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A POSTOFFICE BABEL.

Language Necessary to Singapore's Mail Delivery.

Singapore is the only British post office which employs letter carriers for each language. Within that city there are so many different races...

One of these is a Malay in charge of all packets for Europeans, Jews, Armenians, Malays, Arabs, Persians and Japanese, which are presumably addressed in European script or in writing akin to it.

THE CAUSE OF SURF.

Why Waves Always Become Inevitable in Shallow Water.

Long and oscillatory waves run by gravity, the first agitating the water to nearly the same amount at all depths, while the chief disturbance due to the latter confines itself to the upper layers of the water.

These oscillatory waves, the most typical example of which is perhaps furnished by the "swell," or regular rolling waves which continue to run in deep water after a storm, will break as a foaming shore when their height is about equal to the depth of water.

Even compared with the work of a stevedore the job of a ship's stowage is extremely perilous, for whereas the stevedore performs in safeguarded in every way possible and the ropes and supports are thoroughly tested the stowage duty is to ascend masts often made extremely perilous by rot or dampness.

ELEPHANT STUPIDITY.

Monkeys Say That the Big Animals Display Little Cleverness.

The process of elephant catching in India, as well as in Siam, tends to rather undermine one's settled notions of elephant sagacity and to create instead the feeling that a lot of sentimental tommyrot and misleading, ignorantly conceived animal stories have been put forth about my lord the elephant.

Primitive Account Kept.

Even now there are certain parts of Britain into which the long arm of progress has made but little headway, and in the north of Scotland the old-fashioned "tally" is the sole system of "bookkeeping" understood by the inhabitants.

For a Remote Future.

Mr. Green looked with a calm but not unkindly gaze at the simple-minded young man from Vermont who aspired to be his son-in-law.

BREAKFAST IN ENGLAND.

The Revolution Brought Ate and Wine to the Modern Meal.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, the date of the earliest mention of breakfast, but until a century ago it consisted only of a draft of ale or tea or chocolate. There were only two meals a day—dinner, ranging from 9 o'clock in the morning in the sixteenth century to noon in the seventeenth, and supper, which steadily advanced from 5 in the afternoon to 7 o'clock.

But when, a hundred years ago, cold meats and fish began to be served at breakfast the utmost surprise was expressed. Its novelty made it fashionable and led to the giving of breakfast parties. Eleven or 12 o'clock was the hour, and it was declared to be not only a luxury but a necessity.

SAINT GENEVIEVE.

A Pleasing Sketch of This Quaint Old Town by a Gaston County Man.

Saint Genevieve, Mo., Aug. 3, '05.—If you will allow me space in the columns of your valuable paper, I shall give you a brief account of my home town, which settlement, you remember, is a quaint old French village; one of the oldest in the Purchase and the oldest in the state of Missouri.

Inasmuch as the church records up to 1804 are in French, I have been unable to gather much of its early history. However, the patron Saint of this settlement was a shepherdess of the early centuries, whose home was near Paris.

The streets are narrow, and the sidewalks are not over 3 1/2 feet wide. Long grass forms a most beautiful fringe for the walks, but it approaches too near the centre. It can be truly said in one respect of this people, "They keep in the middle of the road."

There seems to be very little life in business, yet every one gets along handsomely in whatever business he is engaged; and as a matter of fact there is a great deal of wealth both in the town and throughout the county.

I would mention some facts about the country in general, river, river transportation, soil of the country, methods of farming and other sections of Missouri which I have visited, but should I continue, a more profitable place for my paper may be the waste basket.

Major London's Wise Suggestion.

An act was passed by the last legislature to promote the production and publication of school books relating to the history and literature of the State.

For this purpose an appropriation of \$10,000 was made, to be used as may be deemed useful by the State Board of Education, to encourage the publication of such school books as in the judgment of the Board relate to the history, literature or government of North Carolina.

We hope that this act will encourage some competent person (for instance, like Capt. S. A. Ashe to prepare such books, so that all the children in this State may be taught a true and complete history of our grand old commonwealth.

The latest reports from the fever stricken city of New Orleans show considerable improvement over those during the middle of the week. An effort is being made to determine the number of cases of fever under treatment, and, allowing ten days, which is a liberal estimate for a patient to either recover or die, it is figured that there are now 233 cases under treatment.

SHOPPING IN FEZ.

For Half the Price Demanded, Great Year Goods and So.

A white visitor to Fez, in Morocco, once went shopping in the bazaar of the city accompanied by a servant of the sultan, who told him to see to it that the shopper was not cheated by the greedy merchants.

The shopper protested, but the servant laughed and said it was the custom of the country. This was repeated at several shops without eliciting a protest. At one place, though, the merchant refused to give up his goods in that way and was rewarded by a loud ear and an admonition not to treat the sultan's white friend.

