Will Be Entered in State Spelling Bee _Preliminaries in Missouri Being Held for State Wide Match ⊘in May.

Macon, Mo.-Miss Alpha Rice, seventeen years old, of the Ethel village school, who won the district spelling match in Macon, spelled every one of 2,500 words correctly. Five hundred of these words were written and 2,000 were given orally. She will represent Macon county in the state spelling match in May. By her victory at the match Saturday Miss Rice captured for her school an extensive ilibrary and for herself \$10 in gold

and a gold medal that cost \$10. Lloyd Roberts, a pupil of the Gibwon district school, won second prize-\$10 in gold. Elgin Turner of the La Plata school and Rubey Dennis of the Anabel district school tied for third place. Each was given \$5 in gold. James Hibbler, aged eleven, a student of the La Porte district school, was given fourth prize, \$5.

The state spelling match will be held at Jefferson City at the convention of county school superintendents in May. The county superintendents have adopted various methods for picking the best spellers in their respective counties. In some the reprepentative has been named by simply holding a general match at the county meat. In others each school has sent out a champion to the county match. The method here was to divide Macon county into seven districts and have the matches all over the county. Thus the very best speller in each district was obtained, and the class Saturday was the acknowledged pick of the county.

The match lasted from ten in the forenoon till 6:10 in the evening. Each district champion has hosts of friends and relatives who came to see the event, and the big courtroom was

crowded all day long. Should Miss Rice win the state spelling honors from Jefferson city, and a day come when women shall engoy equal opportunities with men, she can count on Macon county's solid support for congress or to any other office that may suit her fancy.

WHIST TRICK COST \$104,850

Story of a Remarkable Card Game Played on Board the Liner Olympic.

New York.—The story of a remark-

able game of bridge whist, which was

played on the last trip of the liner Olympic between New York and Plymouth, was told here. The players were two Americans, an Australian and an Englishman playing at 5 cents a point. They were fairly matched and played freely, declaring on light hands and doubling a decisration with the smallest justification. The Englishman made a heart dec-Jaration and was promptly doubled by his opponents. He redoubled and was again doubled. The redoubling did not finish until, according to an conlooker who was keeping tally, the value had multiplied nineteen times. The game when played out resulted in the loss of the odd trick by the Englishman. When, however, the players calculated what the points were they found they had multiplied

up to 2,097,152 and that the trick was worth \$104.850. The losers said that this was absurd and that no one realized what he was doing. Eventually it was agreed that the losers should each pay \$500 for the odd trick.

MAY HAVE TO CATCH CATS

City Council Considers an Ordinance That Will Necessitate Plenty of Sprinting by Trappers.

Denver.—Seven league boots will become perforce a part of the equipment of Denver dog catchers if the city council enacts an ordinance it now has under consideration. This ordinance contemplates a license for all cats in the city, with the provision that the dog catchers shall capture and impound all unlicensed felines.

Anybody who has ever tried to catch a strange cat will realize that the dog catchers will be busier than a lot of cranberry merchants if the ordinance is passed, and it now seems likely that a majority of the aldermen

will vote for it. The ordinance has the backing of the Denver Audubon Society, which avers that its purpose is to provide protection for songbirds and squirrels, which now frequently fall prey to marauders from the alleys of the ∉lty.

Allmony for a Husband.

Seattle, Wash.-Mrs. Edna Hackett. forty-nine years old, has obtained a divorce from John Hackett, sixtythree, on proving that he was an habitual drunkard. The court decreed that she should pay her husband \$40 a month for his support as long as he lives. The property of the couple. evalued at \$23,000, was awarded to Mrs. Hackett.

Sues for Breach of Promise. Denver.-Charging that she proposed, he accepted and now has refused to marry her, Mrs. Pearl Phillips is suing Abner James Davis, an Howa farmer, for \$10,000 for breach of promise

GIRL WINS CONTEST | RECORD FOR WORK

Freighthouse Razed by Fire Replaced Over Sunday.

Town Joins in an Effort to Repair Damage Done to Depot in Order to Prevent Interference With Business.

