

### Told in Brief

Short, Pungent Paragraphs of Interest to Everyone

The price of labor in Alaska is \$4.50 to \$6.50 a day, with board.  
Hot weather is no more dangerous to fat people than to lean.  
More than 150 books on the war in South Africa have been published.  
The Baldwin locomotive works at Philadelphia employs 15,000 men, with a weekly salary of \$190,000.  
One wishing to buy a hippopotamus must have a government permit to buy and another to land him.  
Serbia has the population of Wisconsin and the area of Massachusetts and Vermont.  
We must remember that, today, of our 200,000 miles of tracks only 25,000 miles, or one eighth is equipped with a block signal system of any kind.  
However numerous may be the opportunities of life, they are never discovered by those who keep their eyes shut and permit their hands to be idle.  
Self-reliance is good capital in any business, and the young man who has this to start with, together with unlimited energy, is bound to succeed.  
A boy working in the clay pipe factory at Magadore, Ohio, can make 18,000 pipes a day. It's a pipe dream where they all go.  
Alaska natives have developed a great fondness for bacon, hard bread, canned beef and other foods of a like nature.  
Truth crushed to earth will rise again. How strange that people try. This little trick most all the time. But never crush a lie.  
Nearly all the safety matches, which are safe against friction on sandpaper, stone, wood, or brick, ignite readily from a quick rub on glass.  
With 20,000 remedies known to medical science, it does seem mighty queer how long it takes the doctor to fix us up all right again when we get to feeling tough.  
The railroad car will carry as much as 29 teams of horses could haul and the great ocean steamers will transport as much as 400 railroad cars can carry.  
Excluding Egypt and the Sudan, Great Britain owns 2,558,000 square miles of Africa, an area equal to more than fifty Englands and inhabited by about 45,000,000 people.  
Manila has a population of something like 300,000, about 10,000 being Americans and European born. The American population is estimated at 8,000.  
If people could turn X-rays on their poor, overworked stomachs and see them laboring to digest things that should not have been eaten in warm weather, they would leave said things alone.  
An electric motor for unloading bananas has been introduced in New Orleans which handles 15,000 bunches an hour, working at three hatches, and the fruit is protected from the slightest bruise.  
We are told that the emperor of Japan is having some trouble with the Japanese diet. We don't know just what it consists of, but hope it is something more palatable than they are generally credited with eating.  
The life of the modern leather, made by the use of sulphuric acid, is but 15 years. This makes it necessary for the British museum to spend \$20,000 a year in renewing leather book bindings.  
The Baldwin locomotive works has a remarkable record. They hire 13,000 men, never had a strike, no trade union among employes was ever organized and they have been running 72 years.  
The worst pauperism in the world is the poverty of mind and soul. Pity the man or woman whose mind is barren of those high and noble possessions which reveal the soul and distinguish man from the brute.  
Idleness is the progenitor of crime. Laziness is a disease that should receive early treatment. Teachers and preachers should make it their duty to convince young men and women of the wickedness of doing nothing.  
Probably the largest can factory in the world is that of the Standard Oil Company at Long Island City, at which 70,000 five gallon cans are made from Welsh tin each day for the export ker-24,000 cans in one day.

### EXPEDITION MAY BE LOST

#### Russia Fears for Safety of the Polar Explorer Baron Toll

LEFT QUARTERS IN JUNE, 1902

Three Relief Parties Now in Search of the Scientist and Associates—No Word From Them

St. Petersburg, July 21.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The Imperial Academy of Science is beginning to entertain most serious fears for the polar explorer Baron Toll, from whom nothing has been heard since he left the yacht Zaria, July 13, 1902, in company with two Yakouts and started for Bennett Island. The Zaria left its winter quarters early in June last year to find Baron Toll as well as his associates, the Zoologist Birouliu who had gone to New Siberia. The vessel was unable to accomplish its mission and returned late in the season to the Jitter Lena. Birouliu escaped across the ice. Three relief parties were sent out by the academy this last spring. Lieutenant Kolchask and Engineer Bronsnav each with a number of experienced Yakouts and coast people proceeded towards New Siberia and Bennett Island, while Lieutenant Mattise undertook to recover the Zaria. Dr. Bronsnav was also accompanied by a number of Russian and native traders who make annual journeys to this coast for mammoth tusks and furs while Lieutenant Kolchask took with him a portion of the former crew of the Zaria. There seems to be no doubt that they reached New Siberia quite early in the season as the ice was very strong and the present hope is that Baron Toll may have been able to return to New Siberia.

