A Condensation of the World's News of the Week

EDUCATIONAL.

Filipinos Bright Students.

A remarkable record is being made by four Filipino students at Purdue university, showing the quickness with which the young men of the islands grasp American ideas. The four sons of the Philippines have been at Purdue only one semester, but already stand near the head of their class. They are Ildefonso Patdu, of Basolor, Pampanga, Philippine Islands; Jose Rivera, Lajuna, Philippine Islands; Silverio Apostol, Iba, Zambales, Philippine Islands, and Alfonso Tuason, Manila, Philippine Islands. While all the young men come from Luzon, they are from different localities, and though their vocabulary was somewhat alike they had trouble in talking to each other at the outset. Now they use a combination of English and Spanish and have no difficulty in understanding each other or talking to their American friends.

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Carnegie to Wellesley.

A gift from Andrew Carnegie of $125,000 for a new library at Wellesley college on condition that the college raises an equal amount was announced in chapel recently. There is much rejoicing over the prospect of a new library, an addition for which Wellesley has long been anxiously waiting, but the joy is tempered somewhat by doubts as to the ability of the college to meet the condition imposed. Colleges for women find it extremely difficult to raise money owing to the lack of wealth among the graduates and the comparative youth of the institutions.

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An Aged Student.

The University of Missouri has not a more energetic, loyal, enthusiastic student than M. B. Greensfelder, the oldest student. Though 60 years old, Mr. Greensfelder is "one of the boys," associating with them in classes, societies and even in the gymnasium. There is no more popular student in the agricultural college, in which the "old boy," as Mr. Greensfelder is called, is taking special work.

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Professor Graduates Self.

Superintendent Crawford of the Arlington, Ohio, schools will have the unique privilege of possessing a diploma granted to himself by himself as a graduate of the high school. Mr. Crawford was superintendent of schools before the high school was started, and as soon as it was organized he began the course with the young people.

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Caught "Med Fac."

For the first time in the history of the ancient organization, the "Med Facs" of Harvard university were caught redhanded in one of their expeditions recently. Benjamin Joy, a prominent senior, was arrested on the charge of breaking and entering and larceny and was held in $1,500 for the grand jury. Professor Beale furnished bail.

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Carnegie Aids Negroes.

The Rev. G. W. Kincaid, president of the Western Pennsylvania Colored Industrial school, located near Newcastle, has received a $2,500 check from Andrew Carnegie as a gift to the institution. The school is in a prosperous condition, having received a state appropriation of $5,000.

INDUSTRIAL.

Turbine Battleship.

The British admiralty has invited engineering firms to make tenders for the construction of turbine machinery intended for one of the new battleships to be built in the government dockyards. The specifications demand that the engines develop 23,000 horsepower.

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Trains Across Alps.

The famous Jungfrau railroad, in Switzerland, is making steady progress. The railroad has already been completed up to a height of 10,246 feet. Trains are now running up to the Eigerwand station.

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Another African Railroad.

The Portuguese government will build a railroad from Delagoa bay to Swaziland. This adds one more to the many "openings up" in Africa.

SCIENTIFIC.

Waves Direct Torpedoes.

Dispatches from Puerto de Santa Maria on the bay of Cadiz announce that experiments made there with an invention of Senor Balsora, an employe of the telegraph department, for directing torpedoes at sea by means of Hertzian waves, have proved highly successful.

RELIGIOUS.

A Modern Noah.

Benjamin, of the Flying Rollers, a queer religious sect which is building the City of David, just outside Benton Harbor, Michigan, is collecting a variety of animals which, he says, will equal that of Noah when all living creatures were razed from the deluge. Benjamin says the object of his work is the same as that of the patriarch of old, for it is prophesied that the world will end shortly. Benjamin has collected up to this time a monkey, a parrakeet, cockatoos, parrots, Australian pigeons, a large number of song birds, Belgian hare, Australian sheep and a goat. He has contracted also for an elephant and several lions, together with other animals of the jungle. He proposes to save all of them when the time comes.

