

EPIDEMIC OF MAD COYOTES STARTED

A. E. BROWN RANCH NEAR VENATOR IN HARNEY COUNTY REPORTS FIRST OF VICIOUS ANIMALS IN TWO YEARS.

DOGS AND STOCK SUFFER

Trappers and Ranchers Unite to Exterminate Dangerous Animals—Head Examined Shows Developed Case of Rabies.

An epidemic of mad coyotes in Harney county is in full swing. Last week five of the animals were shot following the biting of several head of stock and dogs. The head of one of the animals shot was brought to Ontario by L. M. Seaward for examination by Doctors Prinzing & Wescoe. The animal was shot after it had bitten stock and dogs on the A. E. Brown ranch at Venator in Harney county. They sent the specimen to the state bacteriologist whose report was received this week. According to the report the animal had a highly developed case of rabies.

Steps were taken immediately upon the appearance of the coyote at the ranch to exterminate the pests whether they were mad or not. The state trappers and the ranchers have united in the campaign. The trapper in that region has an average killing of 14 coyotes per month and with the aid of the ranchers it is expected that the trouble will be stopped before an epidemic of the magnitude of that which raged two years ago, is reached.

TWIN HILL RANCHERS HAVE NO COAL WORRY

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Their information The Argus will have more to say from time to time in regard to its possibilities and conditions.

School Started.

The children of this section are enjoying the opportunity of going to school. Arthur Holland of Ontario who graduated at the Ontario High school last year was elected as school master by the board and has the school organized and down to business now. All the grades from the first to the eighth are being taught and in the spring the first and second grades will be added.

RELIEF FROM COAL FAMINE IS IN SIGHT

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Boys came with hand sleds, men came with wheel barrows, while automobiles, hay racks, buggies and all kinds of sleds were pressed into service. Ranchers came to Ontario not only from the district to the west of the city but far over on the Fruitland bench to get even a small amount of coal and it was an impressive sight to see the pleasure manifested at getting even a small pile of the precious diamonds.

As Blind as Love.

As the German army approached Brussels in August, 1914, it was reported that the invaders might shell the city. In a high state of alarm the Chinese minister went to see our minister, Brand Whitlock, to see what Whitlock meant to do in the event of bombardment.

"I do not believe there will be any assault," said Whitlock. "My information is that the authorities will surrender Brussels to avoid any possibility of damage. But if there should be an engagement, and the Germans should use their heavy guns, I shall hold the flag of my country over this building, and I shall call upon my fellow countrymen to come here for safety and protection. I advise you to do the same thing with regard to your people."

"But, Mr. Whitlock," murmured the Chinaman in his polite but hoarse English, "the cannon—he has no eyes!"—Saturday Evening Post.

Castle Garden.

Castle Garden was built by the United States in 1807 from the plans of Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Williams, U. S. and was called Fort Clinton. In 1822 it was called to New York city; in 1824 it became a place of amusement and about 1826 got its present name; in 1845 there were Ethiopian minstrels there; in 1847 theatrical companies played there; in 1850 Jenny Lind sang there; in 1855 it was closed as a place of amusement, and the commissioner of emigration took it as an emigrant depot; in 1870 it suffered from fire, and on July 9, 1870, it was burned to the ground. It was rebuilt at once. In 1882 the depot was moved to Ellis Island, and Castle Garden reverted to the city, which in 1890 opened an aquarium there.

OLD KASSAN VILLAGE.

Curious Alaskan Landmark in the Tongass National Forest.

No other locality is quite like "Old Kassan National Monument," a unique tract of land held by the United States government. It consists of thirty-eight acres within the Tongass national forest, Alaska, and the tract embraces the well known abandoned Haida Indian village of Old Kassan, situated on Prince of Wales Island, in southeastern Alaska, about thirty miles west of the city of Ketchikan.

The village was abandoned by the Indians about ten years ago. Among the relics which remain there are about fifty Indian totem poles, five or six of which are classed as exceedingly good specimens. In the deserted village there are also eight large square buildings which were originally constructed according to the peculiar plan of the Haida Indians and which, it is stated by those best qualified to know, represent the best specimens of Haida architecture that now exist. The largest of these buildings is approximately 40 by 60 feet in size and is made entirely of round and carved timbers.

