

Children and Stars.

Nature study, which has been transformed in a majority of cases into nature recreation, has extended to a great variety of subjects, but has treated one important branch with curious neglect. Birds and butterflies, trees, flowers, mushrooms, ferns and shells have their enthusiastic admirers everywhere; but a question as to the summer constellations, or the planets which are the morning and evening stars of the month, reveals the fact that 19 persons out of 20 can barely recognize the Milky Way and the Great Dipper. Yet what a door here stands open to the thoughtful mind! Night after night, over city roofs, the great procession passes; one need go but to the street or the window to watch. What child who has been taken out into the whispering darkness of a summer night or the splendid splendor of a winter evening for a star talk has ever forgotten it? The names may slip away, perhaps, but something—a sense of beauty, of mystery, of the unspeakable wonder of the universe—remains unforgettable. There have been children with other memories. One of the prettier pictures in the biography, remarks the Youth's Companion, is that of Lyman Beecher's children watching for the end of the long Puritan Sabbath and the release from constraint "when three stars came out." What friendly aspect the early stars will have! What memories all their lives, when the memory of their playtime shall! Nathaniel Bowditch, the mathematician, had other devices. His son says that the father's reward for good behavior was to draw one of the constellations, in dots of ink, upon the child's hand. Happy children, so to learn the stars in shining hours! Happy stars to be so linked with radiant memories! Doubtless the stars may be learned from books or named from a professor's chair, but the parent who teaches his boy or girl even a little of the beauty and the glory of the heavens—who puts the sky into his childhood—gives him a memory beyond all price.

Good-By to the Cowboys.

Land office officials tell us that the young farmers of Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois are doing most of the homesteading these days. Many of them have gone through hard apprenticeship as "hired men" and they are tired of working for wages. They want to get land of their own, and what is more, they can tell good land when they see it. They know the value of land that will raise three crops of alfalfa and that will turn out enormous crops of almost anything under the magic touch of water. In many cases the man who has lived for years in the far west doesn't realize sharply enough the remarkable capabilities of the land. He is looking for a "snap"—something that can be watered with little expense. But the eastern farmer is quick to see that almost any of such productive land is a "snap" even if the question of water is going to be troublesome for a year or two. So it is the man from the middle west who is settling up the Rocky Mountain states. In a few years, says the Denver Republic, the sheep herds and cowboys will be a thing of the past. They will be working for the man from the middle west and wondering why Opportunity passed them by for some one else.

Places for the Graduates.

About 40,000 young men and women just graduated from the universities and colleges of the country are now confronted with the question, "What are we to do in life?" Quite apart from the three old-fashioned professions are new fields constantly being opened by science and industrial developments. It will one day be found that scientific farming has attractions for the educated man and country boys who have received a college education will not all rush to the cities as they do now. Helpful advice by the best of time, says the New York Herald, is: Choose the occupation for which you have a natural bent, or if you cannot discover this an occupation that at any rate is not distasteful, and be prepared to win your way by probity and hard work. There is no other sure road to genuine success.

An English periodical, the Hylander, says New York's "Four Hundred" is made up of people of no back refinement and adds that there is no such thing as culture in America. How odd English cousins do love us—when they can use us for their own profit.

King Edward has declined with thanks an invitation to visit Canada. It is said that he is much against those people who are afraid that they take vacations their jobs will not be there when they get back home!

HUNDREDS DIE IN SEA

ITALIAN STEAMER GOES DOWN IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

CAPTAIN KILLS HIMSELF.

Overwhelmed by Disaster He Commits Suicide Before Vessel Sinks—Over 300 Victims of Awful Disaster.

Cartagena, Spain.—One of the most appalling marine disasters in the Mediterranean since the Victoria sank the Camperdown off the coast of Tripoli took place Saturday afternoon at Hormigas Island, near Cape Palos on the Cartagena coast. The Italian steamer Sirio, with a freight of more than 800 souls, bound from Genoa and Barcelona for Buenos Ayres, struck a reef and sank within a short time.

More than 300 of the passengers were drowned and those who survived are now in a pitiable condition on the shore, suffering from exposure and hunger. So overwhelmed was the captain of the wrecked steamer that he killed himself on the bridge just before she sank.

The bishop of Sao Pedro, Brazil, also was lost, and it is reported that another bishop among the missing. The remainder of the passengers and the officers and crew got away in the ship's boats or were rescued by means of boats sent to them from the shore.

Heroic Fishermen Lose Lives.

A number of fishermen who made attempts at rescue were drowned. Those rescued from the vessel are now in a pitiable condition, being without food or clothing.