Council Bluffs, Ia.—Some strenuous construction work was done here when a freighthouse, destroyed by fire, was rebuilt almost over night. At 6:45 o'clock on a Saturday evening the freighthouse of the Chicago and Northwestern railway was de-

310 feet, included the office, which was two stories high. The problem presented was how to provide freighthouse facilities for the opening of business on Monday morning. It was decided to solve the prob-

stroyed by fire. The building, 36 by

lem by putting up a new building. The telegraph and telephone were pressed into instant service. Necessary workmen and materials were ordered from a dozen points. Arrangements were made with a local lumber. yard to deliver material on Sunday morning at seven o'clock. At the same time everybody was busy getting near-by material concentrated and mustering the different forces.

Men were picked up as far east as-Cedar Rapids and as far west as Fremont, Neb. On Sunday morning at six o'clock a special train had arrived at Council Bluffs from Boone with men and material, and other forces had arrived on different passenger trains, so that about eighty mechanics and artisans were on hand at seven o'clock. Twenty men arrived from the west at eleven o'clock. Then the work was under way in earnest.

It was found that the transfer platforms and the platform in front of the old building had not been destroyed by the fire, so it was decided to erect a temporary building directly upon the floor of the larger transfer platform. The frame was up and partly sheathed at 11:30 a.m. At five o'clock in the afternoon the building was entirely inclosed and the roof was nearing completion.

By Monday morning the building was entirely finished, 26 feet wide and 120 feet long. The work was continued till the building was 175 feet long over all. Platforms were built, but the building built on Sunday was entirely finished and ready for business by Monday morning.

SPARROW AS PEST KILLER

English Bird May Be Used Agains' the Alfalfa Weevil in the Wost.

Washington, D. C.—The English sparrow, originally imported into this country to destroy insect pests, but known chiefly in recent years as a pest among birds, may come into its own again, according to the officials of the government biological survey. It has been found that the sparrow is a vigorous enemy of the alfalfa weevil, an evil which threatens to spread throughout the alfalfa farming territory of the west as the cotton boll weevil has spread in the south. So far the weevil has appeared only in Utah and part of Wyoming, but a dozen other states, it is said, will be affected within a few years unless a real enemy of the pest is introduced to

The biological survey is planning to experiment with other birds this summer and will not recommend that the English sparrow be sent into the alfalfa territory unless no other effective enemy of the weevil can be found. The bureau of entomology has received from its agent in Italy a number of parasites which feed on the alfalfa weevil and these will be sen! to Utah at once.

TO END PRETTY GIRL CHAIN

Vassar Faculty Considering Abolishing of a Famous Custom at the University.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.-The Vassar faculty is seriously considering abandoning the custom of selecting the twenty-four prettiest girls in the sophomore class to carry the famous daisy chain. It is said the selections have frequently caused much ill feeling among members of the class. Some of the college officials also object to the custom on the ground that the prominence given to it is likely to lead outsiders to think that personal comeliness is more highly esteemed

at Vassar than scholarly attainment. The daisy chain at Vassar dates back nearly fifty years to the time the college was opened in 1865. Out of the sophomore class each year, averaging 250 students, a committee of class officials picks a group of twenty-four young women who seem to them to be the most beautiful and graceful in the class. This year's selection included ten girls from the middle Atlantic states, nine from the west, four from New England and one from the south.

Qirl Killed Bitting With Lover. Moosic, Pa.--Keeping a tryst with her lover cost the life of Louise Burns, 17 years old, one of the belles of this city. While she was under a coal car on a siding near the Langcliffe colliery chatting with Raymond Curl. 19. a Delaware and Hudson locomotive bumped into the standing train, and before the girl could crawl out the wheels of several cars passed Over her

STOLE \$4,000,000 IN JEWEL\$

Stamislaus Zalog Writes from Chicago Bolution of the Pauline Monastery Puzzie.

Warsaw, Russian Poland.-The mystery surrounding the theft from the Pauline Monastery at Czenstochowa of fewels and votive offerings valued at \$4,000,000, which since 1909 has puzzled the brothers, seems at length to be solved by the receipt of a letter from Chicago.

