

POSSIBLE AMERICAN CARDINAL



Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia is prominently mentioned as the next cardinal to be appointed in America...

COAL LAND PROBLEM

OKLAHOMA RESERVATION HOME OF MANY SQUATTERS.

Government, State and Indian Tribes Are Puzzled by the Question of What to Do with Occupants of Tracts.

Muskogee, Okla.—Beginning in Coal county and stretching away to the northeast in an irregular course lie the segregated coal lands of the Choctaw nation...

This tract of land, with the millions of dollars' worth of coal under it and the 10,000 people on it clamoring for a right to till the surface, constitutes one of the great problems that are vexing the United States government...

The imperative question is: What shall be done with the people? And the United States government alone can deal with it, because the land is in control of the government for the Indians...

When the government agents went on the land to check up these improvements they found the segregation had become the Mecca for white squatters who believed they had a right to go on the land...

The government finally decided to let them remain temporarily, but ordered the commissioner to collect rent. Some of them are paying and others are not...

The situation has become acute because the government has information which leads it to believe that a big company, known as the Segregated Land Company, is endeavoring to put more improvements on the land...

SHIPBUILDING DURING 1907. England Ranks First, United States Second and Germany Third.

New York—Figures for 1907 put the United States second for the year in the total tonnage of ships constructed, England being first.

The total ship construction in American yards last year reached 435,959 tons, which is 125,986 tons greater than the output of the German yards for the same period...

France and Japan are about tied in the total tonnage of their output. The figures for the first named power being 100,622 and for the last 122,995.

WIRELESS 'PHONING

POULSEN DECLARES VOICE WILL CARRY ACROSS SEA.

Inventor Tells of 250-Mile Test—Loss of Power by Undamped Waves Less Than in Sparking Waves of Wireless.

Copenhagen.—The wonderful achievement of Valdemar Poulsen, chronicled in the newspapers of the world a few days ago of carrying on a conversation of wireless telephony between Lyngby and Wessensee, was the result of years of experimental work.

When Mr. Poulsen had about finished his work with the wireless telegraph he had become convinced that the transmission of oral human speech through the air was possible and at great distances, if he could construct an apparatus for transmission and recording sufficiently strong and powerful.

Finally, he had come to have so much confidence in his system that he undertook the risk of trying to speak over a distance of 250 English miles—that being the distance from Lyngby to Wessensee, near Berlin.

The difference between the sparkling wireless waves and Mr. Poulsen's undamped wireless waves accounts for the great result which Mr. Poulsen has achieved.

"The wireless spark is to be compared to the shell from a big gun. When fired, you get an enormous blow like that caused by an explosion, but the force of this blow is lost after a short time, the undamped waves produce a sort of singing vibration of enormous rapidity, and they go on their way around the globe with the same force as that with which they leave the transmitting apparatus."

LOST, ONE FREIGHT CAR. It Disappeared From Middle of a Moving Train in New England.

Nashua, N. H.—A freight train which left this city early the other day, north bound, on the southern division of the B. & M. railroad lost a car between here and Merrimack, and the crew didn't know anything had happened until the stop at the river town was made.

Then it was found the end of one car had been driven into another about the middle of the train, and that one of the cars which was to have been left off there was missing.

A report was telegraphed to this city, and the steam wrecker was sent up the line to locate the missing car. It is supposed the train broke apart in the middle and when the parts came together on a grade the lost car was kicked from the rails and then the first car of the rear part crashed into the last car of the front half of the train and thus the rest of the trip was made.

PET GANDER IS A DECOY. "Pete" Likes to See Hunters Shoot Into Flocks.

Tom's River, N. J.—Foreman E. Clayton of Silverton is the proud possessor of a domesticated wild gander that seems to be an adept in the art of luring other wild fowl of his kind into danger.

When his owner says: "Pete, let's go gunning," the gander seems to understand and will flap his wings, quack loudly, and start for the "sneak box" ready for a day's sport.

This Collar Kills Fleas. Marshall, Mich.—Harry Weller of Marshall has solved the "fleas on a dog" question.

He has invented a collar, with a pad underneath and cups on the outside that will hold a few drops of a germicide which can permeate through the pad.

SUIT HAS DRAGGED 122 YEARS.

Court Orders \$10,356 Held for Nine Creditors Paid to State.

Boston.—After dragging wearily through the courts of Massachusetts 122 years, a case that has attracted little attention, but has established a long-time record for litigation, which began in 1786, was given another chapter the other day.

This last action was taken by Judge Grant in the probate court, when he entered a final decree directing William W. Risk, public administrator in nine estates, to pay \$10,356 to the state treasurer.

The estates of which Attorney Risk has been the administrator were those of Thomas Plink, Robert Hyde, Thomas Jackson, Nathan Hyde, Saul Sandbank, James Avery, Jonathan Collins, Jr., Stephen Cross and Jonathan Dean.

These men were creditors of the estate of Ellis Gray, a Boston merchant, who died in 1786, and whose estate was in process of administration for a period covering 50 years.

In 1838, while Gray's estate was still in the probate court, deposits were made by order of the judge in the Suffolk Savings bank for the benefit of those nine creditors, who could not be found, and whose heirs were not known.

HINDOOS FOR MEXICO. Employing Agencies Intend Shipping Them Across Border.