The Sirio struck a rocky reef known as Bajos Hormigas and sank soon after, stern first. Hormigas Island lies about three and a half miles to the eastward of Cape Palos. Before he committed suicide the captain declared the steamer had 645 passengers on board and 17 crew members. The Sirio had 570 passengers when leaving Genoa, but additional Spanish passengers were taken on board at Barcelona, where the vessel touched a few hours before the disaster.

Vessel Struck Rapidly.

The disaster occurred at five o'clock Saturday afternoon. The steamer was heading a southerly course through the Hormigas group, where the Bajos Hormigas reef is a continual menace to navigation.

The vessel began to settle rapidly immediately after the attack, and a terrible scene of confusion and panic ensued on board.

The fishermen along the coast sought to render every assistance in their power and sent out boats which brought many survivors ashore. Most of the officers and crew of the Sirio are among the saved.

Heartrending Scenes.

The survivors have gone into camp on the main square of the town of Cape Palos. Here harrowing scenes are enacted as the stricken families anxiously search for their beloved members among the rescued.

A mother who lost her three children went insane. The doctor of the Sirio gave up his life and child as lost, but they were finally brought in by one of the rescuing boats, and the scene as this family was reunited was most affecting.

One of the boats sent out by the fishermen brought in 24 passengers. The condition of the survivors is most deplorable. They have lost everything and are without money, food or clothing.

The maritime authorities of Cartagena have dispatched a tug to the scene carrying relief supplies. The buildings of a circus and the poor houses are being used as temporary quarters for the survivors.

NEED WORKMEN IN NORTHWEST

Labor Situation in Minnesota Causes Worry Among the Farmers.

Mississippi, Minn.—A bumper crop in the northwest and no men to harvest it. The farm labor situation in Minnesota today is the worst in the history of the state.

Fifty thousand men are needed in Minnesota, Iowa and the two Dakotas and about a thousand are available. The wages offered by the farmers range from \$1.75 to \$3 a day and board, but the jobs go begging.

A thousand men are needed in Minneapolis at as high wages as are paid in the country, but the available men refuse to work.

Rains Cause Damage in Texas.

Fort Worth, Tex.—According to advices received here, the central Texas has been visited by torrential rains, considerable damage done to growing crops and railroad traffic badly crippled. However, no casualties, so far as known, have occurred, and first reports sent out, it is believed, were greatly exaggerated.

Yale Editor is Bankrupt.

New Haven, Conn.—Attorneys for Lewis S. Welsh, owner and editor of the Yale alumni weekly, announce Mr. Welsh is financially embarrassed and that he would file a petition in bankruptcy soon.

Umbrella Job Caused Death.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Frank Staffer died Tuesday as the result of a fight in which he was injured by the point of an umbrella. Staffer and John Harris quarreled Saturday night over \$15 dollars.

To Hang for Killing Son.

Kansas City, Mo.—John M. Sperry, a circus performer formerly of New Orleans, convicted recently of killing his young son, was denied a new trial and he was sentenced to be hanged September 21.

PORTER IS PICKED TO LEAD

IOWA DEMOCRATS NAME STATE TICKET.

Text of Platform Adopted—Convention Adopts Resolution in Favor of Bryan.

Waterloo, Ia.—The Democratic state convention Tuesday nominated a full state ticket, headed by Claude R. Porter, of Appanoose county, for governor, adopted a platform and adjourned sine die.

The platform favors a tariff for revenue only, the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people and demands the enactment of such legislation as will effectually destroy all trusts.

The platform expresses sympathy with the purposes of national labor organizations as set forth in recent addresses by Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and others calling on labor to assert its political rights at the ballot box.

A resolution was adopted pledging to William Jennings Bryan the support of Iowa Democrats for the presidency of 1908.

The ticket nominated follows: Governor—Claude R. Porter, Appanoose county.

Lieutenant Governor—John D. Denison, Jr., Dubuque county.

Secretary of State—J. S. McLuen, Guthrie county.

Auditor—C. E. Monroe, Mahaska county.

Treasurer—L. F. Danforth, Calhoun county.

Attorney General—Fred A. Townsend, Monroe county.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. S. Wilson, Lyon county.

Judges Supreme Court—L. M. Fisher, of Scott, and E. M. Carr, of Delaware counties.

Clerk Supreme Court—T. W. Keenan, Page county.

Reporter Supreme Court—H. M. Parker, Muscatine county.

Railroad Commissioners—W. L. Carpenter, Polk county, and E. K. Stoll, Henry county.

LADY CURZON LEAVES \$59,875.

Will of Chicago Peers Made on Shipboard is Filed.

London, Aug. 5.—The will of Lady Curzon was filed Tuesday. It is dated December 19, 1893, and was made on board the steamship Arabia. The value of the estate is placed at \$59,875. She gives jewels to her husband in trust for their eldest son, to go to him as heir-at-law with the title, but should she leave no son they will then go to their daughters.

