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"So Long."

"You have perhaps wondered how the expression 'so long' came to be so generally used by the American people," said a Columbia college lecturer the other day. "It is usually used in closing a conversation, and is simply a form of 'good-bye.' The Norwegians brought it to this country. In that land of the midnight sun 'saalaenge' is a common form of farewell. It means the same as the 'auf diedersehen' of the German or the 'au revoir' of the French. Among the early settlers in America were many Norwegians, and the phrase was picked up from them. They pronounce it with the g softened and accompany it with a wave of the hand."

Libraries in Ancient Times.

So far as existing records show, the oldest approximation to libraries was brought to light by the Assyrian discoveries in the form of Babylonish books inscribed on clay tablets. They are supposed to have been prepared for public instruction about 650 B. C. Plistratus is said to have founded a library at Athens about 537 B. C., but there is no clear evidence to that effect. According to Strabo, Aristotle was the first known collector of a library, and bequeathed it to Theophratus, B. C. 322, the library finally going to Rome.

Admiral of Giants.

Nothing pleased Frederick the Great of Prussia more than the present of a giant or two to add to his regiment of tall men. On his birthday he usually received from his brother sovereigns a number of recruits for his regiment of stalwarts.

Forest Reserves.

More and more the national government is taking an interest in the matter of reserving tracts of land for forest growths. In most cases the tracts reserved are not valuable for agriculture of any kind. It is not perhaps known to most Americans that the United States has a forest reserve in Porto Rico. It is in the eastern part of the island and embraces about 65,000 acres, or about 100 square miles. The region is very mountainous and at the present time is unsurveyed. A great variety of woods are, however, found on the reserve.

She Said "Yes."

"I assure you," said the persistent suitor, "that I will not take 'no' for an answer." "You needn't," replied Miss Bright. "I'll say 'yes' upon one condition." "And that is?" "That ask me if I am determined not to marry you under any circumstances."

VERY CONSOLING

Howard G. Carter's Comments on Investments in Legitimate Mining Investments.

The following item clipped from the St. Clair County Press, published at St. Clair, will apply to Birmingham and vicinity just as well as St. Clair. Out of the thousands of dollars sent from this place to mining companies for stock, Howard G Carter's company, the Sonora Mining & Investment Company, of Mexico, is the only one to ever pay a dividend. November last a dividend of ½ cent a share was paid, and on February 1 next one of 1 cent a share is declared. As many people bought at 1 cent a share, their profit will be enormous:

DETROIT, MICH., Jan. 5, '06.
EDITOR ST. CLAIR COUNTY PRESS, ST. CLAIR, MICH.:

Dear Sir—I notice in your issue of November 2, 1905, the inclosed article in reference to Mr. Charles Harrington receiving a dividend on mining stock which he purchased of the Sonora Mining & Investment Company. I wish to state that Mr. Harrington is not the only holder of the above stock in your city who has received a dividend on the same. Our company is paying its stockholders a regular quarterly dividends, and Mr. Harrington is not the only fortunate individual whose holdings are worth several times more now than when they purchased the same, to say nothing about their receiving their regular quarterly dividend checks.

I also note what you say in reference to St. Clair people having invested at least $225,000 in mining and other stocks and note results of above investors. I will make the following statement, that if the above amount of money, to-wit, $225,000, had been invested in legitimate mining enterprises, the money thus invested being used to develop and equip same, ere this date the St. Clair investors would have received the original investment in dividends, and their holdings would be worth many times the original cost price.

Mining made the Roman Empire the mistress of the world; mining made Great Britain the world's commercial dictator; mining made the United States the richest country in the world. Show me a country with no mine and I will show you a people sunk in degradation and poverty. It is an indisputable fact that the dividends paid by all the banks of the United States are less than those paid by the gold and silver mines of the United States, to say nothing of the metal values produced by the lead, zinc and copper mines. Gold sells at the United States mint for $20.67 per ounce. It is unaffected by competition, hard times, droughts or pestilence. It is legitimate. It is more profitable today than ever before in the world's history. By reason of recent discoveries in the means of treating ores, mines that were worthless a few years ago are paying dividends today.

Therefore, I conclude that the man who invests in legitimate mining today will receive a larger interest on his investment than in any other enterprise.

Yours respectfully,
HOWARD G. CARTER.

Get on the Shape.

"In
days
long ago,
In the sixties
you know, when
Grandma went walking
she held her skirts so.