To clean a clock lay in the bottom a rag, saturated with kerosene oil. The fumes will loosen the dirt and it will drop out. In a few days remove and place another saturated rag in the clock, the fumes of which will lubricate the works.  
Have an aim and work for it—but when you come bang up against a big rock, do not break your head on it. Climb over the rock or go around it. If you climb over it, you will find a big hump of satisfaction on top, and the going down will be easy.  
A number of tests made by the Vermont experiment station found arsenite of soda and the arsenic-sal soda mixture are very satisfactory for killing weeds along walks and drives. These can be kept perfectly free of weeds by the use of these mixtures.  
If a dog springs for a man, the latter should guard his face with his arm and try to meet the animal with his forearm. With the right hand he should endeavor to catch one of the animal's front paws. The paw of a bulldog is ultra sensitive. If it can be caught, a vigorous squeeze will make the animal howl for mercy and retire disgruntled.

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### Praises The High School

#### Dr. Hill of Portland Says Astoria's Principal Educational Institution Is Well to the Front

Dr. J. W. Hill, principal and proprietor of the Hill Military Academy, Portland, arrived in the city yesterday, accompanied by his wife, en route for North Beach. He is registered at the Occident.

Dr. Hill is one of the most prominent educators in the Pacific Northwest. He has lived in Oregon since 1878, and has been engaged continuously since that time in the boarding school business at Portland, for twenty-three years as lessee and principal of the Bishop Scott Academy, and the last two years as proprietor and principal of the Hill Military Academy. During his extended career he has had under his tuition hundreds of sons of the leading citizens throughout the Northwest. Among Astorians are Arthur Manner, William E. Tallant, Mark and William Warren Max Young's three sons, Capt. Hiram Brown's two sons, Herman Wise and others.

One secret of the doctor's popularity with his students is that "once his boy always his boy." The doctor's new school has been a success beyond the expectations of his warmest admirers. At the close of the first year the capacity of the large building was taxed to the utmost, and last year it was necessary to open another cottage to accommodate the overflow. The location of the school is in the very best part of the residence section and it is not very far from the site of the Lewis and Clark fair grounds. The buildings are new, modern and up-to-date in every particular. The school is non-sectarian and is conducted by the doctor on strict business principles. There are no boards or trustees to interfere in the management of the institution. He has surrounded himself with an exceedingly strong faculty; his teachers are college graduates, and have been with him from three to twelve years.

Interviewed at the hotel yesterday, Dr. Hill said: "The state of Oregon is far in advance of many of the older states in educational advantages. The many local high schools, of which your own is a splendid exponent, have made rapid strides in modern methods of imparting instruction, and the teachers are as conscientious and painstaking as can be found in any community. The state institutions at Corvallis and Eugene have made marked advance along the lines above mentioned. Another peculiarity is, I notice, that our Oregon boys, trained in Oregon schools, hold their own with any boys when they go to the large institutions in the East."

Dr. Hill leaves today for the beach. His academy opens for the fall term September 16, and as he wishes to rest up thoroughly he decided that it would be folly to remain here for the regatta. "I know what sort of entertainment you Astorians are in the habit of providing at the regatta," he said, "and the man who comes here for rest will find that there is nothing to be had but a good time, and so I must forego the pleasure of mingling with the crowds."

### AUTOMOBILISTS GATHERED IN

#### FOXY QUILLERS OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS ENFORCE SPEED ORDINANCES ON SUNDAY

Chicago, August 17.—Seventeen automobiles were stopped by the police of Evanston yesterday and taken to the police station, where their drivers were released on bond or on their own recognizance, to appear in court later.

