

When Twenty-Three Miles an Hour Was Fairly Flying and suggestive of Death.

From the diary of Thomas Creevey, who lived in England during the early part of last century, says the Chicago News, the following is quoted: "Lady Wilton sent over yesterday from Knowsley to say that the Loco Motive machine was to be upon the railway at such a place at 12 o'clock for the Knowsley party to ride in if they liked, and inviting this house to be of the party. So, of course, we were at our post in three carriages, and some horse-men, at the hour appointed. I had the satisfaction, for I can't call it a pleasure, of taking a trip of five miles in it, which we did in just a quarter of an hour—that is, 20 miles an hour. As accuracy upon this subject was my great object, I held my watch in my hand at starting and all the time; and as it had a second hand I knew I could not be deceived; and it so turned out there was not the difference of a second between the coaches or conductor and myself. But observe, during these five miles the machine was occasionally made to put itself out or go it, and then we went at the rate of 23 miles an hour, and just with the same ease as to motion or absence of friction as the other normal pace. But the quickest motion is to me frightful; it is really flying, and it is impossible to divest yourself of the notion of instant death to all upon the least accident happening."

CAT FOUGHT AN EAGLE.

Pussy Was Pretty Severely Scared, But Put an End to the War-like Bird.

A cat owned by the engineer of a freight train on a western road seemed to enjoy sitting on the pilot while the train was in motion, says a Chicago paper. A lively adventure befell this fearless pussy during one of his master's trips. As they were slowly rounding a curve one morning the engineer noticed an eagle sitting on a tall dead spruce. Just as the locomotive came abreast of the tree the eagle suddenly swooped downward and fiercely attacked the cat. For several seconds there was a battle royal. The eagle made half a dozen attempts to carry away the cat bodily, but each time the cat would make a savage onslaught upon the bird with teeth and claws, and the air was full of feathers. As the train pushed ahead, the two men in the cab were filled with apprehension for the cat. The whistle was blown, but neither combatant paid the least attention to the sound.

Finally the engineer armed himself with a bar of iron and started out on the running board to aid his pet; but before he reached the scene of action the cat had torn a great hole in the eagle's throat, and the bird was in its death struggles. It was carried into the locomotive tender, where it died in a few minutes. The cat bore the scars of battle, but recovered.

BUILDING IDEAS FROM JAPAN.

Quick Work by Manual Laborers Is Witnessed by an American Contractor.

After an expenditure of several thousand dollars and four months of time in order to win a wager of \$20 from his friend, Charles W. Gindele, that he could not stay away from Chicago long enough for a trip to the Orient, even if he were not afraid to cross the Pacific, Contractor Joseph Downey is home again, uncertain still as to whether he may not have picked up an idea or two in Yokohama that would be applicable to building in Chicago, reports the Inter Ocean.

"I never saw anything more interesting in the contracting line than in an excavation of about 30,000 yards of earth in Yokohama," he says. "At a first glance at the work there are endless miles of laborers moving in slow lines, each man with a pole over his shoulders to the ends of which are slung two small baskets. The diggers at work in the pit shovel three spades full of dirt into each of these baskets, and with this 'load' the man moves on after those filling away in front, dumping his baskets finally a full quarter of a mile away.

"Talk about machine labor. In Nagasaki harbor I saw long lines of women and girls, using baskets, pass 1,400 tons of coal into the hold of our steamer in less than seven hours.

"The novelty of this was the woman and girl labor. The men did the shoveling of the coal into the baskets. These baskets were rounded on the bottom and without handles. As soon as one of them was filled it was picked up by a woman and passed in a twinkling to the next woman in line, and so on, till up the steep steps of the dock the basket would reach the hole in the side of the steamer, through which the coal would be dumped into the hold. It was an example of the humanizing of the elevator system and there was not a break in the chain in those seven hours of loading. I don't know what the time is for such work as this in Chicago, but this looked like fast enough work for any place on the map."

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AN ERA OF IRRIGATION.

Advantages of a Comprehensive System for Every State in the Union.

