

KRUGER'S PRESENT.

Sends Chiseled Gold Thimble to Queen Wilhelmina as a Wedding Gift.

Among the many wedding gifts which Queen Wilhelmina will receive...

The particular reason for this odd choice of a wedding gift has not been disclosed...

It is said that the wily ex-president was deeply touched by the sympathy manifested for him during his recent sojourn in Paris...

As a double tribute to the young queen, whose man-of-war brought him to Europe...

The engraving is the work of M. Frederic Vernon, one of the most eminent 'ciseleurs' of Paris...

MAXIMILIAN JEWELS.

Auction Sale of the Alleged Costly Jewels of Mexican Empress Brings Only \$2,235.

The so-called Maximilian gems were sold at public auction in the Federal building New York city...

When the latter sum is subtracted from \$2,235 it leaves \$609.66, which will be divided in about equal parts between the government and the inventor...

MAN TURNING TO STONE.

George Lewis, of Cross Keys, N. J., the Unfortunate Victim of a Strange Malady.

George W. Lewis, of Cross Keys, N. J., is gradually turning to stone. Mr. Lewis, about seven years ago found that his fingers were beginning to get stiff...

EAGLE CARRIES OFF CHILD.

Bird in Denver (Col.) Suburb Lifts Boy in Its Talons, But He Is Rescued.

Tony Giovanni, a two-year-old child, was seized and carried off by a gray eagle the other day while playing in the yard of his home in a Denver (Col.) suburb...

The men gave chase and saw the eagle alight on a small island covered with undergrowth, half a mile from the child's home.

In New Zealand there exists a brass band whose members are wholly mounted on bicycles.

A Heart-Felt Want. Omaha now wants Pat Crowe dead or alive, says the Chicago Record.

IS RICHER IN GOLD.

Explorer Martin Talks of Possibilities of Region East of Andes.

Will Organize an Expedition to Explore Western Slope in Peru—Vast Regions Lying East Are Practically Unknown.

Sir Martin, whose explorations have extended over a period of ten years, and who has devoted nearly 30 years to scientific research...

Sir Martin said that he was about to organize an expedition to go to Peru next spring to further explore the western slope of the Andes.

"The eastern slope of the Andes," Sir Martin said, "affords a field for scientific research which has immense possibilities."

Sir Martin, being asked whether his explorations in South America were prompted by scientific objects or were for commercial purposes...

"Do you believe that American or English capitalists may soon look to that region as a promising field for investment?"

"Probably not at present," Sir Martin replied. "Capitalists are cautious and the mineral resources of the region are as yet an undetermined quantity."

"Athletic Contests. Those to be held at Pan-American Exposition will be second to none ever held in America or Europe."

It is expected that the athletic contests at the Pan-American exposition will be second to none ever held in America or Europe.

Every city of importance in America will send delegates. The following programme has been arranged:

First day—1. One hundred-yard run; 2. putting 42 pound stone; 3. running two hops and jump; 4. 440-yard hurdle race; 5. Irish jig competition; 6. hurdlings match.

Second day—1. 220-yard run; 2. three standing jumps; 3. throwing 14-pound weight; 4. half-mile run; 5. Irish hornpipe competition; 6. Gaelic football match.

Third day—1. one-mile run; 2. running high jump; 3. putting 16-pound shot; 4. throwing 56-pound weight, unlimited run and follow; 5. rising and striking hurling ball; 6. hurling match.

Fourth day—1. 120-yard hurdle race; 2. running long jump; 3. throwing 16-pound hammer, unlimited run and follow; 4. medley foot race; 5. throwing 56-pound weight for height over bar; 6. Gaelic football match.

RURAL DELIVERY IN ILLINOIS.

If Congress Deals Generously with the State It Will Be Well Provided For.

Illinois will be well dotted by rural free delivery routes in the near future if half the recommendations made to the post office department by the senators and representatives from that state are acted upon favorably.

They have found a bonnet on the mummy of an Egyptian princess who was buried more than 2,000 years B. C.

Railway Growth. In 1890 the world's railways measured 210 miles. Now there are 370,000 miles.

To Come from England. England will furnish the money for completing the river tunnel.

DO NOT KEEP THE SABBATH.

America's New Subjects in the South Seas Are Opposed to Sunday Regulations.

Possibly no other naval man ever had to take action upon so radical a measure as that which has been proposed to Commander Tilley by the newest Americans of all, the Samoan people of Tutuila.

American Samoans, those of Tutuila and Manua, have lost no time in relinquishing their former monarchical ideas and becoming what they are pleased to consider the real thing in the way of fellow citizens of the great republic.

There is no better job in Samoa than to be faifeau of a village church. Where all are idle he is conspicuously free from all necessity to work.

