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FRENCH TAKE STEPS TO STOP BIRTH DECLINE.

Alarmed at Tremendous Relative Decline in Population, and Fearing Inevitable Political Insignificance, They Offer Premiums for Families of Three or More Children.

Richmond News-Leader.

There will be no "race suicide" in France during the next few centuries, according to a report received by this government...

So alarmed has France become on account of the fact that she has been steadily losing in population while nearly all of the other countries of the world almost have been making rapid gains...

From 1850 to 1890 Great Britain increased in population 14,115,000; Germany increased 29,948,000; Austria-Hungary, 15,587,000; Russia, 62,183,000, and France only 3,701,000.

The National Alliance for Increasing the French Population was founded in 1896, its object being to point out to every one the danger with which depopulation threatens France...

It is also further pointed out by the Alliance that the present law of inheritance and the methods of dividing property should be modified...

So alarming has this question of depopulation become in France that the chamber of deputies is looking exhaustively into the question.

Lack of religious beliefs and practices is said to be one of the chief reasons for the depopulation of France which, with the excessive taxes levied on a man and his family, has a tendency to diminish the size of the household considerably.

foods. These several taxes are necessary in order to raise the sum of \$223,000,000 interest on the national debt alone.

According to the plan of Mr. Bertillon, an authority in the matter, every family should have three children at least, two to replace the father and mother, and one to add to the population or fill up a vacancy by emigration or death.

Fashion Changes in Missouri.

Howard (Mo.) Contract.

How times do change! In years ago it would have been considered bad form to chew gum all evening at a party.

Mr. Vanderbilt had Planned a Lawn Party.

Asheville Gazette-News, 15th.

We are now in position to explain the whole matter, for the benefit of those supersensitive members of the "fourth estate." At the time the editors held their meeting in Asheville it had rained almost every day for weeks from Philadelphia, to Jacksonville, and Asheville had and escaped daily showers.

Does Family Count?

Portland Oregonian.

"I go a great deal on family," remarked the Ward McAllister of the community. "I tell you there's lots in blood; family counts."

Ah! does it? Abraham Lincoln's father was so poor that the negroes called him "po white trash," and Abe himself was born in a log hut with cracks in the wall so wide that you could throw a dog through them, and his mother's name was Nancy Hanks.

The father of John Adams ran a corner grocery, John Quincy Adams however, had "family" back of him, for his father, John, had been President of the United States.

James K. Polk grubbed roots on a new farm in North Carolina until he got too strong to work for his father, then he managed to secure a job in a country store.

Andrew Johnson married "family" for his wife knew enough to teach him how to read.

John Keats was the son of a hostler and was born in a livery stable.

Rare Ben Johnson laid brick while he was learning Latin.

Charles J. Bonaparte is a "family" man, but Napoleon Bonaparte once remarked: "I am my own ancestor."

Did you ever happen to hear who was the father of Homer, or of Shakespeare, or of Gladstone, or of Socrates, or of Walt Whitman?

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WHAT AN ACRE OF GROUND DOES.

How an Industrious Ex-Congressman Makes It Grow Vegetables for a Family of Five and \$175 Worth for Sale.

Communicated to Progressive Farmer.

Visitors to the Charleston Exposition interested in agriculture were attracted by a large picture on exhibition in the North Carolina section. This picture represented an old Confederate soldier with his wife and two daughters in their garden gathering peas. This picture was made from a photograph of Mr. Lewis Grady's "Unique Truck Garden" in Kinston, N. C.

A certain seed house has been widely advertising this garden as a specimen of what can be done when their seeds are used. A fertilizer company has been announcing that the results attained by Mr. Grady were due to their fertilizers.

Mr. Grady's garden occupies just an acre within the corporate limits of Kinston. From the windows of the train on the A. and N. C. Railroad his garden may be seen about a hundred yards to the north of the railway track, perhaps four yards east of the depot.

Mr. Grady told me recently he had something in his garden to sell every day in the year. He believes in intensive cultivation.

He rents the acre of ground, paying \$20 per year rent, and nearly every year raises radish enough in odd corners to pay the rent. One year he sold \$23.20 worth of radishes, besides having for his family and sending quite a number of bunches to his friends.

During the past three years his income from this one acre has been as follows: \$147 70, \$183.50, \$181.05.

This strikes me as being a fairly good showing for an old crippled Confederate soldier working for a few hours in the morning on one acre of land. He has produced enough vegetables to supply a family of five and then sell in three years \$412.25 worth.

B. W. SPILMAN. Lenoir Co., N. C.

ODD DOINGS OF YOUNG CARR.

