

OLD-TIME RIVER TRADE. Everybody Used to Depend Wholly

Steamboat Transportation. One of the most difficult problems the old citizen can be asked to solve

is the present position of the river toward the commerce of the city. A quarter of a century ago, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, it was every thing. It was both the feeding and distributing artery. People engaged in building, locating for life, could see prosperity only near its waters. Advised that business would soon be going west they could only respond by

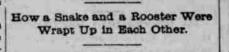
the question: "Do you see that river? Is it going to move?" Created avenues of trade were just beginning to receive attention, due to the rivalry of other points which were not blessed with a natural highway. The possession of this nature-given avenue of commerce had, in fact, made the average St. Louisian neglectful and disdainful of the created avenue. Life that did not begin and end on the river was not worth talking about. The man who wanted to go to Cairo, Memphis, Vicksburg or New Orleans never thought of rail. The palatial river steamboat was the accepted means of travel. People going east, even, at one time took a river steamer to Alton. The levee front was the scene of ninetenths of the life and activity of the city. The "runner" was the most persistent and irresistible of his class. He "ran" for the steamer as well as the hotel. He would almost kidnap a person to get him to his steamer or to his on the eve of hatching, and the chick hotel. The latter-day cabman is nothing to be compared to him. And so

with the merchant who had a pound or a ton of freight to ship. It must go by river-by boat or barge. Those were great days for St. Louis. Railroading was undeveloped in the west and southwest and northwest and twenty-one states and territories were reached by water. PLUCK OF AN OPERA SINGER.

How Rubini Once Broke His Collar Bone,

But Finished the Performance. Fifty years ago European audiences listened with rapt admiration to Rubini, a tenor of whom it was said that, though he himself could not act, he made his voice act for him, says a writer in the Philadelphia Press. The intensity of expression he gave to his voice, the judicious use of the tremolo, facts brought to light make it almost and the management of light and shade produced a thrilling effect. But ist mysteries of Washington has been his best vocal feat consisted in taking the bass of the upper stave without preparation, thus retaining it for a long time, and then letting it imperthis: During the first years of work ceptibly die dway. The listeners could upon the Washington monument there hardly believe their ears. The advenwere contributed from all quarters of turous are always on the edge of dan-

the globe memorial stones to be inlaid ger. On one occasion Rubini, after reon the inner wall of the shaft. The peating this vocal feat, and being a prowned heads of nearly every land second time encored, found himself were proud to contribute toward Amer- unable to produce the expected note. ica's memorial to the greatest hero of Determined not to fail, he gathered up modern times, and tablets of granite his vocal strength and made a supreme and marble appropriately inscribed effort. The note came with its wontwere received by the monument ed power, brilliancy and duration, but society, and placed, pending their at the cost of a broken collar bone. A insertion, in a long wooden surgeon examined the singer and storchouse or lapidarium near the found that the tension of the lungs foot of the shaft. Among oth- had been too powerful for the strength ers that were received in the winter of of his collar bone. Two months' rest 1853 was a block of beautifully striated would be required to reunite the clavmarble from the pope of Rome, with icle, and this the singer declared to be the simple inscription: "Rome to Amer- impossible, as he had only finished sevica," meaning by that not the religious | eral days of a long engagement. but the political power represented by "Can I sing at all with a broken col-"Rome." But it was in the days of the lar bone?" he asked.



CURIOUS FRIENDSHIP.

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The Attachment Was Harmonious Until His Boosterlets Found He Could Crow-A Yarn That Would Give Munchausen a Pang of Envy.

"Snakes don't grow very big up our way," said ex-Sheriff Warren Kalamazoo Ridway, of Pike county, Pa., to a New York Sun man, "but they grow uncommon smart. I've seen 'em do lots of cute things, the most of which I have kept to myself, because I have always been on good terms with my neighbors, and my business is such that I can't afford to have them weaken in their confidence in me-they, like all Pike county folks, being simple and unsophisticated and unable to appreciate the fact that truth is stranger than fiction. I am getting along in years, though, and I don't feel like passing away without putting on record at least a few of the evidences of genius I have seen in the snakes that

live up our way. "A friend of mine, who lived back in the High Knob country, captured a young blacksnake once and made a pet of it. The snake got as tame as a kitten and had the run of the premises. One day he got egg hungry, and he stole an egg from under a setting hen and swallowed it. The egg was just

picked its way out of the egg as it lay inside the snake, and not finding day light yet kept on picking until it had picked a hole through the snake and stuck its head out. That was as far as it could get, and there it stuck. The snake didn't like it at first, but by and by the novelty of the situation seemed to strike him, and he grew proud of that strange living protuberance. My friend didn't interfere, curious to see what the result of that singular companionship would be. The chicken and the snake grew very fond of one another, and it was worth a farm to see 'em go to sleep together, the snake turning its head back and snuggling down by the chicken's head. The snake kept the chick well supplied

with food, catching flies and worms and insects of various kinds, and passing them back to the chicken by the hundred. The chicken grew like weed, and along toward the end of a summer the blacksnake's body was pouched out like a small hand satchel where the chicken was spreading out, and the latter's neck stretched nearly six inches above the snake's back. It was the funniest sight you ever saw, and touching too, the two creatures doted on each other so. But their end

