

## SPRINGS 220 DEGREES HOT.

Will Cook Eggs in Three Minutes and Beans While You Wait.

Portland, Ore.—Springs hot enough to cook beans and boil eggs in three minutes have been found within a short distance of Portland. They are on the Clackamas river, thirty miles south of Estacada and seventy miles from this city.

These springs are fifty in number, and one throws out a stream seven inches in diameter. The springs have been known to the Indians for many years. A French half breed named Michel Arquette, a trapper, hearing an old Indian of the Molalla tribe speak of hot springs this side of the range, made an investigation and found them.

The springs are supposed to be the hottest in the world—220 degrees. Beans have been cooked in the larger spring with the same dispatch as on a stove. Eggs encased in a mesh of any kind have been cooked in three minutes. Even fish have been caught in the Clackamas river and without being taken off the line have been dropped into the spring and in a very brief time cooked to a turn.

The waters come from solid rock and are strongly impregnated with salts, but not of sufficient strength to make the taste objectionable.

Many stories are told by the Indians with regard to the wonderful properties of these springs, and they have been known to cross the mountains from the reservation on the other side to bathe in the water of the "big hole," as they call it.

## A SUCCESSFUL HUNTER.

In Six Months Has Killed Panthers, Wildcats and Five Bears.

Port Oxford, Ore.—Within six months E. L. White of this place has proved himself a successful hunter of predatory animals, and his dogs have treed and he has killed five bears, five panthers and a goodly number of wildcats.

He recently spent several days up on Sixes river and killed a female panther that had destroyed many sheep and deer in that locality. She had often been run with dogs and had learned to elude them by springing from tree to tree and from stump to log, then dodging and running in a different direction.

Before the big cat was killed several photographs were taken as it was snarling and showing its teeth at the hunters.

## TEXAS WOMAN BANKER INSPIRES CONFIDENCE

Consulted on Business and Heads Woman's Association.

Austin, Tex.—Miss Leffler Corbitt, who was elected president of the Texas Woman Bankers' association at the recent convention of that organization at Fort Worth, is one of the ablest as well as the most popular business woman in the state. Miss Corbitt is connected with the Austin National bank, holding the position of note teller.

After leaving the University of Texas Miss Corbitt taught school for awhile. She then turned to banking as a more congenial and profitable occupation, entering the employ of the Austin National bank as general utility clerk. Through her business ability and by close study of banking methods, she rapidly worked her way up until she now holds one of the most responsible bank positions of any woman in the state. In addition to her official duties, Miss Corbitt acts as the adviser and business representative of a number of wealthy women of this city, who place more confidence in her opinions on business matters than in the average business man.

Owing to the press of business Miss Corbitt was unable to attend the convention at Fort Worth. She was so well known among the women bankers of Texas, however, that she was elected president of the association by a unanimous vote. She is planning to widely extend the influence of the Texas Woman Bankers' association while at its head. Among the ambitions of the Texas association is the organization of a national body, which shall include all the women bankers in the United States.

## POLICE TO LEARN MANNERS.

Pittsburgh Purposes Having Force of Chesterfields.

Pittsburgh.—Schools in politeness for city policemen will be established by Charles S. Hubbard, director of public safety. Members of the force will be instructed in the rudiments of etiquette and drilled in modern methods.

Mr. Hubbard says he intends to have the most courteous police department in the United States. Complaints from citizens of the impolite actions of men in his department caused the director to make the move.

## Black Cat Averts Wreck.

Fond du Lac, Wis.—A black cat probably saved many lives on a St. Paul road passenger train near Mayville. As the train was leaving the city Engineer Henry Helder saw a black cat crossing the tracks in front of the locomotive. Being superstitious, Helder slowed down. A minute later, while the train was moving slowly, the locomotive was derailed. Had the train been traveling fast a serious wreck would have occurred.

## FRANCIS JOSEPH MAKES HARD FIGHT

Aged Ruler of Austria-Hungary In Precarious Condition.

## NATION PRAYS FOR RECOVERY

He Refuses to Leave Vienna and Scorns Advice of Physicians to Go Temporarily to Another Climate. Thinks Departure Would Be Equal to Abdication.

Vienna.—Emperor Francis Joseph is making slow progress toward recovery. For the last several months he has not breathed fresh air, except a few mouthfuls at a time, and these but rarely—he who has always been passionately fond of roughing it, of stalking the chamois up steep rocks or surprising the Austrian grouse and woodcock at early dawn in the deep forest glen.

And he has shown rare patience through it all. Inured to exposure and hardship, and endowed by nature with a splendid physique, which his simple habits have never abused, the aged monarch, after catching cold in March, at first rather neglected the warnings of his faithful old physician, Dr. Kersl. If he lives he will be eighty-four in August, but he still has the strength and vitality of many a younger man. Last summer at Ischl, clad in a blouse, with bare knees, he several times was soaked to the skin while hunting, without suffering from it. It was very hard to make him understand that at his age a case of combined catarrh and bronchitis may easily terminate fatally unless every precaution is taken.

The Austro-Hungarians are very fond of their alter herr old gentleman, as they affectionately speak of him, and the Viennese especially idolize him. That could be seen throughout this whole period of his illness. On days



EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

when it was reported that he was in particular danger large crowds thronged the immense open square in front of the castle. Reverently, patiently, longingly, they stood for hours and hours in the pattering rain and keen blasts that sweep down from the nearby mountains, whispering to each other and exchanging words of hope or apprehension.