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Pastor Can't Resign.

Although the congregation of St. Luke's Evangelical church of Louisville, Kentucky, has informed the pastor, the Rev. W. F. Wernheim, that he has misrepresented the state of his health and that of his wife to obtain release from his charge in order to become pastor of a church in Buffalo, the members refuse to permit him to resign. They say that Mr. Wernheim can take a vacation and his expenses will be paid, but that he must return and preach. They threaten to bring the matter before the synod.

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To Blacklist Millionaires.

Dr. Washington Gladden, moderator of the national council of the Congregational church, has declared for a blacklist of America's wealthy men. It was the substance of his interview that as fast as financiers are shown by regular legal proceedings to have made their millions by oppressive and illegal methods the church should and will refuse to solicit gifts from them or accept money for charity at their hands.

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Chaplain's Queer Prayer.

The chaplain of the Hawaiian house of representatives, the Rev. S. L. Desha, is in trouble because he prayed aloud in the house that God would forgive the members who had voted for the new Sunday bill and passed it over the governor's veto.

LEGAL AND CRIMINAL.

Cigarette Law Troublesome.

No other law enacted in Indiana has been the subject of as many varying constructions as has the anti-cigarette law of the recent session of the general assembly. Some judges have held that it applies only to dealers and have discharged smokers when arrested; some have held that it applies to individuals if they are found with cigarettes or cigarette paper in their possession, and some have held that even smoking is a violation and have fined persons guilty of the offense. Others still have held that while the law does not apply to the individual smoker he cannot legally give a cigarette to another, and conviction has been had for this cause.

FOREIGN.

A Popular Cheat.

Whether or no he has achieved a great artistic success it is certain that the Hon. John Collier's striking painting, "The Cheat," at this year's Royal academy exhibition has become the most talked of picture in London. At all the clubs where bridge is played it is a staple topic of conversation and at afternoon teas, sacred to femininity, it has provoked much acrimonious discussion. Some time ago an article was written in a popular magazine accusing women bridge players of being much addicted to cheating. It evoked a storm of indignant protests. In Mr. Collier's picture the cheat is a woman. But nobody has arisen to denounce it as an unwarranted aspersion on the sex. From which it may be inferred society now concedes that women—some women at least—do cheat at bridge when they get the chance.

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Europe's Oldest Woman.

Maria Candida Magalhaes, the oldest woman in Europe, celebrated her 115th birth anniversary May 20, and is proudly showing a letter from Queen Amelie of Portugal, who some time ago visited the home for aged women in which she is living and spent half an hour in conversation with her. In spite of her age she is in possession of all her faculties and declares she does not feel a day older than she did 50 years ago. She often speaks of the battle of Trafalgar, which she remembers as if it had just happened. She has spent most of her life as a domestic worker and attributes her good health to the fact that she has always taken plenty of exercise and always been a moderate drinker of wine.

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Eloped With Family.

After having eloped with four daughters of Mrs. Petra Herrera de Flores, beginning with the eldest and finishing with the youngest, Ramon Rivero is now in Belem jail, in Mexico City, where he was lodged on complaint of his fourtime mother-in-law, who stated that she feared he would try to beguile her into running away with him. Rivero is alleged to have enticed the girls away from home, one after the other, and to have deserted each in her turn when he wearied of her. After each desertion he would reappear at the home of his mother-in-law, and in a few days there would be one less in the family of girls.

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World's Newest Island.

The latest addition to the map of the Japan sea is a little island only two and three-quarter miles in circumference, standing 480 feet out of the water at its highest point. The island, which has been named Nushima, is of volcanic origin and possesses a boiling lake at the northern end. It is about three nautical miles south of the Iwo islands and has been claimed by Japan. It was doubtless caused by the same disturbance that was lately responsible for such a grave loss of life in India, and is by no means the first island to make its appearance in these waters.

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Spain Has Famine.

