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A REMARKABLE HOUND

Animal Tracked Missing Man Proved by Body's Find.

[The owner of the dog referred to in the following account is a nephew of Mrs. Geo. H. Toms and about three years ago visited his relatives in this village.]

"The finding of the body of John McNamara of Brockport, in the canal near Rochester, recently shows that the Palmyra bloodhound that was put upon the track of the missing man was on his trail all the time. The dog belongs to Charles F. Hislop of Palmyra, and is a thoroughbred bloodhound.

When no trace of the missing man could be found Mr. Hislop was sent for and he took the dog to Brockport. The dog was at once taken to the home of McNamara and was not the least from some clothes formerly worn by the man, and although he had been gone over 30 hours, the dog immediately took up the scent and started up High street at a gallop, watched by at least 500 residents of that village. The dog took the trail from the start and it was more than apparent to every one who saw the chase that he never missed it. He took the crowd into the fair grounds and from there made a straight line for the canal banks and as soon as he reached it he stopped and set up a long howl.

Mr. Hislop then told the officials that if they would find the canal thoroughly they would find the body of McNamara without a doubt. They were skeptical regarding the matter, however, as they had spent some hours dragging for the body in the morning, but Mr. Hislop was persistent, but still they thought the dog had made a mistake. The finding of the body in the canal near Greener, however proved beyond doubt that the bloodhound was on the man's trail all the time and that he undoubtedly stood on the very spot where the man went into the water when he gave the blood howl.

The dog is a rare specimen of a bloodhound and is undoubtedly one of the greatest man-hunters in this part of the country. He is only a little over a year old but will take a scent that is little over two days old and will run it to the end. Mr. Hislop sent the dog to New York a short time ago and while there he ran an escaped convict down after a start of two days and a half. Mr. Hislop often gives exhibitions of the dog's skill in Palmyra and on no instance did he ever disappoint his owner in his work.—Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat.

Obituary.

Entered into eternity December 13, at the old home in Southfield, John McKinley, in the 85th year of his life.

Mr. McKinley and his wife came here from New York over fifty years ago. They were born five children of whom three survive him. James, of Birmingham; Mrs. Alice Bott, of Gagetown, and David, of Southfield.

Mr. McKinley had been feeble for some time but went suddenly at the last. He was an honored member of the U. P. church. The funeral was held at the home and was largely attended. His pastor, Rev. Leal Clark, officiated.

Notice.

I will collect Township Taxes every week day from December 1st to January 10th at the store of Cubb & Cubb, except every Saturday at County Treasurer's office, Pontiac.

T. H. Cobb, Treas.

STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

Frank Miller's right hand was cut off by a band saw in the Holland furniture factory.

The Grand Rapids mailman from whom a letter is off. The old wage scale will stand.

Editor James Russell, of the Mining Journal, has been appointed warden of the state prison.

The farmers of St. Jo county have "served" investors in the "trust" and the organization is now broken up.

Clate Link, who lives six miles from Burr Oak, attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. The wound has been dressed and the doctor thinks he may recover.

Judge Lovell returned to Pitt Sunday evening from a leisurely trip in horse and buggy through the counties of McLean, Clark, Osceola, Meconia, Neway and Clinton. He was quite tired and drove 30 miles.

James Sage, in the Standish jail on the charge of having two many wives, suffered a paralytic stroke Tuesday morning and cannot live, the doctor says. His trial was to take place at the next term of the Circuit Court.

Moosa Grim, who, it is alleged, deserted his family in Standish several years ago was caught by Sheriff Pomeroy Thursday, living on a good farm near Boyne City, brought home and placed in the county jail. His wife has supported herself by taking in washing several years, and is in poor health.

Forest Fires. Forest fires have devastated hundreds of acres of farm and timber land in the vicinity of Lake Linden and in the vicinity of Rice and Mad Jakes. The flames threaten the crops near Lake Linden. Volumes of smoke and flames could be seen Wednesday above the forests to the east of Lake Linden. An enormous tract of land covered with berry bushes and sage brush has been devastated.

One Per Cent Christians. One per cent of the population of India professes the Christian religion.

SARATOGA FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Ceremonies Observed in Old United States Hotel.

Perhaps the best test of social embellishment was to be seen at Saratoga Springs, where the old United States hotel assembled in the season the wealth and fashion of the country. The great dining room, resplendent with mirrors and gilding, showed a dinner table covered with silver dishes, while behind every chair a colored waiter man was stationed. The major-domo (as head waiter) stood at the head of the table with a silver tray in his hand. Orchestral music ushered in the guests, who took their seats at table; the major-domo raised his wand and each waiter man advanced and stood back of the guests; at the second wave of the wand the waiters laid hands upon the dish covers, and at the third wave every cover was lifted and laid upon small round tables, which other attendants carried away. Then the major-domo laid his hand upon his heart and bowed to the guests, the music struck up, and the waiters served the dishes.—Lippincott's.

STORY OF "TOM" OCHILTREE.

Gallant Colonel Had Science of Shooting Down Fins.

Col. "Tom" Ochiltree was once invited to spend a week at the deer hunting lodge in the Maitland woods of one of his friends, and trapped the wilds for a week without bringing down anything. On the last day of his visit he was approaching the lodge in company with his entertainer, just as dusk, and seeing something in the thicket, fired at it. It turned out to be a cat, but the Honorable Tom missed it as gallantly as if it had been a buck of many antlers. "What's this," shouted his host, "you pretend to be a hunter, but can't hit a cat?" "Well," Tom replied, "I wasn't just sure what it was, so I shot to hit it if it was a deer and miss it if it was a cat."