Orders Black Rabbits to Steal His Farm and Then Dogs to Kill the Rabbits.

News and Observer.

Asheville, N. C., July 20.—J. S. Carr, the young man who shot at his reflection in a mirror here and proved by other acts that he is mentally unsound, has been taken by an officer to his home near Durham.

Carr is nineteen years old, he says, and his appearance corroborates his statement. His full name is James Sanford Carr, and his father, whose name, he said, was Richard Carr, is a farmer living fifteen miles from Durham.

No relationship exists between him and General Carr, he stated, nor is he on such close terms with Andrew Carnegie and Pierpont Morgan as to justify his telegraphic request on Tuesday to them to "come to Asheville at once."

Mr. Carr had a number of letters which the police read in order to learn who he was. In one letter he gave an order for black rabbits to steal his farm, and in another he ordered several dozen beagle dogs, stating that the black rabbits were so numerous that he feared they would eat him up alive.

ROJESTVENSKY'S REPORT OF HIS SEA BATTLE.

Ships Were Shams, Ammunition Faulty and Crews Mutinous—Two Ships Ceased Fighting and Ignored Orders.

Raleigh Post.

Paris, July 20.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of La Liberte, Admiral Rojestvensky, in his report of the battle of the Tsushima straits, which resulted in the practical annihilation of his fleet, says that his ships were bad. They had been not only hastily, but dishonestly built. The thickness of their armor did not agree with the official figures in the case of any of the vessels.

Moreover, it was of inferior quality. The shells were bad. Two-thirds of them did not explode. None of the ships were able to carry the necessary coal. None of them attained the guaranteed speed. The engines and boilers were poor and always required repairs.

A mutiny occurred while they were at Madagascar and 14 were executed. Admiral Rojestvensky had to train guns on two of his ships, the Admiral Senavien and Admiral Apraxine, to restore order. The crews had decided secretly to surrender to the enemy. This was discovered too late. There was another mutiny on Admiral Niebogoff's squadron.

Admiral Rojestvensky had not been wounded at the beginning of the battle the result might have been different. Almost simultaneously with his removal on a torpedo boat Admiral Enquist disappeared, Admiral Poelkersahm was killed and Admiral Niebogoff, who was unpopular with the sailors, was obliged to take command. Then the rout began.

Admiral Rojestvensky confirms what is generally known of the shattering and scattering of his fleet. He describes the attempt to blow up the Orei after she had surrendered. He says that a party of engineers and young officers were surprised by the Japanese just as they were about to fire the ship's magazine. A struggle followed. If the Orei's crew had supported their officers the conspiracy would have succeeded, but none of the men stirred.

One Hundred Son-in-Laws.

Boston Herald.

A few years ago, in the town of Littleton, N. H., lived a man named Ben Fiske, who was the typical New Englander. One day a visitor at his house asked him if he had a large family.

"No," he replied "I have only three girls, but I have 100 son-in-laws."

"How is that?" asked the stranger, astonished.

"Well, stranger, it is this way; My oldest girl married a pretty good sort of a man. He counts one. The other two married good-for-nothing men. As I and two ciphers make 100, you've got it."

All Around.

London Times.

Call a girl a chick and she smiles; call a woman a hen and she howls. Call a young woman a witch and she is pleased; call an old woman a witch and she is indignant. Call a girl a kitten and she rather likes it; call a woman a cat and she hates you. Women are queer.

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WESTERN CALL FOR TRADE.

Movs for More Doors in the Markets of the World.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.

There must be some vitality in the reciprocity idea when business men can deliberately concert on the brink of summer to begin serious agitation of the whole question. The manufacturers of Chicago, of the Middle West, and of the Northwest, are beginning to demand a "farther extension of our foreign trade and the holding of that which we have won."

The sponsors of the convention announce that they propose to call upon their Senators and Representatives in Congress "to exercise their political power, regardless of party, in behalf of fairer trade relations with Europe, as well as with the Orient."

The whole of New England is also in the mood to trade with Canada if the Maine farmers, who fear some competition with their handful of hay and beans, can be placated, and there is a general desire among manufacturers and producers to sell more goods abroad to such as will buy them; but those who expect results from this agitation should call to mind the fate which befell the Kassar reciprocity treaties in the Senate.

Everybody wanted reciprocity if it meant the sale of more goods; nobody wanted any sort of reciprocity if it meant the chance that any other nation should sell any more goods to us. A little local interest in Kalamazoo is sufficient to hold up a treaty as long as a Senator exerts his might.

The convention is not going to bring about reciprocity. Some rude, aggressive nation like Germany, for instance, will open our doors sooner or later. The German Emperor and his Reichstag will denounce our tariffs and shut us out of the German market, and then our Senate will begin to act because the people will wake up.

