

IS TOLD TO PREACH.

Indianian Has a Vision and an Angel Speaks to Him.

In Directed to Forsake the Plow and Engage in Evangelical Work—Remarkable Story of Samuel H. Hardy.

Samuel H. Hardy, a farmer living near New Paris, Ind., has decided to forsake the plow and follow evangelical work, expounding a new and strange creed originated by himself. Seven years ago Hardy became very ill and lay for days in a state of delirium.

When the visit to Heaven was concluded he said he was piloted across the river of death to the place of eternal torment, and as he gazed into the bottomless pit it was illuminated with a ray of white light, which exposed to his horrified view the anguish of lost souls condemned to endless punishment.

One hour now remained before train time. A justice of the peace consumed 15 minutes in tying the knot, and 45 minutes were spent in saying farewells and getting to the Union depot.

IS A SUCCESS.

Purification of the Waters of the Seine by Passing It Through Land Under Cultivation.

"Purification of River Water and Sewage Farming" is the subject of a report to the state department from Consul General Gowdy at Paris. He says: "The studies and experiments begun in 1864 with a view to solve the problem of purifying the waters of the River Seine have resulted in complete success, as demonstrated at Gennevilliers, a suburb of Paris, on the banks of the Seine.

"In 1866-1868 the sewer water emanating from that part of Paris located on the left bank of the Seine was conducted direct to Gennevilliers, and a trial was begun over 15 acres of land purchased by the city.

"The work, interrupted in 1870, was renewed in 1872, and from that time until now there has been a steadily increasing demand from cultivators to be furnished with the sewer water for use on their land.

KHAKI FOR TENTS.

Proposed to Use the Cloth in Army for Shelter and Wall Tents After Satisfactory Experiments.

It is now proposed by the army to use khaki as tent material. Tests to that end are being made by the marine corps. The samples submitted by the manufacturers of khaki material consist of eight-ounce cotton khaki for shelter tents and 12 ounce for wall tents.

Cheering News.

Efforts are being made to form a circus trust. A peanut trust has been in existence for some time past, but at last accounts, says the Chicago Times-Herald, the red lemonade business was still without a New Jersey charter.

There Are.

Paris washerwomen threaten to strike but there are people, says the Chicago Times-Herald, who will wonder why anybody should be worried at such a prospect.

New Tanning Tree.

It has been discovered that the bark of the acacia tree, which will grow in almost any soil, is an excellent tanning material.

SPEEDY COURTSHIP.

Conductor Makes Fast Time in Winning a Chicago Bride.

Four Hours After Arriving in Town He is on His Way Back Home—Love Usurps Place of Business.

When Andrew Brock arrived in Chicago Saturday night from Joplin, Mo., he had no intention of getting married. Although he knew a young lady in Chicago whom he admired, he was not engaged to her.

On the way Brock was delayed eight hours by a freight train wreck that blocked the track, and consequently he did not arrive in Chicago until seven o'clock at night. In order to get back to his work within the time limit allowed him he had just four hours to stay in town.

Finding that he would be unable to transact the business that had been the object of his trip, Brock turned his attention to the girl. At eight o'clock he arrived at the home of Miss Anna Brown, at West Chicago and Ashland avenues. Here he put in his time to such excellent advantage that at nine o'clock the young woman had promised to be his.

Mr. Brock will return next summer to attend to the personal business that brought him to Chicago.

QUITS WALL STREET.

Edmund Clarence Stedman, the Banker-Poet, to Devote Himself to Literary Pursuits.

Edmund Clarence Stedman, banker-poet, has quit Wall street. He has sold his seat on the stock exchange for about \$30,000, the highest sum ever offered, less a few hundred dollars, and henceforth will devote himself to his muse unrestrainedly.

"Some time ago something was printed about the difficulty of mixing Wall street and literature, and it was intimated that my business friends were not welcome in the sanctum. Now, that I have lots of good friends in the business world whom I am always glad to see, and they know it, and so, you see, I was chaffed a good deal about that."

"But let that pass. My physician said a year ago I must give up society or business or literary work, so I gave up society, of course. Then I was advised to keep away from the stock exchange. Now, I've done that. I shall go right on with my work in anthropology, and hope to complete it soon."

TO FORM APPENDICITIS CLUB.

Cleveland Men Are Said to Be About to Organize a Peculiar Society.