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A painting by Millet and a number of books go to her father. Her fur goes to her mother. The residue is left to her husband.

Lady Curzon left three daughters—Mary Irene, born in 1896; Cynthia Elizabeth, born in 1898; and Alexandra Naldora, born in 1904.

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PULAJANES MURDER AND BURN

Municipal Buildings at Abuyon, Leyte, Destroyed by Raiders.

Manila.—One hundred and fifty Pulajanes pierced the military cordon, burned the municipal buildings, killed the ex-president of the town, two former members of the constabulary and three policemen at Abuyon, island of Leyte, last night. The scene of the recent fight. One hundred soldiers and constabulary are in pursuit of the raiders.

Fatal Explosion in a Mine.

St. Clairville, O.—William Rice, John Wright and Isaac Francis, miners, were fatally injured Tuesday by an explosion in the Berry mines at Pipe Creek. Accumulations of gas were ignited by the miners' lamps, and as there is an oil bed near the mines it is believed that gas from the oil bed found its way into the mines. Three other miners were severely injured.

Woman Sentenced to Death.

Stockton, Cal.—Mrs. Emma LeDoux was sentenced Tuesday to be hanged October 19 next, on her conviction of the murder of Albert H. McVicar, a miner with whom she had been living as man and wife.

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WAITING.



DEPOSITORS IN PANIC WHEN BANK AT CHICAGO IS CLOSED

STATE INSTITUTION, OWING OVER \$4,000,000, IN HANDS OF RECEIVER—WARRANT OUT FOR MISSING PRESIDENT.

Chicago.—The Milwaukee Avenue State bank closed its doors Monday after an examination by State Examiner C. C. Jones, and a cloud of scandal and a panic among persons with small savings on the Northwest side followed.

Henry W. Hering, cashier, is missing, and a warrant charging embezzlement has been sworn out against him. At the same time, Examiner Stensland had given knowledge that the whereabouts of three officials of the bank are unknown to him.

Saturday Examiner Jones, acting on Attorney Stensland's "tip," discovered the dangerous condition of the bank. He gave notice to the cashier and other officials, who could be reached, that small amounts of money had been loaned on worthless security. But Monday morning Cashier Hering was absent, and the bank was at once closed.

The bank carried deposits of over \$4,000,000, largely the savings of working people. Its capital stock was \$250,000.

The panic was started soon after nine a. m. when, at the usual hour for opening the doors of the bank, the following notice, written in red ink:

The Milwaukee Avenue state bank was organized September 15, 1891. It succeeded the banking firm of Paul O. Stensland & Co., and was launched with a paid-up capital of \$250,000. The board of directors is composed as follows: E. J. Johnson, Marius Kirkeby, M. A. Lafluy, Theodore Stensland, Joseph Lister, Paul O. Stensland and Frank B. Crane.

Paul O. Stensland is president, Theodore Stensland, vice president; Henry W. Hering, cashier, and Ulrich Daniels, assistant cashier. The bank, and ought to be righted." This brought the clearing house association into the bank and in five minutes unearthed the tremendous scandal.

Warrant issued for Stensland.

Chicago.—More amazing revelations in the Milwaukee Avenue State bank crash came to light Tuesday, simultaneously with preparations for the arrest of Paul O. Stensland, the president. It was learned that crooked banking methods and peculations date back prior to 1901, at which time it now develops there was a shortage of more than \$250,000. From that time on defalcations grew in size and number until the amount of money now said to have been stolen will reach more than \$1,000,000.

John C. Fetzer was appointed receiver of the defunct bank. Mr. Fetzer's bond as receiver was fixed at \$1,000,000. This action was taken by Judge Brentano on the initiative of two women depositors holding claims against the institution aggregating less than \$300. They petitioned the court to safeguard their claims and those of other depositors.

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Assistant Chief of Police Schaeffler, Inspector Shippy and Bank Examiner Jones secured a warrant for the arrest of Paul O. Stensland from Justice Severson at 11 a. m. The justice at first refused to sign the warrant for Stensland, but he was a depositor in the bank. Later he agreed to sign it on the condition that the case

INDICATIONS ARE HE HAS CARRIED ILLINOIS PRIMARIES BY 40,000 PLURALITY.

Springfield, Ill.—Additional returns on the advisory vote for United States senator confirm the earlier reports and indicate Senator Cullom's plurality in the state may be conservatively estimated at 40,000. Senator Cullom's plurality in Cook county is 18,477. The returns show that only 11 will have a plurality of the popular vote in the state, but that he has carried 41 out of 51 senatorial districts. Some of the districts which on the local returns have been carried by Yates are his by small pluralities and may be thrown into the Cullom column by the official canvass.

