

HORSEBACK RIDING REVIVED.

Col. Bingham's bride path around the white house lot, through the monument grounds and over the Smithsonian way and back again is no longer scorned by horsemen who love a lively mount, for in his daily explorations about the town Kermit Roosevelt has discovered it, and one of his favorite pastimes now is a ride equal to that of John Gilpin over the once neglected path. One may enjoy a far bricker winter over this narrow way than is usually safe on the highway, and Kermit has so impressed his friends. Last Sunday he ended his horseback ride by a dash about the bridge path, over the crossings and into the white house stables with all the life of the charge up San Juan hill.

Horseback riding has been revived with a vim since the advent of the president's family, and the society girls of Washington, as well as the young matrons, are looking to their mounts with greater care than ever before. The boys, too, have the horseback fever, and every boy at the capital who owns a pony spends every minute possible out of school in this lively pastime. Most of the boys were formally known to young Roosevelt or made his acquaintance through a discussion of the pony subject, and now the almost daily habit of a half dozen or more boys is to ride to the white house stables, secure the companionship of Kermit, and go for a lively canter. The weeds and grass are growing visibly less about Col. Bingham's bridge path, and in time it will be a fine place for a short canter.

BRINGS PALACE FROM ITALY.

Mrs. C. F. Sprague imports an historic house which will be erected in Boston. Mrs. Charles F. Sprague, a member of the famous Weld family and wife of a former representative in congress now in an asylum, is about to outdo Mrs. Jack Gardner in the art of importing and installing an Italian house with greater Boston. Mrs. Sprague has bought one of the handsomest of the old-time palatial piles in Venice. The entire building, all pieces being carefully packed, and its valuable furnishings are now on their way to Boston.

WHOLE LAUGHS AT RIFLEMEN.

Leviathan in Montreal Harbor Ducks from the Bullets from Hundreds of Guns. Montreal's most recent and distinguished visitor, the whale, which has been disporting himself about the port for the past few days, is still in the harbor, apparently so taken with the harbor commissioner's recent improvements that he is unwilling to leave. This, too, in spite of the fact that invitation after invitation has been sent after the poor brute in the shape of rifle bullets of all shapes and sizes. From early morning until night the guard pier is filled with alleged sportsmen, who wish to get a shot at the whale. So far the shots appeared to have no great effect beyond making him keep under water for abnormal periods of time. Even Savage rifles with nickel bullets have been experimented with; probably not less than a thousand pounds have been expended upon him all told. Of course, if he stays about the port long enough, some one will in time land a shot in a vital place, and then it will be all over with the big visitor from the deep. Meantime he appears to stand it fairly well.

TRAINMEN SCARED BY SPOOK.

Wholly Figure Anxiously the Engineers and Crew on the Colorado Midland. Engineer Gene Smith, of the Colorado Midland, doesn't believe in ghosts, and that's what troubles him. He was rousing a deep cut near King station one day the other week when he saw the figure of a woman dressed in white lying across the track. "It was too late to apply the brakes," he said to a group of trainmen. "I gave the whistle. It was an echo of the despairing wail that rose from my heart. I closed my eyes, but we struck nothing. Looking out from my engine a moment later I saw before me floating up and with the hand waving mockingly at me the figure which I had just seen lying prostrate on the tracks." J. D. Cowley, who runs another train over the same route, confirms Smith's story. Both are men of unquestioned veracity. There is much apprehension among trainmen over that branch, and it is said there is a strong demand for "strabblers" feet and other talismans.

NO MORE NEW INSTRUMENTS.

The government will save a good deal of money as a result of the decision of the quartermaster general of the army to buy no more musical instruments for army bands until the present stock, which is quite extensive, has been exhausted. It has been the practice in the last few years to permit the bandmen to indicate the particular make of instruments deemed most suitable for the requirements of individual musicians. The choice was limited to instruments of domestic manufacture. For the time being calls for instruments must be confined to the make at present on hand. The reserve stock has recently increased owing to the turning in of the instruments of abandoned bands.

TOWNS WITHOUT GAS.

Rhoslanerchrygog, a town in Wales with a population of over 10,000 inhabitants, will be in darkness this winter. Owing to the refusal of the local gas company to reduce the price of gas the parish council has determined not to light the street lamps. Private consumers also intend to do without gas if a reduction is not made.

VACATIONERS CONCERNED.

There is a smallpox scare in England, and an ingenious vicar in Kent has devised "vaccination concerts" for the hop-pickers. A band plays in a big tent and in a smaller tent are vaccination officers, while the vicar and his assistants go through the audience urging the desirability of vaccination.

