

AFRICAN ELEPHANTS.

They May Be In Captivity, but They Are Never In Subjection.

For many reasons the chase of the elephant stands at the apex of sport. As a man killer in open combat he ranks with the lion and the African buffalo. He is the only beast that fears no other. While he will almost invariably run from the scent of man he is as invariably ready to attack on the slightest provocation. Fear does not exist for him. His overwhelming bulk, power, speed and intelligence make him supreme beyond the range of rivalry.

As though this were not enough to establish his pre-eminence, he alone carries a trophy which is one of the staple products of the industrial world. The value of ivory rises. It never fluctuates. Nor is this all. In the mind of the east the elephant is intimately associated with dignity, pomp, pageantry and kingship. But in the mind of the native African he is king—a king in his own right.

In this regard let it be affirmed that no elephant born in Africa has ever docilely paced a hippodrome stage, trundled a circus wagon or taken children for a ride in the park. Those sleep-walking cattle known to the American public as elephants come from India and are mere distant cousins to the king. You may have seen the African elephant in captivity, but never in subjection. Chain him to the floor behind iron bars, and after ten years he is still quick to throw muck in the face of the man that jeers at him.—George Agnew Chamberlin in Century.

CHLOROFORM IN SURGERY.

The Horrors That Were Stopped by Its Use as an Anaesthetic.

Sir James Simpson, who was connected with the medical department of Edinburgh university, if not actually the discoverer of chloroform, was at any rate the first to introduce its employment as an anaesthetic into surgical practice. This was in 1848.

Previously all operations were performed without anaesthetics, the patient being drugged with whisky and held down by strong men while the operation was performed. No medical discovery ever did more to alleviate human suffering.

Sir James is generally given credit for the actual discovery of chloroform, but it is stated in some works that it was discovered some years previous to his first experiments by an American doctor named Guthrie and by a French physician named Souberian. In any case, it was Dr. Simpson who proved its great value as an anaesthetic, and the room in which he made his first experiments still exists in Edinburgh.

The story goes that he tried the chloroform on himself and two medical friends. They proved its efficacy by simultaneously falling beneath the table. Sir James had considerable prejudice to overcome before chloroform was adopted generally by the medical profession, it being denounced at one time as dangerous to health, morals and religion. — Pearson's Weekly.

The Seal Ring.

The seal ring dates back to the days of the Old Testament, and products of the glyptic art, as gem engraving was called, were known in the most remote times. In Exodus xxviii, 17-20, mention is made of the following stones, upon which the names of the twelve children of Israel were engraved: The sardius, the topaz, the carbuncle, the emerald, the sapphire, the diamond, the figure, the agate, the amethyst, beryl, onyx and jasper. In verse 2 of the same chapter we find mention of the engraving of signets upon the hardest stones. It is believed that the Egyptians instructed the Israelites in the art of stone engraving. The Egyptians used the lapidary's wheel and emery powder and knew the use of the diamond in engraving other hard stones. Among the Assyrian and Babylonian ruins were found fine specimens of signets on gems, many of them set in rings.

Dublin Castle.

Dublin castle has a history of over seven centuries, for it was King John who in 1204 ordered it to be built, "well fortified, with good fosses and thick walls strong enough to defend or control the city." Henry III, when about to visit Ireland in 1243, ordered the addition of a hall, "with sufficient windows and glass casements," and other improvements were made in succeeding reigns, particularly by the Duke of Clarence, son of Edward III, who as viceroy spent much money on the castle to make it convenient (as his father complained when called upon to pay) "for his sports and other pleasures."—London Standard.

Realistic Play.

"Can't you children play without continually ringing the doorbell?" asked mother, who had been trying in vain to get an afternoon nap. "No, mother," said Alice, "it's quite impossible. You see, Edith and I are playing house, and Freddie is the collector."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Long Time Between Showers.

In 1912 rain fell in the nitrate territory of Chile for the first time in nearly half a century, and for the first time in man's memory the coast towns were free from dust.

Enough Said.

"Thrifty, is she?" "Thrifty! I won't go into a long discourse. I merely tell you that she banks money in December."

Just as you are pleased at finding faults you are displeased at finding perfection.—Lavater.



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HUGHES AND FAIRBANKS.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Two futile invasions of Mexico and six separate and distinct policies on the question of permitting arms and ammunition to be sent into that country are included in the performance of the Wilson administration in its dealings with our southern neighbors in less than three years. It is this characteristic instability of the government that makes people want a change.