Moreover, Senator Cullom appears to have complete control of the state convention for the purpose of senatorial instructions. Yates has lost the popular vote in the state at large, but he has secured the support of the senatorial districts and he has no chance to secure instructions in the state convention.

Railroad Agent Promoted.

Chicago.—Charles Thompson, formerly local freight agent, has been promoted to general agent of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company in Milwaukee, to succeed S. C. Showway, who goes to New York.

Falls from Yacht; Drowned.

Detroit, Mich.—Ernest Frue, of Chicago, fell overboard from the racing yacht St. Clair, of Charly Island, Saginaw bay, while returning with several young Detroit men from the Bay City races at Tawas.

Duke in Auto Collision.

Brecon, Wales.—The duke of Connaught and members of his staff while riding in an automobile from Monmouth to Rhayader Tuesday had a narrow escape. The car collided with another and both were wrecked.

DAZED WITH PAIN.

The Sufferings of a Citizen of Olympia, Wash.

L. S. Gorham, of 616 East 4th St., Olympia, Wash., 61½ years ago I got wet and took cold, and was soon fat in bed, suffering tortures with my back. Every movement caused an agonizing pain, and the persistence of it exhausted me, so that for a time I was dazed and stupid. On the advice of a friend I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, and soon noticed a change for the better. The kidney secretions had been disordered and irregular, and contained a heavy sediment, and my urine was dark and the passages regular. Gradually the aching and soreness left my back and then the lameness. I used six boxes to make sure of a cure, and the trouble has never returned."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Get the Most Pleasure Out of Your Vacation.

To do this, you should go to Colorado where you breathe the purest and finest air and see some of the grandest sights in the world. Here are to be found all the recreations of the East—Golf, Polo, Boating, Hunting, Fishing, Tennis, Riding, etc., together with all the attractions of a new and mountainous country.

Very low round-trip rates to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, are now in effect, via the Union Pacific, whose splendidly equipped trains and perfectly ballasted road-bed insure you a pleasant journey. For full information in regard to rates and Colorado literature, inquire of W. G. Neimyer, J. A., 120 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

India's Cotton Crop.

The cotton crop of India was larger last year than the general average. About 20,000,000 acres were planted in cotton and the yield was about 3,500,000 bales. During the year there were exported from India to other countries over 2,125,000 tons of raw cotton at a value of over \$81,000,000, the four countries, Japan, Germany, Belgium and Italy, in the order named, being the largest purchasers, they together buying nearly 1,500,000 bales of Indian cotton, while Japan alone took nearly 500,000 bales.

CURIOS AND ODDITIES.

Only one woman in 100 insures her life.

Ellen Terry is passionately fond of cats.

Sarah Bernhardt has a huge bed 15 feet long.

Facit sleeps with a silk scarf about her neck.

Brides in Australia are pelted with rose leaves.

In status Eskimo women are the shortest in the earth.

No photographs are ever taken of women in China.

A woman's brain declines in weight after the age of thirty.

In Africa wives are sold for two packets of halpains.

New York has 27,000 women who support their husbands.

Drunkards are rare, smoking common among Japanese women.

PHYSICIAN SAYS

Children Thrive on Grape Nuts and Cream.

A Mass. physician has found a cure for constipation in children—citing fifteen cases—by feeding them Grape-Nuts.

"Some time ago," he writes, "I became interested in your food, Grape-Nuts, as a cure for constipation in children. Having tried it in my own family, I have advised it in fifteen cases in which all suffered with constipation of more or less severity. The result has been absolute relief in all."

"I write this that other children may be benefited."

How much better it is than to bring about healthy action in the bowels of growing children by natural means, than to feed them with improper food, requiring some kind of cathartic at intervals, or even a strong stimulant. Grape-Nuts gives energy to the entire nervous system including the nerves that cause the natural contraction and relaxation of the bowel muscles, that propel the food mass along.

It is predigested also, and the blood easily absorbs the food as it goes through the body, restoring up vitality and force for the functions of all the organs.

Children especially, should get the right start as to habits of living. They should be given the best, the healthiest, the most cheerful men and women! Grape-Nuts solves the question of the start: a wholesome appetite will do the rest.

Children's teeth are benefited by chewing Grape-Nuts, also. Your dentist will tell you that a certain amount of exercise in chewing firm food, is necessary to grow strong, beautiful teeth.

Teeth need exercise just the same as muscles, if they are to grow strong and firm as nature intended. Grape-Nuts gives the exercise and also gets material from which good teeth are made.

"There's a reason." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pgs.