

FOUNDATION FIRM

REPORTS OF SINKING OF NEW YORK INVESTIGATED.

Changes of Level in "Beach Mark" at Brooklyn Navy Yard Found to Be Merely Suppositions.

New York.—Suspicious 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 "beach 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.

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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.

Although nothing has thus far been published in the newspapers concerning this great railway project, there is no doubt that it has been watched by every country, and it is certain to bring about a revolution in the railway affairs of this country.

Bear's Bold Bold

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

HE PUT IT ABOUT RIGHT

At Any Rate When He Had Given a Demonstration Site Called Encore.

"I have just joined in anti-kissing club," said the beautiful girl.

"Why do you believe kissing is dangerous?" asked the man, according to the Chicago Record-Herald.

"It depends on what you mean by dangerous. If you mean to ask me whether I am afraid of microbes, I can say that I am not.

"Well, if you want to put it that way you may," she returned.

WEAR EXPLOSIVE GOWNS.

Woman Gowned in Imitation Silk That Has Gun Cotton for Base.

Science, which lately furnished a mechanical substitute for the horse, has now set about putting the lowly silkwoman out of business.

Almost unknown in the United States, the manufacture of artificial silk has been on a commercial basis in France for several years.

In forming a chemical compound corresponding to the viscous fluid out of which the silk worm spins his delicate thread, the French chemists found, strangely enough, that the best substitute was a solution of gun cotton.

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Birth Rate of Talented.

Michigan finds a steady fall in the birthrate of men of talent from New England westward in New England out of every 100,000 births 54 are those of men of talent.

How to Meet a Burglar.

Highwaymen are around again and we should all make up our minds how to behave should we meet them.

Russian Representatives.

The upper chamber of the new Russian parliament is not a house of lords, but is a small body of appointed and elected representatives.

Fly in the Ointment.

"Senator, how does it seem now that you have attained wealth and influence?"

Different Thing.

"Are you going to rusticate this summer, Mrs. Nurbich?"

INDIAN EDUCATION

CHEROKEES HAVE LONG TAKEN PRIDE IN THEIR SYSTEM.

Old Institutions That Will Pass Out of Existence Before the Close of the Current Year.

Tablequah, I. T.—The national schools of the Cherokee nation, the male and female seminaries at this place, closed this week.

The Cherokee began to take an interest in education as early as 1778. Following the revolutionary war there were a good many Scotchmen, wanderers and adventurers, who had drifted into Georgia and Alabama.

Many of them intermarried with full-blood Indians.

This injection of rugged Anglo-Saxon blood into the Indian race has been felt in every national policy of the Cherokee since the close of the Eighteenth century.

It is a matter worthy of note that the treaty between the Cherokee and the government made in 1838 contained the signatures of a number of Indians who signed their names in English.

One of the first acts of the Cherokee after they came to Indian territory, in 1838, was to establish a system of laws which provided for a system of public schools.

From the primary schools this system grew until, as the nation dies, there are 125 primary schools and six high schools.

These school buildings were erected at a time when there were no railroads, and the material had to be hauled overland a distance of 40 miles.

CUPID DECIMATES RANKS.

Thirty-Six Saleswomen in One Dry Goods Store Quit on the Same Day.

Pittsburg.—There was dry among the managers of one of our dry goods stores a few days ago, and there promises to be all kinds of trouble when the store opens in the morning.

The other morning four young women clerks announced that they would leave in the evening, never to return as clerks, for they are to be June brides.

The timekeeper was furious and demanded of the girls why they had not given notice.

Just why Cupid dealt such a blow at one particular establishment is not quite clear.

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The Bank of Naples, through which comes most of the money sent home by Italian residents in America, reports that in the last 12 months it has handled \$5,000,000 sent to Italy from the United States.

Hotel Rates Rising.

Hotel and restaurant prices are steadily rising in German cities, because of the rapid rise of prices of meat and vegetables.

ISENS CONDUCT IN CAFE.

Frequently Wrote His Autograph on Request While at Table.

When Henrik Ibsen lived in Munich he was a daily visitor to the Cafe Luitpold.

The most amusing thing about him was the solemnity with which he used to write his autograph for Americans who came to the cafe.

Frequently he wrote at his table and there were usually pen and ink there.

When he first began going to the cafe he started out by trying every one of the liquors on the bill of fare.

When he went to live again in Christiania the waitresses in the Cafe Luitpold lost a very lucrative visitor.

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ABSENT-MINDED FINANCIER.

Strictly Attentive to Business He Lost Sight of Domestic Felicities.

A new story about absent-mindedness is being told on a West Philadelphia man, and he is not a college professor, either.

His infirmity, indeed, is so well recognized that at his office, on a big Broad street building, every sort of safeguard is taken.