A patrolman, dressed in civilian clothes, gave the signal when an automobile passed by moving his handkerchief over his face. Two policemen stationed an eighth of a mile away timed the automobiles and stopped them going too fast. The speed limit by ordinance in Evanston is eight miles an hour. The police only stopped those exceeding a speed of 12 miles an hour. The minimum fine for violation of the speed ordinance is \$25.

### RUSSIA HAS FAIR CROPS

#### Winter Wheat Pronounced Good Throughout the Entire Country

#### RYE CROP ALSO YIELDS WELL

Spring Grain is Bad in About One Third of the Country, But Outlook is Encouraging

St. Petersburg, August 2.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—A statement has been issued showing the official crop prospects for European Russia up to a fortnight ago. Winter wheat is pronounced good in the southwest, comprising nearly all the country up to the Dnieper, a strip from the headwaters of this river to the German frontier, a small part of the central black earth belt and considerable stretches south of the Don and the Kuma, respectively. It is declared satisfactory in all the other wheat districts except comparatively small districts around Kharkov, Nisnuy, Novgorod and on the other hand on the right bank of the Dvina.

Rye is classed as good in the lower half of the trans-Dnieper southwest between Zhitomir and Gradna, almost all the way between Nisnuy, Novgorod and Zamara along the lower Kama river in the Ural on both sides of the Belaya and south of the Don and Kouma rivers. It is unsatisfactory in considerable belts around Kharkov, from Vitensk to Pskov and Riga, around old Novgorod, Nisnuy, along the west bank of the Volga below Saratov, all along the Ural river and in a big section of the Upper Kama and Votka valleys. It is satisfactory elsewhere, that is, as in the case of wheat throughout nine tenths of the grain country.

Spring grain is bad or unsatisfactory in about one third of the grain country, the failure extending, with extensive exceptions, however, from the junction of the Don and Volga valleys to the extreme north and northwest. There is also almost a total failure along the right bank of the Dvina. To offset this, however, excellent crops are expected from Kovno to Etaterinoslav and south to the line between these cities and throughout the northern Caucasus from Rostov to Vladikavkaz.

The remaining satisfactory districts comprise three fifths of the whole agricultural area.

### SUGGESTS RELIGIOUS TRUST

#### CHICAGO PASTOR SAYS THE SLUMS ARE NEGLECTED BY CHURCHES AND OFFERS A REMEDY

Chicago, August 17.—A "trust" in religious forces to bring about economies in soul saving after the manner of the commercial world has been advocated by the Rev. Bruce Brown in the North Side Christian church.

"It is high time there should be a trust in religious resources," he said. "Our present methods tend to multiply churches in respectable communities and to leave the slums destitute of church privileges."

"We build so many churches among the comparatively good people that we have no money left to preach the gospel to the poor. The millennium will never dawn on a divided church. The kingdoms of this world will not be made the kingdoms of God by any sect or schism. Our usefulness and efficiency and influence would be magnified many fold if we would cease multiplying churches where they are needed the least and use the money for building churches where they are needed the most. I am in favor of a religious trust."

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### CONTEMPLATION

#### A Few Observations on the Decline of a Noble Trait in the Character of a Great People

Nowadays how many men or women sit down deliberately and conscientiously, apart by themselves, to enjoy a long and quiet think? asks a contemporary. Unhappily, the amendment which arises in the mind of the questioner is only too just—how many men and women in this galloping age have the time to do so? Verily, the art of contemplation seems in danger of passing out of mankind's recollection, so much of our thinking, even what we dignify by its lofty title of our "best thinking," appears to be done when we are busiest and most agitated. Such thinking as we mean cannot, of course, be done under such conditions. The reflective faculties are then in slumber; the perceptivity, the more animal portions of our mentality, are at their highest working pressure. For example, how could a man feel the mystical force of Gray's Elegy amidst the roar of machinery or dodging the traffic of busy streets? Or what chance would he have to carry to his logical sequence some fine thought, crude and indistinct, on life or death, where chattering and the rattle of hourly business compelled his close attention to petty details and empty trivialities? And those thoughts will come, often, into the mind of a man in the oddest places; unbidden, wanton vagrants who have no right to thrust themselves saucily upon the mind in thrall over ledgers or cash books or watching engines and machinery. Who can account for these strange obtrusions?

