

SOLDIERS FOR ALASKA.

Establishing a Military Post There Being Considered.

May Be Called Fort Alger in Honor of the Secretary of War--Volunteers from Army Anxious to Go.

The secretary of war is considering a proposition that has been made to him to establish a military post in Alaska. At present the government has no troops in that vast territory, and, in view of the heavy immigration now going on and the possible danger to life and property from lawless characters...

BICYCLE IN ARMY MOVEMENTS.

Twenty Infantry Troopers Reach St. Louis After Wheeling 2,000 Miles. Lieut. Moss and his 20 colored troopers of the Twenty-fifth United States Infantry at two o'clock the other afternoon completed their 2,000-mile ride on bicycles from Fort Missoula, Mont., to St. Louis.

After considerable delay at St. Charles, 20 miles out of the city, as a result of a heavy rainstorm, and because of the necessity of making necessary repairs on their wheels, the riders arrived at their destination at St. Louis and went immediately into camp at Forest park, where they will stay until Monday. After that they will be quartered at Jefferson barracks until their return to Montana.

STRUCK BY A CORPSE.

Dr. C. B. Slade of Bellevue Hospital is Knocked Down by a Cadaver. Dr. Charles B. Slade, of Bellevue hospital, New York city, says he entered a dissecting-room once at midnight. In the dim light he noticed the body of a man in the corner. "As I advanced," the doctor continued, "I saw that the man's head was partly raised and that his right arm was extended at right angles to his body."

Apothecaries' Gardens. Among historic places in London now threatened with destruction is that interesting corner in Chelsea known as the "Apothecaries' Gardens."

Growth of Railroads in Japan. Japan now has 3,000 miles of railway in operation.

HIS STOMACH A LIZARD'S DEN.

After Two Years' Suffering a Man Expects to Die.

William Collins, who lives at Sixty-second street and Baltimore avenue, Philadelphia, has accomplished the remarkable feat of expelling from his stomach 36 lizards of various sizes. He called on Dr. Richmond, whose office is on Chestnut street, above Fortieth, a few days ago and declared he was tired of being drugged for an apparently incurable malady and that he had fled from his last physician because he wanted to operate upon him for appendicitis.

When the doctor inquired what his favorite drink was, the man declared he never drank anything but water from the well in the yard of his home. Putting two and two together Dr. Richmond wrote a prescription and gave it to Collins, telling him he must not be alarmed at getting very sick at his stomach. He went off shaking his head and saying that he guessed there was no hope for him.

A PREHISTORIC FORT.

St. Paul Archaeologist Makes Interesting Find in South Dakota. Capt. Louis De Lestry, of St. Paul, Minn., reports the discovery of a prehistoric fort in South Dakota. The walls are very acute and the slope is on three sides at an angle of 45 degrees.

On the north side of this fortification is a natural defense in the shape of a water course. The east side of the fortification almost joins the high prairie lands. At this point was found a well marked entrance or gateway, and the ditch between the earthen walls is almost undiscernible.

Three mounds located in a straight line north to south are evidently places of special defense of this gateway. From each side of the gateway run two smaller ditches, connecting with the outside of the outer wall with a straight ditch at present obliterated.

Returning to the main gateway was found an outer gateway, also defined by three mounds, and from there a marked passage or ridge led along the side of a hill one-eighth of a mile to where a very large spring still bubbles out of the soil.

NEIGHS LIKE A HORSE.

Strange Results on a Boy of an Injury to His Head. In Malcolm Harnel, an eight-year-old patient at the hospital in St. Louis, Superintendent Sutter has one of the most peculiar cases he has encountered during his experience at the institution.

Early last spring he was kicked in the head by a horse and his skull fractured. He never recovered from the injury. When he was received at the hospital it was thought he was suffering from epilepsy, resulting from the pressure of the bone at the fracture upon the brain.

Paris Rejoices. President Faure created a commotion recently in Paris by driving about with a nurse and baby in the seat usually occupied by his aid. It was then learned that his married daughter had given birth to a son three weeks before.

Education in India. Only one-fifth of the boys of India go to school, and only one-fifteenth of the girls.

SCALE A BIG MESA.

Cliff That Has Defied Ascent for Centuries Explored.

The Bones and Huts of the People Supposed to Be There, Nowhere to Be Seen--Flora Specimens Gathered.

After four centuries of effort the Mesa Encantada in New Mexico has been scaled. The honor belongs to Prof. Libby, of Princeton university. The ascent is the most difficult of any in the world. The mesa rises to a height of 550 feet from the plains, and covers a space of about ten acres.

Prof. Libby was equipped with a number of tandem kite teams, a balloon and a gun used by the United States life-saving service. It was with this latter apparatus that the ascent of the rock was made which Coronado, as early as two centuries ago, stated was more impregnable than Gibraltar.

