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MACHINERY AND MATERIALS HERE

Independent Scale Plant Will Open Shortly—Installation Begins Next Week.

The machinery and materials that were shipped some time ago from Kansas City for the new Independent Scale company in Asheville have arrived, and it is stated today that work will begin next week in the installation of the machinery. The two-story brick factory building at the corner of McDowell street and Southside avenue will be completed within the next four or five days, and the installation of the machinery will probably begin immediately after the building is completed.

An officer of the company was unwilling this morning to name any definite date for the opening of the new factory, but stated that the plans now are to have the output of the plant on the market by January 1. Experts in the various departments of the work will be brought here from Kansas City to take charge at once and superintend the installation work. The remaining employees will be secured from among local men.

Besides the experts, there will be about 20 workmen employed at the factory at its opening. It is planned, however, to increase this force very rapidly, and within a few months the factory will employ about 60 men, which will add quite materially to the payroll of the city. The new plant will be a real acquisition to the industrial life of Asheville.

PONDEROUS SEA ELEPHANTS.

They Have Two Foot Trunks and Flippers Tipped With Claws. That which is believed to be the last herd of sea elephants known to exist is to be found at Guadalupe Island, off the west coast of Mexico. In the herd there are now only about thirty specimens.

The sea elephant is an important link in the chain of evolution and is the largest of all fin footed animals. The adult male is about twenty-two feet in length and is about eight feet high when propped up on his front flippers in a natural position. These great bulls weigh from two to three tons and have a trunk, or proboscis, which, when relaxed, hangs down over the mouth about two feet. In the end of this the nostrils are placed rather wide apart, and when they breathe their whole mass trembles in tiny undulations to the very end.

The flippers are thick and tipped with heavy claws. There is a tail about one foot and a half long, separated horizontally in two divisions. This tail acts as a propeller, to resist the huge creature when he comes in through the breakers. He hoists his back flippers and tail so as to catch the full sweep of the waves, and then allows himself to be washed up on the beach.

Course, bristly hair grows sparsely from the back along the body, and a tough protecting crust of flesh reaches like a shield from the lower jaw down over the chest and round to the back of the neck. This biblike affair is nature's provision for protection in time of battle. The male fights viciously in the mating season, and the chest protector prevents much loss of life.

Sea elephants live on various kinds of small fish and use the trunk to seize them with. Afterward the food is transferred to the mouth precisely as elephants manage it.

EGGS BY THE YARD.

Korea Also Produces Oysters That Weigh Ten Pounds Each. While in the orient a correspondent had occasion to call on friends who lived near Seoul, the principal city of Korea. He tells the following story: One morning my hostess, while giving orders for the necessary things from the market for the day, mentioned four yards of eggs. I accompanied the steward that day on his marketing trip, and when the eggs were asked for the grocer reached down in a barrel and brought out the end of a large straw rope. He measured off the required length on the counter, just as a dry goods store clerk would measure off cloth, rolled it up and put it in the basket without a smile. The eggs were inside of this hollow straw rope, with a string tied on the outside of it between each egg. This effectually protected the eggs from being broken while handling.

Another day my hostess ordered two "small" oysters for dinner. This order caused me to wonder a little, for I knew that there would be seven to nine, besides the servants, but when the oysters arrived all was explained. For one weighed four and a half pounds, and the other five pounds. On inquiry I was informed that some of the oysters on the northern side of Korea weigh as much as ten pounds.—Christian Science Monitor.

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HOPEFULNESS.

The hopeful man is spared a lot of misery in this world. One of the means of avoiding unnecessary misery and wretchedness is to cultivate on all occasions the spirit of hopefulness until it becomes a characteristic, a habit, the cast of mind.

THE RUSTLER'S CONVERSION

Kindness Subdues a One Time Border Ruffian.

Some years ago I visited the far west, passing through a region that had been infested by the worst element of society. I put up one night at the house of John Murphy, a sheep raiser. His ranch house was not large, but comfortable, and its decorations showed evidence of refinement. His wife was a woman who impressed me as one having considerable equipoise and character. After supper I went out on the porch to have a smoke with Murphy and listened with interest to his account of the building up of his region. During our conversation I stated the opinion that men were what women made them. Then he told me his story.

"You're dead right, stranger," he said, "and I'm one of the men that have been made by a woman. When I came to this country it was from an eastern city, and my education was derived from the dime novel. I was a wail, with no father or mother to instill into me the fact that however brave the road agents and others of whom I read they were acting on a wrong principle. As it was, I admired them, and almost before I became a man I scraped up enough money to bring me out here to live the life of my heroes of the dime novel.

"I soon got to be a head man among them and for eight years lived a life that I would give anything I have to forget. I have to be thankful for only one thing. During that frightful period I never took a life. I didn't accumulate any money, and if I had I should later on have got rid of it.

"One evening I stopped at a house and knocked at the door. I intended to ask for some supper, expecting once inside to get my bearings for valuables and take them away with me. I had started in with the intention of confining my operations to stagecoaches, army paymasters and the like, but man is always going either uphill or downhill, and as I was necessarily going down I wasn't above taking anything I could get my hands on, even from a woman.

"A woman came to the door. She was young and fairly good looking. To my request for some supper she gave a smiling assent, asking me to come in and make myself comfortable. She went into the kitchen, and I looked about me. There was a chimney in the room where I was with no fire. I knew a chimney was a favorite place to hide money, and, going to the fireplace, I stopped and looked up. On a projecting brick I saw a small box, which I appropriated and, lifting the cover, saw a lot of bills and loose change. I slipped it all in my pocket and put the box back in the chimney.

