

## FROM PRIVATE TO PRESIDENT.

Interesting Career of the Vice President of Switzerland.

A bit of history connected with the life of Emil Frey, who was recently elected vice president of the Swiss republic, will interest both officers and ex-officers of the army.

When the civil war began in the United States young Frey was at a university in Switzerland, and being moved with patriotic impulse to aid a struggling sister republic he came to this country, went direct to the Swiss colony in Illinois and enlisted as a private in the Twenty-eighth Illinois volunteers.

The Army and Navy Journal says that he served with his regiment until he resigned as second lieutenant on June 17, 1863, to raise a company for the Eighty-second Illinois, in which he served as captain until mustered out with it, June, 1865, having served about four years and constantly in the field.

He was taken prisoner with part of the Eleventh corps at Gettysburg July 1, 1863, and for a long time was held as hostage under sentence of death, and after his release was brevetted a major for gallant and meritorious services.

At the close of the war he returned to Switzerland, where he obtained the rank next to the commander in chief, and was elected to the Swiss federal council and served in the cabinet.

He revisited this country as the first envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from Switzerland to the United States, serving through the administrations of Presidents Garfield, Arthur and Cleveland.

The next step of this ex-private of the federal army of the United States is, according to the custom of Switzerland, from that of vice president to president of a European republic.

### Entitled to a Pass.

"I called to get a pass, Mr. Webb," said an old lady who insisted upon walking into the office of the third vice president of the New York Central road the other day. "I am very glad to see you madam, but why should the road give you a pass? You appear to be well able to spend the money for one." "Yes, I've got the money, but my aunt used to know your grandmother." "If that is the case the road is certainly compelled to give you a pass, madam," said Mr. Webb, and while the clerks in the outer office snickered with delight the third vice president signed the necessary paper, and the old lady smiled and waddled out, highly pleased with herself.

### WARRIORS OF THE WORLD.

A son of Gen. Pope and grandsons of Gen. Sherman and Gen. C. F. Smith were among the latest entries as cadets at West Point.

CAPT. CHARLES H. HEYL, of the Twenty-third infantry, has been detailed to represent the war department exhibit at the world's fair.

FLIES are so pestilential in Siam that every soldier is compelled to assist in reducing their number by catching enough of them every day to fill a match box.

By a recently issued decree all soldiers of the Russian empire must in future use handkerchiefs, which have heretofore been restricted to the officers.

THE Prussian army is said to contain but one officer from the ranks—Col. Lademann, who was promoted for acts of exceptional bravery in the Schleswig-Holstein campaign in 1864. He has just been gazetted commander of the Sixtieth infantry.

THERE is a population of 70,000 in Iceland, yet the only military force employed consists of two policemen, stationed at the capital, Reykjavik, and the only two lawyers in the island are the state's attorney, as he may be called, and another, who is on hand to defend anybody that may be put on trial.

PLUSH is again coming into use for millinery, especially for children. The tiny plush bonnets, with plaited fronts or in poke shape, are extremely becoming.

Dressy frocks for girls are composed of fine white woolen or light-colored silk, draped low over a chemisette of embroidery, and with undersleeves of the same, the full upper sleeves being of the dress stuff. Such dresses are always made with broad ribbon sashes knotted at the back.

## INSURANCE AGAINST BORES.

One Form of Imposition, at Least, Has Found a Remedy.

From London comes news of the organization of a Social Demands Insurance company. The society arises out of the question that each man and woman puts to himself: "How much can I give without seeming shabby?" when asked to give money to objects for which they have no sympathy, but to which tradition or some sense of reciprocity obliges contribution.

There are always restless people about getting up statues, testimonials, anniversary gifts, from silver dinner services down to quill pens, whom one wishes in Jericho, but are impossible to refuse. To thus lighten these needless burdens of life comes the Social Demands Insurance company.

According to a writer in the London Times this society, on receipt of a subscription graduated according to the income and needs of the members, will transact for them the whole business on the cheapest possible scale. The society will not be afraid of being called shabby, having no corporal delicacy of feeling.

