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MEAT WAR AT ASHEVILLE.

Armour Packing Company Charged With Cutting Prices In Order to Freeze out Local Dealers.

Asheville, Aug. 3.—There is a meat war on here affecting the local dealers and the Armour Packing Company. The local consumers thus far are interested in one phase of the situation—that meat sold by one stall-keeper in the city market, said to be controlled by the Armour Company, have taken a decided drop. Other independent dealers have declined to cut and the charge is made that the Armour Company is attempting to "freeze" out other dealers in the market.

FEAST OF THE WHALE

AN ESKIMO BANQUET THAT MAY LAST A WHOLE DAY.

Incident of the Social Life Among the Natives of Arctic Alaska After the Hunting Season is Over—The Return of the Fleet to Shore.

Writing of the industrial and social habits and customs of the Eskimos of arctic Alaska, Edward A. Malmgren, in the Century, says: The principal occupation of these Eskimos (of arctic Alaska) during the spring is the hunting of the bow head whale in the leads, or open water, and among the floes of the Arctic ocean. The taking of a whale is always a time of great rejoicing with these people, for it means not only an abundance of food and fuel, but a large amount of valuable trading material.

RURAL MAIL CARRIER IN TROUBLE.

Mr. J. P. Brantley, Carrier of Route No. 1, From Troutman, Bound to Court by Commissioner Cowles.

Mr. J. P. Brantley, rural carrier on route No. 1, from Troutman, was given a hearing before Commissioner Cowles Saturday and was bound to the next term of Superior court in the sum of \$200. He was arrested on Friday by Deputy Marshal Freese, on a warrant sworn out by Post-office inspector Maries. The evidence introduced showed that some time in the spring a postal card was given Mr. Brantley by Mr. W. D. Troutman, of Troutman, addressed to Mr. C. L. Sherrill, with a short message about fish on it. Mr. Troutman was too late to mail the card and he gave it to Mr. Brantley expecting him to mail it and deliver it.

No Regrets.

Fifteen years ago Gaston county had many liquor stills and few cotton factories. The assessed valuation of property was three million dollars; to-day she has 36 cotton mills and no stills and the property valuation is nearly eight million dollars. Gaston does not regret the change. Everybody is pleased except the liquor whoopers and drinkers.

His Peculiarity.

The Washington Mirror tells of a surprise that came to a man that remarked to a stammerer. "You must find that impediment in your speech rather inconvenient at times, Mr. Biggs." "Oh, n-no; everybody has his little peculiarity. Stammering is m-m-mine; what is yours?" "Well, really, I am not aware that I have any."

Just Human.

When old Mose applied for work he was given a job—shovel-sand and in a dollar a day, says Lippincott's Magazine. A few days later the foreman passed near the sand-bank, and to his surprise, saw Mose comfortably seated on a pile of sand, directing the movements of another dusky laborer.

Will Paint the Boxes.

The postoffice department yesterday announced that all of the rural free delivery collection boxes throughout the United States would shortly be treated to a new coat of paint at the expense of the government, says a Washington dispatch. There are now 8,735 collection boxes scattered over all sections of the country, and these are to be put into the hands of the carriers on the different routes and are to be painted at a cost of 25 cents each. While it is not stated whether or not the boxes are in great need of paint at this time, or whether the carriers are in need of more funds, it is generally supposed that it is the intention of the department to distribute the amount which will be necessary for this purpose—something like \$500—to the various carriers throughout the United States who carry the daily mails into the rural districts. These 8,735 collection boxes are located on approximately 6,000 routes. The government is going to furnish the material for the work and the carriers will be put to no expense whatever in carrying out the contract of painting the boxes.

Supernitions About Cats.

There are many strange superstitions about cats. When cats sneeze, it is said, it is a sign of rain. The cardinal point to which a cat turns and washes its face after rain shows the direction from which the wind will blow. When cats are snoring foul weather is sure to follow. Cats with their tails up and hair apparently electrified indicate approaching wind. If sparks are seen when stroking a cat's back expect a change of weather soon. When a cat washes its face with its back to the fire expect a thaw in winter.

The Sand Wasp.

The deliberate use of a tool by a little sand wasp might well be supposed to indicate reasoning power, says an exchange. A well known naturalist, Dr. Peckham, watched a wasp dig a hole in the earth and deposit therein an egg together with a spider which she had stung into paralysis to feed the grub which should be hatched in due course. Then she filled up the hole with sand or earth and jammed it down with her head.

Not Afraid of Yellow Jack.

Several gentlemen were discussing the yellow fever situation a day or two ago. The question was whether or not the disease could spread in this latitude. Mr. J. A. Latta was under the impression that some men died of yellow fever at Fort Mill during some epidemic in Charleston a great many years ago. Dr. Miles Walker said that was very probable; but it was no indication of a danger of contagion. "It was at the medical college in Louisville, Ky., during the big epidemic of 1878, and hundreds of refugees who came to Louisville from different places down the Mississippi valley died in the city from yellow fever, but there was no spread. The Louisville people were not afraid of the disease."

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What Japan Wants.

When Japan licked China, it got seventy million dollars in money, secured the recognition of the independence of Korea, obtained part of Manchuria and Formosa and the Pescadores, and secured extensive commercial rights and privileges. It is to be supposed that Russia has been studying that treaty to see what it will have to fork up.

Shady Farmers.

Editor Arch. Johnson is not altogether free from prejudice. He is quite sure, it seems, that only the ploughman knows anything definite about agriculture. Accordingly, he has allowed himself to speak of the classic for beginners in agriculture, as a book written by shady farmers. To be sure, Brother Johnson is aware that Messrs. Burkett and Kilgore are ten times as well prepared to treat of farm methods as they would be if they had ploughed all their lives. In the same issue of Charity and Children appears a note of the new \$100,000 hotel to be erected in Salisbury under the direction of a Charlotte architect, whom, by the same token, Mr. Johnson might have designated as a savvy carpenter. Briefly, it would be well to be admitted that no man can learn agriculture from his own limited experience. Moreover, if that were the only reliance, there could be little or no progress in the science or art, whichever it may most properly be styled. When the ordinary country carpenter can plan and erect a \$100,000 hotel, with due regard to economy of time and material, then he will direct would-be learners of agriculture to the ploughman, to Brother Johnson, for instance, as he served an apprenticeship at the plow-handle.

Red Hair and Sunstroke.

Nobody ever heard of a red headed man being struck. Why a red head should afford any protection from the rays of the sun or give its owner immunity from one of the most singular afflictions that humanity is heir to is one of those mysteries that even the doctors cannot fathom, but the fact remains that men with red hair can stand almost any amount of scorching heat or out of doors during the hottest weather and never feel any serious results from it.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Don't Drink the Hotel Milk.

Mr. Crown was probably stopping at a hotel at the beach. If so he might see the hotel man for whiskey and signifi-cantly subjecting his guests to danger by permitting them to bathe in water infected by sharks.

Governor Glenn Ill.

His friends throughout the State will be sorry to learn that Governor Glenn is sick, and they will hope that his indisposition will not continue long. His office work before the adjournment crowded him into working from eight and eight-thirty o'clock in the morning till after noon in the evening, and together with preparing papers and speeches his labor figured him.

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