

NEW RECORD FOR SOO

FIFTY MILLION TONS IS ESTIMATE FOR THIS SEASON.

July Shows Increase of 700,000 Tons, Which is More Than Entire Movement During 1880 Through the St. Mary's Canal.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.—There is little question now that barrier unfreezing contingencies, freight traffic through the St. Mary's ship canal this season will reach 50,000,000 net tons. The movement is the greatest in the history of the water ways.

Thus, with an average movement of 7,000,000 net tons during August, September, October and November, and there is little or no doubt this will be attained—the grand total for the season will be upward of 50,000,000 net tons.

It is built in a natural basin and the earthen dam 1 1/2 miles in length and 115 feet high at the deepest point, is considered both length and height, the largest earthen dam in the United States.

The embankment will contain 1,600,000 cubic yards of earth and will be 500 feet wide at the widest point at the bottom, 63 feet wide at the water surface and 20 feet wide at the top.

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The discovery of these animals, or fish, or whatever one may term them, is living verification of the theory that all animal life has evolved from water species.

The creature has been named the Nocturna by scientists. It is probably the only animal in existence to-day that is undergoing that transformation from a fish to a land animal.

Washington.—When the maneuvers of the Atlantic fleet are completed this formidable array of sea fighters is to be dispersed.

It is pointed out that Prince Louis of Battenberg, who recently visited the United States with an English squadron, was returning a call made by an American squadron under command of Rear Admiral Cotton.

Altoona, Pa.—William D. Foose, of Drab, Blair county, who is 81 years old, never wore stockings until three years ago.

MAN GROWING MORE HUMANE

Treatment of Domestic Animals is Proof of This.

"Electric fans in stables, horse shower baths and screens to keep out flies and mosquitoes are not uncommon nowadays in rich men's establishments," said a coachman.

"Then there are innumerable boarding houses in the country for dogs and cats and horses, where these animals may be sent in July and August if the hot weather runs them down.

"Yes, undoubtedly the world treats animals nowadays better than it treated men in the past."

QUALITIES THAT MAKE A LADY

Idea of Charles Dana Gibson Varies Near the Truth.

"I dined with Charles Dana Gibson at Prince's restaurant in London during the season," said a Chicagoan.

"The lofty, spacious dining room was filled with women in pale gowns, their hair uncovered and their arms and necks bare.

"Amid all this feminine smoking the Americans began to discuss and to define the word 'lady.' Was it necessary to smoke?

It has gone beyond extravagance in woman's dress. It has become a debauchery. The dress habit is nothing more than an attempt to look like a dabbler.

By ordering his patients to eat heartily of certain fruits and forbidding them to touch others at all, Dr. Nadal, one of Paris' most famous scientists, is treating the throats of the great opera singers.

Not in the Succession. The young pastor was examining the Sunday school and asked the class just in front of him if any of them could tell anything raised her hand.

"Peter, Peter, pumpkin-eater, had a wife and couldn't keep her, put her in a—"

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"The eagerness of so many people to get some of it away from me," answered Mr. Dustin Stutz.

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EXAMPLE OF SUBLIME "NERVE."

This Man Surely Cut Out for Great Captain of Industry.

When Robertson entered his sitting-room he found Trenton there, reclining in his evening dress, and looking himself to one of his—Robertson's—best cigars.

"Hullo!" he said. "Why the war-paint?" "Going to Bellingham's to dinner."

"The effect isn't so bad," he said. "Anyone that didn't know you might take you for a gentleman."

SURELY DESERVED THE RELIEF

Aunt Lizzie's Heroic Method to Get Teeth to Fit.

The following dialogue occurred between a lady and her aunt, who had recently purchased some false teeth, which hurt her.

"No, I told you to take your teeth out and sandpaper the teeth."

She Loved and Ate. Perhaps the ultimate limit of idiosyncrasy and banality in the shape of an attempt to improve the monkey, dog and horse dinner of Newport degenerates was reached by a woman of Santa Ana, Orange county, who was an entertainer at her "paternal home."

Just Like a Story. Byskus, of which fine, iridescent stockings and shawls are made in Sicily, is a silk made by a fish.

Legends of the Kingfisher. Many and curious are the legends of the kingfisher. One of these is to the effect that the bird was originally a plain gray in color.

A Second Thief. "Some mean thief ran off with the umbrella I had to-day," began Pincher, and—

Explained. "I thought you said champagne would flow like water at one of Coppergitt's dinners," said the difficult guest.

Obliging. "So," said Mr. Goldbons, severely, "so young man, you want to marry my daughter, eh? What is your salary?"

His Usual Luck. "Now, then," said the leader of the mob to the horse thief, "if you've got anything to say before we swing you off be quick about it."

Girls, Tagged, Travel Alone. Boston, Mass.—Each of them wearing a tag marked "Portland, Ore., U. S.," three little girls, the eldest not more than 12 years old, arrived here unaccompanied from Holmfors, Finland.

KEROSENE IS HER TRIPPLE.

Girl in an Omaha Hotel Drinks It by the Gallon.