The Spanish government has granted further credits to the amount of $460,000 for the construction of light railways, with a view of relieving the prevailing distress. In the province of Seville the tradesmen are refusing to sell food because the local authorities are not fulfilling their promises to reimburse them. If the present state of affairs continues the children and aged persons who are living in shelter provided by the authorities will be deprived of food.

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Australia Land Unsettled.

As the New South Wales government is strongly desirous of removing the impression that immigrants are not wanted in that state its agent-general in London commenced immediately after Easter, a series of addresses in the agricultural districts of England. It is estimated that over 20,000,000 acres of first-class wheat lands, readily accessible by rail, are still uncultivated.

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Argentina's Gold Reserve.

Argentina is piling up gold received for its excess exports. The conversion office now holds $69,000,000 gold, the most it ever held, partly against the republic's paper money. So much money lying unproductive is causing anxiety to the government. Part of it may be sent to England and used.

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Fine Dog Stolen.

Barry II, the finest dog at the hospice of St. Bernard, in the Alps, a descendant of the famous lifesaver Barry, has been stolen. It is believed that the thief is an Italian lay helper in the monastery. The monks say that a stranger could not have decoyed the dog away.

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France Gains Territory.

France has just enlarged her territory by an exchange with Belgium. The Paris government has decided to recognize King Leopold's sovereignty over La-Neuville-aux-Tourneurs, receiving Riezes as compensation. The swapping process results in a territorial aggrandisement of France by 70 square yards.

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Lafayette Statue.

The large equestrian statue of Lafayette, offered by the Americans to France, which is to take the place of the temporarily erected plaster cast, will shortly be placed in the Square du Louvre.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Cape Colony has borrowed $10,675,000 for railway works, local improvements, etc.

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In 1898 earthquakes were felt in Austria on 209 days.

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The shah of Persia has placed another order for six high class automobiles in Paris. The value of this order is said to be $28,800.

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It is estimated that 500 motor omnibuses will be running in London a year hence. Drivers of horse-drawn omnibuses are being trained for the new work.

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Some time ago a European woman at Peking presented the dowager empress with a sewing machine. Her majesty was so pleased with it that she ordered 100 modern machines for the ladies of the Chinese court.

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One of the strangest societies in Japan is the cult in honor of Sir Isaac Newton formed among the graduates and undergraduates of the Tokio university.

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Cerebro-spinal meningitis is spreading to all parts of north Germany.

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By a large majority the French senate recently voted £6000,000 as an indemnity for the suppression of perpetual pensions granted by Napoleon I.

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It is announced at St. Petersburg that the arrangement for the exchange of postal money orders between Great Britain and Russia has been officially sanctioned.

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By a decree of the khedive issued recently, English is admitted as the judicial language in the Egyptian mixed tribunals.

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As an indication of their hostility toward the government St. Petersburg workmen are said to have resolved to boycott vodka, which is manufactured by the state.

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Attached to a goat, a new bullet-proof shield, the composition of which is a secret, has been tried by the Swiss military department with satisfactory results.

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Herr Otto von Struve, a noted astronomer who discovered 500 new stars in the northern hemisphere, has just died at Karlsruhe, Germany.

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Built 20 years ago at a cost of £18,000, a prison at Glen Innes, New South Wales, has never been utilized, and is now to be converted into an agricultural college.

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Leaving Switzerland for America, a Swiss entered into a conversation with a stranger at Bale, whom he discovered later, says the Berner Volkszeitung, was his brother who had emigrated 20 years previously.

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To be printed in the Abyssinian language, the negus has ordered 4,000 copies of the Book of Psalms through the Abyssinian misson, at present in Constantinople.

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The Canadian government will dispatch the steamer Neptune, Commodore Low in command, to make an effort to pierce the Northwestern passage. The expedition will leave Halifax, Nova Scotia, early in June.

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The eight ports to which alien immigration is confined under the government's bill are London, Leith, Newhaven, Grimsby, Hull, Harwich, Southampton and the Tyne.

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M. C. Oesterberg of Stockholm has been appointed Swedish tutor to Princess Margaret of Connaught, who is engaged to Prince Gustav Adolf, the eldest son of the crown prince of Sweden and Norway.

