keep a big gang of men at work day and night cleaning the road of this blue mud, and when the rains are very heavy traffic has to be suspended. In July so much of the mud slid down over the roadbed that we could not run trains there for three weeks.

"To add to the difficulty there is a lake back of the mountain and the water from this lake percolates through the mountain and keeps it constantly wet. The lake was drained by the engineers, but they discovered that it was fed by springs, and still the mountain was kept in a wet state and the mud kept sliding down over the tracks.

At last they obtained what is known in California as a hydraulic giant, and which throws a very powerful stream of water with great force. They rigged up this hydraulic giant, and when I left Costa Rica they were actually washing the mountain away with it into the river."

# WORST HORSE ON RECORD.

Lincoln Thought He Was Not Even Fit to Draw a Hearne to the Cemetery.

Lincoln used to be fond of telling a story which he got from Mr. Connant of a lawyer in a western town who desired the nomination for county judge, says the San Francisco Argonaut. On the morning preceding the evening on which the county convention was to meet he applied to the livery stable keeper in his village for a horse and buggy in which to drive to the county town, 16 miles distant, where the convention was to be held. "Give me the hest and the fastest horse you have. Sam," said he, "so that I will have time to go around and see the boys before the convention comes in." The liveryman, however, was supporting a rival candidate, and gave the lawyer a horse that outwardly appeared perfect, but which broke down entirely before half the journey was completed, so that when the candidate arrived the convention had adjourned and his rival had been nominated.

On his return to the stable late the following afternoon, knowing that it was useless to resent the trick played upon him, he said to the owner: "Look here, Smith, you must be training this horse for the New York market. You expect to sell him to an undertaker for a hearse horse, don't you? Well, it's time wasted. I know from his gait that you have spent days training him to pull a hearse, but he'll prove a dead failure. Why, he's so slow he couldn't get a corpse to the cemetery in time for the resurrection."

Miken Garments in Ancient Days. Silken raiment has a standing among the oldest garments in the world. Robes of that material were worn by men and women alike 2,500 years before the birth of Christ.

Sheep Ranches for the South. The discovery that sheep flourish in Patagonia and Terre del Fuego has led to the stocking of enormous and very profitable ranches.

## PIONEERS TO BE HONORED.

Early Seitlers of Oregon Are Sook to Have an Attractive Monument.

It has been decided by the ploneer monument committee of the Society of Oregon Native Sons, with the concurrence of the Oregon Native Daughters, to hold in Portland next year a grand celebration to tast a week or ten days. While the plans are not fully matured, the consensus of ominion among business men, as expressed by many of them, is that it will be more satisfactory to have it take the place of the annual exposition; that we should make it a state affair- an exhibition of the wonderful improvements in manufacturing appliances and machinery in the nearly threescore years of our governments. existence and offer every encouragement to the people to bring in the historical relies they have laid away, says the Portland Oregonian.

Besides the attractiveness of such a feature it will give our historical reciety an opportunity to augment its already valuable collection. The Native Sons and Native Daughters are historical societies, their common object being to see that the history of the early days of the land of "interminable woods" is duly recorded. The purpose of this celebration is to raise money to build a monument to the pioneers. It is proposed to erect in Portland a memorial building on one of the Park row blocks which can be used as a museum for pioneer relica, a meeting place for the pioneers, Indian war veterans and the Oregon Historical society and as a depository for the archives of the latter.

#### GAMBLING FOR OFFICES.

Religious People of London Scandale ised by a Recent Occurrence in Politica.

Some of the ultra religious people here are expressing astonishment that a tie in the vote for member of the horough council was decided the other day by torsing a penny, says a London paper. They insist that the element of chance ought to have been eliminated from English politics long ago. As a matter of fact, there is still a corner te in the Itritish constitution for King Chance to build his throne in, and it is not many years since the house of commons deliberately sanctioned the appeal to chance in certain emergencies. When city councils were being established in Scotland the question arose in parliament as to the choice of a chairman of the joint committee in case of an equality of votes, and it was proposed that the final decision in that case be taken by lot. Serious members objected to such a frivolous method of deciding an important matter, but the mover of the resolution reminded the house of the apostolic precedent, and was good enough for the election of a successor to Judas Iscariot was good enough for the chairman of a joint committee. Se that the Camberwell election is likely to stand in law.

# STORY TELLERS ORGANIZE.

They Will Receive Protection and Encouragement Down in Mnine.

Long-distance story tellers have had a new field opened to them here. At Waterville, Me., an organization has been formed with the purpose of bringing together the best and longest "vara tellers" in Maine and award prizes. The meeting was held in the parlors of the Elmwood hotel, where, according to the rules, all the stories must be told. The official title of the organization is the "Storytellers' Association of Maine."

The meetings of the association will be held whenever the president shall secure storytellers who desire to entertain the club. The idea is to give prizes for the longest and best original story. The rules will allow a storyteller all the time he may ask for the telling of the story, to be continuous,

with time out for meals. Some of the best storytellers of the state have joined the association. John B. Mason, of Bar Harbor, who holds the record for long talking, sent a letter of application for membership. Mr. Mason secured his record at St. John, N. B., in 1495, when he told a story, making it up as he went along, for 25 hours. All stories must be free from features that would be objectionable to ladies.

#### PICTURE COST A FORTUNE. One of the Duke of Marlborough's Art Tressures Worth a King's Ransom.

The costliest picture in the world is owned by the duke of Marlborough, stin who has a large and very expensive col- de lection of pictures which has come down to him from the original duke #6 of Marlborough, says the St. Louis to Globe-Democrat. The rarest of them is the Blenheim "Madonna," painted by Raphael in 1507 and now valued at \$350,000. The picture was originally painted for the Church of the Servi at Perugia. It is eight feet high, representing the madonna and child seated. on a throne, with a figure of St. John \$ the Baptist on the left and that of St. not Nicholas of Bari on the right, the last two being life size. Its high value is due to the fact that it is one of the best preserved of the pictures of Raphael which are now in existence. It has been proposed that the British government biet buy this picture. Blenheim palace is so-called in honor of the battle which i let the English, under the duke of Marl- con borough, won over the French, and was given to the great soldier by Queen ser Anne. Every year a little flag worked to be with fleur-de-lis is sent to Windsor, et eastle by way of rent and hung upon the walls of the castle.

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