An appendicitis club is being organized in Cleveland. Only those who have suffered from appendicitis and have a surgeon's certificate to show that they have undergone an operation, are eligible to membership. A preliminary organization has already been formed, of which Primus Clark, assistant city ticket agent of the Erie railroad, has been unanimously chosen president.

TO BE DEVELOPED.

Asphalt Deposit is Situated Near Tampico, Mexico, and is Controlled by Natives.

What is believed to be the best asphalt deposit in Mexico is about to be developed. It is situated near Tampico and is controlled by Mexicans, who have refused many offers from American contractors. The deposits will be operated wholly by Mexicans. A strong combination of leading Mexican capitalists has acquired a large tract of oil-producing land near the Pacific coast and are preparing for active operation. The oil is not suitable, according to tests, for illuminating purposes, but is adapted for lubricating and for fuel and gas making. The supply of oil is said to be unlimited.

Descendant of Penn.

Gen. Sir William Penn Symons, who died at the hands of the Boers at Dundee, owed his second name to the circumstances that his grandmother was one Agnes Penn, who, according to her memorial tablet, was "a lineal descendant to the excellent William Penn."

SITE GIVEN FOR MONUMENT.

The City of Paris Donates the Ground for the Statue of George Washington.

The Washington Statue association, of which Mrs. Field is president, and the object of which is to present to France a statue of Washington, commemorative of the gratitude of the women of America for the aid rendered to their country in its hour of need by France, has just received a concession from the municipality of Paris of a site for the statue on the beautiful Place de la Senna, at the intersection of the Avenue de la Senna and the Avenue de Trocadero.

The monument will be thoroughly American in that the statue was modeled in this country by American sculptors and has been cast in bronze by an American company. Moreover, the pedestal was designed by an American and will be executed in American granite. Washington is represented with uplifted sword, invoking Divine aid. The statue is equestrian, of bronze and of heroic size, being about 21 feet in height to the point of the sword, and is to be erected on a pedestal of granite 14 feet in height.

The monument is to be unveiled on July 3, the anniversary of the day on which Washington assumed command of the army. The statue has been paid for, but several thousand dollars are still needed for the completion of the pedestal and for the expenses incident to the unveiling. The association hopes for the prompt cooperation of all patriotic women of the United States in raising the amount required.

RESCUER GIVEN JUDGMENT.

David Highly, of Indiana, to Pay \$1,000 to a Man Who Saved His Wife.

A singular damage suit was closed in the Howard circuit court at Windfall, Ind., the other day by the jury returning a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$1,000. Some time during the high waters last spring David Highly and wife were driving over the bridge across Pike creek after night when the structure gave way, precipitating the horse and buggy and Highly and his wife in the middle of the stream.

Highly by some means managed to reach the shore, but his wife was carried down stream several rods, where she luckily caught the limb of a tree that extended above the water, and cried for help. The husband ran frantically up and down the bank calling for help. Retherford and a man by the name of Miller, residing near, heard the cry of distress and rushed to the scene to learn the nature of the trouble.

Retherford and Miller braved the waters, and by wading and swimming reached Mrs. Highly as she still held on to the limb and brought her to the shore. Some time afterward Retherford called on Highly for the reward as offered, but he declined to pay, saying he was excited at the time of the accident and did not really mean to offer the \$1,000 reward, hence the suit, with the result of a judgment for the plaintiff for the full amount of the claim.

NEARLY BURIED ALIVE.

Supposed Corpse Comes to Life When Put on Ice—Experience of Alfred Umbrecht.

Alfred Umbrecht, a well-known caterer in New Haven, Conn., returned the other day from New York city with a story to the effect that he came within an ace of being buried alive. He said he was taken ill with typhoid fever and moved to St. Joseph's hospital in New York in October last. He became so low that the doctors informed his young wife that there was no hope for him.

At that time, Mr. Umbrecht says, he was lying in a cataleptic condition, and the doctor thought him dead, but forebore to break the news abruptly to his wife. The house surgeon, after failing to secure any signs of life by the ordinary means, concluded that he was dead and had his body taken to the ice vault, which is used as the hospital morgue.

As soon as the cold air of the apartment struck Umbrecht's body it affected him perceptibly, and signs of life were discovered. The body was not even taken back to the ward and Umbrecht awoke. He has been improving ever since.

PLEASED WITH ALBANY.

United States Naval Officers Like the New Cruiser Recently Completed in England.