The writer of this communication to the monastery confesses that he, Stanislaus Zalog, was the thief; that he was then a lay brother, and that Father Damatius, who is now serving a sentence in the Siberian mines for the murder of his cousin, was not implicated, as has always been supposed.

The letter seems genuine and the Russian police are taking steps to have Zalog arrested, but the former brother defies the police to trace him. It appears that Zalog remained at the monastery more than a year after the theft and not until Damatius was ar rested did he escape to America.

The robbery of the jewels which decked the ikon of the Virgin and Child in the Pauline Monastery cre ated a great stir three years ago, and when, in October, 1910, Father Dama tius was arrested in Austria for the murder of his cousin, Vaclay Macock -which crime he confessed-it was believed that the motive for the deed was to be found in a desire to shut the mouth of a man who could testify against him in the matter of the rob bery.

Damatius admitted the murder, but denied the theft of the jewels. He ad mitted also that he had taken mone; from the treasury and had squandered it upon Helena Ostrowska, wife of the man he murdered. He told how his servant, Stanislaus, evidently the max now confessing the thefts, had assist ed him in disposing of the body in a large ottoman, which together then threw into the River Varta, Stanislaus Zalog disappeared and has never beet heard of until now.

The most valuable thing stolen was the jeweled crown from the head o the Virgin.

PAIR ARE BOTH MAIDENS

"He" Worked for Six Months as a Plumber's Helper Without Arousing Suspicion.

London.-The extraordinary case of a girl of twenty-three named Adelaide Dallamore, who passed for six months as the husband of another girl, is causing much interest here.

vants and were so much attached to one another that they determined not to be parted. So Dallamore dressed as a man and got a job as a plumber's assistant, which position she held for six months without any one of 40 mer suspecting she was not what she pretended to be, but supposed her to be a particularly well behaved young

married man. She is a stoutly built, fresh com plexioned, bright girl with an unusual ly low voice and she carried out the deception so well that she might nev er have been found out had not rela tives informed the police. In the even ing she would put on a god suit of clothes and take her "wife" out.

When questioned by the police she told them that she and her friend were very happy.

"I was much healthier," she said "working ten hours a day as a plum ber's assistant than ever I was in ser vice." Her "wife" corroborated this and

said she preferred Adelaide in men's clothes to skirts and they both swor they would never be parted anyway.

MAN GROWS BEAN IN HIS EAS

Removed After It Has Sprouted One and a Half Inches-Was Performing Tricks.

Providence.—A singular accident oc curred on the North · End farm, or Prudence island. Harold Parker, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Brayton or the farm, was playing tricks for the young people, and among others per formed the time-honored stunt of "putting beans in his mouth and mak ing them come out of his ears."

This trick he performed with such dexterity that when he was through with it he had a hard white bear tightly wedged in each ear. One of these was dislodged by Mrs. Brayton, but the other defied her efforts. In a few days it was discovered the heat had caused the bean to sprout. It grew as rapidly as beans usually do and a few days later was fully an inch and a half long. Captain Bray ton took his guest to the hospital in Newport, where the bean, sprout, roof and all, was taken out.

BRAIN SMALLER THAN CHILD'S

Late Dr. Museer Shown to Have Developed Along One Line geologie __Only.

Philadelphia.-Experts at the Wister Institute of Anatomy have just completed the examination of the brain of Dr. John H. Musser, a noted diagnostician who died recently. They found that Dr. Musser's brain weighed less than that of a well-developed child. It was 20 ounces lighter than the brain of Daniel Webster and 24 ounces lighter than that of James Pisk the New York gambler who was murdered a few years ago. Scientists say Dr. Musser developed along one line, not broadening out in all lines, and therefore not fully developing all parts of the hrein

Century Old Vessel to Journey 6.000 Miles.

Schooner of Thirty-Four Tone Is , Bought by Norwegian Captain for Use in the Sealing Trade in Bouth Indian Ocean.