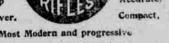
was sad. "One day along in August the snake and his friend were taking a nap. Presently the chicken woke up, stretched his neck to its full length, and got rid of its first crow. The first crow of a young rooster, even when he has the aid that seems to be in the flopping of his incipient wings, is always a heartrending performance, and as this rooster couldn't use his wings his first crow was real spooky. The snake woke up with a start. He looked wildly about. He was seared and no mistake, but finally made up his mind that he had been dreaming, and settled down to finish his nap. He had scarcely closed his eyes when the hy his firs young rooster, en attempt, stretched his neck and tried his voice again. The snake jumped as much as ten feet, his eyes full of terror, and sailed around the yard as if he were flying from an avenger. He came to a stop by and by, but glared wildly and panted like a hot dog. The broken clavicle until the termination chicken seemed to enjoy the performance hugely, and, while the snake was still trembling, he let goanother crow. "Then the snake discovered where the queer noise was coming from, and he turned a look on the chicken that Gen. John Bidwell related to the was terrible in its reproachfulness. begun. The morning of March 5 of that year the city was electrified to earn that the night before an unknown of that year the city was electrified to earn that the night before an unknown that year the city was electrified to herd dog becomes. He and a friend the shep-the dog becomes the shep-the dog becomes the shep-the dog becomes the the the shep-the dog becomes the the shep-the stretched his neck as high as he



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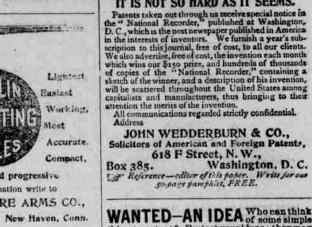


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was late in the spring of 1854 when the work on the monument was once more

band of vigilantes had broken into the and that the pope's gift to the strucare was missing. But what had become of it no one knew. There was always a watchman stationed in the ground around the monument, and with sim was a good watch dog, but the naranding party had laid their plans well, and the dog had been poisoned, while the watchman was imprisoned in limpse of the party who secured him. n the morning the shed was open and he stone was gone. That was all that was known, and up to a few days ago all that was ever known.

Strange Effects of Extreme Cold. Dr. Moss of the English polar expediion of 1875-'77, among many other things. ells of the strange effects of the exreme cold upon the candles they burned. way and note its connections with all transcon- The temperature was from 35 to 60 to to keep warm." It was so cold that

the flame could not melt all of the talow of the candle, but was forced to cat * At the beginning of the last war sharter, and no other offers the above luxurtous . Is way down, leaving a sort of skeleton (in 1886) the population of Paruguay scop monodations. These are sufficient reasons randle standing. There was heat was reckoned at 770,000; to-day it has forth a popularity of "The Milwaukee," Coupon mongh, however, to melt odd-shaped less than 250,000-and fully six-sevticket agents in every railroad office will give holes in the thin walls of the tallow, enths of that number are women. J. W. CASEY, Trav. Pass. Agent, FORTLAND, OREGON. nto the darkness.

Terns Flats.

Tin plate, or, to speak more accurate ty, tinned plate or tinned sheet, is this sheets of plates of iron or steel coated with tin. Terms plate is shrets or plate iron or steel covered with an alloy of tin and lead, usually two-thirds lead and one-third tin. It is this union of three metals, iron, lead and tin, that the English adjective tern, meaning threefold. The off-repeated statement that terns is from a French word meaning dull is incorrect. Terne plate, be-cause of the presence of lead in the

"Yes; it will make no difference in party," whose intemperate zeal did not your voice," answered the surgeon. "But you must avoid lifting heavy weights, and any undue exertionan insidious invasion of papacy into the above all, you must leave the B flat

Rubini continued to sing with a of the engagement.

SAGACIOUS SHEPHERD BOYS. Their Faithful Watchfulness of the Flocks

Under Their Care.

were riding in the Salinas valley when | could and crowed again, square in the stone shed at the foot of the monument they came to a band of one thousand or snake's face. more sheep guarded by ten or twelve otes made a dash for the sheep, but his box by a rope passed around the each time they were driven back by his friend, but had choked himself to putside of the doors and windows, thus the guardians of the flock. We role death in doing it." reventing him from even catching a on and put up at the Gomez ranch, which was owned by a wealthy native Californian. About sundown the sheep, driver by the dogs, came up to the house and the flock entered a corral. Two of the dogs laid down at the

entrance and waited there until the owner came out and put up the bars. Then the master patted his different dogs and fed them well. He told us that the dogs drove these sheep out on the plains two or three miles in the inental lines and H. Faul and mabs, and iegrees below zero, and the doctor says the day, kept the coyotes and other that its trains are lighted with elecwhen, upon looking at his candle, he animals at bay, and each evening drove liscovered that the fiame "had all it could them up to the house and into the coral."