When the weather improved for the moment their beloved ruler would now and then appear at a certain window. Then there would be cheering and throwing of hats in the air, and "God bless and keep you" would be murmured all around. After that thousands in the multitude would disperse and contentedly walk away, many of them to homes far away. Others, though, would wait till midnight-watching, inquiring, fearing.

Since the emperor's illness began gay Vienna has been in half mourning, and the whole monarchy is waiting with bated breath for news of him. In the brilliantly lighted coffee houses down town the conversation is of him. All public and representative bodies, from the two "delegations" now in session in Budapest down to the provincial administrative chambers, the municipal councils and commercial syndicates and boards of stockholders, have adopted resolutions of sympathy and wishes for the emperor's speedy recovery.

Francis Joseph has never made friends with some of the modern inventions, such as the long distance telephone, and his fixed idea is that to leave Schoenbrunn and Vienna for an indefinite period, especially when both internal and foreign politics demand his full attention, would be tantamount to giving up the throne.

So far as the emperor's general health is concerned, one of his chamberlains said that it is all that could be desired. He eats his simple meals with a relish and sleeps from 8 to 4, except for a brief spell of coughing now and then. He has given up, it is true, smoking his long, thin Virginia cigars, but indulges every day in a certain amount of walking when the weather permits in the little gallery, where a window facing the sun is then kept open for an hour or so. At other times he is in his study, where he strides up and down its bare floor.

## PUPILS WORK SCHOOL FARMS.

Get Pay For Toil and Michigan Cities Buy the Produce.

Ishpeming, Mich.—The cities of upper Michigan have devised a new way for school children to earn money in the summer vacation months by establishing school farms which pay pupil workers for their time and sell the produce to people of the cities interested practically at cost.

Ishpeming began the experiment. It was so successful that the idea is spreading over the upper peninsula. The Michigan State Agricultural college this year will have experts to systematize the work.

Farms have been conducted under the management of the Ishpeming board of education for three years, and this year they will be operated on a larger scale than heretofore. M. A. Russell, from the Michigan Agricultural college, has been placed in charge.

The board of education owns eighteen acres of tillable land in three tracts, and most of this will be cultivated. Students do the work. One hundred and twenty-five boys have agreed to perform the necessary labor. Their pay is 10 cents an hour. The school board markets the produce and retains the proceeds. The chief crops this year will be potatoes, cabbages and cauliflower. One acre will be devoted to strawberries.

## BABY CUT OFF 200 PHONES.

Papa the Real Silencer, However, With Aid of a Shotgun.

Atlantic City, N. J.—The birth of a baby in the home of Matteo Gionetti of Merionville cut off all telephone service in that section for the greater part of a day, to the rage of 200 subscribers.

The boy arrived at the Gionetti home shortly and there was nobody around to help Matteo celebrate, so he grabbed his shotgun and proceeded to blow holes in the atmosphere.

Mr. Newton, the phone company's wire chief, discovered the lines were useless when he came to work next morning. At Gionetti's place he found the broken wires hanging loose from the pole, with about a pound of shot in the cross arm. Gionetti told all about it. Newton started to swear, changed his mind, grinned, said, "Hope the kid's all right," and started repairs.

## UNCLE SAM KEEPING GIRLS ON THE FARM

Tomato Clubs Bring Good Incomes to the Members.

Washington.—Guided by a southern school teacher, Uncle Sam is turning his attention to keeping some of his country nieces happy on the farm instead of letting them join the workers in the cities. In five southern states, under the direction of the department of agriculture, schoolgirls are learning how to turn tomatoes and snap beans into money.

Miss Mary Cromer of Alken, S. C., began the girls' canning clubs with forty-six of her own pupils. She had heard of the boys' corn clubs and saw no reason why the girls should not make a little money too. So one spring she encouraged forty-six girls to plant little tomato patches.

All summer she worked with them, showing them how to hoe and cultivate. Along toward harvest time the neighboring station of the farm demonstration service heard about what she was doing and sent a canning expert to Alken to show the girls what to do with their product. One girl got 512 cans from her patch, which gave her a profit at the rate of \$400 an acre. Even Jerry Moore, the boy who won the corn prize, had cleared only \$140 an acre. Miss Cromer was given a place in the department of agriculture and has organized tomato clubs in five states.

The clubs are formed very early in the spring before planting time, and the demonstrator who travels about tells the girls how to have their land prepared. The farms are only one-tenth of an acre now, that being supposed to be all that one girl can well take care of. Usually the fathers do the plowing, but they are paid for their time and the fertilizer they use, just as an outsider would be. For the cultivating the girls allow themselves 10 cents an hour. They learn to enjoy the work.

The girls are taught to put up wild and garden berries in glass. In the fall, when the harvest is all in tin or glass, the demonstrator visits each home, weighs each can and marks its weight upon the outside. The little gardener adds her name and address, and the can is sent straight to somebody's table at 10 cents for the tin cans of vegetables and 12 for glass jars of preserves. If the purchaser is dissatisfied she notifies the department, and the girl is directed to send another can. If there are continued complaints of her products it is assumed that she is not following directions, and she is dropped from the clubs.

## Treasures of Salt For Wages.

London.—Major Hans Schomburgk, the explorer, who has just returned from West Central Africa with films of native life, states that the "supers" hired were paid two cupfuls of salt a day, salt being the current "coin" with which even wives were bought.

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## Local Market Report.

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