There also remain a number of Indian graves, with the typical small grave houses erected by the Alaskan Indians. "Kassan" is said to be the Indian word which means "a pretty town," and all reports agree that the village was well named. The fact that the village was occupied by the Indians for many years explains the local name, "Old" Kassan, by which it is widely known. Since the village was abandoned by the Indians the buildings have been rapidly falling into a state of dilapidation and decay.—Exchange.

AMERICA VESPUCCI.

She Asked Congress For Citizenship and "a Corner of Land."

A decided sensation was created at Washington during the Van Buren administration by the appearance there of a handsome and well dressed Italian woman who called herself America Vespucci and claimed descent from the navigator who gave his name to the continent. Ex-President Adams and Daniel Webster became her especial friends, and she soon was a welcome guest in the best society. In a few weeks after her arrival she presented a petition to congress asking, first, to be admitted to the rights of citizenship and, secondly, to be given "a corner of land" out of the public domain of the country which bore the name of her ancestor. An adverse report, which soon was made, is one of the curiosities of congressional literature. It dignified the petitioner as "a young, educated and graceful lady, with a mind of the highest intellectual culture and a heart beating with all our own enthusiasm in the cause of American and human liberty." The reasons why the prayer of the petitioner could not be granted were given, but she was commended to the generosity of the American people.

"The name of America, our country's name, should be honored, respected and cherished in the interesting exile from whose ancestor we derive the great and glorious title."

Later it was discovered that the woman was an impostor.—Perry's Reminiscences.

Genius and Hair.

Charles Kassel has carefully reviewed the biographies of most of the eminent men of the world and has tabulated the results of his work, so far as the color of the hair is concerned. Dark brown to black is the prevailing hue on the heads of great men. A list of fifty names has been compiled in which the color of the hair is given by biographers, and 90 per cent are dark brown or black. The structure of the hair—whether straight or curly—is given on twenty-six of Mr. Kassel's list of geniuses, and of these all but four possessed curly or wavy hair. It is extremely notable that, of the remaining four, Napoleon and President Jackson were the two remarkable for "wiry hair," and that James Russell Lowell and Grieg were those having lank, straight hair.

Why He Got "Licked."

"I understand you were punished in school yesterday, Thomas," said Mr. Bacon to his twelve-year-old boy.

"Yes, sir," promptly replied the truthful Thomas. "It was for telling the truth, sir."

"Your teacher said it was for some reflection on her age."

"That's the way she took it, father. You see, she drew a picture of a basket of eggs on the blackboard, and while she was out of the room I just wrote under them, 'The hen that made these eggs isn't any chicken.'—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Only Way to Know Dogs.

The only true and thorough straight way to know the dog is to own one. A common residence under the same roof-tree, be it animals or humans, is the sure test of personality. To own the dog is to comprehend him in his faults and virtues, to protect his weaknesses, to be anxious at his vagrancies, to catch the contagion of his love and to agonize if it so be that he die.—Our Dumb Animals.

Not Becoming.

"You used to say that girl was an angel."

"Yes. And I'm sorry I said it. She got interested in flying, and after seeing her in her aviation costume, I must say she doesn't look the part."—Washington Star.

Show me a man without a spot, and I'll show you a maid without a fault.—Proverb.

LONDON'S MALADY

Writer Suffered From Strange Illness in Australia.

BAFFLING TO PHYSICIANS.

Novelist Bravely Fought Mysterious Sickness Which Could Not Be Diagnosed by Australian Specialists. Finally Decided He Had Been Torn to Pieces by Ultra Violet Rays.

Sydney, Australia.—The recent death of Jack London, the California novelist, recalls the extraordinary physical reasons for his stay of about five months in Australia in 1908-9. London was a blond, and his sojourn, from what he himself subsequently wrote in "The Cruise of the Snark" and the alcoholic memoir "John Barleycorn" and those in the commonwealth who became intimate with him now remember, was one of torture. He left the cockleboat Snark, in which he and his wife had been cruising about the Pacific, at one of the islands and came.



