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The management of the Harriman railway lines has just perfected the details of the largest colonization plan ever attempted by a railroad in the West. The organization of a colonization bureau and the appointment of G. M. McKinney to be general colonization agent in charge of the bureau, with quarters in Chicago, has been announced. Mr. McKinney left at once for Portland, Or., with a view to getting in touch with the general situation, and upon his return to Chicago plans will be perfected which the Harriman people believe will place many thousand colonies in Oregon and Washington within the next two years. A large sum has been appropriated to carry on the work. It is said to be on a scale hitherto unattempted.

AFTER deliberating thirty minutes, a jury in the Supreme Court of New York rendered a verdict of \$60,000 damages against the New York Central railroad in favor of Mrs. Lottie G. Dimon, whose husband was killed in the tunnel disaster last January. This is said to be the largest amount ever awarded in that state in a damage suit growing out of the loss of life in a railway accident. If this verdict is any criterion of what will be awarded to the heirs of the other sixteen persons who met death in the tunnel, it foreshadows that the accident will cost the New York Central \$1,020,000 in death claims alone. Certainly more than a million more will be added to this in awards to the scores who were injured. Mrs. Dimon sued for \$100,000. On the first ballot ten of the jurymen voted to award her the full amount claimed.

Tax rise in the price of meat is giving serious trouble to the people all over the country. Many persons have been forced to give up their daily ration of beef or mutton and resort to substitute in the way of cereals, vegetables and fish. The effects are more felt, probably, among the laboring people than among those who are well-to-do. The natural consequence is a very general protest from the labor organizations, east and west, against the rates imposed by the Dingley law upon cattle and fresh meats. The tariff on cattle is 27 1/2 per cent, upon sheep \$1.50 per head and upon fresh meats imported from outside the United States a tax of 2 cents per pound is imposed. The plea of the packers that the rise in prices of beef is due to the scarcity of cattle, is not borne out by the reports of receipts of cattle on the hoof at any of the large packing points, comparing this year with last year. Be that as it may the people are demanding that these taxes now are of but little value to the raisers of cattle and serve only the purpose of enriching the beef trust. They demand, therefore, that these taxes be removed, and resolutions are being adopted by labor and political clubs requesting senators and representatives to repeal at once these taxes upon food.

Dimensions of Heaven. Taking a verse from Revelations as the basis of computation some industrious and probably uneasy fellow has again been figuring on the dimensions of heaven. The text is in verse 15, chapter 21, and reads as follows: "And he measured the city with the reed, 12,000 furlongs. Length and the breadth and high of it are equal. He concludes that this represents a space of 480,783,038,000,000,000 cubic feet. The enterprising statistic sets aside one half of the space for the throne and the court of heaven, and one half of the balance for streets, which would leave a remainder of 124,196,519,000,000,000 cubic feet. He then proceeded to divide this by 4000, the number of cubic feet in a room sixteen feet square, and the process gives him 30,324,149,750,000,000 rooms of the size indicated. He then proceeded upon the hypothesis that the world now contains, always has contained, and always will contain 600,000,000 inhabitants, and that a generation lasts for thirty-three and one-third years,

which gives a total number of inhabitants every century of 2,297,000,000. He assumes that the world will stand 1000 centuries or 100,000 years, would give a total of 2,297,000,000,000 inhabitants for this period of time. He then reaches the reassuring conclusion that if one hundred worlds of the same size and duration, and containing the same number of inhabitants, should redeem all the inhabitants there would be more than one hundred rooms of the size indicated for each. Men have not thought so much about the size of heaven. They have probably always felt that there would be ample room for those able to get there. If a lack of room were possible, in the divine order of things, I would probably be at the other place, judging from the pronouncements that are made from time to time. Room has never been a matter of serious consideration with men who have paused long enough in the whirl of events to meditate on the blessings which are to follow a life of righteousness. The main question, and the one in which all men are most concerned, is the simple question of the shortest, best and safest way. Put in different language, they want to know how to get there, and if the studious statistician will figure out some plan that will meet with general satisfaction along this line he will probably smooth out the furrows which now mark the faces of uneasy sinners.

THEY ARE SEEN EVERY DAY. Here are some questions about things you have seen every day and all your life, says the Washington Star. If you are a wonder you may possibly answer one or two of the queries offhand. Otherwise not.

What are the exact words on a two cent stamp and in what direction is the face on it turned? In what direction is the face turned on a cent? On a quarter? On a dime? How many toes has a cat on each fore-foot? On each hind foot? Which way does the crescent moon turn? To the right or left? What color are your employer's eyes? The eyes of the man at the next desk? Write down, offhand, the figures on the face of your watch. The odds are that you will make at least two mistakes in doing this.

Your watch has some words written or printed on its face. You have seen these words a thousand times. Write them out correctly. Few can do this. Also what is the number of the case of your watch? How high (in inches) is a silk hat? How many teeth have you? What are the words on a policeman's shield? How many buttons has the vest or shirt waist you are wearing? How many stairs are there in the first flight at your house? How many steps lead from the street to the front door of your house or flat? What is the name, signed in facsimile on any \$1, \$2, \$5 or \$10 bill you ever saw? You've read dozens of those names. Can you remember one?

The stage of the water in the Columbia is on the downward incline, very much to the satisfaction of a great many people. The frame for the new school house is assuming considerable proportions, and when the building is completed it will outrival anything on the Columbia river.

Summer seems to have arrived, somewhat belated, but just as welcome, anyhow, just as though it had been on time. Judge Doan spent Thursday of this week in the vicinity of Deer Island, looking after road matter. The final settlement of the estate of Frank M. Webber, deceased, was had in the probate court Tuesday.