Naval officers are agreeably surprised at the admirable showing made by the new cruiser Albany, which is being completed at the Elswick works in England. The American naval attaché in London recently attended the trial trip of the ship, and in his report to the navy department says: "The performance of the engines and boilers on both days gave perfect satisfaction. I have no doubt the ship can readily make 21 knots, as the fire-room and engine-room force took the work easily and quietly and steam was blowing off almost continuously during the forced draft runs. So easily were the results obtained the contractors offered to show 21 knots for the forced draft runs for a bonus of \$5,000. The engine-rooms and dynamo-rooms were cool and entirely comfortable. Vibration from the screws was considerable in the captain's cabin, but outside of that neither the screws nor the engines were particularly noticeable."

Population of Pretoria.

Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, is a small city of about 8,000 white population.

CHANCE TO IMPROVE.

Business Men of Country Urge Better System of Consular Service.

Feeling That They Ought to Derive More Benefits from the Efforts of Our Representatives Abroad.

Business men throughout the country are paying a great deal of attention to the movement to improve the consular service with a view to getting more benefits from the efforts of consular officers abroad. An indication of this interest was given the other day when delegations representing the business interests of the country appeared before the house foreign affairs committee and presented arguments for the betterment of that service.

LaVerne W. Noyes, of Chicago, of the National Business Men's league, appeared before the committee and made an argument for the adoption of the measure improving the consular service now pending before congress. In addition to his own argument he read a letter from John W. Biss, of Chicago, in favor of the proposition. H. A. Garfield, of Cleveland, son of President Garfield, was also present, as were delegations from New York and other large cities.

Everyone who appeared before the committee endorsed the measure and made earnest pleas for its adoption. They did not attempt to dictate to the committee exactly what should be done, but said they would be satisfied with a measure as reasonable as the one now under consideration.

The reasons advanced for a change in the consular service were that the trade associations and business men did not receive the benefit from the present consular officers which they would secure if those officers were trained men. They hold the consuls at present have no incentive to do good work as they know in four years they will be out of the service, while if the plan of promoting the consular officers were adopted they would render first-class service in the hope of receiving promotion.

STOP DARING EXHIBITION.

Cyclist Murphy Shows How He Rode a Mile in a Minute Behind a Fast Train.

Charles Murphy, the cyclist, has been risking his life twice a day at the cycle and automobile show in Madison Square garden, New York. The police interfered, and for the remainder of the week Murphy had to modify his exhibition and make it less dangerous. Last June Murphy became famous by twice riding a mile on a specially prepared board track behind a Long Island railroad express train at Maywood. One of the miles was covered in 57.45 seconds.

To advertise the bicycle he used Murphy has been giving exhibitions at the cycle show. A facsimile section of the rear platform of the railroad car and the big wind shield was erected in the Fourth avenue royal box. In this was placed a home trainer, consisting of three big wood rollers connected by running straps, and on Murphy pedaled miles in close to a minute.

But the shield shut off the light, and it was difficult to see the side. On Monday the shield was torn down, the guard runner moved out to the edge of the floor. When Murphy gave his next exhibition his head protruded over the spectators below him.

Every moment of his ride was a moment of danger, for if any part of the bicycle or home trainer had given way Murphy would have been hurled into the exhibits, 30 feet below.

HAS A RIGHT TO QUIT.

Jury in Philadelphia Decides a Woman Can Break Off an Engagement.

Before Judge Willbanks, in common pleas court No. 2 at Philadelphia, the jury in the case of Harris Shaffer, who sought to take \$3,000 from Fannie Cahon, because she refused to keep her promise to marry him, returned a verdict in favor of the fair defendant, who is 22 years of age, while her jilted lover is 39.

The couple had only known each other a few weeks when the engagement was entered into, and everything went smoothly until within a week of the wedding day, when Fannie declared she smelled whisky on her lover's breath, which confirmed a report which reached her ears that he was a drinking man. She thereupon broke off the engagement.

This was the excuse she gave in court, although the plaintiff did not look like a man accustomed to the use of liquor, and he challenged his former sweetheart to produce a single witness who had ever seen him drunk, and she was unable to do so.

The jury, by its verdict, decided that the defendant had merely exercised what is generally conceded to be a woman's prerogative.

Public Schools Gaining.

