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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, SEPT. 14.

Kentucky's whisky product for the year just ended was nearly 22,000,000 gallons, an increase over last year of nearly 2,000,000.

The Trans-Siberian railroad will be completed at the present rate of working in about two years, the cost probably considerably exceeding the original estimate of $75,500,000.

Twenty-nine historic spots in Portland, Me., are to be marked with tablets prior to the return of the absent sons and daughters in Old Home week. They include several noted in pre-Revolutionary days, the birthplaces of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Thomas B. Reed, Nathaniel Parker Willis; his sister, Mrs. James Parton ("Fanny Fern"), Alexander S. Wadsworth and Sargent S. Prentiss.

Siberia has recently furnished a new game-bird for the epicures of Europe. It is called the Siberian partridge, and is found in the mountains south of Omsk in southern Siberia, but its original home is said to be Manchuria. Its principal food consists of wild nuts, which gives an exquisite flavor to its flesh. These birds, which have begun to appear by thousands in the markets of London, are shot during the winter and forwarded to England by way of the Baltic sea.

In France, Monsieur Dufour has succeeded in making thermometer tubes of pure quartz. Not only are these tubes exceedingly transparent, but their resistance to heat and other advantages make them superior to glass for thermometers intended to measure high temperatures. In such thermometers, melted tin takes the place of mercury, and the scale reads from about 165 degrees Fahrenheit up over 1,000 degrees. It could be run up to 1,800 degrees, for quartz does not soften below that temperature.

The largest time ball in the United States is being erected on the roof of the Fourth street end of the bourse in Philadelphia, the task being under the supervision of Lieutenant Hughes. The ball, which is four feet in diameter and weighs 60 pounds, will be hoisted to the top of an iron column 190 feet above tidewater five minutes before noon each day and dropped electrically 10 feet to an air cushion exactly at noon by the naval observatory clock in Washington. The object of the time ball is to enable all the mariners in Delaware and Schuylkill rivers to regulate their chronometers before sailing.

An explanation has been given in the house of commons of the reason why American capitalists were allowed to take a large slice of the new British loan. The war had greatly depleted the stock of gold in the Bank of England. Meanwhile there was a great abundance of gold in this country. The result of disposing of a part of the loan here was to draw gold to London. It is all simple enough; but the fact remains that it is only very lately that this country was rich enough to take foreign loans. Perhaps the most significant feature of the affair is that capital at interest now earns so little that the possessors of it are content with 3 per cent if the security be unimpeachable.

The widespread impression that people living in a primitive condition possess more acute vision than civilized men enjoy, receives a little support from the investigations of Dr. Rivers during the recent British expedition to Torres Straits and New Guinea. The visual powers of the people there were found to be superior to those of normal Europeans, although the degree of superiority was not great. The natives of Torres Straits could see better in the dark than most Europeans can. Their sense of touch was also slightly superior, and in the discrimination of weight they were more accurate than a practised European. Dr. Rivers ascribes their acuteness of vision to their habits of constant observation.

The editor of an anarchistic newspaper in this country hailed the murder of King Humbert with an editorial paean of joy. He frankly conceded that Humbert was kind and estimable, personally, and that he had not been guilty of oppressing his people; yet this man rejoiced in his death merely because he was a king. What sort of a man it is who preaches such doctrines—what sort of men anarchy breeds—is well brought out by the comments of a Chicago paper on this editor: "He is not a worker, but a 'dead beat.' He spends most of his time consuming beer and giving utterance to the desire that people may be killed. He is not even a brave man. When he was last wanted by the police he had to be dragged out from under the bed where he had hidden." This is a just arraignment, not merely of an anarchist, but of anarchy.

The remains of another giant dinosaur have been found by Prof. Riggs of the Field Columbian museum of Chicago, on the banks of the Gunnison river, near Grand Junction, Col. By accident he unearthed one of the bones of a dinosaur, and subsequent excavations have brought to light nearly a perfect skeleton, which will be shipped to Chicago to be mounted. One bone is nine feet long and others are so large that it is almost beyond the strength of one man to lift them. Half of the skeleton already has been taken from the ground.

One of the oldest inhabitants of Banagher, Kings county, is Mrs. Bell, who is now close upon 100 years old. This venerable lady lives with her son-in-law, the Rev. A. B. Nicholls, who was the husband of the celebrated novelist, the late Charlotte Bronte.

It has been estimated that the recent rains which broke the drought in the west have saved $83,000,000 in corn alone in Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. Even the least arithmetical of readers cannot call statistics of that sort dry.

Current Topics

May Die in Prison.