Now, when the Americans of Tutuila found that this first plunge into a republican form of government freed them from the necessity of sending their most treasured possessions to a king in distant Apia...

Despite their courage in declaring their opinions on this important matter there was not a chief in Tutuila who dared to violate a single one of the Sunday observations.

The United Kingdom has over one-tenth of all the subterranean workers of the world. They are mainly engaged in the coal and iron mines of western and central England and south Scotland and in the tin mines of Cornwall.

The "Habit" of Fruit Bearing. Fruit bearing in trees is merely a habit, for a young tree, taken in hand at the commencement, need only be pruned during the first three or four years.

Surprising Person. Uncle Grimm—Mrs. Soggy is the queerest old lady of my acquaintance. Nephew—How so?

"No," answered the nurse. "I am going to buy a paper of pins and scatter them all over the floor, and then pick them up," replied the young financier.—Jewish World.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

The estimated population of British Guiana at the end of December last was 287,288.

American apples are becoming known in France as well as in England and Germany.

France consumes more wine than Germany, the United States and the United Kingdom combined.

It took 14 years to build the sanatorium for tuberculous patients recently opened at Agincourt, France.

In the region of the southern Urala a Russian laborer gets only 15 cents a day, and a man with a horse and a cart costs 45 cents a day.

Glasgow is the second city now in the United Kingdom. In the matter of city municipal improvement it is in the lead.

Three hundred persons in London earn a living—and several of them are growing rich—by providing meals for the cats of the metropolis.

During last year about 79,000 tons of sugar were produced in Spain, 30,000 tons of which were contributed by 22 cane-sugar mills and 49,000 tons formed the output of 26 beet-sugar works.

UNDERGROUND WORKERS.

Nearly Four and a Half Million People Who Drove in the Earth for a Living.

According to a recent computation made in France there are 4,355,000 persons of both sexes who spend their lives procuring from the earth such indispensable products as coal, metals and salt.

In no part of the world are there so many underground workers, in proportion to total population, as in the South African Republic.

Thousands of black men also work in the deep diamond mines at Kimberley. The most peculiar feature of their employment is that during the term of their contract they are prisoners.

The United Kingdom has nearly twice as many miners as there are in the United States. Germany also gives work to more miners than this country employs.

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ASTRONOMERS' WORK.

No Other Profession for Which Men Make So Complete a Sacrifice of Self.

"The point of exactitude to which astronomical observations are carried is almost inconceivable to the untrained mind," remarked one of the staff of Tulane university.

"There is no other profession in the world, by the way, for which a man makes such a complete sacrifice of self. I have seen it stated somewhere in explanation of their extremely high wages that certain expert workmen in rolling mills 'wear out' on an average, in about six years.

ARAB HORSE IN AMERICA.

Prominent Horseman Says That the Mettle Some Steed is Successfully Raised Here.

Robert Howard, the well-known breeder of Arab horses near Oyster Bay, L. I., will try to interest the stock growers in the general breeding of Arab horses in America.

"My farm is not far from the home of Vice President-elect Roosevelt," he said, last evening, at the Oxford hotel.

"The deserts in Utah, I believe, will be of special use in the rearing and training of the Arab horse, and I will pay some special attention whether or not it would be preferable to locate right in the desert or on an oasis, if one can be had."

Irrigation for Indian Benefit. The fact that the government is taking a hand in providing adequate irrigation systems for the Indian tribes is a step in the right direction.

A Suggestion. Young Mother—I really don't know why he cries so. Rachel Friend—Perhaps it is his teeth coming through.

Our Overheated Houses. A Mexican newspaper declares that when Mexicans visit the United States in winter they suffer more from the overheated houses than from the cold outside.

THEATRICAL SUPERSTITION.

French Actors Rival Gambblers for Foolish Fears—Live Falcons and Painted Peacocks Ominous.

Theatrical managers are said, by those who know them, to resemble gamblers in the matter of being superstitious. However this may be in a general way, an example of such superstition lately occurred at the Ambigu theater, which is the Adelphi of Paris.

Another bird that is regarded in theatrical circles as a harbinger of evil is the peacock. In this connection a rather amusing story is told on the boulevard.

WAYS OF MAKING A LIVING. Speculation in Pawn-Tickets and Peddling Cinders from the Elevated Road.

Many men make their living by buying up the cast-off wrapping paper and pasteboard boxes from the janitors of large stores, and sorting and selling the paper and boxes to East side dealers.

A business peculiar to the East side is that of buying and selling pawn tickets. The men in this line seldom redeem the pledges, and realize on their sale.

There is also the man who peddles cinders to people too poor to afford coal. He obtains his supply from the places where the elevated road dumps its ashes, picking out the half-burned coals and peddling them in a push cart.

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