Members (who have paid in their subscriptions) will merely send to the secretary each week their social begging letters. The society, doing a ready money business, can easily buy in bankrupt stock of clocks, epergnes, bric-a-brac, silver, books. Thus it will be able to furnish suitable presents at reduced prices.

The London society goes far in engaging a staff of sculptors, ghosts, impressionist painters, in acquiring a collection of painters' misfits that can be easily altered to suit the occasion, and other artistic refuse that may be utilized at reasonable terms.

The subscription of a duke, for example, to the Social Demands Insurance company is put at £10 10s, while a person of letters would not be charged more than 6s. 8d.

In this country, until the tariff is reduced, the subscription of the rich men ranking with the English dukes would be approximately \$70, while writers would be proportionately charged not more than \$2 a year. These sums, however, are initiation fees, and engage only the services of the society. Moneys paid out would have to be subsequently reimbursed.

### A DIFFICULT JOB.

The Mending of the Suspension Bridge at Niagara.

The cables of a suspension bridge are subjected to great strains, and are therefore firmly anchored to heavy masses of masonry by means of long bars of iron or steel having holes at each end by which they are bolted or pinned together. The Engineering News says that one of the bars in the anchorage of one end of the smaller suspension bridge at Niagara was found recently to be broken. The problem of replacing it was difficult, since the wires attached to it had to have the same tension when it was in place that they had when the old bar was intact. The new bar was formed of a piece of steel twenty feet long, six inches wide and three-quarters of an inch thick, with a hole in one end and a band bolted to the other. This band was designed to pass around an iron bar in the abutment and resist the pull of the wires. When the band had been placed about this pin in the masonry and bolted to its bar the bar was carefully heated by a wooden fire in a trough below until it had expanded sufficiently to allow the end of the wire cable to be connected with it. As it cooled it contracted until, when it reached its normal temperature, the wires attached to it were strained to the same degree as the others, and, in this way, a difficult problem was easily and cheaply solved.

A CANADIAN electrician states that electricity causes the tides and demonstrates it by electrifying a rubber comb by rubbing it through the hair and then drawing it over the top of a glass filled with water, the result being that the tidal wave follows the comb.

It is said that a man in Columbus, O., has patented an electric device intended to automatically lower and raise railroad gates at grade crossings at the approach and after the passing of trains. The apparatus is expected to entirely supplant flagmen and gatetenders.

## REAL ESTATE FOR BARGAINS IN FARM OR CITY PROPERTY

CALL ON OR ADDRESS  
**THE LANE COUNTY LAND & LOAN CO., Eugene, Oregon.**

Read carefully the following affidavits by prominent citizens regarding Florence property, now on the market at wonderfully reduced prices:

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby certify that I was the original owner of the property known as Frasier and Berry's part of Florence, which E. J. Frasier is now offering for sale. That the same is level and free from sand. That fruit trees and shrubbery do well upon said land and the same is desirable for residence property. J. G. STEVENSON, Supt. Public Schools, Lane county.

SEAL

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of March, 1892. JOSEPH A. MORRIS, Notary Public.

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Being first duly sworn I depose and say: That I have been a resident of Florence, Lane County, Oregon, for the past twelve years; that I am familiar and well acquainted with the property known as "Frasier and Berry's part of Florence," that the same is admirably suited for residence property, being perfectly level and free from sand. That fruit trees and shrubbery grow well in the soil and that pure well water is found on the same at a depth of from ten to fifteen feet. JOSEPH A. MORRIS, Merchant.

SEAL

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1892. L. BILYEU, Notary Public.

## A Prize Picture Puzzle.

**EXPLANATION.**—The following picture contains four faces, a man and his three daughters. Any one can find the man's face, but it is not so easy to distinguish the faces of the three young ladies. The picture was published in a few newspapers some time ago, and attracted considerable attention to our standard remedies. We now offer a new prize competition in connection with it. As the sole object is to introduce our medicines into new homes, those who entered the former competition are requested not to compete in this one. As to the reliability of "The Ford Pill Co.," and the estimation in which their medicines are held in Toronto, Canada, where they are best known, patrons are referred to the daily newspapers, wholesale druggists and leading business houses generally of Toronto.