When Mark Shinburne, who got over a million dollars by robbing the Ocean Bank of New York city, is discharged from Dannemora Prison on October 10 next he will find Robert Pinkerton, the detective, waiting at the prison gate. He will be taken to prison in Concord, N. H., to serve a term of 19 years. Shinburne is now 67 years old, and he will die doubtless in jail; it is scarcely possible that he will live to be 86.

Mark Shinburne, or Maximilian Schonbein, is the most successful bank robber in this country. He is of fine physical proportions, five feet eight or nine inches in height [illegible] athletic [illegible]

MARK SHINBURNE.

[illegible]

Lorenzo D. Lewelling.

Lorenzo D. Lewelling, governor of Kansas from 1893 to 1895, who died last week at Arkansas City, was a son of the soil, who rose from the state of a poor orphan to that of the head of a great commonwealth. He was born in 1846 at Salem, Iowa. His parents, who belonged to the Society of Friends, which had a large settlement at Salem, died when he was a mere child, and then began a fierce struggle with circumstances in which the future governor was triumphant at the last. Young Lewelling earned a living by working for farmers in the vicinity of his home. During the winter he attended school until he was sixteen. In 1863 he was employed as a laborer on the Burlington and Missouri river railroad and later was cattle drover for the quartermaster of the Army of the Tennessee. After the war he taught a negro school at Mexico, Mo., and was often threatened with violence by his prejudiced neighbors.

Ex-Gov. Lewelling.

With the money he thus earned he went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and took a course in a commercial college. After his graduation he could find no employment [illegible]

Was a Great Philosopher.

Dr. Henry Sidgwick, the eminent British philosopher and political economist, who has just passed away, was only [illegible]

Dr. Sidgwick.

[illegible]

Bishop David H. Moore.

[illegible]

Viceroy Chang Chih Tung.

[illegible]

Benjamin B. Odell.

Benjamin B. Odell, nominated for governor by the New York Republican state convention [illegible]

[illegible]

Virchow Is Eighty.

Virchow.

[illegible]

Ex-Princess Chimay Moves.

[illegible]

It is now estimated that the urban population of the country, as shown by the new census [illegible]

The Minneapolis city council has refused to give the populists representation on the election boards of that city. The Prohibitionists are accorded the third place, as that party cast a larger vote than the Populists at the last election.

Eleanor Duse's 19-year-old daughter, Elisabetta Marchetti, is studying to be a school teacher at Munich. She is said to be the image of her mother.

Real Estate Exchange

Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farms, city and village lots and real estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list:

No. 4.

Tenant house and two lots with 105 feet frontage on Saginaw St., and 97 feet deep. Cellar, well, cistern, etc. Price $550. Electric cars pass the door.

No. 1.

John McCarroll has a nice little farm of 11 acres in the town of Southfield and John says he must sell it pretty soon. All necessary buildings in good repair and ready for the successful prosecution of a profitable farm and the establishment of a happy little home. Lots of good fruit and all necessary conveniences. Terms easy. Price $1,500, of which $500 will be taken on a mortgage at 6 per cent. Speak quick or you lose it.

No. 3.

Twenty-nine and two-thirds acres of land near the Irish church in Royal Oak township. It is excellent land, four good buildings and fences all in good repair, [illegible] apple trees, 100 plum trees, plenty of other small fruit. Buildings insured for $1,000. Price $[illegible]. Terms easy. The place is just on [illegible] soil of Royal Oak and cannot be beaten for anyone requiring a small farm suitable for small fruit or poultry farming. Come and let us show you over the place some day.

No. 5.

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 20 rods deep on Maple Ave. East, (half an acre). Fine barn and every modern convenience. Furnace, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

No. 6.

The VanEvery farm on the north shore of Wing Lake, 160 acres, two good houses, three barns, fine lake frontage, 10 acres fine orchard, 15 acres timber. Excellent fishing, boating and bathing. Terms easy.

No. 7.

The J. E. Quick homestead in Birmingham with 140 feet frontage on Saginaw St. and about 250 feet deep. New modern dwelling, good barn, fine lawn, shrubbery and small fruit. Electric cars pass the door every half hour for Detroit and Pontiac. Fare to Detroit 15c, Pontiac 10c. Owner has moved to Toronto and must sell. We will make it an object for anyone to investigate this bargain. Make us an offer.

No. 8.

One of the best farms in Oakland county. It is almost enough to say when we tell you that it is the John Buttolph farm in the town of Troy. 120 acres, excellent buildings, two good flowing wells. Carp pond well stocked; 9 miles of tile; fine orchard, 5 miles from Birmingham, 2 miles straight south of Troy corners, where there is a church, store, postoffice, school, etc. Price low and terms easy.