The current annual report of Dr. William T. Harris, United States commissioner of education, estimates the population between the ages of 5 and 18 at 21,458,294. Of these 15,035,636 are enrolled in the public schools. The increase in attendance in the public schools is in excess of the increase in population. The present enrollment is 70 per cent of the whole, against 65.5 in 1880 and 61.4 in 1870. The average term of the school year increased from 132 days in 1870 to 143 days in 1898.

Where Ignorance is Hated.

Strawberries are beginning to appear in the markets, says the Chicago Times-Herald, but the boarding-house keepers have not found out about it.

SAYS IT CAN'T BE DONE.

Henry Savage Landon's Criticism of an Author's Account of His Trip Across Central Asia.

"Through Unexplored Asia," a book of travel recently published, and its author, William Jameson Reid, are coming in for criticism on all sides. Henry Savage Landon, the Asian explorer, said: "In the first place, he claims to have crossed central Asia in two months on bicycles, starting from Constantinople. No one can ride a bicycle over mountains 20,000 feet high. There are no roads. To do it with horses would take a long time, because in central Asia relays of horses cannot be had. No speed could be made except for short distances, and the whole 6,000-mile trip could not, in my judgment, be made under 15 or 20 months if a man really stuck to the central Asia route."

"Crossing Siberia is a different matter. By taking the railroad as far as it extends and having relays of droskies for the rest of the way, a man could, if he was on government business or had powerful friends, cross northern Asia in less than three months."

"I encounter every day now a man who has a friend who once reached the sacred City of Lassa. As a matter of fact, only three Europeans ever reached there, the last one in the '40s. But from the accounts I receive one would judge Lassa to be a popular summer resort."

HOW IT IS DONE.

Prof. Otis J. Mason Describes the Making of Baskets by an Obsolete Indian Woman.

Prof. Otis J. Mason, who is preparing to open up the collection of basketry in the National museum, in speaking of the shaping of baskets, said: "I had the opportunity of watching an Obsekie woman making baskets last summer. She worked with ash splints of different widths and sweet scented grasses. The grasses were made into strands of several thicknesses and braided. She preferred the ash splints that were wrought in a Yankee device to those laboriously hammered out by hand."

"What struck me most was the uniformity in dimensions of a great number of her productions, but this wonder ceased when I saw her hand and fingers were never idle. I was much interested in her constant use of the knee and lap for hollowing out the bottoms and giving rotundity to other forms. You know we are accustomed to the help of gongs and other natural objects to explain the shapes of ancient textiles and pottery."

"This woman employed only her own form, and it was charming to see how the foot, leg, hand, arm and breast each played their part in shaping these wares with her nimble fingers."

ACTRESS REBUKES BOX PARTY.

Dorothy Morton Stops Play at Quebec and Orders Women to Cease Noise.

Dorothy Morton, playing the "Greek Slave" with an opera company at the Academy of Music at Quebec, rebuked a box party. The house was crowded and in one of the boxes was a party of women, including the wife of one of the provincial ministers and the daughter of a member of the Ottawa government, while in the adjoining row were two French members of the provincial legislature.

During the love scene in the first act Miss Morton suddenly stopped and, facing the people in the box, declared they were annoying and insulting her and that if they continued she would have them put out.

One of the younger women leaped forward to look into the box in which were the two men, apparently assuming they were the persons reprimanded, when Miss Morton, pointing her finger at her, exclaimed: "You are the person I mean."

The girl hastily withdrew into the box, blushing, and the play went on.

TAKES A WIFE.

Jesse James, Son of the Outlaw, Marries Miss Stella McGowan at Kansas City, Mo.

Jesse James, son of the famous outlaw, was married at Kansas City, Mo., the other night to Miss Stella McGowan, a pretty brunette of 18, who fell in love with young James during his trial for train robbery a year ago. When James was acquitted Miss McGowan sent him a huge bundle of errandings and the note he sent in acknowledgment was the beginning of their acquaintance. Mr. and Mrs. James will spend their honeymoon on the old James homestead in Clay county, Mo., occupying the house that the elder Jesse James and his gang loopholed for defense against the officers of the law. Many persons of prominence attended the wedding, including R. L. Yeager, of the board of education, E. F. Swinney, cashier of the First national bank; Thomas T. Crittenden, Jr., and the uncle of the groom, Frank James, of St. Louis.

Please Reserve Judgment.

A Chicago woman wants a doctor to pay her \$10,000 for alleged malpractice in treating her for a mosquito bite. Still, it must not be hastily concluded, says the Chicago Times-Herald, that the people of this town are generally given to making a fuss over little things.