"By and by the young woman came in and set a good supper on the table. I ate my fill and when I had finished took out one of the coins I had taken from the box and handed it to her.

"'No,' she said; 'there's nothing to pay. You're quite welcome to your supper. I hope it has done you good. You looked tired and hungry when you came in, and I felt sorry for you. So I have given you the best in the house.'

"That was the first lesson in kindness I ever received. At any rate, it was the first that ever took hold of me. When I thought of the contents of the box in my pocket and my offering one of her own coins in payment for her kindness, not the least part of which was the way she offered it, my despicable meanness seemed to shrivel me all up. I couldn't look her in the face.

"'You don't need to go on,' she said. 'We have a spare bed upstairs.'

"I was thinking how I could get the money back in the box in the chimney, and it occurred to me that if I stayed there all night I could slip down in the night and do the job. So I said: 'Thank you, miss. If you don't mind I reckon I will. It'll be a great accommodation to me.'

"No more than to me. My brother and his wife have gone away for a few days and left me alone with the children. They say that Murphy's gang is operating in the neighborhood, and I wouldn't mind having a man in the house.

"'In that case,' I said, 'I think I'll sleep on that lounge, and I'll guarantee that no man gets upstairs unless he goes over my dead body.'

"I knew two of my men would be along there that night, and I reckoned they'd take in anything by the way. The first thing I did before turning in was to put the money back in the box. When I'd done that I felt the first of a kind of comfort I'd never experienced before. I didn't go to sleep, wanting to be awake if any one called. In the middle of the night my two men, Pete Barnickel and Colorado Bill, did call. I showered bullets everywhere about them except just where they were, and they concluded there must be a whole vigilance committee inside. When they had gone I heard a soft voice call down the stairs:

"'Thank you.'

"'Just you go to sleep. I'm in command here.'

"And I've been in command here ever since. I married the girl. I didn't confess till shortly before the wedding and have been living here ever since. My wife owned the property, and after I came in her brother's family went off to a ranch they bought farther west."

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GOOD RECORD MADE BY LOCAL OFFICE

Asheville Recruiting Office Stands Among the First of the Country.

The local United States recruiting officer, in charge of Sergeant E. W. Bonney, stood third in the list of cities of the country in number of recruits received during the month of August, those coming first and second being New York and Chicago, respectively. And for the first nine months of the year the local office stood eighth in the list. The United States has 55 recruiting divisions and 259 recruiting stations. North Carolina is in the ninth division which includes Virginia and North and South Carolina.

Besides Sergeant Bonney, who stays in the office at all times, the local office keeps a man on the road in western North Carolina all the time, whose business it is to inform prospective applicants to any branch of the service as to what would be required of them if they enlisted. To find others who may desire to enlist in the armies of Uncle Sam.

Sergeant Bonney says that the North Carolina national guard is in excellent condition and that he believes it is as well equipped as any state militia in the United States. Under the Dick military law, Sergeant Bonney says that state troops are on the same footing as regulars, that is in equipment, drills, etc., and that he believes in case the North Carolina troops are called out that they will be able to hold their own among the militia of any other state.

Many inquiries have been received at the local office during the last week or two as to what will happen in the Mexican situation, but the sergeant always refers them to the newspapers for this information, as he says he only acts on orders and does not know any more about the situation than the average man does. Many people have signified their intention of joining one of the other branches of the service in the event that the United States intervenes in Mexico or declares war, and the sergeant thinks it would be possible to raise at least three companies in Asheville and surrounding towns, outside of the local militia.

PARCEL POST SYSTEM MORE POPULAR HERE

Asheville Postoffice Officials Hate to Think of the Christmas Rush.

According to Postmaster W. W. Rollins, the parcel post business here is growing by leaps and bounds. The business men of the city have taken advantage of the system to a large extent ever since it was instituted last January, as shown by records recently kept by the local office, but lately the percentage of increase has more than doubled in this branch of the work at the Asheville office. As some indication of the volume of the business, it is stated that one shoe concern of the city yesterday received 96 pairs of shoes by parcel post.

The real heavy business in this branch of the service, however, is expected during the Christmas holidays. Even in the past, before there was a parcel post system, the postoffice employees have had a rather hard time keeping the work up during this holiday period, but now they are anticipating one of the most grueling periods of work that they have ever experienced in handling the additional mails that are received and dispatched. Major Rollins states that no arrangements have been made as yet for additional men during the holiday rush, but he says that extra men will have to be put on to handle the business with any degree of promptness.

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By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 14.—Dudley Field Malone was confirmed by the senate yesterday as collector of customs at New York. There reports of an



MUSICAL SEELY AT MAJESTIC TODAY AND TOMORROW.

"GUARDIAN OF LIBERTY" NOW GUARDED IN JAIL

William Roberts Arrested for Preaching on Streets and Blocking the Traffic.

William Roberts, who says that he is a Holiness minister and claims to be a member of the "Guardians of Liberty," was arrested yesterday by a member of the police department,

MRS. J. J. SPANN

Resident of Biltmore Died After Long Illness—Interment at Hendersonville.

Mrs. J. J. Spann died yesterday morning at 7:20 o'clock at her home at 136 West Chestnut street, after an illness of several months, due to the infirmities of old age, the deceased being 75 years of age.

Mrs. Spann has been making her home with Miss Mary E. Spann, in Biltmore, until about two weeks ago when she moved to West Chestnut street.

Surviving are six children. The body was taken to Hendersonville, where the funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian church this morning.

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