What
would she
say, if she saw
girls today, with
skirts clutched
so tightly
they all
look
this
way
?"

HEALTH AND BEAUTY HINTS.

How Many Birmingham Ladies Have Improved Their Appearance Through a Simple Remedy?

The outward application of lotions and powders can never do more than cover up a poor complexion, and such preparations invariably ruin the texture of the skin when used persistently.

Most everybody cares for a good healthy color, bright eyes, a ruddy glow and a clear skin. A good complexion depends very much upon the condition of your blood, your kidneys, your liver, and your digestion. "Now we are going to tell you" say Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb "just how your skin may be as free from moth spots, blotches pimples and sallowness as you could desire. If you will only take our advice and try a 25-cent box of Laxakola Tonic Tablets they will do more to clear up your complexion than anything you have ever tried."

They open the pores, enrich the blood, stimulate the liver, freshen the skin and cure chronic constipation by toning up the intestines and encouraging the natural action of the bowles. If you are not thoroughly benefitted as claimed, come back to the store and get your 25c.

Many a so-called truthful man is merely a diplomatic liar.

LUCKLESS JACK

John King Gets a Bad Cut in His Heel While Working at the Hoop and Stave Mill.

While at work last week Friday at the hoop and stave mill John King, an employe of that factory, during the afternoon met with a bad accident which will lay him up and give him much pain before a cure is made. While at work in moving a car his foot slipped on the rail and his foot struck the saw. The cut was a bad one, two gashes in his heel and one on his big toe. His heel was nearly severed from his foot, eight stitches being made by Dr. C. M. Raynale. Geo. Groves very carefully moved the wounded man to the Doctor's home, and from thence to the victim's home, where he is doing as well as any one could do under the circumstances.

NOTICE.

We, the undersigned, owners of Upper Long Lake, will prosecute any person caught fishing through the ice or shooting on the marshes, or hunting in any way, shape or manner.

A. F. KLEM.
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CHARLES GREER.
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A LOST BROTHER

Information Wanted as to the Whereabouts of Charles Stratton Black.

Charles Stratton Black was born in the City of Newry, Armagh Co., Ireland. He was the son of Thomas Henry Black, a physician, and Elizabeth Black. The parents died when the children were very young and the family became scattered. There were four children—Charles Stratton, Edmund, Alfred, and one daughter, Edith. Edmund and Edith are both dead. Charles, after the death of his parents, was taken by an uncle to the City of Cork, in Ireland, and educated in the school of art, and became quite an artist. His uncle, Wm. Turner, died, and Charles and his aunt moved to the City of Belfast, where Charles thought he would like to learn the ship-building business. He was bound as an apprentice to Harland & Wolf on what is known as the "Queen Island," in Belfast, but changed his mind and emigrated to America. He was for a time in Mexico, and when last heard from was in New Orleans, La. His brother, Alfred Black, is a resident of Birmingham Mich., and if this should meet the eye of anyone having any knowledge of the whereabouts of his brother Charley, he would be very thankful for the information.

Exchanges please copy.

MISS EVA B. M'CLELLAN'S RECITAL

Miss Eva B. McClellan, a graduate of the Detroit School of Expression, Mildred A. Bolt, principal, gave a graduate's recital to a well-filled house of fully 300 invited guests on Friday evening last.

Although the evening was not as pleasant as it might have been, having a little rain, everything went off nicely. The stage decorations were beautiful, the audience attentive and everything pertaining to the affair was elaborate to a degree, and Miss Eva and those assisting her are to be congratulated upon having an instructor who could bring them up to so high a standard.

Miss McClellan was assisted by Miss Belle Mitchell, Miss Mayme Tabor and Joseph Luttenberg, readers; Miss Alice G. Crary, soloist, the Pontiac Male Quartette, and a Birmingham orchestra—Miss Kelley and Prof. Bellis, violinists; Mrs. Bellis pianist.

When the curtain raised for the first time Miss McClellan appeared on the stage looking very pretty in a most dainty gown of white pointe de sprague over white silk, and the manner in which she gave the reading "Sally Ann's Experience" proved that she had made no mistake in the choosing of her profession.

In the reading of "Scotland's Maiden Martyr," she proved to her audience that she was master of any position and right at home in the rendering of a piece of deep study as well as one of mirth, and her actions and voice, when taking the part of a child in "Good Management," were perfect and the way she imitated the voice and manner of the grandmother, mother and brother of "the pet of the family" in their efforts to "manage" could not have been better.