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A bee that works only at night is found in the jungles of India. It is an unusually large insect, the combs being often 6 feet long, 4 feet wide and from 4 inches to 6 inches thick.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Corset Carried Whiskey.

The business of smuggling liquor across the Canadian line has received a heavy blow by the detection of a big French-Canadian in one of the border towns who was a walking tank. He had a sheet metal corset, made double and containing a three-gallon cavity, in which he smuggled liquor right past the eyes of the United States authorities. Suspicion fastened on him when it was noticed that men who went up and spoke to him eventually became intoxicated. An inspector decided to warn him. Tapping him emphatically on the chest the inspector felt the metal corset, searched the man, and obtained his conviction as a smuggler. The corset was hinged in front, buckled in the back, and had a spigot at the waist for drawing off a drink under the front of the coat.

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Will Retain Queue.

There will soon be a Chinese laundry at the Jefferson City (Missouri) penitentiary, and it will be in charge of the only long-haired prisoner in the pen. At least, that is the plan of Judge Rogers, who sentenced N. G. Young, a St. Louis Chinaman, to three months' imprisonment there for passing "a split bill." Judge Rogers thought Young might be a useful person in the laundry, and requested Marshal Morsey to ask the penitentiary officials not to cut off Young's queue if they can avoid it, as it was a matter of religion with the prisoner. Young had pleaded to be allowed to keep his queue, and was pleased when told that there was a chance that he would be allowed to keep it. He said his ancestors would never see him in heaven if he lost it.

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Kick Killed Murphy.

In trying to resist arrest Harry Murphy of Indianapolis, Indiana, was shot to death by Patrolman Streit in a peculiar manner. Murphy was wanted for assault and battery. He saw the patrolman coming and ran out of a saloon where he was drinking. The patrolman fired into the ground to scare him. Murphy jumped a high board fence, but Streit caught his coat tails as he was half over. Murphy, lying across the fence, kicked violently to get loose. Streit still held his revolver and one of Murphy's feet hit it, snapping the trigger and sending a bullet through an inch board into his right side. He died an instant after the patrolman helped him down.

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Gave Frog Banquet.

As the result of numerous taunts about living in "Frogtown," J. J. Mooney, an insurance agent of Toledo, Ohio, was the host at a unique banquet. Detroit men had been having fun at Mr. Mooney's expense concerning frogs, so he gave them a dinner in which every possible use was made of the amphibians. In the center of the table was a six-foot square frog pond decorated with moss, logs and reeds from the marsh and stocked with live frogs. While the guests ate the frogs made merry in the pool, splashing and croaking. Rubber frogs were used as place cards and the ice cream was molded to represent green frogs on toadstools.

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Lincoln and Davis.

A novel plan of filling Kentucky's two vacant niches in Statuary hall is suggested by members of the Kentucky colony in official service at Washington. Inasmuch as Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis were natives of Kentucky, it is proposed that their statues be placed side by side as the offering of the Bluegrass commonwealth. Colonel Samuel M. Gaines, a veteran ex-editor of Kentucky, who is now in the treasury department, was the first to advance this idea, and it has met with such general approval that it is probable that an appropriate bill will be introduced at the next session of the Kentucky legislature.

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Doctor's Long Sleep.

Dr. Erwin Fischer, a physician of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, has been asleep almost continuously for five weeks, and it is now feared, that he will never awake. An operation of trepanning has been performed by Dr. Carl Beck of St. Mark's hospital, New York, but it is feared Dr. Fischer's life cannot be saved. When Dr. Fischer first fell asleep his continued unconsciousness was attributed to overwork and the strain of anxiety concerning several important cases in his care. He received every attention and brother physicians and specialists were consulted. No diagnosis of the case, however, could be made without an operation.

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Fixed for Death.