Photo by American Press Association.

JACK LONDON IN THE WOODS.

with Mrs. London, to Sydney in November, 1908, by steamer. He said of his Australian sojourn:

"I went to Australia to go into a hospital, where I spent five weeks. I spent five months miserably sick in hotels. The mysterious malady that afflicted my hands was too much for the Australian specialists. It was unknown in the literature of medicine. No case like it had ever been reported. It extended from my hands to my feet so that at times I was as helpless as a child. On occasion my hands were twice their natural size, with seven dead and dying shins peeling off at the same time. There were times when my toenails in twenty-four hours grew as thick as they were long. After filing them off inside another twenty-four hours they were as thick as before. The Australian specialists agreed that the malady was nonparasitic and therefore it must be nervous."

The ailment did not mend, and the novelist and his wife had to abandon the cruise in the Snark. Yet when London had returned to California, where his health had invariably been excellent, his recovery was complete, and strangely enough the California climate is very like that of Australia. Later on London ran across the book written by Colonel Charles E. Woodruff, United States army medical corps, entitled "Effects of Tropical Light on White Men," and what had baffled the Australian specialists was no longer inexplicable. London wrote to Colonel Woodruff describing his illness in Australia, and the latter, whose researches in tropical medicine, especially in the Philippines, have given him a high repute in his profession, replied that he had been similarly afflicted in the Philippines. Besides himself, Colonel Woodruff wrote to the novelist, no fewer than sixteen other United States army surgeons were utterly at a loss to account for the colonel's malady. But in time the colonel solved the riddle. London says:

"I had a strong predisposition toward issue destructiveness by tropical light. I had been torn in pieces by ultra violet rays."

PUTS UP EGGS AS DAIL BOND

What's More, Police Accept Them From Reckless Driver.

Hutchinson, Kan.—When J. J. Pankrat, a farmer, arrested on a charge of reckless driving, learned the amount of his bond he was unable to put up the cash and could think of no one on whom to call.

He said he had with him no personal property of value, but offered to put up a case of eggs for his appearance in police court. The bond was accepted.

Gas Kills Dogs.

St. Paul.—Gillaume and Pietro, the dog pets of Joseph Demalo, were found dead from gas fumes in their master's home. They died by their own paws. The room in which they lay was filled with gas. Demalo denies they committed suicide. He says they heard rats in the stove and in attempting to open the door of the oven turned on the gas.

FOUND IMAGE IN CAVE.

Crude Stone Idol Probably Antedates Indian Mound Builders.

Madisonville, Ky.—E. L. Littlepage of the Morton Gap country brought to this place recently a stone image that is a curiosity and probably of historic value.

Mr. Littlepage found it at the edge of a cave on a high elevation in North Christian county, Ky., while investigating some prospective oil land belonging to him. The cave is located in a wild and broken section of land uncultivated and but thinly inhabited.

The image is rudely carved out of a tough, ferruginous sandstone. It is about six inches in height and is well preserved, except for a slight injury on one side of its head and slight weathering of one arm. The figure is in a sitting position, with its legs doubled under its body and arms extended in front, with hands resting on its knees.

The image is evidently a relic of an idol worshipping people and antedates any old Indian relic found in various Indian mounds in western Kentucky.

WIDOW SAVES TREES.

Turns Commissioners From Those Planted by Her Husband.

St. Cloud, Mich.—"Woodman, spare that tree; touch not a single bough." Thus quoted Mrs. Mary Spicer, widow, as she pleaded for the preservation of trees planted by her husband, long dead.

It was three years ago that Mrs. Spicer started her battle with city officials over the maintenance of this arborian inheritance. She was called upon to enter another skirmish the other day when sidewalk bids were opened, and which provision was to have been made for the removal of the trees.

Mrs. Spicer's "pets" fringe a lot on which her modest little home is built. "Wait until I am gone and you may remove them," she told the city commissioners, who took her words to heart. When sidewalk bids were opened there were proposed contracts on other jobs, but on the Widow Spicer's property—not a word.