Later the two visited the market, where everything was sold at auction. The auctioneer seemed always to wear fewer clothes than any one else. His method of selling was curious. He would take a piece of goods from a nearby shopkeeper and start out to sell it on commission.

THE TWO HEADED SNAKE.

A Boa Constrictor That Has a Very Descriptive Tail.

Every now and then some traveler tells of a two headed snake which he has seen in Egypt, and whenever the marator has not seen the snake himself, he is more or less disposed to smile at the tale.

It is only when the snake is actually taken up and examined closely that the truth is revealed. The two headed snake is not a poison snake, and it is fairly common. But it is so acrobatic that it hides away in its sandy burrows almost constantly.

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GAGE TARBELL'S GALLANTRY

How Insurance Man Was Kicked to "Hades" by a "Handkerchief."

"Handkerchief Mary" loved with the weight of years, is concerned that Gage E. Tarbell of the Equitable Life Assurance society as a knight in the peer of any knight of the olden times, says the New York World.

The case of Hon. W. H. Bower, of Caldwell, against Uriah Ballou for \$750 attorney's fee, was tried in Ashe Superior Court this week. The jury gave Mr. Bower \$450, says the Statesville Landmark.

REV. RAWLINGS GUILTY.

Was an Accessory to Murder of Carter Children—He Will Hang With Sons.

Valdosta, Ga., July 31.—Rev. J. G. Rawlings has been found guilty as accessory to the murder of two children of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Carter, and unless a higher court intervenes, Rev. Rawlings and his sons, Milton and Jesse, and Alf Moore, a negro, will have to hang.

Both Rawlings and Carter were for years ministers in the Methodist church. A feud started and Rawlings plotted to wipe out the Carter family. It was arranged that Moore and Milton, Jesse and Leonard Rawlings were to go to the Carter home and kill the parents while they sat at the supper table.

The assassins, however, arrived after the evening meal, and could not shoot through the window at their victims. Some noise caused Willie and Fannie Belle Carter to run into the yard. Instantly the guns of the murderers spoke, and the girl fell dead.

All night long Rev. and Mrs. Carter crouched in their home. Through crevices in the log house the Carters could see the assassins creeping about the yard, but whether their daughter was dead or not they could not learn.

Finally Rev. Carter reached his rifle and fired through a crack in the door. The shot caused the murderers to flee. Moore confessed the plot.

The "Wild Girl" Sleeps Again.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Agnes Lynch, who has come to be known familiarly as the "wild girl," suddenly disappeared from the Crittenton Home late yesterday afternoon. It was freely predicted that the frolicsome creature would not tarry long at that institution, her roving disposition having been plainly demonstrated, and the prediction was verified, for she remained exactly twenty-four hours.

A letter postmarked Johnstown, Pa., and presumably from the girl's father, though she started that her father was dead, came to her yesterday, having been forwarded from Gastonia. In the letter the parent asks the girl to come to him and there are those who believe that Johnstown is now her objective point.

Suicide With Scissors.

Correspondence Charlotte Observer.

Morganton, July 30.—Last Wednesday Mrs. Schoolfield, of Rockingham county, an inmate of the State Hospital, secured a pair of scissors from one of the wards and, after breaking them in small bits, swallowed the pieces. A search was made for the scissors and, as the lady in question was complaining of severe pain in the abdomen, she finally acknowledged that she had swallowed them with the intention of doing away with herself. An operation was decided on at once but she did not survive same, dying yesterday.

Lenoir has organized a Merchants and Business Men's Association with W. S. Miller, President; G. L. Bernhardt, Vice President and J. W. C. McCall, Secretary and Treasurer.

A Morehead special says a number of the Atlantic Hotel guests had the misfortune a few days ago to have their pockets picked while surf bathing. Fifty dollars will probably cover the losses.

The Newton Enterprise says: Mr. G. M. Haynes has come from Lambertson, Miss., to the soldiers reunion. He did not expect to leave until a few days before the reunion, but a case of yellow fever developed in a lumber camp near Lambertson last week, and he left before a quarantine could be established over the place. He could not run the risk of being kept from the reunion and miss the meeting of his old soldier friends in Catawba county. He is the same old Make Haynes and has not changed a bit since he went to Mississippi twenty years ago.

THE FIRST DIRECTORY.

It Was Found in England in Great Elizabeth's Reign.

The first directory dates from 1824. Queen Elizabeth's reign. A copy of it is in the British museum, entitled "The Names of All Such Gentlemen of Ancestry as Were Resident Within the City of London."

The next does not seem to have appeared for nearly a hundred years. It was called "A Collection of the Names of Merchants Living In and About the City of London." This was printed by Lee, Lombard street, in 1877.