Believing that she is going to die on September 1, because all of the clairvoyants of Omaha have so predicted, Mrs. M. Bratlein, residing in the Martin flats, has from her meager funds bought a shroud and is now saving money to buy a casket. So thoroughly is she imbued with the idea that she is to pass away on that date that, fearing she cannot save a sufficient amount from her usual income for the casket, she has selected "mottoes" and pictures of the Madonna which she is selling from house to house, every penny thus derived being placed in a bank, which she is jealously guarding.

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Want a Nice Jail.

John Packham, who is serving a jail sentence of a year at Macon, Missouri, and nine other prisoners have sent a communication to the local ministers, requesting prayers that the hearts of the members of the county court might be moved to build a jail fit for human beings to live in. "The purpose is," said Packham, "to attract the attention of Christian people to a condition which should be intolerable in this era of humanity and the spread of the gospel. For months the newspapers and citizens have been pleading for a new building with proper sanitary conditions and lighted cells.

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In Honor of McKinley.

On September 14, the fourth anniversary of the death of William McKinley, the cornerstone of the National monument will be laid on Monument hill at Canton, Ohio. Justice William R. Day, president of the McKinley National Monument association, an intimate friend and neighbor of President McKinley, will place the cornerstone. It is the present plan of the association to have the monument completed and the dedication ceremonies September 14, 1907, the sixth anniversary of President McKinley's death.

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Negroes in the Army.

Many of the applicants for enlistment at the United States army recruiting station in Kansas City during the last few days have been negroes. They are being assigned to the cavalry division of the army. There are four regiments of negro soldiers in the regular army, two of cavalry and two of infantry. Two negroes, graduates of West Point, have reached the rank of captain. One of them, Captain R. A. Young, is a military attache in Hayti. John R. Lynch, a negro, who entered the army as a volunteer, is a paymaster at Omaha with the rank of captain.

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Consumption Causes Divorce.

Andrew Herman of Detroit, Michigan, has brought divorce proceedings against his bride of two months, on the grounds that she has consumption and that should he live with her he would be in danger of contracting the disease. His wife protests that when she married Herman she did not know she was afflicted with tuberculosis, and even now is not certain of it. She holds that Herman is bound by his marriage vows to support her.

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Only Broke Fingers.

Falling from the eleventh story of a new skyscraper in course of construction at Memphis, Tennessee, Lonnie Stroud, foreman of the plumbing forces of the Seldon & Breck Construction company, was hurled seemingly to death, but lives to tell the tale. Stroud lost his balance and fell through the elevator shaft. His companions hurried down, expecting to find a mangled body, but instead Stroud rose to his feet and exhibited three broken fingers as the total damage.

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New Ambrose Canal.

Brigadier-General MacKenzie, chief of engineers of the army, has been informed by Colonel Marshall, the army inspector of rivers and harbors in New York, that the new Ambrose ship channel will be open to navigation next year, although it will not be fully completed for several years. By next year the channel will be 25 feet deep and 1,000 feet wide. The contract calls for a depth of 40 feet and a width of 2,000 feet.

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Will Hang Self.

Frank Barker, a boy murderer, confined in the Nebraska penitentiary under sentence of death, will touch the button which will spring his own death trap. Because Warden Beemer, the official hangman for the state, whose duty it is to spring the trap at all legal deaths in Nebraska, is too tender-hearted to perform the "operation" on the boy, young Barker has volunteered to be his own hangman.

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Boston Stamp Bourse.

The Boston Philatelic society has voted to establish a postage stamp bourse. It will be the first stamp bourse in the United States, and will be superintended by James H. Lyons. It will be open for business at regular meeting nights. There are postage stamp bourses in several of the large cities in Europe. The oldest and most important is in Paris.

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Good for Evil.

Charles E. Hunter, the new president of the Rough Riders' Reunion association, contributed $50 to the Snyder, Oklahoma, relief committee. The building of the town of Snyder cost Mr. Hunter $20,000. He was the owner of the townsite of Mountain Park, three miles from Snyder, and the town of Mountain Park was ruined by Snyder's growth.

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Buy Cherokee Lands.