We paid absolutely no attention to the squirming of the Chinese who begged and prayed, solicited and appealed to this government for fair treatment of the excluded classes of Chinese at our ports of entry under the treaty stipulations, but the instant the Chinese began to boycott our goods our President acted for us with commendable alacrity and promptitude.

Good for Judge Cooke.

Louisburg Times.

We notice from the proceedings of the Superior Court being held in Mecklenburg this week that Judge Cooke, who is presiding, is strictly enforcing two of his "iron clad" rules, viz: No map is excused from jury duty on account of "pressing business" and the lawyers are not allowed to sit with their feet "cocked up" on the tables.

Work and Wages.

Portland Oregonian.

Paul Morton gets \$100,000 a year, and Admiral Togo \$3,000. That's about right. Morton has 600,000 dissatisfied policy holders to placate and Togo has had only a few thousand Russians to show how to lead a different life. Besides, Togo's labors are over, and Morton's have just begun and may never end. All Togo has got to do to keep his job and the esteem of the public is to stay aloof, where he cannot spend all his money and to avoid home-comings. What Morton must do could not be told in a day.

THE RAIN CURE.

People in Texas Are Trying It and say It is a Remedy for Many Ailments.

Austin, Texas, Dispatch.

The rain cure is now being tried by a number of persons in that city whenever opportunity is offered for taking the treatment. Some of those who have taken it say that it is a panacea for all chronic diseases as well as many of the lesser ills of the body.

There is nothing complicated about the rain cure. All that is required of the patient is that he shall stand in the open, with his body bare of all clothing, and let the falling rain pour on him.

Devotees of the rain cure welcome the appearance of a black cloud which forbids a terrific downpour of rain. It is then that they strip to the skin and get out in their back yards, which are enclosed by high board fences, and let the water come down upon them in torrents.

It is declared that the rain cure is a sure remedy for rheumatism and that decided improvement has been noted in cases of persons afflicted with tuberculosis. For nervous disorders the treatment is said to be infallible. One treatment, it is said, will cure a severe cold.

The treatment is believed to have had its origin in Austin. So far as can be learned, John Durst, a young business man of that city, was the first person to give it a trial.

A few months ago he was suffering from a severe cold. A rainstorm came up, and while it was in progress he decided to strip and get out into it to see if it would help his cold.

He related his experience to some of his friends, and the fact, if such it can be called, has spread rapidly.

It is recommended that weak persons who take the treatment should not remain in the rain too long at a time and that a vigorous rubbing should follow the wetting.

It is the theory of those who have taken the treatment that its efficacy lies in the fact that raindrops contain peculiar medicinal properties and that, coming through the air as they do, they are charged with electricity, which has a direct effect upon the body. Physicians who have been questioned on the subject say that the treatment may have merit in its application to certain ills.

The Jaguar Held Up the Train.

Colorado Springs Dispatch, 19th.

More than two thousand people and four passenger trains on the Colorado Midland Railroad were held at Tunnel No. 6, two miles west of Manitou, by a fierce South American jaguar.

Before he was captured the animal clawed Joseph Bennett, of this city, cutting a severe gash across the right leg. Miss Delmont, a passenger on one of the trains, became frightened and endeavoring to scale a high cliff fell a distance of twenty feet, breaking her left leg.

The jaguar and a polar bear occupied two compartments in a large cage that was loaded upon a flat car of the train belonging to a circus. The cage was too high to enter the mouth of the tunnel and as the cage struck the roof of the tunnel, it was torn off, and the animal escaped. It dashed through the tunnel but upon emerging at the other end found itself in a narrow cut. After some effort the animal was again captured and placed in the cage.

The cotton, watermelon and cantaloupe crops in the Eastern part of the State have been severely damaged by the recent incessant rains.

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The Doctor can be seen in his Charlotte office in the First Building on every Monday and Tuesday. Also on Sunday by emergency cases.

Newspapers Held.

Washington Messenger.

For one time the newspapers helped the farmers of the South. But for the constant appeal of the press all through the late winter and spring to the farmers to hold their cotton we would not hear of such heavy receipts at inland markets in July.

The thousands of bales of cotton which the farmers are now selling for 10 and 10 1/4 cents a pound would have been sold months ago for from 6 to 7 cents. Give the press credit for being right this time. We honestly believe it was the influence of the press of the month which saved so much cotton to be sold back. Such heavy sales this time of the year are unprecedented.

Bert McDade, a thirteen year old son of Mr. Sam McDade, was drowned last Monday evening in Cox Pond by a few miles from Hudson, near the Lenoir News.