

SIREN AND SONS.

Dr. John A. Brashear of Pittsburg, the famous maker of optical instruments, started 11 1/2 as a rolling mill machinist.

The business thoroughfare in New York known as Duane street was named after James Duane, who was the first mayor of New York after the Revolution.

Alonzo Hooker of Holbrook is said to be the youngest letter carrier in Massachusetts. He is twenty years old and passed the examination in April with a percentage of 90. His route covers about twenty-five miles.

As a memorial to his son Oscar, who died recently, Baron Albert de Rothschild of Vienna gave to the Jewish community of that city 10,000 kronen and a like sum to the municipal government, the amounts to be applied to charitable work. He gave also 200,000 kronen for educational purposes.

Henry M. Flagler started life as clerk in a country store at Canandaigua, N. Y., where he was born in 1830. He later removed to Saginaw, Mich., where he became a salt manufacturer. He afterward went into the oil business and finally became connected with the management of the Standard Oil company.

Captain Charles E. Shillaber, who is building a canal from Tampico to Tuxpan for the Mexican government, is seventy years old. He was a sailor twenty-three years, and his great-grandfather, William Shillaber, was on the Bonhomme Richard with Paul Jones when he captured the Serapis in the English channel after a desperate fight.

Things Theatrical.

"The Fourth Estate" is to be localized for the London stage by Louis N. Baker and presented in that city.

Mrs. Leslie Carter announced recently in Omaha that she would soon have a theater of her own in New York city.

"The Machine" is the title of a political play by William C. DeMille which is soon to be produced by David Belasco.

Pauline Frederick has written a play called "Pompador," which has been sold to the Liebler company for early production.

Miss Edna Bruns, who is Francis Wilson's leading support in his new comedy, "The Bachelor's Baby," is the comedian's niece.

One of the Cleveland theatrical managers has put in a house rule which forbids ushers to show people to their seats while the curtain is up.

Charles Frohman will produce "The Butterfly," a Parisian success, in London, with Cyril Maude in the leading role, and later in this country.

The Royal Box.

Prince Edward of Wales, future king of England, until a few weeks ago received 24 cents pocket money each week while in residence at Osborne Naval college.

The German empress has started many philanthropic organizations in Berlin, and one of the latest and most useful is known as the Central Association of German Actresses.

Every year the Princess of Wales assists the queen and Princess Victoria to send large parcels of warm winter clothing to the tenantry on the Sandringham estates, many of these articles being made by her personally.

The little shah of Persia is still uncrowned and will not be crowned until he is sixteen. He is now thirteen. And during his boyhood the government of the country is in the hands of Assad-ul-Mulk, head of the Kajar tribe.

Ideals of Beauty.

The Turkish woman imparts a faint bluish tint to nails and teeth.

The Tahiti girl to acquire a flat, broad nose sleeps with a compress on it.

The Arab woman paints her eyebrows so as to make them seem to meet above her nose.

The ladies of Macassar paint their teeth red and yellow; a red tooth, then a yellow one, in alternation.

The Paraguay girl eradicates her eyebrows, declaring that she does not wish to resemble a whiskered man.

Belles of certain Amazonian tribes have cone shaped skulls due to a mold worn on the head from babyhood until maturity.

Proverbs.

Poor folks' wisdom goes for little.—Dutch Proverb.

A fool is like other men as long as he is silent.—Danish Proverb.

What a noble guardian of the sheep is the wolf!—Latin Proverb.

One good word quenches more heat than a bucket of water.—Italian Proverb.

A thread will tie an honest man tighter than a rope will tie a rogue.—Scottish Proverb.

Plant That Colors Butter.

Investigations by the department of agriculture have shown that every section of the United States demands for its market a particular shade of butter. The shade varies from light yellow to a decided reddish hue. But the coloring substance is always the same, more or less of it being used according to the shade desired. It is called "annatto" and is derived from the seeds of a pretty shrub that grows in Mexico.

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Summer Not to be Extra Hot

Every fat man in town ought to rise up and give three whoops. The weather man says it won't be a hot summer, that is, as far as that seventy-five-year streak of light is concerned. Baseball fans will kindly whisle three times, cross their fingers and hold their breath, for mark, there will be storms, showers and sprinkles.