Making and Spending Money.

Formerly men were trained to spend money; now they are trained to make money, not to spend it. The result of this development is that most of the rich in England now spend their money in the United States. They do not now go down food from bad food, good wine from bad wine, good cigars from bad cigars, and good pictures from bad pictures, but from imitations. Their only standard of value is the price, and so prices have gone up all around. As it is taken for granted by them in their ignorance that the dearest article is the best, they buy it, and the cunning tradesman naturally increases his prices to obtain their custom.—London Truth.

Single Tax in Operation.

On the east coast of Vancouver Island in British Columbia the flourishing town of Nanaimo, with its 6,000 inhabitants, has no tax for municipal purposes save one on land values. The town is a miners' town, and is divided into lots according to the orthodox interpretation of the single tax theory. The town is a miners' town, where the doctrine of "three acres and a cow" is almost universally realized as well as that of every man his own house. For this result the ease terms of the London syndicate which owns the coal and land in the neighborhood are largely responsible.

Wilhelmina's Narrow Escape.

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, when seventeen years of age, visited Switzerland and stopped at Grindelwald. Next to the hotel grounds was a bear pit which at the time contained a young bear. The queen took a great fancy to the animal, and fed it regularly every day. On one occasion she entered the bear pit as usual, but the bear, instead of coming up quietly to be fed, attacked the queen, and, carrying her with some scratches and a torn dress. She still carries the marks of her encounter with the bear.

New Issue for Kansas.

In Kansas a new issue has projected itself on the public. A new head of the state university just arrived from the east has tried to make the professors wear caps and gowns during class work, with the result of looking scoffs from students and derogatory resolutions from politicians. Eastern contemporaries are exulting in the narrowness of the professor's view, and are fighting against caps and gowns, but a word or two might be said on the narrowness of fighting to introduce Exchange.

New York Not Always First.

New York was not always the first city of America. In 1790 Philadelphia had a population of 12,000; Boston, 11,500; and New York, 8,600. Twenty years later, Philadelphia's population had risen to 18,000, Boston's to 14,000 and New York's to 10,000. In 1790 the Quaker City still held with 40,000; New York had jumped into second place with 33,000, while Boston stood at 18,000.

Why the Sluggard was Discouraged.

And it came to pass that the Sluggard, after consulting the Sage from Sagaville, heeded his advice and went to the lot for the purpose of acquiring a job lot of wisdom. But when he finally arrived at the hill where the Ant, toiled eighteen hours daily, he discovered a half-starved creature making a one-course dinner of the Ant colony. "Verily," remarked the Sluggard to himself, as he turned away in disgust, "if that is the reward of industry, I shall continue to slug heretofore."

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The Punch Bowl.

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It seems to be a growing practice, even among our church members, to have a so-called punch-bowl society as part of their social entertainments. The Bible enjoins us, "Let not your good be evil spoken of." "Avo" even the appearance of a "punch" etc. All the dictionaries define "punch" as an intoxicating beverage—a mixed drink, with some kind of intoxicating liquor in the mixture. The Standard Dictionary, the latest and highest authority both in England and the United States, gives these definitions:

PUNCH—An alcoholic beverage composed of wine or spirits, sweetened, flavored usually with lemon or orange, and commonly diluted with water.

PUNCH BOWL—A large bowl in which punch is mixed and from which it is served.

PUNCH HOUSE—A drinking house, in India a saloon, tavern or grogshop. It is, therefore, placed not inconsistent for church members, Christian Endeavor, Epworth Leagues, or members of a Baptist Young People's Union, to indulge in or countenance a custom, through which with subtle craft the godless habit of drinking is made respectable recognition, to prevent social functions for its evil gain and to debase the young by creating an alcoholic appetite.

The Standard Dictionary also gives this: "Sherbet—An oriental drink made of fruit juice diluted with water, sweetened, flavored, and sometimes cold with snow." This kind of drink is now called "fruitade" in American usage, although this word is not yet given in any dictionary. And people should understand that if they order from a caterer a supply of fruit punch, or milk punch, or Roman punch, or any sort of "punch," that means to him that you want some sort of intoxicating liquor. And when a report is published that so and so had "swooled and lashed" that so and so had "swooled and lashed," that means in a literary and trade sense that intoxicating liquor was served, is so understood by liquor dealers, and is gratifying to them as a social standard of respectability to their business, in spite of church condemnations and court rulings to the contrary. Hence if any people do not wish to be understood as using intoxicating drinks at their social gatherings they must not use the word "punch" in that connection. Fruitade, orangeade, straw-berlyade, pineappleade, etc., are as "wholesome" words as "punch" and are good, plain American talk, and preferable to the oriental word "sherbet." Let such distinctions be observed both as to the drink used and the names used—Selected.

Nealisms From the Northville (Mich.) Record.

The Carleton Times announces "Hard coal taken in on subscription." Most any fuel wood this year.

The Orion Review chronicled the robbery of a hen house and announced two chicken-pie suppers in the same column last week.

We have tuned the last page of the calendar—Birmingham Eclectic, so've we. What a remarkable coincidence "Great minds"—"same channel"—etc.

New Use for Wireless Telegraphy. On a Texas railway wireless telegraphy is now being installed for the purpose of preventing collisions.

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