

BOG COVERS TOWN

A Strange Freak of Nature in Ireland.

INHABITANTS ARE MENACED

Holdings of Villagers as Well as Their Homes Engulfed by a Sea of Peat and Water in the County of Roscommon

New York, Dec. 31.—Graphic details are being received of the devastation caused by a moving bog in the county of Roscommon, Ireland, says a Herald dispatch from London. The bog which is known as that of Cloonshiver, is three miles from Castleroy. When it began to slide, it moved three-quarters of a mile in a few days, covering everything in its way with peat and water to a depth of eight or ten feet.

According to reports from the scene the peasants are surrounded on all sides with miles of bog and water. The inhabitants of Cloonshiver, a village in the valley of about 750 one-story cottages, barely escaped with their lives, the bog having moved unawares upon them. Many of the peasants' houses have, continues the correspondent, wholly disappeared, while all that is to be seen of the others is the chimney tops.

Here and there a lifeless tree marks the spot where well tilled farms have disappeared, probably forever. At one point there is a lake of 10 or 12 acres which had been formed in the last few days by pent-up mountain streams. Unless some means is speedily adopted to drain off this water it will undermine the entire bog and a disaster may be anticipated.

A later dispatch states that the lake is steadily extending upward toward a number of houses on the rising ground. The land attached to the holdings has already been covered over by the creeping bog.

PORTO RICO WORMY.

Nation Claimed by Parasites of Uncleanliness.

New York, Dec. 31.—A letter to the Herald from Major L. L. Seaman, M. D., who has privately been investigating conditions among the inhabitants of Porto Rico, states that the high death rate there and the anaemic condition of the rural population are due to the so-called hook worm known to science as "ankylostoma duodenale," which recently was stated to be highly prevalent in the southern states and all tropical countries. When fully developed the worm sometimes attains a length of three-quarters of an inch.

Treatment of 5000 cases and exhaustive investigation by a medical commission extending over a year show, according to Major Seaman, that the disease produced by the worm has caused more than 30 per cent of the deaths in Porto Rico.

The parasite is really a bloodsucker. Its development requires about two months and its work in the intestines has been found to greatly reduce the corpuscles of the blood vessels. One of the patients examined show under microscopic tests only 25 per cent of the normal amount. One man only 13 per cent. The blood here is pinkish tint, almost as light as water. At least 90 per cent of the rural population on the island is asserted to be affected by the ravages of the parasite, almost destroying their energy. Three or four doses of thymol or of sal-naphthol have generally proved the most successful treatment.

A successful campaign of sanitation, teaching the rural population to use the simplest sanitary methods in every-day life, would, Major Seaman believes, turn Porto Rico into a garden spot and the majority of its inhabitants into a healthy, happy, red blooded people. Unsanitary habits have been inculcated, he asserts and the present generation can scarcely be held responsible.

QUEER BEASTS.

Berkeley Gets a Bunch of Long Dead Freaks.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 31.—Important discoveries in western fossil beds were announced by Prof. John C. Merriam, head of the paleontological department of the University of California before the Cordilleran section of the Geological Society of America in the sixth annual meeting of that organization. A remarkable specimen of the very early ichthyosaurs was unearthed in the middle triassic limestones of Nevada. After being chiseled out of the hard limestone matrix in which the bones were embedded, the specimen showed the greater part of the anterior half of the body, including the skull, vertebrae and front limb or paddle, the upper arm and forearm of the latter being very perfect and distinct.

Another important find was that made in the Samuel Cave, in Shasta county. The specimen was a new sheep-like form of enormous size, hitherto unknown to science. It consisted of the greater part of the skeleton of

an animal as large as an elk, but with distinctly sheep and goat affinities. The most noticeable feature of the fossil is the horns, which are so large and magnificently formed that they make the animal distinctive among Ovinæ, at least of any type known here. So complete is the skeleton of this beast that it will soon be set up in the paleontological museum at Berkeley for general exhibition.

HIGH LIFE ROW.

Tangled Matrimonial Affairs Causing Grief in "400."

New York, Dec. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Morse of this city, whose matrimonial affairs have attracted much attention through the arrest of Charles F. Dodge (Mrs. Morse's former husband), on charges of perjury, are in London, according to an American dispatch from that city.

