

FRANKS OF A PRINCE.

Princess's Future Husband Was a Lively Youngster a Few Years Ago.

Perhaps Prince Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, the fiancé of Queen Wilhelmina, is a sober, industrious royalty now, but according to this story he was a pretty lively fellow a few years ago, says the St. Louis Republic.

The case is different in France, where they have something like £70,000,000 worth of gold and £50,000,000 worth of silver ready for war time.

NATIONS HAVE WAR CHESTS.

Vast Sums in European Treasuries Laid Up for Times of Strife.

A source of amazement to continental politicians is the facility with which Great Britain obtains the money to carry on the South African campaign.

This is all the more wonderful to them when they remember that in the sense they understand it England has no war chest to fall back upon.

Financially, Europe is prepared for the day that pessimistic prophets say is drawing nigh—the day when wild war shall run riot throughout the eastern hemisphere.

The depopulation of the rural districts of England is beginning to cause serious concern to the government.

From statistics recently collated it is learned that in 1801 36 per cent. of the population lived in towns of 1,000 inhabitants and upward.

CROWDING INTO THE CITIES.

Rural Districts in England Are Rapidly Being Forsaken by the People.

In the year 1879 C. W. Merchant, of this city, was engaged in buying cattle all over this part of Texas, says the Galveston (Tex.) News.

HAY IN ROUND BALES.

Packed in This Shape It Occupies Less Space and There Are Other Advantages.

Hay as well as cotton is put up nowadays in cylindrical bales, a standard round hay bale being 18 inches in diameter and 36 inches in length.

LETTERS FROM PEARY.

Were Written in March Last and Were Addressed to His Wife and Mother.

Letters from Peary, the arctic explorer, for his wife and mother, who died recently, were received the other day.

Dentistry for Sheep.

A shepherd of New South Wales has tried dentistry for sheep with great success.

Giving Aid to Swiss Poor.

In some Swiss vineyards nearly the whole harvest was left last month to the poor of the neighborhood.

MISTAKEN FOR "JOHN L."

An Amusing Anecdote Regarding the Late Sir Arthur Sullivan.

Among the many anecdotes of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan which have been traveling through two hemispheres since the death of the eminent composer, the following, as told in Sir Arthur's own words, is by no means the worst, says the Brooklyn Eagle:

"I was traveling on a stage in a rather wild part of California, and arrived at a mining camp, where we had to get down for refreshments.

"I thought this was a curious method of testing the power of a composer, but I at once answered: 'About 162 pounds.'"

VERY OLD CHECK CASHED.

It Was Drawn Over Twenty Years Ago, But Was Good for the Money.

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WAS A BORN FIGHTER.

Prince Christian Victor Did Not Prance on His Being of Royal Blood.

The grandson of Queen Victoria, Prince Christian Victor, who died of fever in South Africa a few weeks ago, was a soldier born, who owed nothing to rank, but obtained his advance in recognition of his military ability.

QUEER SIAMESE MUSIC.

An Octave Which Differs from Our Own and Has Seven Equal Intervals.

Prof. Stump and Neesen, of the Berlin university, have concluded some interesting experiments regarding the peculiarities of Siamese music, says the Scientific American.

WHEN LIFE IS DEPARTING.

Phenomena Which Electricity Has Disclosed in Animate Nature.

A. D. Waller, of the Paris Academy of Sciences, has devised an electrical means of distinguishing between living and dead matter.

Sin of Using Tobacco.

In early colonial days the use of tobacco was considered far more sinful and degrading than indulgence in intoxicating liquors.

Respect Their Idols.

While repairing a temple, the Chinese cover up the eyes of the idols, in order that the deities may not be offended at the sight of the disorder.

ILL LUCK IN APPLE BLOOMS.

Tree That Blossomed Late Brought a Train of Misfortunes to a Pennsylvania Woman.

"I saw in the Star not long ago copies from a New York paper," said a lady living near Greeley, Pike county, Pa., relates the Washington Star.

"Well, that story was mine, and the reporter put it in the name of a man, because I didn't want to appear in it.

BRITAIN LOSING TRADE.

Manufacturers Warned to Beware of Industrial Competition.

To the disappointments of war time, which are keenly felt when the Christmas season is approaching and over 200,000 soldiers are fighting across seas, is added the increasing pressure of taxation and industrial competition.

COWBOY OVERPOWERS A BULL.

Seize Infatuated Animal by the Horns Just as It Is Charging a Crippled Man.

There was a counterpart of the scene in "Gau Vadic" between Ursus and the sarochs recently on the parade grounds of the Indian reservation near Cozaco, Col.

WINS FROM FARO BANKS.

San Francisco Man Breaks Gambling Houses at Dawson by Remarkable Run of Luck.

One of the most remarkable faro-bank plays of record was made three weeks ago in Dawson by David Allen, of San Francisco, a Klondike passenger on the steamer Dolphin.

A Queer Congress.

Among the many congresses that met at the Paris exposition, one of the most interesting was the international assembly of the Alpinists.

NURSE MIXES BABIES.

Complications in Disposing of an Estate Arise in Consequence.

Confusion Arises as to Which of Male Twins Was Born First—Provision in Father's Will Makes Eldest Son His Heir.

Jared Marks, a farmer who lived near Malvern Hill, seven miles west of Geneva, N. Y., died Monday last, leaving an estate valued at about \$54,000.

SHOWS THE AGE OF GLOBE.

Prof. Farrington Exhibits Stalagmite of Great Antiquity.

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No Need of American Heiress.

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Illinois Apple Orchards.

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LITIGATION OVER WIND CAVE.

The Famous Black Hills Spot May Become a National Reserve.

The famous Wind cave of the Black Hills, near Hot Springs, S. D., over which there has been so much controversy for some time, is to be examined by a special agent and geologist sent out by the government to find out as to whether or not the property is to be set apart by the government as a national reserve.

Two Lawsuits Have Sprung Up Over This Ground.

The first case the local land office held that good faith had been shown by McDonald in his holding of the ground, and it was recommended that the entry be perpetuated.

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