Omaha, Neb.—Drinking kerosene has dethroned the reason of Carolus Buckstein, a maid at the Lupaia hotel, and she is now a raving maniac.

Local physicians state that it is the first case of the kind under their observation. The mixture of whisky and kerosene, to the drinking of which the woman had become addicted, she called "kerosene highballs."

Field's Doctor Files Claim for \$25,000 for One Week's Services.

Chicago.—Twenty-five thousand dollars for seven days' professional service is the bill sent the Marshall Field estate by Dr. Frank Billings, who went to New York when Mr. Field was ill of pneumonia last January.

Dr. Billings, through his counsel, Charles L. Billings, filed his claim against the Field estate, together with the sworn bill for \$25,000 with the clerk of the probate court for adjudication and payment.

United States in the Lead. Have More Wireless Telegraph Stations Than Any Other Country.

Washington.—All wireless telegraph stations in the world have been catalogued and catalogued by the bureau of equipment of the navy department.

Belgium, 1; Denmark, 4; Germany, 13; France, 6; Great Britain and Ireland, 4; Holland, 8; Spain, 4; Portugal, 1; Gibraltar, 2; Italy, 18; Malta, 1; Montenegro, 1; Norway, 1; Austria, 1; Hungary, 2; Roumania, 2; Russia in Europe, 5; Sweden, 3; Turkey, 5; Argentina, 5; Brazil, 1; Canada, 5; Chile, 1; Costa Rica, 1; Mexico, 1; Panama, 2; Uruguay, 1; United States, 88, of which 10 are in the possession of the United States.

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DELIGHTS OF THE CATSKILLS

Where Deer Are Plentiful and the Bear Often Trapped.

Most people who are lovers of camp life turn up their noses when one mentions the Catskills, and, indeed, in certain parts and at certain seasons this country is by no means ideal for camping.

Three of us decided to make a trip through this region in a fashion, in a circle of about 100 miles' circumference. The idea was to hire a horse and wagon, stow our tents and blankets and a few necessary clothes in it and travel through the country.

Twins Always Dressed Alike. No Wonder Daughters of Mrs. Ogden Mills Attract Attention.

London is greatly interested in the Mills twins, daughters of Mrs. Ogden Mills and niece of the American ambassador. Separately these two girls would not attract any particular attention.

Millions Invested in Cows. There are said to be about 17,000,000 cows in the United States, representing an investment of \$500,000,000.

Watch Records. "That man's watch holds the record for this town," the country jeweler said. "It has run for 22 years without stopping."

Couldn't Complain. If anything, the quick doctor was more than usually eloquent. "Ladies and gentlemen," he cried at the end of his telling oration.

ONE MOUSE; TWO SNAKES. Both Copperheads Try to Swallow the Same Victim.

Pittsburg.—Two hungry copperhead snakes trying to swallow the same mouse was an exciting spectacle at the Highland park zoo.

When the mouse was tossed into the cage the copperheads each eyed him intently for more than a minute without making a move.

Each snake was trying to swallow the mouse away from the other and it looked as if the one that proved victor would have to swallow his mate.

Choose, Oh, Woman! Justice allows no one to retain both the scepter and the spade. If man, in the fight for life, had at every turn to say to his fair business rival, "Allow me, madam! Please take my place! I will offer my resignation," the victory would swiftly be to the weak.

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BIG IRRIGATION PLAN

PROJECT TO RECLAIM LARGE TRACT IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

Ninety Thousand Acres of Arid Land in Belle Fourche Valley Will Be Made to Bear When Work is Completed.

Belle Fourche, S. D.—As the work of the government irrigation scheme north of this city progresses people begin to realize the great difference it will make not only in the character of the country, but also in the character of settlers who will be attracted by these lands.

This Belle Fourche irrigation project, as it is officially known, will reclaim 90,000 acres of practically arid land lying north of the Black Hills.

The most interesting feature of the work being done here is the big dam, known as the Owl creek reservoir. The water taken from the Belle Fourche by the diverting dam is brought through a canal 6 1/2 miles long to this reservoir.

The embankment will contain 1,600,000 cubic yards of earth and will be 500 feet wide at the widest point at the bottom, 63 feet wide at the water surface and 20 feet wide at the top.

As the diversion dam and the inlet canal are practically completed, the first water to be used in this scheme will be the water from the Johnson lateral leading north from the inlet canal, where the water will be turned on some time next spring.

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The problem which the government will have to meet is that of sediment. It is generally stated that the success of an irrigation scheme is in inverse proportion to the amount of sediment carried by the river or stream from which the water is taken.

As there is a considerable cost attached to the taking up of land under these projects, a cost varying from \$2.50 to \$3 per acre yearly for ten years, it will be readily seen that neither the very poor nor the very shiftless will be attracted by these possibilities.

The immediate effect of irrigation upon the land values is shown as well in the Belle Fourche valley as any place in the world. On the south side of the river for a short distance a number of farms are under irrigation from a private ditch known as the Redwater ditch.

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The snakes then started to fight and Keeper Tretlow says one of them would have been killed if he had not passed them in separate cages.