

WHO FOUNDED W. C. T. U.? INFANT KING TO WED.

Cincinnati Enquirer Still Contends It Was Not Miss Willard.

Produces Documentary Evidence to Prove That Mrs. McClellan Brown Has That Distinction and Honor.

The Cincinnati Enquirer prints the following in defense of Mrs. McClellan Brown as founder of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union: "Mrs. Stevens, at the official headquarters of the W. C. T. U. at Chicago, in a special dispatch to the Enquirer denies that Mrs. McClellan Brown, of this city, is the founder of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union and affirms that Miss Willard studied the plan of organization and went to Boston and Portland, Me., to consult Neal Dow and others about it, and that Miss Willard was elected corresponding secretary at the Chautauqua, where in the summer of 1874 the union was born."

"The Enquirer has consequently examined the original call for the Cleveland convention, the original plan of work, and its copyright with Librarian Spofford's signature and seal to the name of Mrs. McClellan Brown. The call for the convention at Cleveland was signed by Jennie F. Willing, chairman, and Emily Huntington as Chautauqua secretary. The local arrangements were made by Mrs. W. A. Ingaham of Cleveland, who with Mrs. Brown fixed the dates November 18 and 19, 1874. The call shows unmistakably that it was issued from the office of Mrs. McClellan Brown at Alliance, O., October 17, 1874.

"Miss Willard's name does not appear in any document before the Cleveland meeting, and Mrs. Brown, who says she knew her well, did not see her in any temperance meeting on the assembly ground in 1874.

"The files of the Enquirer dating from February 17 to 26, 1874, show that Mrs. Brown cooperated with Dio Lewis in securing a state temperance convention at Columbus, O. The reports show that Rev. Dr. Russell, of Michigan, stated in his speech that he was called there to address that convention by Mrs. Brown. These reports show the first state organization of women to have been at Columbus February 24 and 25, with Mrs. H. C. McCabe, of Delaware, as president, and that Mrs. Brown was one of the leading workers and writers of the cause."

PRECIOUS STONES.

Value of the Production of the United States for 1897.

The value of the precious stones produced in the United States during 1897, as shown by a preliminary report submitted to the division of mineral resources of the United States geological survey by Special Agent George F. Kunz, was \$130,675, as compared with \$97,550 in 1896. The principal items of this total are turquoise, \$55,000; sapphire, \$25,000; quartz crystal, \$12,600; tourmaline, \$9,025; and gold quartz, \$3,300.

The principal features of interest to the trade during the year were the investments of English capital in and the increased output of the Ferguson county, Mont., sapphire deposits; the further development of the turquoise deposits in Santa Fe and Grant counties, New Mexico; the development of tourmaline deposits at Mount Mica, Paris, Me., and the Radium Neck, Conn., and the finding and sale of pale almandine garnets from Towee Valley, N. C. The finding of large quantities of gigantic quartz crystal (rock crystal) at Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras county, Calif., was also of considerable importance.

The great increase in importations of diamonds caused by the decrease in the duty on these stones was important, though not unlooked for. The continued popularity of the Australian opal in the United States was evidenced by the increased sales of this gem.

STRANGE AND SAD STORY.

Identity of Young Girl Revealed at Her Foster Father's Death.

Mabel Dawson, of Toledo, O., ascertained a few days ago that her real name is Mamie Bauman; that instead of a widowed mother, she has a father who is a widower; that her dearest chum, whose eyes were closed in death a few years ago was in reality her own sister, and that she has living in this country, four brothers and sisters.

The story is as strange as one could imagine. Twenty years ago her father, whose name is Frederick Bauman, was living on a farm west of Toledo when his wife died, leaving him with a large family.

The younger two girls were placed in the homes of families by the name of Dawson and Snyder, respectively, living in this city. Both families later refused to allow Bauman to see his children, practically giving him to understand that they were dead.

The girls grew to young womanhood and were the warmest of friends until the one known as Tina Snyder died recently. Shortly after Mabel's foster father died, and, worrying over the long-kept secret, Mrs. Dawson this week restored Mabel to her father and family.

Bicycle Mail Carriers Abolished.
After three years' trial the use of bicycles by letter carriers in Louisville, Ky., has been found to be a failure, and the wheels have been abandoned. The men say that very often, instead of being a help to quick delivery, they have been a failure, owing to bad weather, muddy and crowded streets, and breakdowns.

Cost of Japanese Labor.
Japanese labor costs very little in comparison to American rates. A sum equivalent to five dollars a week is considered an excellent salary there.

West Virginia Petroleum.
West Virginia is now producing more high-grade petroleum than any other state in the union.

ALFONSO XIII. HAS HIS FUTURE WIFE SELECTED FOR HIM.

Monarch of Spain to Marry Archduchess Elisabeth, Daughter of Prince Rudolph, the Ill-Fated Heir to Austrian Throne.

A dispatch from London announces that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria soon will announce the betrothal of Archduchess Elizabeth to Alfonso XIII, the boy monarch of Spain. The archduchess is the daughter of Prince Rudolph, the ill-fated heir to the Austrian throne, who committed suicide in 1889 after a desperate love intrigue with Duchess Vetsera, said to be the most beautiful woman in Europe. She also killed herself. The daughter, whose mother is a daughter of Leopold, the present king of the Belgians, is only 13 years old. King Alfonso will be 12 years old in May next. His mother, Maria Christina, the present queen regent of Spain, is herself an Austrian princess.

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