The ascent was made Friday, the party spending the entire day on the summit. Specimens of flora were gathered which the scientists of the party believe will be of vast interest as belonging to a prehistoric period.

MAIL BOAT SERVICE A SUCCESS.

Saving of from Twelve to Twenty-Four Hours Effected. The first through test of the new harbor mail boat service at New York as a time-saver was made the other morning. There was none of the hitches and hindrances which were unavoidable on the earlier experimental trips.

The Normanna was met at quarantine by the steamboat Peekskill and at 7:25 o'clock the transfer of 553 sacks of mail to the Peekskill had been completed. Then the mail boat started for the city.

FINDS GOLD AND A BRIDE.

Joseph Lague Returns from Alaska and Claims the Girl of His Heart. A special to the New York World from Plattsburg, N. Y., says: Joseph Lague, owner of the town site of Dawson, Alaska, is now on the way to his former home at Schuyler Falls, Clinton county, N. Y., to be married.

It is said that Lague and Miss Mason were to have been married long ago, but Miss Mason's parents opposed the match, because Lague was too poor to marry.

Lague went to the Black Hills in search of gold. He was quite successful, but before coming east to claim his bride, he went into a speculation at Deadwood and lost every dollar he possessed.

He did not return home until two years ago, and then it was settled that upon his return from another trip to Alaska they would be married.

SPIKES A WILD-EYED YARN.

Declaration of Independence Faded Long Ago and Not in Chicago. Charles F. Gunther, of Chicago, stamped as humbug a story from New York that the original Declaration of Independence was ruined while on exhibition at the Government building here during the world's fair.

"The story is bosh on its face," Mr. Gunther said. "The first time I saw the Declaration of Independence was 23 years ago, and then it was badly faded. The names were not legible, as they should have been."

"What really ruined the document was the fact that in the time of John Quincy Adams some copies of it were made in Philadelphia. We had not then the facilities for duplicating by photographic processes that we have now, and in putting the copies over the original in order to get exact reproductions the Philadelphians took the ink off the original. They adopted practically the method now used for taking letter press copies of letters, and really took the vitality out of the document."

Not Built for Freaks. The "fat lady," once of Barnum's circus, retired a few years since to private life in Jamaica, N. Y. Recently she stepped on the cover of an old cistern near her house, broke through, and subsequently sued the owner of the place for \$10,000 damages.

Changes Its Colors. The Chinese have a flower which is white at night or in the shade and red in the sunlight.

BONES OF A MAMMOTH FOUND.

Floods in Wisconsin Creek Disclose Remarkable Skeleton.

E. B. Buckley, assistant state geologist, who was in Milwaukee the other day, said that an important find has been made on the farm of J. C. Dorseth, six miles west of Richland Center, which would create some stir in scientific circles.

The discovery is the bones of an immense mammoth, which were disclosed to view by the action of recent floods in a creek on the farm. The bones were found about five feet below the surface, mixed with the remains of driftwood.

The long bones of one of the legs, said Mr. Buckley, although an end of each had been broken off, were higher than the back of an ordinary-sized horse. The joint of the thigh bone is 35 inches around and nearly a foot across.

All the bones are in an excellent state of preservation, owing to the fact that they were incased in a bed of blue clay, which protected them from action of the air. They will be taken to the University of Wisconsin.

A GIGANTIC TASK.

Moving of Books of Congressional Library at Washington Begun.

The removal of the big congressional library from its present quarters in the capitol building to the magnificent new congressional library will, now that congress has adjourned, be vigorously entered upon. This undertaking will involve the closing of the library at the capitol to the public for some time because of the noise, dust and confusion incident to the displacement of so great a mass of books.

WHERE DUELS WERE FOUGHT.

Tree on Famous Bloody Island Near St. Louis Collapses. An old landmark in East St. Louis, and one closely connected with the past history of the once famous "Bloody Island" has been destroyed.

As Lague is said to be a millionaire, the parents of the bride will offer no objections to the union, and it is probable that Mr. and Mrs. Lague will spend their honeymoon on the way to the gold fields, where they intend to live for at least three years.

MAY GROW THEIR VEGETABLES.

Prospect of an Agricultural Experiment Station in Alaska. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson believes that congress at its next session will authorize the establishment of an agricultural experiment station in Alaska.

By this means elopers are saved all the inconvenience of hunting up a minister.

HARDSHIPS OF ALASKA.

More Men Will Find Death Than Gold. A man who has just returned from Alaska, where he has been for two years, said to a New York World reporter:

"No one but a fool, in my opinion, will start just now for the Klondyke. Any that do will reach the diggings to find the ground covered with snow, and be unable to do anything at all until May or June of next year. The talk about the high strikes reads well, but it should be remembered that there is little work to be done in Alaska at any price.

