

ONE YEAR TOO SOON.

Prominent Astronomer Says Leonid Meteors Will Fall Next Year.

Dr. J. B. See, of the Government Service, Declares That a Meteoric Shower Has Been Made His Theory.

The brilliant spectacle of the Leonid meteors has been announced one year too soon, says Dr. J. B. See, one of the most advanced astronomers in the government's service.

"Astronomical calculations have not erred as to the periodicity of the Leonids," said Dr. See to the Journal. "But the generally accepted conclusion as to the time it takes the Leonids to pass the earth's orbit has been wrong."

"By my calculations this collision will occur in the middle of November, 1900. Then the resultant display of burning meteors will be as brilliant as the one observed by Humboldt in Venezuela in 1799."

MAY HAVE PLANT AT CHICAGO

Gatling, the Noted Inventor, Is in Chicago to Look for a Factory Site.

Dr. Richard J. Gatling, who invented the Gatling gun and who recently perfected an automobile plow and a machine for "thinning out" cotton, is in Chicago and may establish a plant in that city.

Dr. Gatling said that the object of his visit to Chicago was to interest the capitalists of the city in his latest inventions and if possible have the machines manufactured at Chicago.

ONE MINISTER'S MARRIAGE.

The Complications Which Grow Out of a Man's Marrying His Adopted Mother.

Rev. Frederick C. Mooney, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Rahway, N. J., is about to take a step which threatens to tangle up the vital statistics bureau of that town.

The people of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Rahway do not know just what to think of the step the young minister is taking.

Mooney being the brother of his own children, for instance, and the husband of his grandmother, he must be his own grandfather.

Something New in Spain.

Until a year ago such a thing as an electric car was unknown in Spain. The cars in the few principal towns that could boast of having tramways of any kind were drawn through the streets at a jog-trot pace by horses or mules.

Paris contains the finest labor temple in the world. It was erected in 1892, at a cost of \$400,000. Eighty-two trades and organizations have meeting places and offices under its roof.

CANNOT KISS EVEN IN A PLAY

President Rogers, of Northwestern University, Issues Edict Against College Juniors.

"Positively no kissing will be allowed in any part of this year's junior play," is an edict that has gone out from President Henry Wade Rogers, of Northwestern university, at Evanston, Ill., and the junior class of the college of liberal arts is as a consequence in a great deal of trouble.

The president said he did not believe the young men and women of the college would be guilty of acting in such a play, but nevertheless he started on foot an investigation.

Those who are now in the cast of the play discarded the first one that was selected by the manager because there were too many love scenes in it.

The most prominent young men and women in college are in the cast, and if things come to the worst they are in favor of having boys substituted during the kissing acts just to show the ridiculous side of the matter.

SEES METEORS FROM BALLOON

Novel and Most Successful Experiment of M. Janssen, a French Astronomer.

A dispatch to the New York Herald from Paris quotes M. Camille Flammarion as follows: "As I had calculated, the shower of shooting stars was not very abundant. The meteors had become dispersed along the whole length of their trajectory."

"Instead of the hundreds of thousands observed in 1799 and in 1833, it has not been possible to register even a thousand."

The balloon ascents were very successful, above the mist. M. Janssen, director of the Meudon observatory, who conceived this ingenious idea, has just telegraphed me as follows:

"Rikhoff's ascent, made in absolutely clear sky, reached a height of 1,000 meters. One hundred Leonids, 20 of which were of the first magnitude, were observed from the balloon."

"It was an excellent voyage, and there was an easy descent near the village of Plessis Sainte Opportune, department of the Eure.—Janssen."

GERMAN DELEGATE'S OPINION.

Says Americans Are Far Ahead of Europeans in Use of Electricity as Substitute for Human Labor.

A dispatch to the New York Herald from Berlin says: The Tageblatt gives an interview with Privy Councillor Loewe, who was the German delegate at the Philadelphia trade congress, on the impressions he gained during his visit.

Herr Loewe found the economic conditions of the United States most flourishing, especially in the marvelous development of electrical industry, and the Americans far ahead of Europeans in the use of electricity as a substitute for human labor.

All natural forces, he says, have been made use of for the production of electric force, the greatest being the Niagara falls. Electric tramways and railways are far ahead of those in Europe.

Herr Loewe is convinced that if Germany does not want to be left behind in competition for the world's trade she must make a better use of electricity.

LATIN INSCRIPTIONS.