THE CURFEW BELL.

Originally Began Ringing and Resounding to Give the Time of Day.

The story of the curfew was but the unappreciated assertion of one historian of the sixteenth century, which was repeated in prose and poetry till it was woven into the language. Like many other legends, there is just a grain of truth in it, but its suggested origin is false, the derivation of curfew is uncertain, and the middle classes' traditions which suggested the story were quite different articles of household.

Probably the word is derived not from curfew bell, curfew fire, but from curfew, an old French spelling of curfew, from the Latin for curfew, and is the name of the morning and evening bell, which originally sounded from the crossroads or market place both in France and England simply to give the time of day. It was and is rung at 6 or 6 o'clock in the morning and at 8 o'clock in the evening. One inscription on an old bell runs thus:

I am called by Curfew bell, I ring at 6 o'clock in the morning, and I ring at 8 o'clock in the evening.

WILD BILL'S FIRST FIGHT.

So Was Won, and Killed One of the McKendrick Family.

WILD BILL, whose real name was James Hickok, first came west in 1857 and drove an ox team on the plains for Major & Russell in 1860. He subsequently engaged himself to the overland stage company as stock tender and was put in charge of a new stage station on Rock creek, near the old McKendrick station, which was generally known as Hickok's Roost. This was the headquarters for the McKendrick gang, a crowd that had held together since the Missouri-Kansas border days and generally had things their own way. A man named Fiddler, and a number of other hands, were the superintendents. He tried to buy out the McKendrick station, but, failing in this, he built a new one near by, putting Fiddler in charge. Up to that time he had never experienced trouble with any one and was not likely to have friction, especially with the old station keeper, McKendrick, or his men.

In the winter of 1860-61 McKendrick and his nephew and four other men passed by the new station on their way west, leading an old man who was lame. They had a rope around the old fellow's neck, and occasionally they would take a few turns around the horn of the saddle, make a run on the rope and jerk the old man down and bring him on the ground until he was nearly dead. The only spite they had against him was that he was a High Methodist preacher. If Wild Bill was anything he was an abolitionist and free seller and loyal to the United States. The McKendrick crowd was planning to make a raid on several stations to secure the stock and go south. They told young Hickok they would take the stock. He replied that he would be there.

When they returned late in the evening two stopped at the corral, two went to the front and two to the back door of the corral or barn. Hickok told them to watch about the front man who took down the horse of the lame man. The older McKendrick friend at Hickok, but allowed him. Hickok returned the fire with a rifle and shot McKendrick in the heart. The next shot from Hickok killed the nephew, and the two fell at the front door. Just then the two at the back door opened fire. One shot from a double barreled gun lodged seven feet down into Hickok's right side and lodged two of which entered his lungs. The two men who stopped at the corral came to the assistance of the two men at the back door. Hickok was then in a hand to hand fight with four men. He killed three of them in the house and wounded the other to badly that he died on the ground—Dewey Field and Park.

A Spencer special of the 3rd says: John Faulconer, aged 16, who was on yesterday by accident fatally shot by his room mate, Kenneth McCormick, of the same age, died early this morning at the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium in Salisbury, where the lad was carried for an operation yesterday afternoon. In an ante-mortem statement the dying boy said he did not want his slayer punished. He believed the fatal bullet was fired thoughtlessly.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO SOLDIER.

A Member of Company B, of Salisbury, Sustains Injuries by a Fall into a Cinder Pit That Proves Fatal.

Private W. V. Burleyson, of Company B, First Regiment of Infantry, in encampment at Charlotte, died at the hospital at Camp Robertson Friday morning at 5 o'clock, his death resulting from internal ruptures. He sustained the injuries in an accident near the Southern passenger depot Thursday night about 8:30 o'clock. With several companions he had started out to the Elizabeth Mills, northwest of the city, and was walking on the railway. It was intensely dark and Burleyson with one or two of his companions fell into a cinder pit near the coal chute. The unfortunate man fell across a steel brace in the pit and in this way sustained the injuries that proved fatal.

Why Folks Smile.

Southern Farm Magazine.

"He doesn't like lightning, and is apprehensive about his family during a thunderstorm. At the height of a recent summer gust, his wife at home, answering a call at the telephone from his office, heard the excited tones of her husband's voice, and this is what he said:

"Hello! Is that you, my dear? Well, get right away from that phone while this lightning is going on!" "He had called her to the phone to tell her not to run the risk of using it. Yet the last Irish ancestor of that man came to this country more than a century ago."

The body of an Englishman which had lain unidentified in a receiving vault in Asheville for nine months is that of a man who claimed to be "Lord Douglas," but who was in fact known to the police of Fort Worth, Texas as a bigamist.

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