One of Burke's Sarcasms. David Hartley, member of parliament for Hull in 1773, was called "the dinner bell," because his rising had a similar effect in emptying the house.

Maryland Wheat Record. Samuel T. Burston, near Frederick, Md., grew 520 bushels of wheat on 13 acres.

DOGS SAVE TWO LIVES.

Noble Conduct of Two of J. Pierpont Morgan's Collies.

Rescue Two Women from Watery Graves and Even Bring Their Overturned Boat to Shore.

Never was Culver's assertion that the dog is the most useful conquest ever made by man better exemplified than the other morning, when two of those faithful animals rushed into the waters of the Hudson at Highland Falls and dragged to life and safety two human beings, who but for their assistance might now be at the bottom of the river.

The dogs, whose names will figure in the annals of life-savers, belong to J. Pierpont Morgan, the millionaire banker and railroad magnate. Sefton Hero and Rufford Ormond were brought from England several years ago by Mr. Morgan.

Mr. Morgan's Landing a boat was in readiness. Mr. Armstrong, his wife, child and a lady visitor were in the party. When the women and child were seated in the boat Sefton Hero and Rufford Ormond, the collies, began to beg vigorously in dog language to be taken along.

Mr. Armstrong did not want to take them, but Mrs. Armstrong pleaded that they be allowed to go. They were put one in each end of the boat, but they kept wanting to get together. The boat had scarcely left the pier when a fish jumped in the water and Rufford Ormond dived headlong after it. In doing so he upset the boat and spilled the occupants in 50 feet of water.

TO CARRY THE GOSPEL.

Unusually Large Number of Missionaries to Leave During August.

An unusually large number of missionaries of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions will leave this country for their posts distant lands within the coming month.

Several of them have been in this country on furloughs of considerable length. Among those who will return to their stations are Rev. George T. Washburn, president of Pastoral college, southern India, and Mrs. Washburn; Moses P. Barnelee and wife, to Trebizond, western Turkey; mission; Miss Anna B. Jones, to Constantinople; Rev. and Mrs. Loris S. Gates, to Solapur, Marathi mission, west central India; Rev. and Mrs. Franklin E. Jeffrey, to the Madura mission, India; Rev. and Mrs. James C. Perkins, to Arrapkottal, India; Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Bridgman, to Umazumbe, Zululand; Rev. W. A. Farnsworth and family, and Rev. M. S. Dodd and family, to Cesarea, western Turkey mission.

The newly appointed missionaries are Dr. T. S. Carrington, of Philadelphia, who will go with Mrs. Carrington to assume direction of the medical arm of the service at Marsovan, Turkey; Miss Marie Hoffman, who will accompany Mrs. Farnsworth and Dodd to Cesarea, and Miss Isabel Miller, born in British Honduras, who will join the mission of the board of Mexico. A member of the party of Rev. Mr. Barnelee, bound for Turkey, will be Miss Fannie R. Dudley, who will be married on her arrival to United States Consul Jewett, at Sivas, Turkey.

WILD DOGS IN ST. LOUIS.

Bicyclist Attacked While Riding Through Forest Park.

A tribe of wild and vicious mastiffs has just been discovered in the wilderness in the western part of Forest park and it will probably be necessary for the police to hunt them out in order to prevent serious accidents to wanderers through the wilderness.

These dogs have frequently been seen by wanderers through the wilderness and by the mounted police, but this is the first time they have attacked anyone. Bellew says the female is an unusually large beast and the other six have the appearance of being pups, about a year old. The park authorities think the old dog wandered away from home, made a den in the wilderness and there raised her family, feeding herself and them on the rabbits, squirrels, birds and eggs that abound in that section of the park.

MARRIAGES MADE EASIER.

Chicago Elopers saved the Bother of Hunting Ministers.

Milwaukee marriages for Chicago lovers are becoming easier every day. The latest labor-saving device which emanates from the Cream city is credited to the business ingenuity of a local clergyman, who has opened a bureau in parlor B of the Parkington hotel and advertises his whereabouts on all the excursion boats running between Chicago and Milwaukee.

By this means elopers are saved all the inconvenience of hunting up a minister.

IMPORTANT TO EXCURSIONISTS.

WILL ALWAYS BE FOUND AT PRIVATE PARLOR B OF PARKINGTON HOTEL, MILWAUKEE. SITUATED ON GRAND AVENUE. Ask the porter at the entrance for the elevator, and the elevator boy will show you to parlor B.

Western America's Cattle. The value of the cattle in western America is estimated at \$2,000,000,000, or five times that of all the cattle in Australia.