After a finely rendered vocal selection by Miss Alice G. Crary, Miss McClellan appeared on the stage in a costume of about sixty years ago, and the way she presented the "maiden lady" of that period to the audience in "Constancy" brought forth much applause.

In the pantomime, "Study Hour," Miss McClellan was assisted by Miss Mitchell, and the two girls certainly gave the audience a most correct idea of the "study hour" of the girls of the present day, nine tenths of the time being spent in eating fudge, exchanging confidences, and a dancing lesson with about one-tenth study, which created much mirth.

In "The Wayward Life" she presented a most pathetic scene, and distinguished herself by showing her audience that she was just as good in the part of the sad character, as well as the original character in "A Telephone Romance".

After an enjoyable selection by the Pontiac Male Quartette—C. S. Johnson, H. W. Clark, S. M. Tucker and B. J. Greer—Miss McClellan distinguished herself in a one act farce entitled "Our New Butler." Miss Eva took the part of Sarah, the maid, and was assisted by Miss Tabor and Mr. Luttenberg, taking the parts of Mr. and Mrs. Appleton. Mrs. Appleton had ordered a new man servant, the gentleman friend of Sarah, the maid, on Sarah's recommendation. This of course, was beyond the means of Mr. Appleton, and by bribing the maid he endeavored to make his wife see her mistake. Therefore Mr. Appleton was dressed in the costume of a butler, and, with the help of the maid, made life miserable for Mrs. Appleton for a whole half day. At the end of this time she was perfectly satisfied to do without the butler and enjoy the attentions of her husband. Miss McClellan's Irish dialect in this farce was perfect and more than ever proved that she was equal to any emergency.

The last musical number was a fine selection by the orchestra, after which Mrs. Mildred A. Bolt, with a few well-chosen words, presented Miss McClellan with her diploma.

Miss McClellan was the recipient of many beautiful presents and an abundance of flowers, and we congratulate her on the excellent progress she has made in her chosen profession, and we bespeak for her a most successful career.

Death of Wm. Flinn.

The body of Wm. Flinn, who died at his home on his farm near Orion, was brought to Greenwood cemetery, this village, for burial last Sunday by special electric car, escorted by a body of his Masonic brothers and fellows. They were met at the cemetery entrance by about fifty members of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M., and the burial services were performed by the officers of the Birmingham Lodge. W. M. Wm. Masters, assisted by P. Ms. Eugene Brooke, Daniel M. Johnston and A. Whitehead. Although the forenoon was rainy and disagreeable, the afternoon was warm and clear and many friends were at the grave to pay their last respects to a good man.

Mr. Flinn was for years a citizen of our place, and had many warm friends here. Late years he has lived on his farm near Orion, and before his death was a great sufferer. Mrs. Flinn's health is very poor, so much so that she was unable to come to the cemetery with the body. Many other friends came with he body besides the Masons, and as the last words were said that ended the ceremonies, every one present was sadly affected. Mr. Flinn leaves a wife and daughter, Fronia, besides a brother, Mr. Chas. W. Flinn, and a sister, Mrs. Bertha Park, to mourn his loss.

Beats The Music Cure.

"To keep the body in tune," writes Mrs. Mary Brown, 20 Lafayette, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., "I take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are the most reliable and pleasant laxative I have found." Best for the Stomach, Liver and Bowels. Guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists. 25c.

OBITUARY.

MRS. ADDIE E. PATCH.

Mrs. Addie E. Patch died at her home Sunday morning Jan. 21, 1906.

Addie E. Swem was born at Goshen, Mahoning Co, Ohio, July 30, 1847, was married to Arthur E. Patch at Small Hill Dec. 25, 1866 and moved to the vicinity of Birmingham, where they have been engaged in the occupation of farming ever since. Mrs. Patch was endowed with a very cheerful disposition and her many acts of true Christian charity will long be remembered by a large circle of friends. Generous to a fault, no one was ever known to leave the door of Mrs Patch with a refusal of aid. Truly the Master will reward this kind of Christianity. To her alone is all the honor of the building of the school house in her vicinity be given and she was an honored member of the school board in her district for many years.

Besides her husband and son, Vernon, of Birmingham her daughters, Mrs. J. H. Hathaway, of Amy, Mrs. Wm. McKemstry who lived on the farm of the deceased and Mrs. Robert Featherstone of Rochester she leaves several grand children and any number of friends to mourn her loss. Her remains were buried in Greenwood cemetery on Wednesday.