EIGHTY, WANTS HEART BALM

Woman is Deaf, Has Lost Right Eye and is a Little Lame.

Utica, N. Y.—Mrs. Almira Kingsbury is just a little on the right side of eighty years old. She is rather deaf. She has lost her right eye and her left thumb. Besides she is a little lame.

But she took the stand to testify that Robert Roberts of Trenton, seventy-six years old and a farmer, had been so smitten with her charms at first sight that he urged her to marry him. Then she said he broke troth and she sued for breach of promise. They met at an employment agency where he sought a housekeeper.

Judge Hazard told Mrs. Kingsbury's attorney, "I think your client is clearly entitled to about 6 cents." However, the case was held open for more evidence.

MUSKRATS CUT MEAT PRICE.

Serve as Substitute in Many Families of Moderate Means in New Jersey.

Alloway, N. J.—Muskrats are cutting the high cost of living in this region. With the price of meats hitting the high spots, there is an unprecedented demand for their carcasses, commonly known as "water rabbits."

Trappers, who this season are securing on an average of nearly \$1 each for muskrat pelts, are adding considerable extra revenue to their usual season's profits by selling the meat to villagers and to outside buyers. It is estimated that an average of 3,000 "water rabbits" are disposed of every week in Salem alone, where they serve as a substitute for meat in many families of moderate means.

BOTTLE DRIFTS 6,600 MILES.

Determines Currents Off South American Coast.

Seattle, Wash.—After drifting 6,600 miles in the south Pacific a bottle containing a position report from the steamship Eureka of Seattle thrown overboard off the Peruvian coast by Captain J. E. Guptill, the vessel's master, Feb. 9, 1915, was found March 1, 1916, on the beach at Tamasua, Yasawa group, Fiji Islands.

There has been a difference of opinion among mariners as to the set of the current off the coast of South America, and the finding of the message is of great value, as it determines the direction of the flow of ocean water in that part of the world.

HOGS CLIMB ORANGE TREES.

Fruit Diet Pleases the Swine Best, but Not the Orchardist.

Riverside, Cal.—W. H. Bacchus has chased his hogs out of his orange grove. He's tired of having them climbing in the orange trees.

After some oranges were blown from the trees by the wind the hogs passed up the usual pasturage and, standing on their hind feet, ate all the golden balls they could reach. Then some of them began to climb trees.

"Nix on this orange fed pork," said Bacchus as he arranged for a new pasture.

Minister Travels by Submarine.

Paris.—General Hubert Lyautey, the minister of war in the new French cabinet, arrived in Paris after a voyage full of incidents from Morocco, where he was French resident general. The new war minister crossed from Tangier to Gibraltar in a submarine, and his train was delayed by the snow in Spain, thus obliging him to decline King Alfonso's invitation to dinner.

AMBITIOUS PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED BY HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS AT DREAMLAND

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An ambitious program is that introduce the musical talent of the which the High School Glee Clubs school to the public and, judging by will present this evening at Dream- the advance sale of seats a packed land Theatre, under the direction of Miss Mayme Benge, supervisor of house will greet the youthful sing- music. The program will serve to ers. The following is the program:

1. Barcarolle Offenbach
Girls' Glee Club.
2. Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes Smith
Boys' Glee Club.
3. Reading
Edith Raver.
4. Distant Chimes Glover
Girls' Sextette.
5. Kentucky Babe Geibel
Senior Quartette.
6. Vocal Solo Selected
Ethel Heslup.
7. Santa Lucia
Rocking the Moon to Sleep Wilson
High School Chorus.
8. Cornet Solo, "Serenade Badine" Marie
Alfred Holland.
9. Mah Punkin Sue Widener
Boys' Glee Club.
10. Reading
Stella Millikin.
11. Indian Cradle Song Clark
Girls' Double Quartette.
12. Violin Duet Beethoven
Alfred Holland.
Miss Benge.
13. Hawaiian Serenade Alan
Boys' Double Quartette.
14. Blue Danube Waltz Strauss
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