Morse, who is a wealthy banker and former president of the American Ice Company, is perfectly willing to return to New York at once, according to his friends, should the lawyers say it is necessary for him to appear before the grand jury on the perjury charge of Dodge.

In spite of the legal tangle of divorces and annulled decrees correspondent adds, the couple still consider themselves legally wedded.

ANOTHER IDIOT.

Scheduled to Break His Neck in Near Future.

Ishpeming, Mich., Dec. 31.—Looping the loop on skis, a feat never before attempted, will be one of the great attractions at the annual tournament of the ski riders of America, to be held in Ishpeming February 22. Heretofore wild dashes down long, snow covered inclines, ending with a thrilling leap of from 75 to 125 feet have been the main features of the annual tournament, but now a still more hazardous undertaking is to be added. Con Thompson, a member of the Ishpeming Ski Club, is firm in the belief that a ski rider may successfully "loop the loop." After consulting with Harry Hulst, an engineer, he has decided upon the outline of the loop. His plan calls for a ring 12 feet in height.

A RELIABLE MEDICINE

A Reporter of Astorian Interviews Our Local Druggist, Mr. Chas. Rogers.

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POULTRY IS HIGH

Chickens Are in Demand for the Dinners Today.

Smelt and Fish Rule Cheaper With Peddlars—Oranges and Apples Are in Demand for Good Sizes—Eggs Coming.

Portland, Dec. 31.—The produce markets were dull today except in the matter of poultry and game.

Chickens, of better quality, sold high, but the coop and common lots sold as for a week past, at 9@13c, for live, 18c for dressed.

Fresh eggs lowered a bit on offerings from the country, and fell to 30 cents. Smelt reached the peddlars in greater quantity today, and sold on the streets at 4c.

Oranges of large size, and firm apples, are holding their own at good prices.

Grain Products, Feed.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 81c; Valley, 87c; bluestem, 87c. Oats—White, 28c; gray, 33c. Barley—Brewing, 22.50; feed, 21.50. Hay—Timothy, 14@15; clover, 11@12; cheat, 11@12. Millstuffs—Barley, rolled, 23.50; middlings, 24@25; chop, 16@18; bran 20@21; shorts, 23@25. Flour—Hard wheat, straight, 4.15@4.30; hard wheat patents, 4.75@4.90; Valley, 4.30@4.75; graham, 4; rye, 55.

Produce.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@27 1/2c; dairy, 13@13 1/2c; cooking, 12@12 1/2c. Cheese—Young America, 14 1/2@15c; Oregon full cream, 12 1/2@14c. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 31@32c; eastern, 24@26c. Poultry—Mixed chickens, per pound, 10 1/2c; spring, pound, 10 1/2@11c; hens, 10c; geese, 8@8 1/2c; turkeys, live, 17@18c; turkeys, dressed, 19@21c; ducks, old, dozen, 44@5; spring ducks, 36@7. Honey—Dark, 10 1/2@11c; amber, 12@13c; fancy white, 15c.

Wild Game.

Wild geese, 3; mallard ducks, 33@35; wildgeon ducks, 32@250; teal ducks, 1.50.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Pears—11@12.5c. Cranberries—Per barrel, 10. Apples—Oregon, 50c@1.50. Tropical Fruits—Lemons, fancy, 33.25@33.50; choice, 32.25 per box; oranges, 22.25@27.5c; bananas, 5@5 1/2c per pound; pineapples, 33.50@4 per dozen. Potatoes, Oregon, 100 pounds, 70@90c; tomatoes, California, per crate, 1.25; turnips, per sack, 60@70c; cabbages, per pound, 1 1/2@2c; carrots, per sack, 60@75c; beets, per dozen bunches 15c; egg plant, 6c per pound; Oregon onions, 100 pounds, 22.25@25.00; sweet potatoes, 1.25@1.50 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, per dozen, 75c@1; celery, per dozen, 75c.

Fresh Meats and Fish.

Fresh Meats—Veal, 3 1/2@7c; pork, 5 1/2@6c; beef, 2 1/2@4 1/2c; mutton, 2 1/2@4 1/2c. Fish—Crabs, per dozen, 1.25; Shoal-water Bay oysters, per sack, 34; oyster, gallon, 32.25; halibut, 7c; black cod, 7c; salmon, Steelheads, 5 1/2c; herrings, 5c; flounders, 5c; catfish, 7c; lobsters, per pound, 12 1/2c; silver smelt, 5c; shrimp, 10c; perch, 5c; sturgeon, 7c; Columbia river smelt, 8c.