Cowboys and the Sleeper. Two Texas cowboys recently had the novel experience of traveling by rail over the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road. But they seemed to feel uncomfortable from the time the train pulled out from the point that they got on out in the brush. When they got in the Wagner sleeper, one of them said to the other: "Bill, you'll have to take your spurs off your hoofs if you expect to put boots on the top of that seat." Bill did so and then seemed pained and surprised when the porter told him that passengers were not expected to put their feet on the plush covered seats. He toyed with his gun until the porter retired. When he rolled a cigarette and lit it, and the conductor showed him where the smoking receptacle of the vestibled train was, he seemed annoyed. At supper time, when all of the passengers on the buffet gave their orders and the two cowboys gave theirs, telling the porter to bring them "all there was on the programme and be sure to bring them plenty of sardines," they handed the porter a \$5 bill and were surprised when he asked them for 15 cents more.

Both of them said: "That settles it. If we stay in this here concern, that nigger will have the whole roll before we get to the next station. No wonder the gang hold up the trains, but I am surprised at 'em going after the mail when they would have such a soft snap with this coon in the high toned corral. If ever I was to go into the train robbery business, I would go coon hunting first and get the black scoundrel that wanted four bits for slickin up our boots." They quit the train at the next wayside station.—Atlanta Constitution.

Left Handed People. No purely left handed race has yet been discovered, although it is said that fully 70 per cent of the inhabitants of Penzance use the left hand in preference to the right. The next greatest per cent of left handedness is among the Hottentots of Africa and the Bushmen of Australia—about 55 per cent. Dr. Marro says that 22 per cent of all criminals are left handed.—Exchange.

TWO WAYS OF CAPTURING SPONGES.

How the Florida Sponge Seeker Differs From the Diver of the West. The methods employed in gathering sponges in the Mediterranean and Florida are very different. In the east divers are employed. The diver is carried down by a broad, flat slab of marble of about 25 pounds weight, which he holds at arm's length in front of him, and which he uses to guide his flight, to protect his head when he first strikes and to keep him down when he walks on the bottom. Fifteen to twenty fathoms is the average depth, while two minutes is the usual duration of the dive. Each diver puts the sponges he pulls into a net bag that hangs from his neck. When he is ready to ascend, he jerks a rope and is quickly pulled to the surface.

In this country a sponging crew is divided into two, each pair consisting of a "sculler" and a "hooker," supplied with a small yawlboat known as a dingy. The former stands in the stern of the dingy and sculls it slowly and steadily forward, being prepared to stop it and hold it exactly in place at a moment's notice from the "hooker," who kneeling amidstships, with the upper half of his body projecting over the side, scans the bottom for suitable sponges. In order to assist in this scanning a sponge glass is used. It consists of an ordinary wooden bucket with a glass bottom fixed in with putty.

The handle is placed around the neck of the "hooker" while the glass itself is placed flat upon the water, while the "hooker's" head is thrust well down into the bucket. By this means he can see very small objects at a considerable depth, and he has his hands free to plunge the hooked pole down and pierce the sponge, sometimes at a depth of 35 feet, as soon as sighted.

After landing a catch, the sponges are beaten to cleanse them. Afterward they are dipped into a weak solution of lime and sea water to give them the yellow color so well known in the markets.—Cincinnati Tribune.

No Place in Journalism For Old Men.

The most pathetic figure in journalism is the man who has grown old in his service. Through no fault of his, he finds himself without a vocation when he most needs it. In any other business his experience would be of value. The accumulated knowledge of years would command a price commensurate with its worth. Here it is valueless, because in the first 10 years of his journalistic career he has mastered the art of reporting, of copy reading, of any routine departmental work, and experience shows that celerity decreases with age after a certain period of years has been reached.

Journalism is essentially a business for young men. They rush into it by hundreds; they remain in it by tens. Ninety per cent of the men who enter journalism leave it before they become old. They remain in it only long enough to make it a stepping stone to something less exacting, less limited in remuneration, less insecure in employment. On the staff of the daily newspaper with which I am connected there is only one man over 30 years of age, and the average age of the employees in the editorial department is less than 35. A canvass of other metropolitan newspaper offices will show but a slight variation from these figures.—J. W. Keller in Forum.

Taking Back a Remark.

An old and popular Irish clergyman had a disagreement with one of his parishioners, a man of great wealth, but vulgar habits and abusive tongue. Upon hearing from a third party that his ancestry had been spoken of disparagingly by this rich boor, the old parson, borrowing a Scriptural metaphor, exclaimed, "Why, sir, my father would not have set him with the dogs of his flock." This remark reached the ears of the nabob, who immediately repaired to the clergyman and demanded an apology. The good old man listened patiently to the ravings of his parishioner and closed the discussion with the remark: "Did I really say that my father would not have set you with his dogs? I was wrong, sir. I believe he would!"—San Francisco Argonaut.

Dying in the Wrong Place.

In the British colony at Lagos an old woman died and was carried to the cemetery. At the grave the body, according to Mohammedan custom, was lifted from the coffin and was about to be buried, when the mourners were startled by hearing it cough several times. On being unwrapped, the corpse sat up and ate some gruel, afterward telling the company that during her state of lifelessness she was mysteriously bidden to seek her native country and die there. This, she added, she meant to do.—London Globe.

An Agricultural Query.

"Mamma," said Freddie, "what's the matter with my feet?" "I don't know. Perhaps you are getting corns." Freddie was silent for a time and then remarked: "Mamma," "Mamma," "Well, dear," "After I'm dead and buried do you think they will grow?"—Texas Siftings.

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