The proprietors of "The Ford Pill Co." will give an elegant pair of **Shottland Ponies, Carriage and Harness**, valued at \$600, (delivered free in any part of the United States, to the first person who can make out the three daughters' faces. To the second will be given an elegant **Lady's Gold Watch**, set in sapphires and diamonds. To the third will be given a pair of **genuine Diamond ear-rings**. To the fourth will be given a handsome **China Dinner Service**. To the fifth will be given a **Kodak Camera**. To the sixth, an elegant **Sanquet Box**. To the seventh, a **French Mantel Clock**. To the eighth, a complete **Lawn Lamp**. To the ninth, a pair of **Crown Derby Vases**. To the tenth, a complete **Tennis Set**, and many other prizes in order of merit. Every competitor must cut out the above "Puzzle Picture," distinguish the three girls' faces by marking a cross with a lead pencil on each, and enclose same with 75 U. S. two-cent stamps for one of the following: "Ford's Prize Catarrh Remedy," "Ford's Prize Cough Cure," "Ford's Prize Catarrh Remedy," or "Ford's Prize Cough Cure." Select any one of the above remedies you desire. Address "The Ford Pill Co.," Cor. Wellington & Bay Sts., Toronto, Canada. The person whose envelope is postmarked first will be awarded the first prize, and the others in order of merit. As this advertisement appears simultaneously throughout the United States, every one has an equal opportunity. To the person reading the last correct answer will be given an elegant **Upright Concert Grand Piano**, valued at \$500.00. To the first person from the last sending a correct answer will be given a gentleman's fine Gold "Sandox" Watch, which strikes the hours and quarter will be given a small cathedral gong at pleasure, and valued at \$300.00. To the second from the last, a hours on small cathedral gong at pleasure, and valued at \$300.00. To the third from the last, a first-class **Safety Bicycle**, pneumatic tire. To the fourth from the last, a first-class **English Shotgun**. To the fifth from the last, a **gun**. To the sixth from the last, a suite of **Parlor Furniture**. To the seventh from the last, a handsome **Silver Tea Service**. To the eighth from the last, an elegant **Piano Lamp**. To the ninth from the last, a handsome pair of **Portieres**. To the tenth from the last, a genuine English leather travelling **Trunk**. To the eleventh from the last, two pieces of genuine **French Statuary**, and many other prizes in order of merit.

### SPECIAL PRIZES FOR EACH STATE.

A special prize of a **Silk Dress Pattern** (sixteen yards, any color), or a **first-class Sewing Machine** (any make desired) will be given to the first person in each State in the U. S. who can make out the three daughters' faces. We shall give away 200 valuable prizes, besides special prizes, (if there should be so many sending correct answers.) No charge is made for boxing and packing of prizes. The names of the leading prize winners will be published in connection with our advertisement in leading newspapers next month. Extra premiums will be given to only those who are willing to assist in introducing our medicines. Nothing is charged for the prizes in any way. They are absolutely given away to introduce and advertise "Ford's Prize Remedies," which are standard medicines, and will be used in every family for years where they have been once introduced. All prizes will be awarded strictly in order of merit, and with perfect satisfaction to the public. The remedies will be sent by mail, postpaid, and prizes free of duty.

### A WATCH FOR EVERY CORRECT ANSWER.

An extra premium of a genuine "Fearless" Watch, (stem winder,) will be awarded to every person who sends a correct answer within 30 days after this advertisement appears, in case they should not be fortunate enough to secure one of the larger prizes. That is, if any one can find the three faces and be fortunate enough to secure one of the larger prizes, that is, if any one can find the three faces and be enclosed them within 30 days from the time this advertisement appears in the newspaper, they are guaranteed either one of the leading prizes, or an extra premium of a watch on conditions stated. No answer will be noticed that does not contain 30 cents for one of Ford's Prize Remedies. Address THE FORD PILL CO., "37," Cor. Wellington & Bay Sts., Toronto, Canada.