Galveston, Tex.—An immigration inspector who has been touring Mexico in quest of undesirable aliens seeking admission to the United States estimates that there are at least 10,000 Hindoo coolies in the sister republic.

Foreigners and Mexicans claiming to be American citizens are engineering the traffic in coolie laborers. It is charged that contracts have been made to ship several hundred of these little brown men to the northwestern states, where many of their countrymen are now employed.

They work even cheaper than the Mexican peons. Three men who are charged with having sold several lots of the Hindoos to railroad contractors and mine owners in Mexico have been arrested and thrown in Mexican prisons.

EGG BEARS LOVE ROMANCE. Carries Woman's Name on Shell Ten Years; Then Man Finds It.

Joplin, Mo.—An interstate romance, hatched on an egg shipped from Joplin to Winsted, Conn., is disclosed in a dispatch announcing that Emil Lauritzen of Winsted had observed the address of Miss Louise Adcock of Joplin on an egg from a case he was unpacking.

There are no Adcocks living in Joplin. No one named Louise Adcock has been employed in Joplin commission houses, and the only tangible clue that might throw light on the Connecticut egg story comes through the police department.

TOPEKA, Kan.—On a salary of \$15 a month, Charles D. Davol, a graduate of Harvard with the degree of bachelor of arts, and a son of a Fall River, Mass., millionaire wool manufacturer, has begun as night messenger at the Rock Island railway station here to learn the railroad business from the ground up.

DOG AND ALLIGATOR FRIENDS. Odd Pair Eat and Sleep Together and Dog Guards Huge Reptile.

Memphis, Tenn.—Jim, an alligator, and Towser, a dog, the property of C. C. Merz, have formed a friendship which is one of the most remarkable in animal life.

HE STOPS EATING ABOUT THE FIRST OF DECEMBER AND FASTS UNTIL JUNE. During this period he remains in a sluggish condition. His usual diet during his "eating period" consists of raw beef, varied with an occasional rat.

SHIP HAS A "DIABLO DECK." London.—"Diablo deck" was the new name given to the top deck of the Colite on its recent homeward voyage.

END OF A LANDMARK

THE OLD ARTESIAN WELL LOT IN CHICAGO IS SOLD.

Relic of Early Days When Milwaukee Plank Road Was Highway to Northwest to Disappear—Once Oasis for Settlers.

Chicago.—A landmark of the early days when the Milwaukee plank road was the great highway between Chicago and the northwest, when stage coaches, toll gates and watering troughs were the insignia of transportation, has given way at last to modern conditions.

In the old days, before railroads or traction lines were thought of, this was an oasis on the long and dreary road to the edge of civilization.

The well has long since ceased to bring water, but the rusty two-inch pipe is still there, reaching 1,700 feet into the earth. The iron horse has displaced the stage coach.

IOWA TOWN SOLD FOR \$1. Deed Involves Municipality of 1,000 Inhabitants.

Des Moines, Ia.—The whole town of Kingsley, a site covering 30 acres and with 1,600 inhabitants, has been sold for one dollar. The deed has just been filed with the county recorder, and it calls into question the title to every residence, business block and foot of ground in the municipality.

DETROIT, Mich.—An early morning fire in the confectionery shop of John Sloch, on Chene street, endangered the lives of Joseph Jurczyk, his wife and three children, who were saved from a fiery death only by sagacity and heroism of the family pet, "Les," a fine Scotch collie.

THE MEMBERS OF THE JURCZYK family were sleeping soundly in rooms over the store, while the place filled with smoke and flame. The wise dog evidently realizing the danger to his master, managed to open the door of the kitchen in which he was confined, and racing into Jurczyk's bedroom, tugged at the sleeping man's robe until he awoke.

THREE CHILDREN WERE ALREADY UNCONSCIOUS, but Jurczyk hurried with them to the fresh air when they soon revived. Then the grateful master of the dog returned into the blazing building and soon reappeared, carrying in his arms the half-dead sagacious pet, which had saved the rest, but could not escape afterwards.

HORSES ARE CARNIVOROUS. Michigan Animals Show Up Noah Webster as Nature Faker.

Battle Creek, Mich.—Noah Webster was a nature faker, according to "Barney" and "Roxey," police patrol horses. For Noah, in his dictionary, has written that the horse is exclusively herbivorous.

CHIEF FARRINGTON'S buggy horse concurs in the charge, for he has developed a penchant for eating mice. "Plum," the police dog, furnishes the mice and the horse chews them as if they were a delicacy.

GET 28 CENTS BACK PENSION. Winsted, Conn.—Mrs. Louisa Baglia, a veteran's widow, recently received a letter from an attorney in Washington stating that he had discovered that the government owed her considerable back pension money.

MRS. CALVE IN Barber Chair. Atlanta, Ga.—Mrs. Calve left her private car at the Union station the other day, threaded her way through sand, rubbish and watery spots and, entering the Kimball house barber shop, climbed into the chair of J. V. Geno, the head barber, and gave him instructions as to the proper method of trimming her locks.

BABY BORN EVERY TWO DAYS. Ford City, Pa.—Papers are being passed about for a subscription to Washington to lay before President Roosevelt the birth record of last year in an effort to show him how the little town of Ford City has followed the precepts that he has expounded. With a population of less than 3,000 men, women and children, there were born in this place during 1907 190 babies, or almost one baby every two days.