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The action of the Emperor William II. in Prussia seems to be systematically aimed at the creation of a new nobility, somewhat in the same way, though not on the same scale, as was done by Napoleon I. in France. Some sensation was caused by the Kaiser's signaling the close of the old year (or, as he maintains, the old century) by creating a new dukedom and raising three counts to the rank of prince. This hitherto unprecedented liberality in bestowing the highest titles seems to give umbrage to the older, and especially the mediocrized princely families. Thus, Prince von Stolberg-Wernigerode has sold his palace in Berlin, Prince Pless is offering his for sale, the Duke of Ujest, the head of the house of Hohenlohe, has resigned his post of grand chamberlain at court and withdrawn to his Silesian property, while several of the other princes appear very rarely at court, in which they follow the example of many members of the sovereign princely houses of the empire.

The preceding emperors were much more chary of bestowing the highest titles. Only two new princely titles were created before William I., who promoted to that rank during his reign four nobles, including Bismarck; the Emperor Frederick conferred two such titles; William II. has already created seven new princes and two dukes—one of the latter being again Prince Bismarck, whose title of Duke of Lauenburg was, however, not hereditary, and died with him. Last year Count Munster got his princely title for his services at the Hague conference, and with the new year Counts Dohna-Schlobitten, Eulenburg and Knyphausen were all made princes; and Prince Hatzfeldt created Duke of Trachenberg. It is further pointed out as a curious anomaly that all these new princes belong, after all—the Bismarcks included—to the so-called "lower nobility," as opposed to the members of the "higher nobility," or mediocrized families, the descendants of the old sovereign houses of the former Holy Roman empire, among which latter class are numerous families, like those of Bentinck, Solms, Stolberg, etc., which enjoy no higher title than that of counts. Yet these are all "ebenburtig," i. e., their members are able to intermarry with any of the European reigning families, from which all these newly made Prussian princes are excluded by laws of the Medes and Persians.—Tablet.

QUER STORIES

The nightingale's song can be heard at a distance of a mile.

Thousands of persons in Germany live literally "on straw," making it up into blankets, panners, boxes, knick-knacks, hats, bonnets, etc. Professional schools have been founded where the trade is taught in all its varieties.

Sixteen windows in the dome of the new epitol of Colorado, at Denver, are to have portraits of leading citizens of the State, and the women have suddenly sprung a demand upon the managers that their sex shall be represented in at least five of them.

Not only in numbers, but also in point of territory, the circulation of the Bible exceeds all other books. The American Bible Society has printed it in 300 tongues. Thousands of copies even now are traveling through the frozen polar regions to people who have not only never heard of the book, but to whom books are unknown.

Why do we have bows on the left side of our hats? In olden times, when men were much in the open air and hats couldn't be bought for half a dollar, it was the habit to tie a cord around the crown and let the ends fall on the left side, to be grasped on the left hand, the right usually being more usefully engaged. Later on, the ends got to be tied in a bow, and later still, they became useless, yet the bow has remained, and will probably remain till the next deluge, or something of that sort.

An attempt to improve the goat as a milk giver is being made by M. J. Crepin, of Paris. He has established a model goat dairy, and has obtained very satisfactory stock by crossing the best native goats with the Nubian buck, the latter being vigorous, indifferent to cold, and hornless. Goat's milk is richer in casein and more digestible than cow's milk. In composition it is more nearly like the milk of the human mother than any other, and it has the advantage of being comparatively free from risk of infection, the goat being seldom affected with tuberculosis and other dangerous maladies. The butter, like the cheese, is found to be remarkably good.

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CITY NEWS.

On the sick list this week are Mrs. A. Duncan, Mrs. H. Miller, Mrs. Peter Lee, Mrs. Bragg and Mrs. Long.

Mr. Jack Williams, who was in the St. Vincent's hospital with pneumonia, has recovered and left for St. Paul last Wednesday.

The William Lawrence Dunbar Literary Society met on Thursday evening. A goodly number were in attendance and an excellent programme was rendered.

Mrs. Lang, who has been stopping for some time past with Mrs. F. D. Thomas, will remove on Sunday to Red Bluff, as her husband's employment prevents his coming to Portland.

Invitations are being anxiously looked for to the military ball to be given at Vancouver in the near future. Arrangements have been made to run late cars both ways so that all may go and return without any inconvenience.

Mrs. and Mr. John H. Ritter entertained a number of friends on last Monday evening. During the evening a spiritual seance was held, which if not a success in one sense, was the source of much merriment.

Rev. A. Anderson's condition has not changed materially for the better. He hopes to be able to start for the East on next Monday, but many of his friends think that he is too sick to undertake such a long journey. He is still at the parsonage, Thirteenth and Main streets.

Mrs. Burns leaves Friday evening for Skagway. She will join her daughter, Mrs. A. Beckwith, who has been in that place and Dawson for the past year. Mrs. Beckwith, who for some time past has not been in the best of health, writes that she has improved and expects to be even better this year than last.

The Lucy Taurman League of the W. C. T. U., in connection with other branches in the city, is engaged in house cleaning of their meeting quarters. It was proposed for the members to give an afternoon and do the work, but it was found more convenient to ask for a small contribution from each member and have the work done.

Mrs. Philip Jenkins passed away on Sunday, April 8, at 1 A. M., after a long and lingering illness. She had been afflicted for the past twelve years and two years ago she rallied from what at that time was supposed to be a fatal illness, since which time she has been very ill. Two weeks ago she had a bad attack and grew constantly worse until the end came peacefully to her. During her residence in this city she has made many fast friends who sincerely grieve at her departure. She was a devout member of the Episcopal church and was buried under the auspices of said church last Tuesday at 1 o'clock from her late residence. She leaves a devoted husband and three nieces in this city, also a stepdaughter in California. Mrs. Jenkins was one of those rare natures that while not pushing themselves forward, had a kind word and pleasant greeting for all of her acquaintances that endeared her to them; and while they realize that she is better off, still feel that her place is hard to fill.

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