Bryan reiterates that he is out for Wilson. "Hark from the tomb a doleful sound."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The stopping of Governor Hughes' auto by a Canadian soldier will not matter, inasmuch as the band wagon's progress is not to be interrupted.

Democrats who harbored hopes that Josephus would catch the virus from the Bryan and Garrison resignations are still nursing their disappointment. Nothing remains for them but to resign to a realization that Josephus will not resign.

"Inadequate" aptly characterizes the Wilson administration, but almost any synonym of unsatisfactory will do.

When Charles E. Hughes said: "The dealings of the administration with Mexico constitute a confused chapter of blunders," he gave an explicit characterization of the Wilson administration's policy in one sentence.

Just as it is now obstinately shutting its eyes to the need of industrial preparedness, for three years the Wilson administration refused to see the need of adequate military preparedness. With war on our southern border it was content to rely on a regular army that could only muster 40,000 available men and refused to continue the established policy of building up our navy. When the time came for action the country had not sufficient troops to police the border, and this force has been supplemented by a trifle more than one-third the war strength of the national guard. If the national administration had had the ability to interpret the signs of the time military preparedness would have been well under way instead of barely begun.

Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate, recognizes an important fact that Woodrow Wilson, the Democratic president, appears to have overlooked—that the United States is big enough to help Mexico out of the condition of anarchy in which that country is plunged and, by securing order in Mexico, insure peace on our border.

The insuperable handicap of the Democratic party in this campaign is its record.

If the Democratic national administration had left on the statute books in 1894 the federal corrupt practices act placed there by the Republicans there would be no occasion for the present administration's campaign publicity measure, which at best is a very poor substitute for the law repealed.

President Wilson's campaign managers are entitled to all the comfort they can get out of calling the roll of Progressives who are going to vote for him. It would be an endless task to call the roll of Progressives who are not going to vote for him.

For every reason that can be advanced why Progressives should vote for Wilson ten can be advanced why they should vote for Hughes, and the beauty of it is that they know the reasons without having to be told.

The Wilson administration went into Mexico to punish Villa for his outrage on American soil. The only punishment inflicted has been on American soldiers, who were shot down at Carrizal by order of First Chief Carranza.

"Franklin Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, sees a strong trend for Wilson in Maine."—News Dispatch. Who can blame a man who for three years has been assistant to Josephus Daniels for "seeing things"?

Even Woodrow Wilson could not save the infamous Clarke amendment to the Philippines bill. He lost the ablest member of his cabinet, Secretary Garrison, because of his advocacy of the policy of scuttle, but even the sacrifice of Garrison could not save it.

WILSON'S POLICIES BLOWN UP.

Charles Evans Hughes did have explosives with him when his motorcar was searched by a Canadian soldier, but they were under the candidate's hat. Mr. Hughes will set them off on his western tour, and some of Mr. Wilson's policies will be blown up.—New York Sun.

FUTURE OF ALASKA.

A Comparison of Our Territory With the Scandinavian Countries.

Alaska has the same latitude as Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland and similar climatic conditions. The same development may be expected in Alaska that has obtained in those Scandinavian countries, increased and intensified by her enormously great latent resources.

The Scandinavian countries have 16,000 square miles under cultivation and 75,000 square miles in grazing. Our department of agriculture has classified 60,000 square miles in Alaska as suitable for cultivation, located mostly in the Susitwa, Tanana and Kuskokwim valleys, with an additional 100,000 suitable for hay and grazing, and another 100,000 square miles of reindeer range. This estimate makes available for agricultural purposes 200,000 square miles of the 566,446 square miles which constitute Alaska's total area.

Alaska's annual output of gold is \$20,000,000. Fisheries produce nearly as much; it has the richest and largest copper deposits in the world; it has coal deposits equaling those of Pennsylvania and West Virginia in quality and surpassing them in volume.

The Scandinavian countries have 12,000,000 population and 14,000,000 head of live stock. Applying the same ratio to the available lands of Alaska would give her a population of 30,000,000, with 50,000,000 live stock.—Hon. A. Barton Hepburn in Leslie's.

SHAPE OF THE SHOE.

It Is Radically Wrong, and All on Account of the Last.

In the American Magazine Dr. Arthur R. Reynolds, former health commissioner of Chicago, tells of the many troubles that can make life miserable and that come from feet that were neglected in childhood. Among other things he says:

"Children should go barefooted at all times while indoors and through the summer. They should never wear any foot covering at any time that in any way distorts the toes or any part of the foot or that interferes in any way with its normal growth and development. The same may be said of adults.