Oils and Lead.

Coal Oil—Pearl or astral oil, cases, 21c per gallon; water white oil, iron barrels, 18c; wood barrels, none; cocoon oil, cases, 25c; elaine oil, cases, 28c; extra star, cases, 28c; headlight oil, 17 1/2c cases, 24 1/2c; iron barrels, 18c. (Washington state test burning oils, except headlight, 1/2c per gallon higher.)

Benzine—Sixty-three degrees, cases, 22c; iron barrels, 15 1/2c. Lined Oil—Pure raw, in barrels, 52c; genuine kettle-bolled in barrels, 54c; pure raw oil, in cases, 57c; genuine kettle-bolled in cases, 59c; lots of 300 gallons, 1c less per gallon.

Turpentine—In cases, 86c per gallon. Gasoline—Stove gasoline, cases, 24 1/2c; iron barrels, 18c; 36 degrees gasoline, cases, 33c; iron barrels or drums, 26c.

Lead—Strictly pure white lead and red lead in ton lots, 7 1/2c; 500-pound lots, 8c; less than 500 pounds, 8 1/2c.

Groceries, Provisions, Etc. Sugar—Golden C, 55.55; powdered, 56.35; patent cube, 56.50; cane, D. G., 56.15; fruit sugar, 56.15; beet sugar, 56.05; extra cut, 10c; kegs, cwt., 25c; boxes, cwt., 50c (less 1/4c per pound, if paid for in 15 days).

Salt—Bales of 75-25, bale 11.50; bales of 50-30, bale 11.50; bales of 40-40, bale 11.50; bales of 15-105, bale 11.50; bags, 50 lb., ton, 93.50; bags 50 lbs., genuine Liverpool, ton, 117; bags 50 lbs., 1/2 ground, 100s, tons, 95.25; R. S. V. P., 20 5-lb. cartons, 22.25; R. S. V. P., 24 3-lb cartons, 21.75; Liverpool lumb, ton, 215.

Coffee—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; avia, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 17 1/2@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Arabuckles, \$15.25 per 100 pounds; Lion, \$15.25.

Nuts—Walnuts, No. 1, soft shell, 13 1/2c; No. 1, hard shell, 13 1/2c; Chile, 13c; almonds, 17@18c; filberts, 14@15c; Brazils, 16c; pecans, 13 1/2@15c; hickory, 8c; Virginia peanuts, 5@5 1/2c; Jumbo Virginia peanuts, 9c; Japanese peanuts, 5 1/2@6c; chestnuts, Italian, 14c; chestnuts, eastern, drum, 44.50; cocoanuts, dozen, 96c.

Rice—Imperial Japan, No. 1, \$5.37 1/2; No. 2, \$4.25; Carolina head, 6c; broken head, 4c, 11@12c per pound; Columbia roast, cases, 100s, \$13.25; 50s, \$13.50; Arabuckles, \$14.85; Lion, \$14.85.

Provisions—Hams, to size, 12 1/2c; hams picnic, 9c; bacon, regular, 11c; bacon, breakfast, 14@15c; dry salt sides, 10c; backs, dry salt, 9 1/2c; lard, kettle rendered, tierced, 9 1/2c. Figs—White, pound, 5 1/2@6c; black, 6@7c. Dates—Golden, 60-lb. boxes, 6@7c; 1-lb packages, 8c; Fard, 15-lb boxes, \$1.40 box.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc. Hops—28@30c. Wool—Valley, 20@21c; Eastern Oregon, 10@17c. Tallow—Prime, per pound, 3 1/2@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2 1/2@3c. Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 14 1/2@15 1/2c pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 16 pounds, 13@14 1/2c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 15 1/2c; dry salted bulls and stags, a third less than dry flint; salted hides, steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, 8@9c; 50 to 60 pounds 7@7 1/2c; under 50 pounds and cows, 6 1/2@7 1/2c; stags and bulls, sound, 4@4 1/2c; kip, sound, 15 to 20 pounds, 7c; under 10 pounds, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culis, 1c per pound less; horse hides, salted, each, \$1.50; dry, each, \$1@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goatskins, common, each, 13@15c; Angora, with wool on, 25c@31; sheep pelts, as to wool, 10@60c each.

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NAVY LEAVING.

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