New Milch Cows For Sale.

I offer for sale at a low price 25 new milch cows for sale and Springers. This fine lot of cattle can be seen at Spring Brook Farm 1 1-2 miles west of Birmingham. FRED E. BROOKS. 2t

OUR SCHOOL NEWS

New Orchestra a Winning Feature—Foot Ball Boys Wear the Smile That Won't Come Off.

The semi-monthly meeting of the High School Literary Society was held last Thursday evening in the high school assembly room. The meeting was one of especial interest owing to the fact that the orchestra made its first appearance at the time. The orchestra, which is composed of 11 pieces, made a most favorable impression, and it is safe to predict that this organization, under the excellent leadership of Mr. Bellis, will become the most popular event in any musical program. Other numbers on the program were: An excellent paper on the Czar of Russia, by Olive Dennison, a piano solo by Jimmie Todd, which reflected great credit on the player; a vocal solo by Miss Kelley, who, as usual, made her audience wish that encores were rulable and a debate on the subject of capital punishment.

The meeting was the first of three paid entertainments which the society will give during the year. The proceeds from this meeting were turned over to the foot ball boys, and they appreciate the generous manner in which the public turned out to their "benefit."

The next meeting will be held on the evening of February 1, at 7 o'clock, in the high school building. As usual, admittance will be by invitation. If your care to come, ask one of your high school friends for a ticket. Among the good things on the program will be a vocal solo by Miss Egler, two selections by the orchestra; and an address by Rev Watson.

The Rural Advocate.

An illustrated monthly magazine treating upon all phases of farm life; 25c per year, three years for 50c. No farm home complete without it. Notwithstanding the many papers you are now taking you cannot afford to do without the educational features of this valuable farm magazine, published in your own State and by farmers actively engage" in the business of tilling the soil. It is different from all other papers. Send for a free sample copy. The Rural Advocate Publishing Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich. 15 North Jefferson Ave. 2t

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Effective January 5th, 1906, through Pullman sleeper will leave Cincinnati at 8:30 a. m. every Friday via Queen & Crescent Route and Southern Railway to Mobile, connecting with Munson SS Line's Steamer "Prince George" at 4:30 p. m. on Saturdays, and through sleeper from Mobile every Friday at 7:00 p. m. north to Cincinnati on arrival of steamer "Prince George" from Havana.

Tickets now on sale good until May 31st at the rate of $65 for the round-trip from Cincinnati, including meals and berths on steamer.

For information address Frank Johnson, Special Agent Passenger Department Munson SS Line, Washington C. H. Ohio, or W. C. Rinearson, GPA Queen & Crescent Route, Cincinnati, Ohio.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Jan. 20, 1906

Caroline E. Knowles, Mrs. Helen Warner.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

May Live 100 Years.

The chances for living a full century are excellent in the case of Mrs. Jennie Duncan, of Haymeville, Mo., now 70 years old. She writes: "Electric Bitters cured me of Chronic Dyspepsia of 20 years standing, and made me feel as well and strong as a young girl." Electric Bitters cure Stomach and Liver diseases. Blood disorders, General Debility and and bodily weakness. So'd on a guarantee at Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb drug stores. Price only 50c.

Miniatures on Cards.

Another new idea, or rather a recycled old one, was shown in the cards at a bridge luncheon given by Gov. Kortright in Hot Springs, Va. These cards, which reached the limit of expensiveness, were an almost exact reproduction of the Holbein miniature of the duchess of Norfolk, according to the New York Press. Like the Holbein miniature—which is painted on the back of a playing card, the nine of clubs, as was the custom of artists of that period—the miniature in question, which were beautifully copied by a prominent English painter, were also on cards, which made them especially appropriate souvenirs for such an affair. The miniature from which they were copied is said to be the smallest and most valuable painting in the London collection of J. Pierpont Morgan. This honor of ownership has descended down upon his head the comment that he has made money "for the pleasure it gives him to get something that other persons want."

Half The World Wonders

how the other half lives. Those who use Bucklen's Arnica Salve never wonder if it will cure Cuts, Wounds, Burns, Sores and all Skin eruptions; they know it will. Mrs. Grace Shy, 1130 E. Reynolds St., Springfield, Ill., says: "I regard it one of the absolute necessities of household keeping." Guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists. 25c.