"Any reform in the shape of shoes must begin with the shoemaker's last. Shoemakers do not seem to be able to get away from form and beauty in shaping it. It is shaped largely by guess and is pointed and turned up at the toe. No normal foot is so shaped.

"The only rational last is made from a plaster cast of the foot while bearing weight, and the mold can be made only of some semi-solid material that hardens when cool or dry. There is little hope of getting a rationally shaped shoe until the wooden last is totally discarded. It is safe to assert that good looking and nondeforming shoes can be made without it."

The Magic Shave.

The man with a retreating chin may grow a beard and hide it, or he may frankly shave the exiguous offender, careless whether it recedes or not. The utmost candor may be seen in a shaven chin, and of all the manly, valorous qualities that of candor, downrightness, may be ranked first. The weakness attributed to a retreating chin may be canceled by shaving it. The man who accepts his face as nature gave it to him, braving it to the world without concealment or decoration, must be classed among those with the manly quality. Cartoonists and novelists have waived the weak chin to the limbo of the inefficient and inept. Let the man without the masterful jaw take heart; he has but to shave to show the qualities desired.—Atlantic.

Too Sensitive.

It was the first night after the show. The leading woman's mother was downcast.

"What's the trouble, dear?" asked the leading woman in surprise. "I made a brilliant hit tonight."

The old lady was surprised.

"Did you, Sophie? I heard the audience shouting 'Play right! Play right!' and I thought you had failed."

And the leading woman laughed in amusement.

"Why, my dear, they were shouting 'Playwright! Playwright!'"—Chicago Tribune.

Oil Wells in the Ocean.

One of the most novel and interesting sights along the California coast, especially to tourists, are the oil wells in the ocean at Summerfield, southern Santa Barbara county. Long wharfs carry the scores of derricks which mark the location of these unique wells. The field is small, covering about 125 acres.—Argonaut.

No Game.

Pat and I were watching a game of chess. Suddenly I turned to him.

"Have you the time?" I asked, glancing at his watch pocket.

"Sure," replied Pat. "I have the time, but not the inclination."—Princeton Tiger.

Sometimes.

Willis—What is it called when two people are thinking of the same thing at the same time—mental telepathy? Gillis—Sometimes; other times just plain embarrassment.—Judge.

How It Was.

Landlady (sympathetically)—Why, how did you fall downstairs, Mr. Lanks? Boarder (with dignity)—Unexpectedly, ma'am.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Fine.

"Telephone girls are not allowed to talk back." "What a field from which to select a wife."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

STATE NEWS IN GENERAL.

Work is going forward on nitrate plant at Vale.

Astoria has a large new hotel nearly completed.

Marshfield is making plans for \$50,000 armory.

Coquille river open shop stevedore company is organized.

Steel bridge is being built across Bear creek at Wallowa.

Ontario Episcopalians purchase site and will erect a church.

Big developments under way in Greenhorn district near Baker.

Pendleton gets new garage and motorist rest room, 100x135.

North Bend—Buehner Lumber Co. is erecting fine office building.

Pentleton—\$75,000 health resort hotel to go up at Lehman springs.

Six modern dwellings are being rushed to completion at Astoria.

Enterprise—High power transmission line to be built to Joseph lake.

Waters creek station is shipping ore and lumber out of Curry county.

Florence—Shinglemill company of Monroe, Wash., to build plant here.

Heirs of late W. F. Jewett present city of Gardiner with \$15,000 school building.

Florence—\$6000 electric fog and signal station to be built at mouth of Coquille.

Springfield—Southern Pacific Co. is putting 50 carloads of gravel ballast daily on Coos Bay line.

Nine shipbuilding plants are either in operation or building on the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

Albany Democrat: The celebration of the opening of the railroad to Marshfield is one deserving the attention it is receiving. It is a state affair, a part of a great program in progress to give the state a network of railroads, reaching all sections. Whatever helps one section, helps all sections.

Elh Bushwood and Nate Natstead are on a prospecting trip into Siskiyou county.

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The second half taxes in Jackson county become delinquent on October 5. Taxpayers should see to it that their taxes for the year are cleared up by this time in order to avoid paying the delinquency penalty.

Supreme courts upholds Chambers Power Co., of Eugene, in its fight for the right to widen its ditch to 50 feet.

Big Dance

Wednesday Night

Immediately After the Band Concert

AT

The Bungalow