London.-The oldest craft to be found in Lloyd's Register is a schooner or ketch of 33 tons burden, called the Purveyor, having just 102 years of service to her credit. A few weeks ago she was purchased by a Norwegian, Captain Reinertsen, who is now preparing to sail her from Biddeford, in Devon, to Durban, in the South Indian ocean, a distance of 6,000 miles.

The Norwegian has renamed the craft the Seal. His enterprise is purely commercial, for he purposes to use her in the sealing trade. He hopes to reach Durban in 80 days, but will be provisioned for six months.

The Purveyor was built at Southampton as a government barge in 1810; it was one of a number made ready to convey troops rapidly along the coast or to the warships in case of the expected invasion by Napoleon. On being sold out of service after the battle of Waterloo, in 1815, she was owned at Bude and Biddeford, and has since been engaged in a coasting trade along North Devon and Corn-

Her biggest trial was in the great blizzard over twenty years ago, well remembered in the west, when so many coasting vessels foundered. The Purveyor was blown from the Bristol channel out into the Atlantic, where she rode out the gale, and many days later, battered but triumphant, returned to her port. Ever since that day she has had nailed to her sternpost as a mascot a rusty horseshoewith points up "to keep in the luck," as Devonians express it—and her new owner will carry the same mascot with him on his long voyage.

Captain Reinertsen, a quiet-spoken capable-looking sailor, with the clear eye of a man who has spent his life on the sea, looks upon a 6,000mile trip in a 33-tonner, as quite an ordinary undertaking. He will navigate the boat, and has shipped a crew of three Biddeford sailors.

In conversation Captain Reinertsen said, after fitting the Seal out with tanks at Durban for her new trade. he will sail to the Crozet islands. some 1,330 miles southeast of Durban, where he has a permit from the French government for seal-hunting, a business in which he has been en-

PERFORM TRICKS FOR NATIVES

Missionary Tells Students How Circus "48tunt" is Employed to Attract African Crowds.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Tom Jays, M. D., of the London Church Missionary society, in an address to University of Pennsylvania students told them of the great opportunity for service in the foreign mission field and many of his own interesting experiences. Dr. Jays is an Englishman who has

given his life to the medical mission work in Africa. In his talk he told how he and his friends often gathered a crowd of native Africans about them by doing tricks on bicycles in the squares of the villages and cities. At times, he said, as many as five thousand would crowd around to see the missionaries ride, and some of the preachers and physicians have be-

come experts. When the missionaries have gathered the people about them they tell them something about Jesus Christ. While the acts draw the crowds for big mass meetings, it is through medicine and education that the people of Africa are most easily reached by the missionaries.

FINDS \$15,000 IN OLD HOUSE

New Jersey Man is Glad He Fixed an Ancient Fireplace That Contained Treasure.

Asbury Park, N. J.-Borden Jeffrey of Deal Lake is \$15,000 richer today as the result of spending a few dollars in repairing an ancient fireplace in an old colonial homestead which he purchased recently. Workmen while fixing the fireplace turned up a cache which contained an oak chest full of gold and silver coins. Their value, it is said, is in the neighborhood of \$15,-**6**00.

There has long been a belief that much treasure is buried in this section of Asbury Park. In the early days Deal Lake was a shipbuilding center, vessels at that time being able to sail from the lake out to sea. A changing coast formation and diversion of industry to other more favorable harbors closed the shipbuilding industry. The homestead is one of the country's historic relics. The house has had so many tenants it is impossible to trace the ownership of the chest of silver.

"Mock" Wedding Is Binding. Bridgeport, Conn.-Dr. Howard P. Mansfield and Miss Clara Georgia are trying to become divorced. They went through a mock marriage ceremony twelve years ago and now find the wedding was binding.