How little the world really understands about thinkers! To the ordinary man the sight of a thinker plunged in a deep train of thought, oblivious to every worldly consideration, absolutely lost in contemplation of some absorbing theme that places him under a spell of enchantment, is simply to suggest the man of letters, the dandy, the man of letters and knights and ladies goes, etc." The vagrant of imagination passes before him, glittering, splendid, various, all that his mind has absorbed from books, his eye and ear from men and the world comes up to crowd the grand positive results of contemplation; brutally shatters the splendid dream as with a trooper's jackboot. It is hard for the ordinary man to sympathize with the thinker. Shut the ordinary man up in a dimly lighted dungeon and he goes mad. Imagine the thinker, the man of imagination, in the gloomiest prison and he peoples it with the magnificent treasures of his fancy; he writes a "History of the World," a "Pilgrim's Progress," a "Don Quixote" thread of contemplation; the ravelling ends can never be used again. What have he works amount to infinitely delicate machinery of the inner brain, who can say? Yes, it is a crime to interrupt without good and just cause the contemplations of a thinker. Carlyle tried hard to get away from his fellow-creatures because of this. Schopenhauer has immortalized the plaint of the interrupted thinker, and he has

rudely anathematized the criminal, who ignorant of the serene delight and train of thought as he would have hesitation in attacking his dinner when he is hungry. Yet, what a crime does he commit! He snags in twain the gold and the ordinary man has as little compunction about interrupting that gold that he is an idle, worthless loafer because of antiquity, whose names have not perished in the wreck of empires; he marches with Xenophon and Alexander; sweeps on in the conquering hosts of Cambyses and Chosroes; sees the horses of Sparta perish at Thermopylae, and joins the wild rush of the Greeks at Marathon; he is with Hannibal and Hamrabal and Hamrabal, with Marcellus and Pompey and Scipio and Caesar, Charlempagne, Attila, Alaric and on down to the latter days. No such man goes mad because he is flung into a dungeon. But it is the fate of the contemplative man to be misunderstood, cruelly misunderstood; no easy is it to cheat the world with display of busy activity and so gain credit for diligence that is worse than idleness. When Archimedes calmly pursued his philosophical contemplations and absently drew his angles and circles on the sand before him in his garden at Syracuse, a rude, brutal Roman soldier of Marcellus' conquering legions stood before him and angrily demanded his formal surrender. Archimedes was no more conscious of the presence of that blood-stained legionary than one is of stellar influences upon one's daily life. It was the ordinary man, utterly contemptuous of contemplation's rights and privileges, who, in the form of that Roman soldier, struck off the head of Archimedes, the best head in the world of that time. Just so the unthinking strike off the head of thoughts that come not again, woo they ever so winsomely.

### LYNCHING IS DENOUNCED

#### SAYS MOB LAW IS THE GREATEST DANGER TO A REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN EXISTENCE

New York, August 17.—Dr. Robert S. MacArthur, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, has vigorously denounced lynching and anarchy. In the course of his sermon he said:

"A mob is a wild beast. A mob has no brains to think, no breast to feel and no reason to judge between right and wrong. When democracy becomes mobocracy the days of the republic will be numbered. Mob law is one of the greatest dangers in a republican form of government. It is anarchy, pure and simple. It is vastly more dangerous in a republic than in a monarchy. It resolves society into savagery. It brutalizes and demoralizes all who participate in it. It puts brute force in the place of law and vengeance in the place of justice. It is treason to the republic and a dishonor to humanity. "Ours is the only country on the globe that roasts at the stake men uncondemned and untried. There is not a spot today in darkest Africa or in any other pagan land where such atrocities are committed. We must insist that sheriffs and other officers of the law shall be fearless in the defense of their prisoners, even though they be guilty of the most awful crimes. In order to do so they may have to shoot to kill. No man knows my spirit will charge me with cruelty in feeling or action. Public officials are guilty of wrong to a mob when they shoot into the air."

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