It is stated upon good authority that Muskogee, Indian Territory, real estate dealers are buying Cherokee lands regardless of their restrictions, basing the legality of their action upon a recent decision of the United States supreme court, which holds that when an Indian has been given title to his allotment he is no longer a ward of the government.

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Unconscious Prophecy.

To test the love of his sweetheart, of whom he was jealous, Bert Brown of Dubois, Iowa, wrote a letter to the girl, informing her of his death on the railroad and signing to it the name of the man whom he regarded as a rival. With the letter in his pocket and before he had time to mail it Brown suffered almost the death which he had pictured.

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A Mushroom Special.

A mushroom special which left Dayton, Ohio, over the Dayton & Xenia Traction line before sunrise on morning, carried 200 enthusiastic hunters of the fungi. Most of the number alighted at a convenient orchard and scattered in all directions. It was the first mushroom special in the history of the country, as far as known, and proved a popular diversion.

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Novelty in Wills.

One of the oddest wills admitted to probate was that of Edwin Hellerick of Reading, Pennsylvania, who wrote and signed it an hour before he died in a local hospital this week. It read: "I give all I own to my beloved wife, except all my cigars to a friend (whose name he mentioned), and I hope they get it."

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A Missouri Alligator.

Noah Beery, proprietor of the Commercial hotel of Leavenworth, Kansas, and George Buchanan and Riley Miller, two Missourians, caught a 42-inch alligator in Mud lake, Platte county, Missouri, across from Leavenworth. The alligator was taken in a trammel net, but not before it had torn the net into ribbons.

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Millions More Coming.

In 1904 the number of arrivals at Ellis Island was 606,000, the number for the entire country being 800,000. Of these 263,150 settled in New York city, and the great majority of the remainder went to other cities as laborers, where they are not needed.

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Killed a Prizefighter.

Edward Kelleher was sentenced to 25 years in the Missouri penitentiary recently for killing "St. Louis Tommy" Sullivan, a prizefighter. Sullivan was shot in a saloon and died several days later at the city hospital. Kelleher made a plea of self-defense.

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Wanted to Help Pope.

Believing the representations of a man named Koch that he was an emissary of Pope Pius X, a woman living at Muenster, Westphalia, parted with $2,800 on the understanding that she was contributing to a loan raised by the pope, on which she was to receive 100 per cent interest.

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According to Age.

According to the government statistician of New South Wales, when a woman marries at the age of 20 she may expect to have five children, at the age of 28 three children, at the age of 32 two children, and at the age of 37 one child.

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Three Sets of Teeth.

Mrs. William Coyle of Beaver Brook, Pennsylvania, aged 90 years, is cutting a third set of teeth. The teeth are appearing on the upper and lower jaws and are perfectly formed. Mrs. Coyle is as active as a woman 50 years her junior and is enjoying good health.

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Lifeboats Busy.

Lifeboats were launched on service no fewer than 294 times on the American coast last year and saved 519 lives. The fleet of lifeboats numbers 285.

DALY BOOK AT BIG PRICE.

From the New York Sun.

The famous copy of Joseph N. Ireland's "Records of the New York Stage," which is said to have cost the late Augustin Daly $30,000 to extra-illustrate, was resold by the Anderson Auction company yesterday. The original volumes were extended to 49 by the insertion of some 8,000 portraits, autographs, play bills, etc., and the set is in handsome binding by Stikeman.

It was bought at the Daly sale on March 19, 1900, by J. O. Wright & Co. for $6,125 and was afterward transferred to Evert Jansen Wendell for about $7,000. It was sold yesterday by Mr. Wendell's order, and after spirited bidding was knocked down to George D. Smith for $6,654.

There were two very interesting Poe items. One was a two-page folio letter of Poe to his uncle, William Poe, dated Philadelphia, August 15, 1840, in regard to a projected magazine. This brought $15. The other item was the original manuscript of what is believed to be an unpublished poem of nine lines by Poe, beginning:

Elizabeth, it is in vain you say
Love not—thou say'st it in so sweet a way.

