

GIRL WINS CONTEST

Pupil Given 2,500 Words, Which She Spells Correctly.

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.

Lloyd Roberts, a pupil of the Gibson district school, won second prize—\$10 in gold.

The match lasted for 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.

WHIST TRICK COST \$104,850

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

New York.—The story of a remarkable game of bridge whist, which was played on the last trip of the liner Olympic between New York and Plymouth, was told here.

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.

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.

The ordinance has the backing of the Denver Audubon Society, which avers that its purpose is to provide protection for songbirds and squirrels.

Alimony for a Husband. Seattle, Wash.—Mrs. Edna Hackett, forty-nine years old, has obtained a divorce from John Hackett, sixty-three, on proving that he was an habitual drunkard.

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 Iowa farmer, for \$10,000 for breach of promise.

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.

The problem presented was how to provide freighthouse facilities for the opening of business on Monday morning. It was decided to solve the problem by putting up a new building.

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.

By Monday morning the building was entirely finished, 28 feet wide and 120 feet long. The work was continued till the building was 175 feet long over all.

Should Miss Rice win the state spelling honors from Jefferson city, and a day come when women shall enjoy 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.

SPARROW AS PEST KILLER

English Bird May Be Used Against the Alfalfa Weevil in the West.

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.

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.

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.

The daisy chain at Vassar dates back nearly fifty years to the time the college was opened in 1855.

Girl Killed Striking 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.

Brain Smaller Than Child's. Late Dr. Musser Shown to Have Developed Along One Line Only.

Philadelphia.—Experts at the Winter Institute of Anatomy have just completed the examination of the brain of Dr. John H. Musser, a noted diagnostician who died recently.

STOLE \$4,000,000 IN JEWELS

Stanislaus Zalog Writes from Chicago Solution of the Pauline Monastery Puzzle.

Warsaw, Russian Poland.—The mystery surrounding the theft from the Pauline Monastery at Czenstochowa of jewels 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 Damatus, 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 Damatus was arrested did he escape to America.

The robbery of the jewels which decked the ikon of the Virgin and Child in the Pauline Monastery created a great stir three years ago, and when, in October, 1910, Father Damatus was arrested in Austria for the murder of his cousin, Vlastav Macocch—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 robbery.

Damatus admitted the murder, but denied the theft of the jewels. He admitted also that he had taken money from the treasury and had squandered it upon Helena Ostrowska, wife of the man he murdered. He told how his servant, Stanislaus, evidently the man now confessing the thefts, had assisted him in disposing of the body in a large ottoman, which together they threw into the River Varta.

The most valuable thing stolen was the jeweled crown from the head of 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 Dallamora, who passed for six months as the husband of another girl, is causing much interest here.

The two women were domestic servants and were so much attached to one another that they determined not to be parted. So Dallamora 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 men suspecting she was not what she pretended to be.

She is a stoutly built, fresh complexioned, bright girl with an unusual low voice and she carried out her deception so well that she might never have been found out had not relatives informed the police. In the evening 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.

Her "wife" corroborated this and said she preferred Adelaide in men's clothes to skirts and they both swore they would never be parted any way.

MAN GROWS BEAN IN HIS EAR

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

Providence.—A singular accident occurred on the North End farm, of Prudence Island, Harold Parker, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Brayton on the farm, was playing tricks for the young people, and among others performed the time-honored stunt of "putting beans in his mouth and making them come out of his ears."

BRAIN SMALLER THAN CHILD'S

Late Dr. Musser Shown to Have Developed Along One Line Only.

Philadelphia.—Experts at the Winter Institute of Anatomy have just completed the examination of the brain of Dr. John H. Musser, a noted diagnostician who died recently.

Philadelphians.—Experts at the Winter Institute of Anatomy have just completed the examination of the brain of Dr. John H. Musser, a noted diagnostician who died recently.

LONG TRIP IS NEAR

Century Old Vessel to Journey 6,000 Miles.

Schooner of Thirty-Four Tons is Bought by Norwegian Captain for Use in the Sealing Trade in South 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.

The Norwegian has renamed the craft the Seal. His enterprise is purely commercial, for he purposes to use her in the sealing trade.

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.

Her biggest trial was in the great blizzard over twenty years ago, well remembered in the west, when so many coasting vessels foundered.

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 6,000-mile trip in a 33-tonner, as quite an ordinary undertaking.

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 engaged for some years.

PERFORM TRICKS FOR NATIVES

Missionary Tells Students How Circus "Stunt" 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 become 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.

There has long been a belief that much treasure is buried in this section of Asbury Park.

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

BLIND DOG SHATTERS ART

Sightless Canine Dashes Through Canvas and Glass as Mistress Calls.

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 dog terrier, which is a great pet in the neighborhood.

WOMEN IN PRISON

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 Cheesnimus forest preserve in this state.

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 preservation 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 elk.

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 reserve.

WANTED OPERATION AS JOKE

Occupant in County Jail Thought it Would Be Much More Comfortable in Hospital.

Cleveland.—Jack Ohlbaum, a county jail 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.

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. McClure, 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 sent for Dr. McClure.

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.

"What's those for?" anxiously inquired 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 who, "devoted 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.

When the missionaries have gathered the people about them they tell them something about Jesus Christ.

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.

BABE BORN ON STREET CAR

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

Cleveland, O.—A baby was born on a 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 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.

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.