

IN THE LONG AGO.

When the St. Louis Spaniards Marched Against the Michigan English.

A Spanish army came to Chicago in the long ago. The minor details of it and the finer statecraft reasons of it are hidden in the catacombs of the Esoucial along with tons of other documents that will never see the light again.

By the treaty of Paris, signed in 1763, France ceded to Spain all of that vast territory known as Louisiana, which stretched from the mouth of the Mississippi to the Canadian line.

In revenge the Spanish commander at St. Louis, which his people called "San Luis de Illinois," planned a raid against the British post of St. Joseph.

It was a fort or outpost, located at a point two miles from the present city of Benton Harbor, Mich., and 60 miles northwest of Chicago, across the lake.

The force began its long, difficult and dangerous journey on Jan. 2, 1781. They estimated the distance at 220 leagues, or 660 miles, and subsequent surveys have proved that they were remarkably good guessers.

They marched up the Mississippi river to the mouth of the Illinois and thence along the track of the French explorers and voyagers.

The small garrison of St. Joseph fled to Detroit at the news of their approach, and all of the stores fell into the hands of the invaders.

Atlantic Currents.

It is an interesting fact in the records of scientific progress that the United States navy has for a long time past been dropping bottles overboard in the Atlantic ocean at the Azores, in deep water along the coast of Spain and from the Madeira and the Canaries southward along the coast of Africa.

Eureka Gas.

The name of Eureka gas is given to a new illuminant, expected to rival acetylene. This gas, as described in Invention and originated by M. Hector de Favi of Montenasone, Italy, is obtained as follows: Lime as pure as possible is employed as a base, colophony and calcium carbide being added—1,000 parts of the mixture ready for use consisting of 900 of quicklime, 50 of colophony and 50 of calcium carbide—and there is said to be no liability of explosion by mixing with air.

An Unerring Barometer.

The advertising columns of legitimate newspapers are now regarded by the more intelligent and thrifty portion of the public as an unerring barometer of the character, energy and success of business men, and those who fail to appreciate the now universally accepted method of reaching the people must fall behind in the race for business profits.

A Moment of Peril.

When the Ironsides, commanded by Captain—afterward Admiral—Dahlgren, was off Morris Island, South Carolina, while removing coal from her bunkers, it was discovered that the vessel had sustained a serious injury from a Confederate torpedo.

The diver's boat was brought alongside and the diver descended. It was low water and the instant was seized when the tide ceased to ebb.

He had accomplished this and was on the other side, when he perceived that the ship was swinging to the newly flowing tide. He had found just space between the bottom and the keel to pass under, and now saw that the vessel, in swinging, would pass close to a shoal ridge of the sandy bottom, and even grind into it.

With all the speed that his incumbrances permitted he endeavored to reach the keel and pass under it before it was too late.

With great effort he succeeded in dragging his limbs and tubes clear, and the water became a little deeper, but one arm was so painfully crushed that it was some days before it was in a condition to use.

Our Manners.

The courtesy of the London shopkeeper charms me today precisely as it did years ago. Perhaps he says "sir" too often, and perhaps he is too profuse in his general politeness, but he is better than the American clerk who will sell me an ounce of tooth powder as though he were conferring upon me an especial favor.

Let any gentleman in New York searchingly ask himself how many other gentlemen he knows whose manners are really gentlemanlike. Nearly every man of good manners whom I have met in America is more or less unpopular.

Moore's Apology.

Senator George F. Hoar possesses the original of a letter written by Thomas Moore in 1816 to the editor of the Philadelphia Portfolio. It is as follows: "This life is just long enough to commit errors in, but too short to allow us time to repair them, and there are few of my errors I regret more sincerely than the rashness I was guilty of in publishing those crude and boyish tirades against the Americans.

The Two Hundred Guinea Fee.