No. 9.

Excellent farm on Gilbert Lake, about three miles from Birmingham. Good buildings, fences in good shape and everything in good repair. Lovely location on the lake and fine fishing, boating and bathing; 137 acres of as fine farming land as there is in the county of Oakland. Will exchange in part for good improved city property. Thirty acres of good heavy timber. Terms very easy.

No. 10.

Large roomy two story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences, 120 feet front and 103 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

No. 11.

The old Shutes farm in the township of Troy, one mile east of Birmingham, 50 acres, all cleared, 7 acres of the finest orchard, good house and two barns. All the advantages of the village and none of the inconveniences. There are other things, too. Come and find out all about it.

No. 12.

The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 127½ acres. Good farm house and farm buildings; flowing well at the barn which is the wonder and pride of Troy; 20 acres good beech and maple timber, 4 acres fine grafted orchard. Circumstances render it advisable to sell at once and the man who comes first will secure one of the best bargains in the country. Look it up.

No. 13.

[illegible]

No. 14.

Two hundred and fourteen acres in sections 15 and 16, Southfield, with finest farm buildings in the township. Large and productive orchard of all kinds of best varieties of fruit, 10 acres of very heavy timber. Will sell or exchange for city property and will divide the two farms if required. Buildings on each tract. Price as low as any on our list, all things considered. Ask us about it.

No. 18.

A small farm of five acres, being part of the W½ of section 2, Southfield township, Oakland County. Four good buildings: house, barn, fowl-house and pig-pen. Buildings insured for $1,200. Premises abundantly supplied with cold pure water from flowing well, which is piped to the barn, furnishing plenty of water for stock or other purposes all the year 'round. Good fences, excellent soil, gravelly loam in high state of cultivation. House, two-story and wing; 9 rooms, woodshed, cellar, cistern and all conveniences; 2¾ miles from Birmingham, over roads which are the best in the country; 40 rods from good school; 80 rods from Erity's mill. Excellent neighborhood. This little farm is ready for business, without a cent for repairs or improvements. Price $1,500. Terms easy.

No. 19.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Rose, Ogemaw County, Mich.; 50 acres cleared, 50 acres mixed hard wood timber. Barn worth $100. Soil, sandy loam. Price $25 per acre; terms $500 cash, balance on long time at 6 per cent. Here is a golden opportunity for a poor man to acquire a good home in a short time. Better investigate.

No. 20.

This includes all of the Corson addition left unsold, comprising lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Lots 1 and two face Woodward Ave., next to the residence of W. C. Jenks and the others face out on Vinewood Ave. These are, without exception, the finest building lots in the village. High and dry, city water, convenient to the D. & P. Electric R'y and will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Prices range from $125 up. Let us tell you all the particulars about 'em. We also include in this number lots 49, 50, 51 and 52, Block 8 in Urbanrest, near Royal Oak, at $20 per lot.

No. 21.

The Corson Homestead on Maple Ave., consisting of lots 6, 7 and 8 of Willitt's plat, being [illegible] x 116½ feet each. 180 feet front on Maple Ave., one of the most valuable residence portions of the village. A good comfortable house and good barn, with ample room for a garden. Fine shade trees and best neighborhood in the village. Frontage along this locality on Maple Ave. is worth $25 per front foot; that would make $4,500. Now, owing to the fact that Mr. Corson wishes to sell and sell right away, he will take $[illegible], and it ought to be spot cash at that, but that can be arranged so that the terms need not worry you at all.

No. 22.

One hundred and [illegible] acres in the township of Troy on section 33, [illegible] acres cleared, 25 acres in timber, [illegible] [illegible] per acre and that is [illegible] he paid for it before electric railways were thought of. Only 40 rods to a good school and half a mile to the post office.

No. 25.

The Toynton place, a nice little farm of 78 acres, with four acres of good orchard and buildings as good as anybody's. One mile west of Bloomfield Centre (Circle postoffice), five minute's walk from Long Lake. Basement barn which cost nearly $1,000. House has seven rooms and woodshed, cellar, cistern, well, tool house, chicken house, pig pens, corn crib. A never failing stream runs through the farm. This farm is on the line of the proposed Bloomfield and Orchard Lake electric Railway, from Bloomfield Centre to Orchard Lake. The price which was $65 per acre before the new electric road was thought of, remains the same, although all the farms in the neighborhood have gone "hiking."

No. 2.

Farm of 80 acres, well fenced, well watered—never-failing stream; 10 acres timber, 1½ miles from Bloomfield Center and electric Railway to Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

No. 23.