Valuable Collection Presented to the University of Michigan by Henry P. Glover.

Henry P. Glover, of Ypsilanti, Mich., has presented to the University of Michigan the De Crisco collection of Latin inscriptions. Sig. De Crisco is a resident of Pozzoli, near Naples, Italy, and has for 40 years been collecting the inscriptions found from time to time in that locality.

Too Cold to Wear Mustaches. Men exposed to the rigors of the Alaskan winter never wear mustaches. They wear full beards to protect their throats and faces, but keep their upper lips clean shaven.

IS SELF-HYPNOTIZED.

Rochester Man Who Could Have Any Disease He Desired.

Made Himself Believe He Had Been Injured and Sues to Recover Damages—Close of a Remarkable Case.

The verdict of no cause of action returned by the jury at Rochester, N. Y., the other day in a damage action brought by Martin Tuohy, who claimed \$25,000 from the city because of injuries sustained by a fall on a defective sidewalk, closes one of the most singular actions ever tried in the city.

The physicians regard Tuohy as a very interesting subject, so much so that he has been written up in about all the most prominent medical journals in this country and abroad. The theory the doctors have worked on in his case was that Tuohy could imagine that anything was the matter with him by simply setting his mind on it.

Tuohy was later discharged from the hospital, although it was soon learned that he was not cured. Dr. E. B. Angell was called in and he used the hypnotic treatment with successful results. Dr. Angell made up his mind that Tuohy's trouble consisted merely in imagining that he was hurt.

Tuohy was again injured in 1894 by falling on a sidewalk in Atlantic avenue. He claimed that the walk was defective and brought suit against the city for \$25,000 damages.

Dr. Sophie Torma, the most famous woman archaeologist in Austria-Hungary, and perhaps in the world, has just died at her home in Szasz Sebes, Transylvania, aged 60 years.

DEATH OF DR. SOPHIE TORMA

Famous Woman Archaeologist of Hungary Passes Away—Her Life Work.

Up to the time of her promotion by the Transylvanian university of Kolozsar to the honorary degree of doctor of philosophy Fr. Torma was comparatively unknown, but the fact that she was the second woman in Hungary to receive that coveted honor.

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For months past members of the Catholic clergy of San Francisco have heard reports that churches in the Philippines were being deserted and robbed by American soldiers and the booty disposed of to pawnbrokers, etc. Investigations have been made, but those who had possession of the stolen property were shrewd enough to keep it out of sight.

LONG TUNNEL TO A MINE.

A Three-Million-Dollar Job Is Begun in Black Hills to Make Valuable Ore Available.

A special to the Minneapolis (Minn.) Journal from Deadwood, S. D., says: The American Mining company, of Newcastle, Wyo., has begun a tunnel at the base of Ragged Top mountain which will be a mile long, and will connect with a 1,000-foot shaft from the top. It will be the longest tunnel in the Black hills, and will cost \$3,000,000 before a pound of ore is mined.

HOPE TO DO WITHOUT COAL.

The Prussian Government Is Experimenting with Peat and Other Fuel.

Cotant Wilhelm von Bismarck Schonenhausen superior president of the province of East Prussia, in speaking before a trades union at Bremen, the other day, declared that the only hope of bettering industrial conditions in East Prussia lay in establishing the manufacture of peat on an independent basis.

Tom Reed managed congress all right, but we expect to see a high old time, says the Washington Post, when he attempts to call the janitor of his flat to order.

A UNIQUE IDEA.

Plan of a Quincy (Ill.) Man for a C. O. D. Collection by Mail Favors with Post Office Officials.

The Quincy (Ill.) Journal of a recent date contained a notice of a new C. O. D. scheme suggested by Mr. Harry H. Charles, of that city, as an important feature for the proposed domestic parcels post in connection with the government post office department.

The Quincy (Ill.) Journal announced would be read before the convention of first-class postmasters at Washington, Mr. Charles explains his ideas as to the proposed C. O. D. plan. This feature Mr. Charles has been working out for more than a year.

When the postmaster general was recently in Quincy with President McKinley, Mr. Charles met him by appointment and was highly gratified at the words of praise from Mr. Smith for his idea.

BIG PRICES FOR PICTURES.

Rubens' 'The Bath of Diana' and a Copy Sold Together for 126,000 Marks.

Prices far beyond expectation were realized at the auction of the paintings in the gallery of Dr. Martin Schubert at Munich, which was under the direction of Hugo Helbing.

"The Bath of Diana," by Peter Paul Rubens, and the copy by Hendrick van Balen, sold together for 126,000 marks.

Two portraits by Christoph Amberger sold for 51,000 marks. Nicolaus Pieterz Berchem's 'Shepherds' brought 3,600 marks, and Lucas Cranach, Sr.'s 'Madonna with the Cake,' 9,000 marks.

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THE ARMORED TRAIN.

Part It Is Playing in the War in South Africa Liable to Result in Its General Use in the Future.

The prominent part being played by the armored train in the war in South Africa has set the service critics at work surmising its place in warfare of the future.

Why School Was Postponed. At San Jose, Cal., the school board has come to the rescue of the salmon canneries.

WITS AND A WEDDING

Dewey's Latest Victory as Seen Through Newspaper Clippings.

The Launching of His Bark on the Matrimonial Sea Proves a Fascinating Theme for People to Write and Think About.

The recent marriage of Admiral Dewey to Mrs. Mildred Hazen afforded the newspapers an opportunity to make many a bright and witty remark, and they make interesting reading.

"Dewey and his bride may be forced to take to the high seas,"—Chicago Record.

There will be no opportunity for the admiral to get lonesome in his new surroundings, for

"Mrs. Dewey has caused her parrot to be removed to the Dewey residence. The admiral will realize from day to day that there is no place like home,"—Chicago Record.

And while it is always interesting to hear what the ladies have to say, yet

"It is just as well that they gave Dewey his scrapbook before the ladies got a chance to express their opinions regarding his marriage,"—Chicago Times-Herald.

"Such is fame." "What?" "Dewey now becomes the husband of Mrs. Dewey, and is given a small bust picture in the newspapers beside the full-length portrait of his wife,"—Philadelphia North-American.

"Dewey's name reversed is 'ye wed,' and he did,"—St. Louis Star.

And the story of Dewey's engagement and marriage would not be complete without reference to young Dewey, for

"It is vastly to his credit that he hasn't made a monkey of himself by refusing to sanction his marriage,"—Chicago Times-Herald.

MARCONI'S NEW MARVEL

Sends Messages from the St. Paul at Sea to the Mainland of England and Takes Replies.

The American line steamer St. Paul, which arrived at Southampton the other day, had a unique experience as she approached England.

The passengers also availed themselves of the opportunity to send "wireless greetings" to friends in England, one man actually arranging for a party in town on his arrival in London.

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MORE EXCAVATING IN NIPPUR

University of Pennsylvania Fits Out an Expedition to Babylon to Finish Explorations.

The party will proceed to Aden, on the Persian gulf, and thence up the Tigris river to Bagdad, from which city the journey will be for several days through the Arabian desert.

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Best Wedding Cakes a Year Old. The best London wedding cake bakers advertise that all their cakes are a year old; none in London sells a wedding cake under two months.

Costly Harbor Improvements. Montevideo's harbor improvements will cost \$15,000,000.

A PROFITABLE DEAL

Capt. Leary, Governor of Guam, Makes a Little Spec. in Postage Stamps—Next Sum for Government.

Capt. Leary, the governor of Guam, has proven to be a financier of no mean ability, having made a profit of nearly \$10,000 for the government on a consignment of postage stamps.

The naval officer was in a quandary, but he finally hit upon a happy solution, and made a requisition for \$11,000 worth of stamps in all denominations from one cent to one dollar.

French Aviator Said to Have Solved the Problem—His Machine Is Cigar-Shaped.

M. Santos-Dumont, member of the Automobile and Aero clubs, of Paris, seems to have solved the problem of steering balloons.

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FORCED TO WED A NEGRO.

Story Told by a Wealthy White Girl at Toledo, O., in Securing a Divorce.

The very strange tale of the wedding of Amada Harris Fletcher, a society girl well known in northern Ohio and residing at Weston, was ended when she was given an absolute divorce from her negro husband, John Fletcher.

The witness stand Miss Harris told the story of her wedding, which at the time was considered a love affair, followed by an elopement. One evening in September she was summoned from a church fair by a note and found Fletcher on the corner. He presented a revolver and compelled the girl to go with him.

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To Transfer Chopin's Remains. The proposition to transfer the remains of Chopin from Paris to Cracow for interment in the vault of the Polish kings has brought out contributions of 2,000 florins each from Frederick Chopin and Adewerki.

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