And signed with his initials, E. A. P. Some of the other sales were:

Original autograph MSS. of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's alterations and emendations for "Aurora Leigh," on 13 octavo pages, each sheet being headed "Aurora Leigh," and a note on one page signed E. B. B., $280. Bought by Dodd, Mead & Co.

Autograph MSS. of three of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's poems, $105.

MONKVILLE HAPPENINGS.

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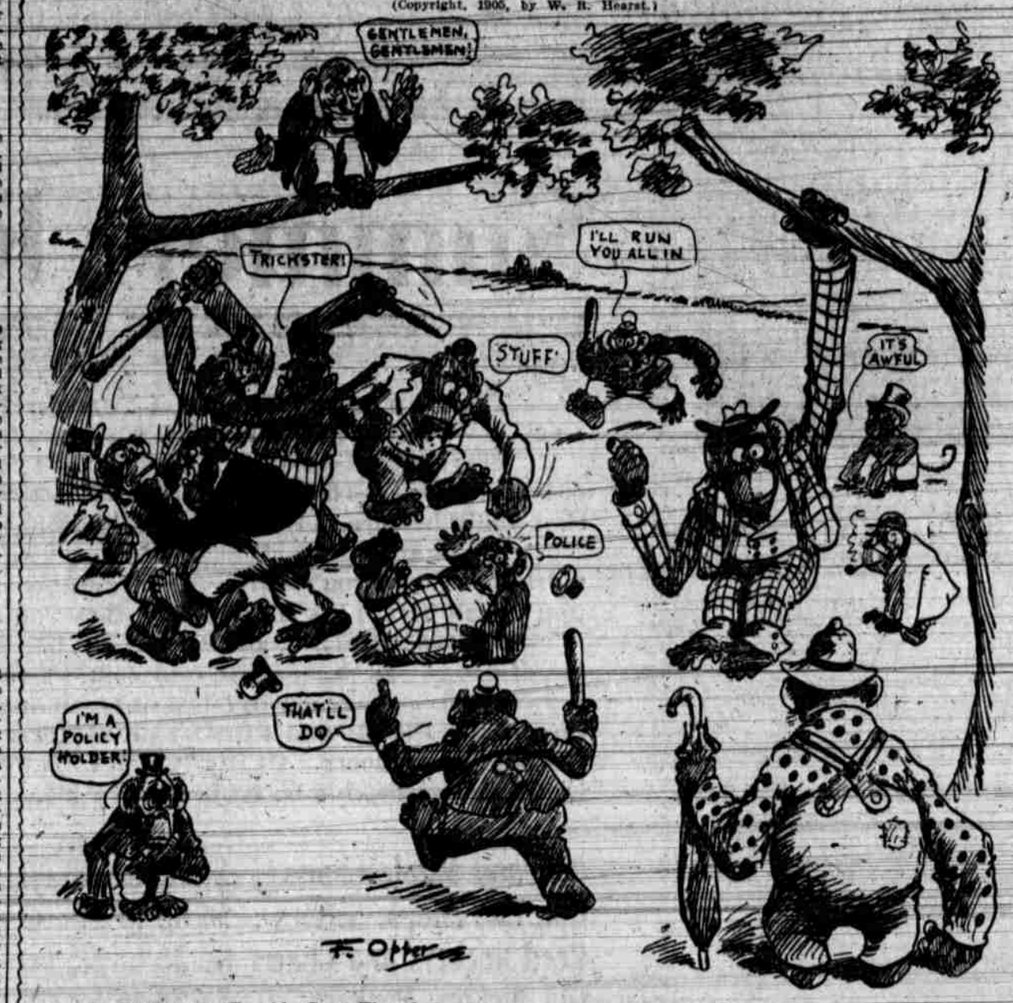

Say, What's the Trouble Over There?
Aw, It's the Head Officials of the Monkville Life Assurance Society Holding a Meeting.

Miss Candace C. Stimson, the Only Woman Who Sailed in the Great Ocean Yacht Race From Sandy Hook to the Lizard. She Is the Daughter of the Owner of the Fleur de Lys and a Passenger Aboard That Yacht.