WILL AVOID SOCIETY.

Chinese Maidens of Minister Wu's Household to Live in Seclusion—Young Men Disappointed. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, is rather vexed over the notoriety given the young Chinese girls who accompanied Mme. Wu from the Flowery Kingdom and who are now in Washington. He wishes Washington society to in no wise consider them as official visitors, to whom Mme. Wu's guests must pay homage, or specially entertain them. He says they will take no part in the social life of the capital, that they are simply house guests, and will live in seclusion, with the exception of outings about the streets, when they will be accompanied by Mme. Wu. This is a disappointment to many young men of Washington, who hailed with delight the advent of the unique and entirely new features of a social season. The seclusion of the young women behind the legation doors would truly awaken sympathy were it not that there will be a large circle of Flowery Kingdom girls, and with one exception they are all single. Considerable annoyance has been given the minister and his family by frequent inquiries at the legation as to the strangers. We are always a favorite in Washington society, and Minister Wu affirms that both he and she will do their usual amount of entertaining, but positively have no idea of presenting Mme. Wu's companions to society.

FINNISH MICHIGAN.

Product of Northern Peninsula is Declared to Be Equal to That of Trinidad. The discovery of beds of lime asphalt near Rapid river at the head of Little Bay de Noquette, in Delta county, by experts employed by the Michigan Oil and Improvement company, which is prospecting there for oil, has caused a sensation in that vicinity. Prof. F. R. Schuchert, of Milwaukee, who has analyzed the first product, found by C. C. Phelps, of Green Bay, pronounces it to be composed of 40 parts of high-grade lubricating oil and 60 parts of pure asphaltum, equal in quality to the famous Trinidad product. He values the product at \$26 per barrel. The Michigan Oil and Improvement company is composed of capitalists residing in Milwaukee, Green Bay and Marinette. Its officers are F. C. Bachwell, president; Henry Barkhausen, vice president, and C. C. Phelps, secretary and treasurer. They leased deposits of oil near Rapid river through farmers, who used it for axle grease, started to prospect and found the asphalt beds. All of the stock placed on the market was sold before the asphalt was found.

TO MAKE WAR ON ANARCHISTS.

European Powers Planning a Campaign for the Purpose of Stamping Out the Pest. The Chicago Record-Herald correspondent at Berlin is able to state on the most reliable authority that Germany and Russia are about to unite in assembling an international congress for the suppression of anarchy and anarchists. The invitation is in the course of preparation, and will probably be issued before the end of the year. While the assassination of President McKinley will be mentioned only incidentally in the circular call to the nations, there is no doubt that the proposed congress is the immediate result of the wave of protest that swept through the palaces and chancelleries of Europe since the Buffalo tragedy. The movement is supposed to be directly inspired by the Kaiser and the czar. The place of meeting is left to the choice of the participating governments. Both the signatory powers tender the hospitality of their countries.

FISH ATE ENGAGEMENT RING.

Fifty Years Later It is Recovered by Lucky Angler and Returned to Owner. "No one at Susquehanna, Pa., will ever wear this ring! Here it goes!" said Charles Bloodgood to Miss Eliza Turnbull one August night in 1850, as he teased their engagement ring into the Susquehanna river near Unadilla. Bloodgood and Miss Turnbull had come from Mansfield, O., to visit mutual friends, and had quarreled while returning home from a picnic. After their return to Ohio they became reconciled and were married. On Monday last while fishing for pickerel in the river near Unadilla, 40 miles south of Unadilla, two anglers made a big catch. A cousin of Bloodgood, one of the fishermen, on opening his fish found a gold ring in it. He furnished it up and discovered the initials of Bloodgood and Miss Turnbull. He sent the ring to his cousin.

PAINTS MASTERPIECE AT EIGHTY.

M. Ziem, the great painter of Venice scenes, has completed a painting of the naval fetes at Toulon. M. Loubet the other day took the trouble of visiting M. Ziem in his Montmartre studio. He greatly admired the picture and warmly congratulated the artist. In view of the fact that the artist is 80 years old, the task is considered a tour de force. Experts declare the work a masterpiece.

THOSE NEW METHODS.

The new methods of making steel always seem to be great on paper, but, says the Chicago Record-Herald, the manufacturers keep right on in the old way.

HEAVY GOLD WASTE.