When railroads had become general throughout the country, it was felt by some of the leading physicians and surgeons of the metropolis that an easier, less tedious and less expensive mode of traveling ought in fairness to the public to be met by some reduction in the rate of remuneration, and after a full consideration of all the circumstances it was concluded in sequel to a conference between Dr. Paris and Sir Benjamin Brodie, on the part respectively of the College of Physicians and of the College of Surgeons, that a reduction of one-third would be fair to all parties and meet all the requirements of the case, and thus that a physician's journey of 800 miles would imply a fee of 200 guineas in the place of 300, as it had previously done.

A Snow Image.

"Michael Angelo, to gratify the whim of a capricious patron, carved a figure of snow, expending on this perhaps as much pains as upon his immortal Moses or the imperishable dome of St. Peter's. The sculptor and the architect, the painter and the poet live in their works, which endure after them; the actor's work dies when he dies. He carves his image in snow."

Iron Ships Lighter Than Wooden Vessels.

An iron ship weighs about 20 per cent less than a wooden ship of the same dimensions. Its walls are thinner, and it will carry about 10 per cent more cargo on less draft of water.

WHEN I GET TIME.

When I get time, I know what I shall do. I'll cut the leaves of all my books And read them through and through.

A PIANO FULL OF WASPS.

They Kept Quiet Until the Professor Struck the Loud Notes.

The piano was an old grand. It had not been used for months. The company had arrived in town but a short time before the performance began; hence there had been no time to test the instrument.

Now, it happened that in all the months in which the piano had remained unused a colony of yellow jacket wasps had industriously built themselves a home in the shape of a nest as large as a good sized saucer.

The best time to mulch the strawberries is as soon as the ground is frozen. Take coarse straw manure and scatter evenly over the plants, just thick enough to shade the ground to keep it from thawing.

Long before the outraged burghers of Kerrville were up a little band of men with baggage galore wended their way out of the town and sat down on the railroad track.

The Usual Way.

There are some society girls who like to marshal together all the trophies of a season, in the shape of enche prizes, german favors and invitations galore to all sorts of functions, where they may be seen of men and bring green eyed glances of jealousy into the eyes of other girls not favored quite so much.

The presidents of the 23 literary clubs which compose the Federation of Women's Clubs in Kentucky at a recent meeting which they held for the purpose of interchanging ideas upon club work decided among other things to endeavor to establish a bird day in the public schools of the different cities of the state.

A Woman's Movement.

An English writer asserts that there never was any Grab street in London, the name having been invented by Pope. Hungry authors became identified with that street because they were always trying to find it.

In Mexico the school children who have done best are allowed to smoke cigars while pursuing their lessons.

FARM NOTES.

If plowshares are bright when put away they will come out shining when needed again.

Milk the cows clean, be good to them, give them good rations and they should milk right through to calving, which is the better for them.

Is your land rough or stony or grown up with underbrush? Get sheep on it; they will at least pay interest and taxes and give you all the fresh meat you need.

No doubt it will be necessary to use the blue vitrol and lime to keep the "brown rot" from spreading where it destroyed considerable fruit this year, but an important preventive for decaying crops and to insure healthfulness of the trees is that of well drained orchard soils.

The raising of fowls is better adapted to individuals of limited means than any other industry. With a good arrangement of lots and houses, even on a small city lot, \$200 to \$300 can be cleared annually without detriment to the owner's regular business.

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To protect trees against canker worm pieces of cotton batting six inches wide can be fastened about the trunk of each tree, say three feet from the ground.

Agriculture is the backbone of nearly every country, and from the character of that industry anything which tends to strengthen or develop the agricultural interests is of value and importance to every section of the community.

In packing apples for market it pays best in the long run to pay particular attention to the grading. Those who pack in a haphazard manner, putting in everything as it comes, are ones who lower the prices and the reputation of the Oregon fruit.

If the potatoes are put into the cellar while yet moist or with moist lumps of earth adhering to them, the dampness will cause these pores to germinate, and the potato will in due time show signs of rot.

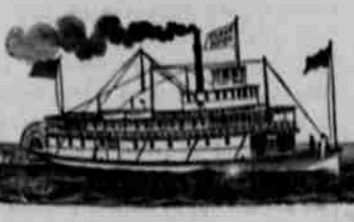
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