Poets can sharpen their pencils to dope out some sunrise and sunset bubbles. Every time that the comet nods its head and wags its tail, why, there is going to be some weather. Don't cuss the comet, though, for these charming April showers that the Commonwealth is wading through. It doesn't know anything about them thinks the weather man. The weather has been abnormal, he confided; seven and one-half inches of rain since the 16th of the month; more than ever, according to the record.

The particle of the comet's tail discharged into space will be favorable for the formation of clouds and rain, he declares. There will probably be all kinds of sunsets and sunrises that the comet will be mixed up in, but he will tell more about that later.—Baltimore Sun.

The state department of agriculture estimates corn acreage in this state at 3,200,000 as compared with 2,894,000 for last year. The estimate of the fruit crop condition is 110 per cent.; vegetable condition 80 per cent.

Winston-Salem, May 19.—The historic Home Moravian church building here, erected in 1798, will be remodeled at once and a Sunday school room added which will cost something like \$50,000. A new \$5,000 pipe organ will be installed in the building as soon as the work is completed.

The quarries of the Rowan Granite Company, W. H. Miller, lessee, located at Granite Quarry, Rowan county, and employing between forty and fifty men who drew good wages, shut down for a period Wednesday afternoon. It is said that inability to dispose of material on hand is the cause. There are now at the company's quarries, it is said, more than one million granite paving blocks awaiting orders.

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The Post learns from a local Socialist that the Socialists of this district and county will nominate a full ticket and expect to show up a big gain for the party. The Socialists of the State will also have a convention and put up a full ticket. The time and place have not yet been agreed upon, but it will probably be in the early part of June, and Greensboro may be the place selected.—Saisbury Post.

Hickory, May 19.—After desperate efforts to take her own life with a razor and an axe, Mrs. J. H. Deal, 27 years old, of Maiden, this afternoon, saturated her clothing with kerosene oil, and, laying down upon the floor of her bedroom, set fire to herself. Her husband arrived in time to see the flames playing about her charred corpse. She leaves two young children.

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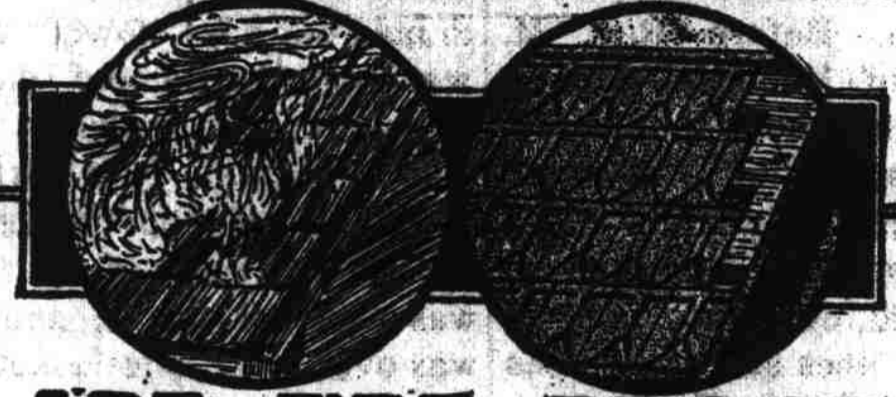
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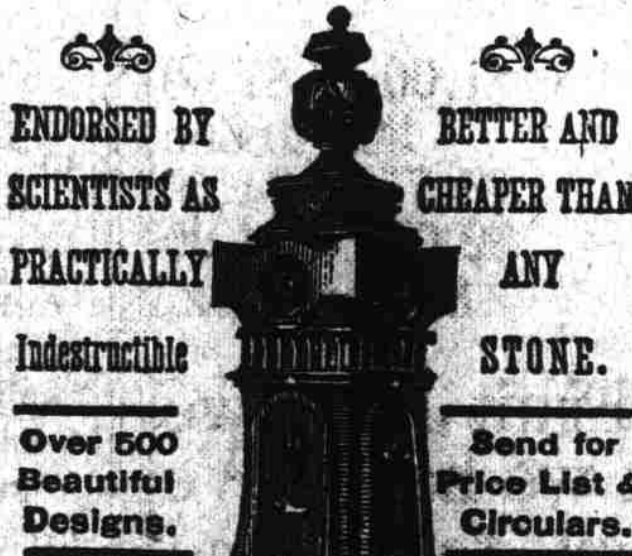
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