It was formerly known as the "Wilde Farm" and contains about 100 acres of excellent land, well adapted for grazing or crops. It has about three-quarters of a mile frontage on both sides of Woodward Ave., adjoining the village of Birmingham on the north. The cars of the Detroit & Pontiac Electric Railway run each way every half hour and the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad traverses the entire length of the farm. It has suitable buildings, good fences and a pretty brook of clear cold water runs through the meadow land, furnishing a never-failing supply for stock. This place must be sold within 90 days and we have put the very lowest possible price upon it which we can entertain. It can be bought for $10,000, one-fourth cash and balance on easy terms. Think it over and let us know what your thoughts are; only don't wait too long, for 90 days is the limit.

No. 26.

One of the finest farms in the grand old township of Bloomfield, celebrated alike for its fine scenery and productive soil. It is the "Harff farm" about midway between Birmingham and Pontiac and just far enough from the Electric Railway to take advantage of all its conveniences and not be inconvenienced. 240 acres gravelly loam, 15 acres of the finest orchard in the state, 2,000 peach trees, 700 plum trees, brick house with all conveniences, 22 rooms, 2 wells, good windmill, barn 100x50, with ample sheds, good school near the farm, and land is perfectly [illegible], 2½ miles (15 minutes) to Pontiac. Excellent roads at all times. Price per acre is low and terms are easy. Let us tell you about it. A postal card will do it.

No. 27.

Want to go west? Well, here's your chance. 160 acres of red Mesa land in Delta county, Colorado. Said by experts to be the finest fruit land in the world. Two thirds of the farm is cleared and there is an orchard of 45 acres of the best and finest varieties of fruit, 3 buildings and everything ready for business. The price is $[illegible] and a proper discount for cash will be given from this rate or will trade for Detroit vacant lots for part of the purchase money. Remember what the sage of Chappaqua said and let us explain about the healthful climate of Colorado. If you have lung trouble or asthma this is worth your while to investigate.

No. 28.

Small farm one mile east of Pontiac on the Auburn road, 25 acres good fruit land, [illegible] and with buildings worth [illegible], the whole business can be bought for $[illegible]. The owner's health makes it obligatory for the place to be sold and we wish you would come and make us an offer on this very desirable place and let us explain more fully about it.

No. 29.

House and lot, No. 1420 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit, 1½ blocks from the Boulevard, [illegible] and basement, paved street, house piped for furnace, 30 feet front, small barn. Price $[illegible] or will trade for village property in Birmingham, would prefer a small farm of about 5 or 10 acres. If you want to try your liking for city life, you can do so at little expense and get into the best residence part of the city.

No. 30.

One of the very nicest and best arranged homes in the village of Birmingham, and in the finest location that can be desired. On the west side of Saginaw St., lot 60x112. New house of twenty fine rooms, gas, furnace, bath, hot and cold water, both hard and soft water, motor pumps, wood house, and plenty of room for a [illegible]

No. 31.

[illegible]

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No. 33.

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No. 34.

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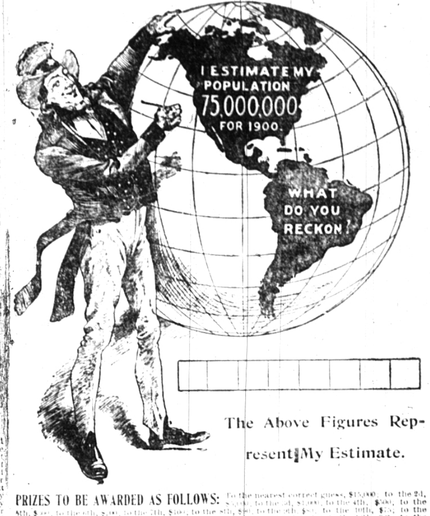

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PRIZES TO BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS: To the nearest correct guess, $15,000; to the 2d, $[illegible]; to the 3d, $1,000; to the 4th, $500; to the 5th, $[illegible]; to the 6th, $[illegible]; to the 7th, $100; to the 8th, $[illegible]; to the 9th, $[illegible]; to the 10th, $75; to the 11th, $[illegible]; to the 12th, $50; to the 13th, $40; to the 14th, $35; to the 15th, $30; to the 16th, $25; to the 17th, $[illegible]; to the 18th, $15; to the 19th, $15; to the 20th, $15; to the next 18, $5 each; to the next 100, $4 each; to the next 100, $2.50 each; to the next 200, $2 each; to the next 400, $1 each.

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In case of a tie, or that two or more estimators are equally correct, prizes will be divided equally between them. This contest will close one month before the population has been officially announced by the Director of the United States Census at Washington, D. C., and the Eccentric will announce the date when the guessing will close.

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