Present Process of Extracting Metal from Ore Loses 97 Per Cent. Is Says a Colorado Chemist Who Has Investigated the Merits of a Newly-Discovered Process Which Effects a Big Saving. A newly-discovered process for extracting gold from ore publicly announced at Denver the other day affirms that the present system causes the loss of about 97 per cent. of the gold which might be extracted. The scheme would not attract the attention it has done in the city were it not for the fact that Willard Teller, brother of United States Senator Teller and Colorado's greatest expert, has announced himself satisfied that the process is scientific and feasible for the treatment of large bodies of ore. The invention is called the Wynn process after Prof. Wynn, the alleged discoverer. Briefly it consists of pulverizing the ore, treating it in a tank with chemicals and then extracting the gold by fire. In all chemical processes heretofore invented the gold is precipitated or held in solution until extracted by other acids. In the Wynn process the gold rises with other matter as a scum. On the safe in the office of Mr. Teller is a piece of ore which, according to skilled assayers of Denver, carries one to three dollars in gold to the ton. Of this ore 1,000 pounds were treated the other day. The result was the recovery of \$60 worth of gold. At this rate the ore carries \$120 to the ton. The first test loses \$117 upon every ton. "I will say that I have gone into this experimentation closely and conscientiously and have reached the bottom," said Mr. Teller. "Every phase of doubt has gradually disappeared and I know the process is a success. I do not say that it will apply to all ores, or that its effects are uniformly the same. I do not claim that we know accurately the specific treatment that will extract the values upon any set of samples that may be submitted, but we have proceeded far enough to convince us that we are now ready to pass from the stage of mere experiment to the stage of actual results upon a large scale in the field."

LEARNING TO RIDE.

Baby of the Roosevelt Family is Being Given Lessons in Riding a Pony. There is absolutely nothing assumed in the love of President Roosevelt's family for horseback, and there was never a prettier sight than the other afternoon when Baby Quentin was put on the back of the spotted pony, held on by a negro boy, and allowed to ride up and down the drives and walks on the south front of the white house lawn. Archibald showed some indication to have the pony take a livelier gait, but was kept jogging behind the pair, while the nurse, somewhat out of breath, brought up the rear. Archibald is already possessed of the Roosevelt grace in riding and the spotted pony is not a new toy to him. In fact, it is one of his pleasures to ride about without being held, and he shows wonderful skill for a little boy. Quentin, too, showed a rather stubborn inclination, quite commendable in so young a rough rider, to be allowed to ride alone, but as his two small legs stuck out over the round sides of the pony and far too short for a sure purchase, his protestations ended by the negro boy holding fast to his charge, but keeping up a lively trot to satisfy the baby rider. Sighting tourists often stop at the fence of the south front lawn to watch the antics of the children, but show no disposition to enter into conversation with them or in any way interfere with their privacy. The camera lens stops about the park now, but since the president's well-known dislike for snapshots has become known the children are never disturbed and he is less pursued than formerly.

TO FORM NATIONAL BODY.

Civil service employees in the local customs service, including those in the department of the collector, surveyor, appraisers' stores and the navy office, will organize a national association "for the purpose of mutual benefit." It is the aim to form an association of all employees in the service throughout the country. Congress will be petitioned at the coming session to amend the civil laws as to give legal support to the proposed organization. The money necessary to pension disabled or aged employees will come from contributions or fees to be levied upon each member of the association.

METEORS ILLUMINE LAKE OF OIL.

A brilliant display of shooting stars occurred at Tulsa, Ind. T. the other morning, lasting from four o'clock until daylight. Several meteors fell into a lake of oil, one of a number formed near Tulsa by recent strikes of gushers, and the fluid was ignited, burning all day. The shooting stars were in great number and traveled in almost every direction. It was almost as light as day while the shower lasted. Occasionally a meteor would explode and send out hundreds of fire balls, which would illumine the sky and die out almost instantly. Each explosion was accompanied with a distinctly audible report.

CARRYING COALS TO NEWCASTLE.

Great Britain supplies many "Brussels" carpets and small footbrugs to Turkey.

SANITARY TENEMENTS.

Good Dwellings Braced Not Only the Health But the Morals of the Poor. There is no agency in the world that has a greater influence upon the welfare of the people than the one which directly affects their health and social environment. Experience shows that improvements in the dwellings of the poor have had a decided influence upon the character of the inmates. Under existing conditions, providing better habitations for the poorer working classes seems to be a proper subject for the consideration of state and municipal governments. The first and most important step is the enactment of proper sanitary and building laws and the inauguration of a thorough system of tenement house inspection. Second in importance is the expropriation of property in the crowded districts in European countries, is the encouragement of model tenement enterprises by granting them special favors, such as reducing the tax rate, ceiling land, granting subsidies and making loans at a low rate of interest. Lastly, when private and philanthropic enterprises refuse to provide proper housing facilities it becomes the duty of the authorities to do so, says Municipal Affairs.