Debutante Captures Thieves. Philadelphia.—Racing two blocks, Miss Sophia Dilles, a society debutante, caught two youths, recovered her velvet handbag and turned the two young thieves over to a police-

ELK TAKE A LONG JOURNEY

Wyoming Herd Transported by Train and Sled to Oregon .Forest,

Portland, Ore,-More than a score of the elk which were starving in Wyoming this winter, and consequently taken in charge by the government and distributed to places where they would have a chance to live, have arrived at the Chesninimus forest preserve in this state. Most of their long journey was made in cattle cars, but the last 20 miles was by sled on roads through snow that was about four

feet deep. The elk were brought to this state as a result of the establishment of a popular fund to pay the expenses of transportation. More than 10,000 persons saw the animals at the various stations on the way, and the game officials of the state declare that the event has stirred up much sentiment

for the perservation of game. The herd was located at St. Anthony. Idaho, after having been driven from the former grazing grounds in Wyoming. In it was a snow-white heifer called Lady Whitebird, the most graceful animal among the eik. The leaders of the herd were two big bulls called Taft and Roosevelt. Unlike those for whom they were named they were able to get along in peace, and stood together to repel outsiders. They held constant station at the door of the car, and showed a desire to fight when there was any sign of danger. It was with difficulty that they were put into the cars on which they were shipped on sledges to the forest

WANTED OPERATION AS JOKE

Occupant in County Jall Thought It Would Be Much More Comfortable win Hospital.

Cleveland.—Jack Ohbaum, a county fail prisoner, charged with contributing to the delinquency of minor children, was a very sick man. At least, he told deputy sheriffs he was very sick. He moaned, groaned, tossed and rolled.

"It's here," and Ohlbaum pointed to his right side.

Deputy sheriffs were at first solicitous. When the jail supply of medicines failed to bring any improvement they became alarmed. They sent for the county physician, Dr. A. E. Mc-Clure, Dr. McClure came, examined, prescribed and left.

But Ohlbaum still rolled, tossed. moaned and groaned. He murmured something about "colic" and "appendicitis," and deputy sheriffs again

Dr. McClure was skeptical on his second visit, however. Again he examined, but this time he winked and telephoned for a fellow practitioner who makes a specialty of surgery. The surgeon arrived and was escorted to Ohlbaum's cell by Dr. McClure. There a dazzling array of sharp-edged knives and operating instruments was laid out

"What's those for?" anxiously in-

guired Ohlbaum. "We are going to operate," said Dr McClure; "you said you had appendicitis."

"Wow!" exclaimed Ohlbaum. "Don't cut me open. I ain't sick. Honest, I ain't. I was just fooling."

YOUNG TERRORIZE NEW YORK

Board of City Magistrates Gives Men, Boys and Women Bad Name in Gotham.

New York .- The peace of New York city is threatened by a growing army of young men and boys wao, "devoid of respect for the law, terrorize, shoot and rob without regard for police restraint," according to the annual report of the board of city magistrates, just issued. The report also declares that "a regular army of young women, numbering within certain districts alone about 3,000, infest the principal thoroughfares of the city and that there is a more or less organized army of pickpockets operating in this city that ought to be apprehended."

The report shows that there were 70,000 fewer arrests in the city last year than in 1908. Last year's total reached, however, 152,000. London's total arrests have never exceeded 112,000 a year, although the population of the British capital is 7,000,000.

BLIND DOG SHATTERS ART

Sightless Canine Dashes Through Canvas and Glass as Mistress Calla.

York, Pa.-Even the "movies" have achieved nothing more real in the picture art than was witnessed in the West End entirely by accident.

Mrs. L. A. Lahr, who conducts a grocery, owns a blind fox terrier, which is a great pet in the neighborhood. A picture peddler had stood a large framed canvas upon the sidewalk to better display its attractive colors to an intended purchaser, when Mr. Lahr called the terrier, which had strayed

down the street. At the sound of her voice the blind dog came like a streak. The picture stood directly in his path, and through the canvas and glass went the terrier, scaring almost out of their wits the group of astounded persons.

Ask More Liberal Sabbath. Elgin, Ill.—Favoring open theaters. on Sunday to keep young people from going to Chicago on that day, Rev. C. S. Thomas has launched a campaign. for a more liberal Sabbath.