Paraguay Points.

the result being a beautiful lace-like These figures do not refer to the noof yellow flame burning on the inside the country called the "Chaco," whose and sending out many streaks of light borders are separated from Asuncion only by the narrow river-but to their

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ated blood, who live in bamboo huts, cultivate the soll to a limited extent, and consider themselves civilized. The uncontrolled Indians of the Chaco

For your Protection, -- Catarth "Curse" or Tonice for Catarth in liquid form to be taken internally, usually contain either Mercury or Iodide of Potasas, or both, which are injurcause of the presence of lead in the coating, is duller than the plate, which is frequently called bright plate: but it is not this fact that gave rise to the ap-liation terme, but the union of the "metals. There is a question as to three. - the tin used forms an alloy whaths. or is only a simple coating with iten 's more firmly attached to it seems if . - mere coating would be, the iron that . off, but requiring ly prepared scaling w to remove it. D a bood discust contended the memory should be entry whether is the acknowledged cure for them rule of the memory it. D absolute rubbing awa, 's costing for' Cream Balm is the acknowledged cure for these troubles and contains no microary an alloy with the iron.

"The anake struck at the chickens" shepherd dogs. There were from head, but missed it. The chicken got twenty-five to thirty coyotes along the mad and clipped the snake in the head edge of the hills and within a short with his bill. And then it went. They distance of the sheep, but between the tumbled and fought around that yard two were the well trained and vigilant for five minutes. Then they suddenly dogs. "Two or three times while we became quiet. The snake had got the were in sight one or more of the coy- chicken's head in his mouth and swallowed it, neck and all. He had killed

> Grecian Antiquities. Archmological research in old Greece continues with the passion and duration worthily characterizing the scientific enthusiast. The site of the excavations now being conducted under the auspices of the American school of classical studies at Athens and the archeological institute of America is the great temple of Hera, at Argos, a sanctuary only less renowned than the temple of Zeus at Olympia, and the Parthenon at Athena. The presiding genius of the work of exploration is Dr. Waldstein. A find of architectural significance, because bearing upon a mooted point, is the discovery of color upon cornices, triglyphs, metopes and other parts of the Doric order. Of

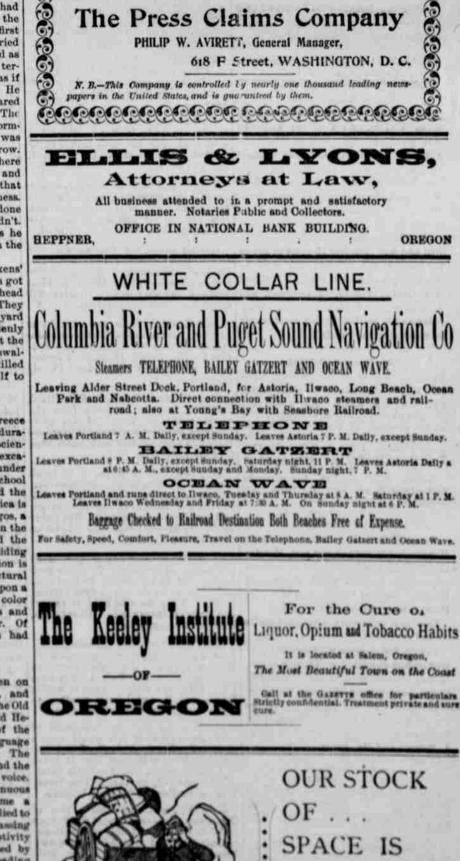
small relies sixty-three baskets had been collected at last accounts,

The Original Scriptures

The Scriptures were first written on wlinder of white with a narrow tongue madle savages that swarm that part of skins, linen cloth or papyrus, and rolled up as we do engravings. The Old Testament was written in the old Hebrew character-an offshoot of the near kinsmen of more or less adulter- Phoenician. It was a symbol language as written, having no vowels. The consonants only were written and the vowel sounds supplied by the voice. The words ran together in a continuous are reported by the government sta- line. After the Hebrew became a tisticians to number upwards of 100,000; but in reality nobody knows much about them. Even at the capital the away. After the Babylonish captivity aboriginal Guarani language is more the written Hebrew was modified by gives rise to the name of terme plate, terme being the French equivalent of the English adjective tern, meaning each other, then division into verses.

Forms of Animal Life.

Humboldt and Cuvier estimated the number of species of mammalia, or creatures which suckle their young. to be but little short of 600; of birds. 4,000: insects, 44,000; reptiles, 700; in all about 50,000 species. In the southern hemisphere hirds are five times more numerous than the mammalia. Tocolored. Cuvier said that the record colored. Cuvier said that the record matter of business we must sell it. malia were once as numerously reprepresent day.





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