NEW YORK HAS THE BEST SANITARY CODE.

and the best organized corps of sanitary inspectors of any American or European city. Philadelphia and Chicago have in recent years made improvements in their sanitary laws and ordinances relating to tenement houses. Existing regulations in Boston and Brooklyn are fairly comprehensive, and their health departments are well equipped. New York is the only large American city that has done anything toward the expropriation of crowded and unsanitary districts for park purposes, and that only since 1895. For many years European cities have turned their attention in the direction of making parks, playgrounds and other breathing spaces where they are most needed. This is especially true of the large cities of Great Britain—London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle-on-Tyne and Dundee.

RESTAURANTS FOR POOR.

Proposal at New York to Supply Well-Cooked Food at a Minimum Price. The proposal to supply wholesome, well-cooked food to the poor at a price which, while cheap, would yet make such a system self-supporting, is to be revived in New York. An effort will be made to impress the coming administration with the advantages which the city would gain if it went into the restaurant business. Just who is behind the scheme cannot be ascertained, but one of the names mentioned in connection with it was that of Rev. Dr. William S. Rainsford, rector of St. George's church. "I doubt whether it would be feasible for the city to undertake the opening of eating places for the poor," said Dr. Rainsford. "It might be said with equality as much force that the city should conduct grocery and butcher shops. But what I have contended for a dozen years is that the workman should be provided with more opportunities for social enjoyment. It is well known that I favor the opening of saloons within certain hours on Sundays."

CAN FIND KIDD'S TREASURE.

George Otto, a well-known business man of Egg Harbor City, N. J., has become the envy of his neighborhood by boldly claiming that he knows the exact location of the buried treasure of the pirate Capt. Kidd. The town is in a flurry of excitement and numbers of Otto's friends have tried to gain his secret in order to make a dash for the hidden gold, jewels and diamonds, supposed to be worth millions of dollars. Mr. Otto states that ten years ago an old woman—then 84 years old—confided the secret to himself and his son. The old dame told the exact location of the treasure, which corresponds with that given in a letter recently found. For years people have searched for the treasure along the shores of this river, but without success.

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TO WED ITALIAN SCULPTOR.

Engagement Announced of Mrs. Lucille Blackburn Lane, Daughter of Senator Blackburn. The engagement is announced of Chevalier Trentonno, the sculptor, to Mrs. Lucille Blackburn Lane, the youngest daughter of Senator Joseph E. Blackburn, of Kentucky, and widow of Thomas F. Lane, formerly of Newark, N. J., but more recently of Washington. This announcement comes as a great surprise, as the talented Italian was said to be engaged to a widow of his own nationality, to whose patronage he is supposed to owe much of his success. The social and artistic career of Chevalier Trentonno in Washington covers a period of six years, during which time he has been before the public in many roles. His statue of Pere Marquette, executed for the state of Wisconsin and now standing in statutory hall in the capitol, was his first and one of his greatest works in America. For several years he and Prince Troubetzkoy, the portrait painter, occupied a suite of studios in the Occorran building and made their studio musicales and less one of the features of the season. More recently he has been prime mover in the Fencing club, which has achieved some little prominence. Two years ago he took out naturalization papers and shortly after surprised the world by suing for a divorce from a wife in Italy, of whose existence his American friends had never heard. Trentonno having been absent from Washington since last June, and Mrs. Lane being in deep mourning, the announcement of the approaching marriage will come as a surprise to many friends of both parties. Mrs. Lane is young, handsome and possessed of a charming personality and moderate fortune. Her husband committed suicide at their home on K street little more than a year ago.

TOWN OFF IN DATES.

Curious Tangle in Which Sweden, N. Y., Finds itself by Use of Last Year's Almanac. Almanacs scattered broadcast in the town of Sweden, N. Y., with the month of November printed from an old map have hadly mixed up the entire population. Supervisor Sulphur came to Rochester the other day to attend a meeting of the board of supervisors under the impression that it was Friday. When convinced that November 21 this year came on Thursday he was dumfounded. It seems that the whole town is a day ahead. Last Sunday all the stores in Sweden were open under the impression that it was Saturday and the usual Saturday business rush took place. On Monday the people had a second working day under the impression that it was Sunday. Supervisor Sulphur is authority for the statement that on Sunday he and the Baptist minister went fishing. He also states that there were several husking bees, winding up with a big dance on Sunday night. Rochester newspapers received numerous complaints from Sweden subscribers on account of the papers being a day late. The complaints were incomprehensible until Sweden's supervisor came to the city the other day and explained the situation. He says it will take several weeks to straighten the calendar out in the town.

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