Good Fortune of Paris.

Paris is in great luck, says the San Francisco Call, to have such a year of widespread prosperity for her exposition, as it is probable more people will be able to make an extensive holiday trip this summer than ever before in the history of the world.

PLAYFUL SLAP BREAKS NECK.

Brooklyn Man Who Did Not Laugh at Joke Dies from Singular Injury.

Edward Watson, 23 years old, who lived with his widowed mother in Brooklyn, was the other day slapped heartily on the back by Thomas Leary, a private in the Fifth Army corps. He died the same night of a broken neck. Watson, Leary and others composed a merry party. One of Leary's stories failed to cause from Watson the laughter that came from others in the party, and Leary playfully slapped Watson on the back, with the admonition to wake up.

"Wake up," again cried Leary, and he slapped Watson heartily on the back, and Leary playfully slapped Watson on the back, with the admonition to wake up.

Watson turned pale, groaned and sank to the floor. "My neck is hurt," he said.

Examination showed that the fourth cervical vertebrae bone had been forced out of place, probably splintered. Pressure on the spinal cord produced the gradually increasing paralysis.

Watson was placed into a cast, but gradually sank until 11 o'clock, when he died.

The doctors suggest that it may have been that Watson suffered from calcification of the bones, which is a chemical change by which the bones become chalky and brittle.

BATHROOMS IN SCHOOLHOUSES.

A Town in Indiana Starts a Plan for Keeping its Children Clean.

At the annual convention of the Northern Indiana Teachers' association, held some weeks ago, there were present several of the leading educators of the central west. At this meeting it was declared that "inasmuch as frequent bathing is necessary for the maintenance of good health, and as unhealthy people cannot do good work in the schoolroom, it would be well for public school buildings to be fitted with bathing facilities, so that pupils with no opportunity for bathing at home can have this privilege at school." In harmony with this idea the city board of education of Mishawaka has decided to equip with bathing facilities the costly new Laure school building. While it is a new departure, it is believed to be a step in the right direction, and plans will be formulated for building bathroom additions to the other city school structures. Favorable press comment and endorsements from other cities indicate that this innovation is to be followed on a small scale by school boards in surrounding cities in an effort to test its reputed good results.

GREAT OFFICE BUILDING.

Immense Structure Costing \$1,000,000 to Be Erected in the City of New York.

Plans for what is said to be the largest office building ever projected at New York were filed at the building department for Peter J. Morrick, owner, representing the Alliance Trust company, which was organized about a month ago and which is closely allied with the Central Realty, Loan & Trust Co. The building will occupy the lot, 42 to 52 Exchange place and 25 to 32 Broad street, with a large wing extending into the middle of the block at an acute angle with the main structure.

The building will cover about 20,000 square feet of ground area and will be 20 stories high, the actual measurement of the proposed height being 283 feet. The total floor area for offices will be, at a rough computation, about 52,000 square feet.

According to the plans the building will be of steel, fireproof construction, with fronts of stone, terra cotta and brick. The building will cost about \$4,000,000.

SHEDS HIS SKIN EVERY YEAR.

Missourian Afflicted in a Distressing Manner That Puzzles the Physicians.

O. S. Buskirk, a farm hand, 45 years old, living near St. Joseph, Mo., was sent to the county farm last week suffering from a strange disease, which mystifies physicians.

Four times during the past year Buskirk has shed his skin, and now he has throat trouble, from which he may not recover. He has been employed during the last three years on the farm of Isaac Miller, near that city. Miller went before the court and asked to have him sent to the poor farm.

For many years Buskirk has been shedding his skin once a year, but this year it came off four times. It slipped off his hands like a glove, leaving the flesh underneath as pink as that of a baby. For several days after he sheds his skin Buskirk is unable to work on account of his hands and feet being tender, but when that difficulty has been overcome he appears to be all right.

Husbands, Poodles and Kisses. A woman has written to a New York paper asking if one who kisses a poodle dog can be a real lady. The Chicago Times-Herald thinks not, unless she draws her sleeve across her lips before her husband comes in for his.

Is Effective. The English soldiers are equipped with the finest modern arms, but the old-fashioned smooth boer, says the Chicago Times-Herald, is still quite effective in South Africa.

Rush for Automobiles in England. Several English companies engaged in building automobiles have refused to accept any further orders unless a nine-months' delivery clause is inserted in the contract.