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THE ERA OF CANALS.

Financiers and men who are making a study of commercial conditions are satisfied that the United States is just entering upon an era of canal building, and that by 1926 the country will be bisected by several great ship canals which shall practically overcome the limit put upon ocean commerce by the coast. The chamber of commerce of New York has informally expressed an opinion that the Erie canal, stretching from Buffalo to the Hudson, must be deepened so as to admit ships of considerable burthen. Col. Frank Bond, who is well known among railway managers as a man of great ability, declares that it is inevitable that a ship canal be cut across the state of Michigan, say from Grand Haven to the St. Clair river. Capitalists are already in consultation over the construction of a ship canal across New Jersey to the Delaware, thence across Maryland to the Chesapeake, with a view ultimately of extending it through the North Carolina sounds to Charleston or Savannah. The expectation is that early in the next century a ship canal, capable of floating as great vessels as are carried through the Suez or will be carried through the Nicaragua canal, will be cut across the upper part of the Florida peninsula thus shortening by 3,000 miles the trip from the coast cities to the Nicaragua canal. The great West is determined that a ship canal shall be built from Chicago to the Mississippi. It is reasonable to expect, therefore, that by the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Nation's birth there may have been developed the most stupendous canal system the world has ever known, effecting, in a manner of which it is impossible to estimate the extent; the commercial relations of the United States with other countries as well as the relations between the various cities of this country.

No matter what the weather man says or where the mercury in the thermometer may be, the season of outdoor sports and outdoor life is upon us. With the advent of fervid July the wearing of a straw hat and a blazer cannot longer be regarded as disorderly conduct by fastidious connoisseurs of the proprieties of dress.

Therefore, if summer clothes with shivering linings or picknickers drenched with rain put in an occasional appearance it must be remembered that the weather is out of order and not they. According to the eternal fitness of things outdoor sports are due and past due. Boating, excursions, fishing and all manner of outings are at the front. To those whose means afford a choice of amusement for the summer the opportunities are varied. To those less fortunate, and those on the seamy side of life, even, the doors are not wholly closed.

The charming performance at the beach of a sylvan drama in the open air, beneath natural trees, stirred by real breezes and touched by genuine sunshine enforces the conclusion that summer is indeed upon us in all its glory.

It was frequently asked during the session of the late democratic convention at Chicago why Boss McLaughlin, who was accused of selling out Kings county to Harrison in 1888, was not in attendance. Gath answers the question in this way: "Because he saw that if he gave assistance to the subjugation of Tammany Hall in New York the axe might next be turned against his firm and long hold upon Brooklyn, the second city in the state, and the fourth in the union."

Mr. Austin Corbin designs to plant 20,000 hawthorn trees on his great game park in New Hampshire. The trees have all been imported from England, and 4,000 so far have been set out. They are to serve as a hedge to retain the buffalo and other large game within the limits of the reserve.

"Private Joe" comes from the same town as "Gen." Stevenson and did more fighting in war time than the general. But then his military title is not in dispute.

Gen. Eppa Hunton, Virginia's new senator, rose in four years from the confederate ranks to a major-generalship.

Wants a Companion This Year.

The "Hermit of the Sonnblick," Peter Lechner, who last year passed the winter months in the observatory on the summit of that lonely peak, now declares that he will not stay there another winter unless he has a companion with him. He would, he says, prefer a wife, if he could find one. Otherwise he will be content with a male companion, who could take turns with him in his constant task of reading the scientific instruments. This decision on the part of the "Hermit of the Sonnblick" really threatens the further existence of the highest observatory in Europe. For the Austrian Meteorological institute lacks the funds to support a companion for Lechner, and the small sum, about £100 a year, that is wanted for the purpose is not forthcoming from private sources.

It is believed that the real explanation of the discontent of Herr Lechner is that he is annoyed at being forgotten by the public, who have neither sent him Christmas presents nor published laudatory paragraphs about him in the newspapers of late. Three years back he said he wanted a wife, and hundreds of offers at once poured in from all quarters, including several rich and many good looking women, but he then laughed at the idea, and continued to prefer the state of single blessedness. It would be a distinct loss to meteorological and physical science if the Sonnblick observatory were to be closed, but some means will probably be found of reconciling Herr Peter to his lonely but lofty labors for another winter.—Vienna Cor. London Standard.

Tithes and the Price of Grain.

The difference between the method of paying the clergy of the Church of England, who receive the tithe as their living, and the clergy of the Church of Scotland, who enjoy what are known in the north as tithes, will be very apparent in this year. On both sides of the Tweed grain prices are higher for the year, but in England the clergy will receive little immediate benefit from the rise, because by the seven years' average it is spread over so long a time that the most that can be hoped for from the good prices of 1891 is to stop the fall which has been going on every year without a break since 1878, a longer period of successive annual declines in the value of the tithe than has ever before occurred.

But in Scotland the tithe is calculated on the grain prices of each year, so that the parish ministers who have endured the discomforts which low prices brought with them when grain was cheap will now have directly the advantages of higher prices when grain has risen. In England both the rise and the fall are retarded by the seven years' average. In Scotland the full effects of either the one or the other are directly experienced in every year.—London Graphic.

Human Beings in the Mammoth Age.

Near Brunn, the capital of Moravia, important discoveries of prehistoric remains have been made which are likely to attract the attention of paleontologists all over the globe. As a canal was being dug 4½ skulls were brought to light of dolicho-cephalous (long headed) character and of an exceedingly low stage of development. The same place contained bones and teeth of mammoth, rhinoceros and reindeer.

Close to the skulls lay more than 500 fossil snails, several calcareous stones, with holes in the middle, a rude figure cut out of a mammoth's tooth, with a hole running through the middle. This discovery is the first of the kind in Austria and is highly important from being a proof that there were human beings in the mammoth period.—Vienna Cor. London Standard.

Spurious Shawls.

A good deal of indignation has been excited by a discovery recently made by the Calcutta customs of a trade in spurious Cashmere shawls. It appears that large quantities of shawls have been imported into India from Germany, with imitation Cashmere marks on them.

On arrival in Calcutta the shawls are treated by some peculiar process and then sent into the interior and sold there as real Cashmere productions. Their actual cost in Calcutta is about \$5, and they fetch when sold about \$25.—Exchange.

A Winter Charm.

A Wilmington man carries in his vest pocket a piece of skin that was taken from a man's neck and then tanned. He—the Wilmington man, not the other man—claims that the possession of that piece of tanned skin will keep him from slipping on the ice. The boys in the neighborhood are watching him now to see what virtue there is in the odd charm. The owner of the piece of skin argues that if its possession does not prevent him from falling it will, at least, not cause him to fall.—Wilmington News.

In Charge of One Family Forty Years.

The postoffice at South Deerfield, N. H., has been in charge of one family for over forty years. F. J. White was appointed postmaster by President Pierce and held the office for thirty-five years. At the time of his death his son, Charles E., was appointed and held the position until 1888, when another son, W. R. White was appointed, which position he held until the first of the present year.—Exeter Letter.

Supporting the Principle.

Last June a young man was arrested in Natick, Mass., because he would not pay his poll tax, amounting to two dollars, and he has been kept in jail ever since at an expense to the taxpayers of \$1.75 per week. The town is losing money on the transaction, but it is vindicating an eternal principle with great success.—New York Tribune.

Government Control of Telephones.

At the end of next year the Telephone Company of Austria will cease to exist, the government assuming control of all the telephone lines in the kingdom.—New York Journal.

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