Just then there was a knock at the door. "Come in," said the financier.

A white-capped nurse stuck her head around the edge of the door.

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MEXICO CALLS IT POACHING

Reprehensible Practice of American Fishermen in Waters of the Gulf.

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The Mexican government asserts that for many years American poachers have been operating within the three-mile limit, and after repeated warnings it has now determined to stop the practice.

The department is making an inquiry now to determine that fact in case of the three vessels recently seized off the coast of Yucatan.

Clever Mother Wood Duck.

How does the mother wood-duck get her brood of 12 to 18 ducklings from her hollow tree to the creek?

Mr. William Brewster watched an American golden-eye that had a nest in the hollow tree overhanging the water.

The mother of young Christian, the natural son of the late King Milan of Serbia, who was in Constantinople, has just ordered the boy home from Lausanne.

Must Bare Love Affairs.

The board of education of Joplin, Mo., has required all teachers in the city schools to tell of their matrimonial "prospects" before contracts will be signed for the coming year.

Abating a Nuisance.

Residents of a certain New Orleans avenue have paid \$4,000 for a phonograph hop that they may close it and stop the noise.

SQUEEZING IS BARRED

PARTNERS IN DANCING MUST KEEP AT ARM'S LENGTH.

Masters of the Art Terpetichoreans Decried That Distance Lends Grace and Tone to the Waltz.

New York.—There must be no more squeezing of partners in the waltz. The United Professional Masters of Dancing of America in convention assembled have decreed that partners in the most seductive dance must remain at arm's length from each other.

There are 101 of these masters. Countless other teachers of dancing are wild to join their association, but the masters won't have them.

Anybody who doubts the authority of the masters to make laws of dancing can resolve his doubts by reading in their prospectus these thoughts:

The officers are pledged to admit only bona fide teachers of dancing of established practice and reputation.

Such a society has long been desired and spoken of by the profession, who felt that the existing societies by no means represented the bona fide professional teachers.

"Now, the waltz," said Meyer Forst, speaking for the masters, "ought to be our very best dance, as it is certainly the most popular."

"Our association is bound to stamp out that style of waltzing. Only the other evening in my academy a young lady was waltzing like that."

"Oh, Mr. Forst, I said jokingly after her. Why do you say that now? Simply because the music has stopped."

"Then why waits at all?" asked the reporter.

"It is a lamentable fact that most of the present styles of dancing as we see them in the average ballroom are a degradation to the art."

The masters will remain in session during all of this week.

"What new dance have you?" the reporter headlessly asked Mr. Forst.

"There is not one new dance in all the world," replied the master. The hundred other masters nodded vigorously in affirmation.

Ship Cultivated Rubber.

New Orleans.—Commander H. M. Ryder of San Juan del Norte, alleges that the largest shipment of cultivated rubber ever made from the Central American republics was forwarded to New Orleans a few days ago from the Horter plantations, in Nicaragua.

The shipment contained over 3,000 pounds of the finest grade of rubber, and will command the highest price.

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QUEER PLACE FOR WELL

Drilling on Hilltop Taps Source of Four Million Gallons a Day.

Cherryvale, Kan.—One of the biggest water wells ever drilled in this part of the country is in the vicinity of the smaller here.

The pressure is so great that the tank over the fire engine house is filled without pumping, and then the well is not working more than one-fourth of the time.

The capacity of the well is a matter of guess, because it has never been allowed to run all day, but it is said to be at least 4,000,000 gallons a day.

The big well is another of the freaks which have been the bane of geologists since the discovery of oil and gas in this part of the state.

The presence of the water so near the surface of the ground on top of the hill to the northwest might be explained, but how it happens that the water is within 12 feet of the highest hill in the whole country and with no other hill at all within reach, is something the people who think they know something of geology have been unable to explain.

FINDS COLONIAL BAD MEAT

Tons of Rotten Tinned Foods Destroyed by English Medical Officer.

London.—The report of Dr. Thomas, the medical officer of the borough of St. George's, to the local government board shows that his department during the last five years has destroyed over a ton of rotten, tinned foods daily at the St. George's wharves.

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LIGHTNING'S QUEER WORK.

Spectacle of Physical Wreckage Presented by an Iowa Man.

Des Moines.—With the side of his head showing a dozen holes as though struck through with a needle, a blindness which comes on with a sudden increase in the light and as mysteriously passes away, with limbs which are paralyzed one day and seemingly sound the next, John Larson, a plumber of this city, struck by lightning two weeks ago, presents a spectacle of physical wreckage which is the wonder of local physicians.

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BOY'S LONG HOOP ROLL.

Pennsylvania Eight-Year-Old Makes a Record That Is Likely to Stand.

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