

END OF THE OTHER SIDE.

Private Secretary Makes Two Mistakes, One of Which Was Laughable.

An official of one of the departments at Washington says that whenever he encounters an unknown person he is reminded of an amusing experience of the private secretary of a late secretary of war, relates the New York Times.

SEASON OF EXAMINATIONS.

When the Teachers Are Treated to Some Rare Examples of Erudition.

In this examination season school-teachers take much of the examination papers that, from sunset until the small hours, they sit and mark.

BARBAROUS PUNISHMENT.

Russian General Gives an Exhibition of the Brutality of the Czar's Minions.

Gen. Dragomiroff, the aged adviser of the czar, rose from the ranks, and always dressed according to the army regulations for the common soldier.

Wonder Worker.

James Bruce, the eighteenth-century traveler and explorer, owed his discovery of the source of the Blue Nile to his ability to amaze the Abyssinians.

Collied in the Tropics.

Several trained Scotch colliers have been used by the Germans in their southwest African campaign, but, according to reports received in Berlin, the dogs have proved an utter failure.

Royal Artisans.

King Edward has played many parts in his time, one of them being brick-maker and builder.

LESSON OF EARTHQUAKE.

Test of Structural Materials Furnished by San Francisco Disaster.

If argument were needed to show the advisability of an investigation of structural materials it is more than supplied by the recent earthquake in California.

COURT'S DUTY DEFINED.

Judge Is Told by Lawyer, Who Lacked Respect, What He Was There For.

A. G. Jewett, lawyer, politician and man of sarcastic wit, was once trying a case in the supreme court in Belfast, Me., his home city.

RURAL NORWAY IS HONEST.

Incidents Which Are Illustrative of One of Its Marked Characteristics.

Norwegian peasants are said to be the most honest people in the world. Several years ago an English tourist, in going from Trondheim to Christiania, lost 15 or 20 sovereigns on the road.

Getting His Money's Worth.

"Does it make any difference which door we go in at?" asked his wife, as the street car stopped at the crossing.

Cool One.

Stranger (in Yaphank)—That show to be given here next week ought to be suppressed. Would you be willing to start a crusade against it?

FOUNDATION FIRM.

REPORTS OF SINKING OF NEW YORK INVESTIGATED.

Changes of Level in "Bench Mark" at Brooklyn Navy Yard Found to Be Merely Superficial.

New York.—Suspensions having been aroused that the site of this city was sinking very slowly, a committee of engineers was appointed to investigate the matter.

One of the facts which the committee had under consideration is that the "bench mark" at the Brooklyn navy yard is now only 44 feet above mean high water, whereas at some time in the past it was supposed to be five feet above that level.

NEW RAILROAD HELPS POWER.

Germany Will Profit by Completion of Line Coming Close to Austrian Border.

Austria.—One of the most important, international railway developments of late years and one that has been engaging the attention of all European governments, will be completed here when Emperor Francis Joseph opens the new section of the Staatsbahn railway, bringing Trieste within 18 hours of the German frontier.

Bear's Bold Break.

Early one morning lately a bear came down from the Nokopack mountain, at Mainville, Pa., and after a fierce fight, in which he nearly killed the two dogs of B. R. Yetter, went to Yetter's corn crib and devoured a large quantity of corn.

Names and Divorces.

An Australian divorce court judge thinks that there is a subtle connection between high-sounding feminine baptismal names and matrimonial unhappiness.

Made a Difference.

"How far is it to Oconomowoc?" asked the tourist. "Just about eight miles more as the crow flies," replied the obliging farmer.

BONUS PREVENTS STRIKES.

System Employed by Champagne Manufacturers Averts Wage Troubles.

The manufacturers of champagne in France have adopted a policy which is an effective preventive of strikes among their workmen.

Every employe who merits it is paid annually a bonus in addition to his wages. The bonus is not made part of the contract between employer and employe, but it is well understood that employes who make good records will receive it.

SHEEP KILLER BIG BEAR.

Pennsylvania Farmers Put an End to the Destroyer of Their Flocks.

One of the blackest and bloodiest numbers ever known in Potter county was caught near Prouty town with trap, the Philadelphia Record.

SWEDES TAKE FINN NAMES.

Curious Form of Recreation That Is Setting In Among That People.

Recent exhibitions in Finland are producing a curious form of reaction. The country is full of Swedes, among whom, perhaps, with a view to the possible contingencies of a Russian break-up, the Swedish government has always encouraged a movement of solidarity.

Peasants of Sardinia.

Sardinia is a wild place in the middle of the last century. A traveler says: "The men are clothed in goat-skins, one before and another behind, without breeches, shoes or stockings, and a woolen or skin cap on the head."

Lodge of One Hundred Mongolians Admitted to Follow-ship.

El Paso, Tex.—Monterrey, Mexico, has a lodge of Chinese Masons that is recognized by the Grand Masonic lodge of the Mexican state of Nueva Leon.

Frog Skin a Freight Puzzle.

A most unusual question in classification for skins as freight was lately asked of the freight agents of several railroads in Louisiana by their rural agents. The question is whether a frog skin shall be classed with wild animal hides, bird skins, fish, or in a class by itself, for which double rates shall be charged.

SURGEON MAKES NEW HEAD.

Cuts Part of Man's Brain Away and Patches Up Fractured Skull.

Paris.—Dr. Beausseant of Neully has performed a remarkable operation, with results that seem almost miraculous. A motor car ran into a cyclist, who was pitched to a distance of 100 feet.

The man was not dead, but seemed done for. However, he was put under surgical care at once and an apparently impossible operation was attempted. The brain was forced back into the skull, except the wounded portions, which were cut away, and the multiple fractures of the bone were set.

WANT AIRSHIP FACTORY.

Army Officers in Germany Think the Government Should Build Them.

Berlin.—There is a strong conviction among the highest army officers in Germany that it is a patriotic duty to make every effort to have the government build an airship factory for the construction of and experiment with dirigible airships.

MAKE RICH COPPER STRIKES.

Americans Locate Promising Prospects in Southeastern Mexico.

Mexico City.—Americans in large numbers are invading the unexplored mineral regions in far southeastern Mexico. A short time ago two American mining engineers, who said that they represented E. H. Harriman, of New York, and associates, made a rich copper discovery in the southern part of the state of Chiapas.

CHINESE MASONS IN MEXICO.

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His Chance.

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THE LIBRARY RESEARCHER.

Men Employed by Cranks to Delve Into Musty Tomes for Information.

Says the New York Times: In the reading rooms of the New York public libraries one may see almost any day mysterious, often steady-looking persons surrounded by musty tomes, making copious notes.

GIANTS OF THE AQUARIUM.

New York Has Seven-Foot Sturgeons, Huge Turtles and Mammoth Drum Fish.

There are some really big fellows in the city down at the Aquarium. One alligator is 11 feet long. An American crocodile is one foot long and there are some seven-foot sturgeons, reports the New York Sun.

PUMPS HARD TO KEEP ON.

Unpleasant Experience of One Woman as Who Tried to Wear Them.

"You, they are very pretty, but how will I ever keep them on?" asked the woman customer, according to the New York Sun as she sat in the shoe store and gazed at her feet in a pair of smart little pumps.

Lawn Tennis.

Tennis was first played in the early part of the sixteenth century in England and France. Matches for considerable wagers were frequently held, and rather than give up the game many men played for parts of their wearing apparel after their money was gone.

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