WOMEN IN PRISON

Suffragettes in London Jail Tell of Their Hardships.

Bad Food and Damp Cells-English Women of Position Undergoing Punishment in Holloway Not Having Easy Time.

London.—The 200-odd suffragettes now in Holloway jail serving sentences ranging from a fortnight up are not having an easy time. Most of the privileges which they secured from Winston Churchill when he was home secretary, in recognition of their status as political offenders, have been taken from them since the outbreak of window smashing and there is a return to the harsher conditions which obtained three years ago.

At the suffragette headquarters there is a suspicion that there has been a resumption of forced feeding; but no evidence has been produced to support the belief. In fact, the authorities have adopted such secrecy in regard to the imprisoned suffragettes that it is practically impossible to obtain any information as to what is going on inside Holloway.

At the suffragette headquarters, in Clements' inn, Miss Janet Green, who is accused of smashing a \$250 window, gave a correspondent these details of her life in Holloway:

"The journey to Holloway in the 'Black Maria' is enough to take the courage out of any one," she said. "You are placed in a narrow compartment, just large enough to squeeze into. Then you are locked in, and whatever air or light might creep in between the bars is shut out by the burly warder, who stands in the passageway. The 'Black Maria' rumbles and shakes and, with darkness and a suffocating atmosphere, the journey is a nightmare.

"Arrived at Holloway, I was first taken to my cell. My bag, containing nightdress, comb. brush and a few other needful articles, was kept by the warder. It happened to be a rush day on which I arrived and it was nearly midnight before my case was attended to. When I was taken to the main hall my money, jewelry and knickknacks were taken from me and the amounts and details entered in a book. Then my description was taken, aswell as my name, age and my weight.

After this I was taken to my cell. "The ordinary routine is to be awakened at from 6 to 6:30. Breakfast is served at from 7 to 7:30. It consists of what is with license called tea and a small loaf of coarse bread and what is called butter. Then it was chapel from 8 to about 9.

"After supper we read, if we had any books, until the lights went out at about 8:30. I was one of those placed in solitary confinement for taking part in the mutiny. This mutiny arose because we were not allowed to see our leader, Mrs. Pankhurst. Then, with the usual inconsistency, the prison authorities placed the heaviest punishment upon Mrs. Pankhurst, who was not to blame, and put her in a dark. underground damp cell where she caught bronchitis and is now in the

hospital. "After the mutiny all privileges were stopped by the visiting magis-

trate." The prison experiences of suffragettes in the past are described in a tract entitled "Women and Our Prisons," written by Helen Blagg and Charlotte Wilson. Of solitary confinement one of the authors draws this

picture. "When you are put in the punishment cell you feel as if you were absolutely cut off from the rest of the world; the echoes of footsteps along the stone corridors, the banging and locking of doors, become so magnified as to have a grewsome and horrible

effect on your nerves. "Hour after hour, day after day, I spent sitting on the wooden bed doing nothing, hardly thinking, staring into vacancy. I could well imagine the loneliness, silence, darkness and cold sending women mad. The horror of it is still with me, and night after night, unable to sleep, I go through it all again."

BABE BORN ON STREET CAR

Mother Takes Child in Her Arms and Walks to an Ohio Hospital.

Cleveland, O.-A baby was born on h Lake Shore electric car. Mrs. John Klein, twenty-five, of Wakeman, O., was on her way to St. Ann's hospital in this city and became ill. The smoking compartment was hurriedly vacated, woman passengers took Mrs. Klein there, a medical college student rendered assistance and soon the cries of an infant sounded above the roise of rolling wheels.

A matron and an ambulance detail reached the station soon after the arrival of the car, but to their surprise found that Mrs. Klein had taken the baby in her arms and walked to the hospital.

Torpedo Boats to Be Used at Targets. Washington.—Three torpedo boats of the United States navy will go the way of all obsolete war vessels. Having passed from the sphere of usefulness, they have been ordered by the navy department to Norfolk, where they will be stripped of their furniture and fittings. They will then become targets for bombardment by the dreadnoughts of the Atlantic fleet.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS