

SECOND IN BALLOONING.

Statisticians Show That Sport Is Not So Dangerous as Is Generally Supposed.

In these days of aeronautic exploits the record of Germany in ballooning is one not to be ignored. France stands at the head of ballooning...

There is a large balloon association in Germany called the Deutscher Luft-Verband, which comprises 2,742 persons, and owns 12 balloons.

Commerce of the Swiss. The Foreign Trade of the Little Republic Reaches \$400,000,000.

Few of the trading nations of the globe can exhibit such a wonderful record of foreign commerce as Switzerland.

Every bit of arable land is carefully cultivated and made to yield a large return in cereals, vegetables and fruits.

The trade of the United States with Switzerland is peculiarly favorable for the latter.

Sending Salesmen Abroad. European houses unite in sending men into a foreign market to work up business.

Steel Framed Buildings. Photographs of the ruins of San Francisco show the steel skeletons of the big business buildings.

KILLED A MAN IN MAINE.

Then Fled to California and Lived There Forty Years Under an Assumed Name.

Sacramento, Cal.—Walter Marvin Lancaster has earned his secret with him to the grave. He lived for nearly 40 years in Bear Valley, this county, under the name of John Lang.

WINE LOST BY THE FIRE.

Over 15,000,000 Gallons Destroyed in San Francisco Disaster According to Official Report.

San Francisco—Percy T. Morgan, president of the California Wine Association, has addressed a communication to the stockholders of the association.

The stock of the California Wine Association in this city was not a total loss, as 2,100,000 gallons of wine that passed through the fire was available for making brandy.

WHY HE NEVER SHAVED.

Indiana Man—Wears a Beard on Vow Made During the Fremont Campaign.

Kokomo, Ind.—Daniel R. Jones, of Kokomo, Ind., is wearing a beard 50 years old. He has never had a razor upon his face in that space of time.

Has Revolutionary Beliefs.

Philadelphia—E. W. Smith, of this city, has in his possession the lock which was the original fastener on the rear door of Independence hall.

Champion Dog Catcher.

London—Constable Robert Lovell, who has just retired from the Metropolitan police force, claims that in the course of his 22 years' service as dog catcher he has captured no fewer than 142,376 dogs.

TO CENTERSOLDIERS

SMALL POSTS IN WEST WILL SOON BE ABANDONED.

Passing of Indian Fighting Ends Need for Them, Says Army Officer—Agitation for Higher Salary.

St. Louis, Mo.—The small military posts which are scattered through the country west of the Missouri river are doomed to be abandoned here and there in many years, according to Capt. Fred Johnston, of the United States artillery.

During the days of Indian warfare it was necessary to maintain a large number of small posts. The fighting was of the help-yourself variety, and a large force could not be used to advantage.

MUMMY OF QUEER BEAST.

Animal with Human Head That Could Either Walk, Swim or Fly.

Reno, Nev.—What looks like a combination of a Chinese devil and a nightmare was brought to Carson the other day by J. B. Kenney and Ed. Wallis, who found the uncanny object high up on Mount Davidson.

Tuning a Piano by Telephone.

Wabash, Ind.—The novel feat of tuning a piano by the use of the telephone was accomplished by M. J. Archer, a piano tuner of this city.

Peace Museum for Nice.

Count Gurovsky von Wessel has just given to the city of Nice, France, \$50,000 for a peace museum. He has spent every winter there for many years, and is known all over the Riviera.

MOROCCO LETTER CARRIERS

Some Similarity Between the Mail System of That Country and Ours.

The rural free-delivery system in America is the outgrowth of many years' experience. It comes as a late result in the process of development.

Swinging along at a slow-foot, a native courier—a burly and bare-headed fellow, with a pair of coarse slippers thrust into the hood of his raveled cloak, and a wallet on his back—approached our party.

BY A MODERN SOLOMON.

Little Business Axioms That Are Needed in Every Day Life.

Never go into business with relatives. They'll skin you even if you get St. Peter for bookkeeper and the recording angel for the bookkeeper.

The ready lender generally finds out that when he gets back there is a great deal of truth in the old saying that "He who goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing."

BLACKENED WITH TURTLES

And the Skipper Has the Latitude and Longitude to Prove Assertion.

"Yes, sir," remarked Capt. Quick, of the steamer El Alba, which reached port from Galveston, "The sea was simply black with turtles. There must have been a million of them—monsters, too, and many were so covered with barnacles that they looked like they were hundreds of years old.

Public Baths for Dogs.

At Dresden a new bath for dogs has been opened for the convenience of busy people who have not the time to look after the cleanliness of their own pets.

Commerce and Literature.

"Do you think that a commercial career is to be compared to a literary career?" asked the high-browed and melancholy youth.

Beat Kind of Children

Bricks—You call on the Dimples very often—what sort of children have they? Griggs—Perfect beat in the world. "Tell me about them. What are they like?" "Oh, I've never seen them."

ICHMAEL OF THE GUTTER.

London Coster Declared to Be Last Remnant of World's Old Race of Wanderers.

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HEARD ONLY IN AMERICA.

English Newspaper Criticisms Use of the Phrase "Say"—Its Real Meaning.

An American story in Office Window began with "Say." Now how many English readers know the person and the tense of the American "say?" Does it stand for "tell me" or for "I say?"

TRAVEL WEST IN LUXURY.

Tourists Have Choice of Many Different Lines.

The Algonquin is the finest transportation past, over which the weary tourist can travel with comfort and ease.

Spread of English Language.

Not only one half of the shipping traffic and from Antwerp is carried on under the British and American flags and this has made Antwerp almost an English-speaking port.

Carl Schwarz Story.

About a year ago the late Carl Schwarz was asked: "You have been in the United States since, and head of a cabinet department, and editor of a great newspaper. What position was most to your taste?"

He Found Out.

"So you believe in the transmigration of souls, do you?" queried the man with the crimson beard. "I do," answered the solid citizen.

HUMAN ENGINE IS COSTLY.

Scientist Gives Interesting Figures on Food Consumption and the Work Done.

According to researches of Prof. Fletcher, the amount of heat given off by the food absorbed by a grown man and stored each day would be about 3,900 to 4,500 kilogram calories.

As each horse power hour is equal to 270,000 kilogram meters, the duty work of a grown man would be about 47 horse power hour. Under the above conditions the author calculates the cost price of 100-horse power in the case of man, of horse and of machines.

AN ACCOMPLISHED MULE.

Amusing Adventure Which Occurred on the Fraser River in British Columbia.

The author of "Very Far West Indeed" has many amusing stories to tell of his adventures on the Fraser river at the time of the gold excitement in British Columbia, now nearly 40 years ago.