The following paper, written in August, by request, for the Rural Californian, is submitted at this time in view of the special interest in the subject, awakened by the recent meeting of the national irrigation congress at Ogden, as a contribution towards a complete understanding of its importance to the whole country:

"The full significance of the new era of irrigation on which the nation is now entering is but vaguely understood by the public at large, and is by no means realized even by those who are to receive its most direct and special benefits. It means the inauguration of intensive scientific agriculture on a national scale, and there is need of a comprehensive outline of it, with such details of its operation as will serve to impress the public mind with its utility and permanence, for it is well understood by the promoters and friends of this vast system of agricultural development that in the end it is to be in general use over at least one-half of the national domain and will continue for all time. At present, however, the public discussion of the irrigation system is practically limited to the reclamation of arid lands, whereas a yet larger area of semi-arid regions, embracing large sections of the country in the so-called humid states having an uncertain rainfall, will ultimately share in the beneficence of this unending system of agriculture. Indeed, within the past year, experiments in irrigation have been made in such states as Wisconsin, Missouri, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Georgia, and the irrigated crops yielded more than double the value of like crops, which depended alone on the rainfall. Intensive cultivation inevitably follows irrigation; this leads to small, individual holdings, and these provide work and homes for families. Such homes are the nurseries of patriotism, and honest toil on the farm, with a due reward for the work done, always tends to the growth of the essential virtues; in a word, such a system of agriculture produces the highest type of citizenship, and as a matter of course, promotes the security, prowess and perpetuity of the nation. The wisest statesmanship will therefore warmly approve of a complete development of this profitable, certain and scientific tilling of the soil, and not only in the arid regions where irrigation is necessary in order to render them habitable, and moreover results in making them the most productive portions of our country, but also in every state of the union where it can be made available for largely increasing the value of crops in ordinary seasons, and in times of drought, which occur too frequently, will insure abundant crops in place of failure and inevitable distress, and this will no doubt be done just as soon as farmers in such states learn to appreciate its benefits, for the general welfare will demand it and the government will provide the means for its development."

Timber Tax Will Be Raised.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 11.—The King County Board of Equalization, at its meeting this afternoon, took action which will in all probability precipitate a fight with the Weyerhaeuser timber syndicate and other large owners of timber lands in this county. Notices were sent out to a number of companies and individuals owning timber of intention on the part of the board to raise the assessment on these lands approximately 25 per cent, or about \$2 an acre.

The Weyerhaeuser Company is the largest owner in this county, having about 200,000 acres, which will increase their assessment approximately \$400,000. The Port Blakeley Mill Company, which owns about two-third as much timber in this part of the state as the Weyerhaeusers, with more than 50,000 acres in this county, will also be made to feel the action of the board to the tune of about \$100,000 increased assessment and others in proportion.

The position taken by the board is that within the past few years timber lands in the state have increased in value about 400 per cent, while the assessments have in many instances not been disturbed and in others only a very slight amount.

The board also decided to assess tax certificates of delinquency as personal property, which is the first time in the history of this state that this has been done. There are in this county about \$250,000 in these certificates.

Thought Marriage License Was Enough.

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 11.—After having lived together as man and wife nearly a year and a half with nothing but a marriage license to unite them, Ernest J. Schmidt and Anna B. Meyer learned to their dismay that a marriage ceremony was necessary for them to legally assume matrimonial relations. A new marriage license was accordingly obtained and they will be united in marriage today.

Thinking there was nothing else to do in the way of formalities after the license was secured, the pair began house-keeping and a child was born to them. From the Alameda County Building and Loan association they borrowed \$3,000 and built a home in East Oakland. Saturday C. C. Valberg, president of the loan association, asked to see the marriage certificate of the pair. They showed him the license, but there was no certificate. They said they did not suppose a ceremony was necessary.

Having lent him the money to build a home as husband and wife, Valberg became anxious regarding the security, for Mrs. Meyer had signed the mortgage as Mrs. Schmidt.

Valberg called at the county clerk's office, obtained a new license and arranged with the justice of the peace to perform the ceremony.

Peculiar Disappearance.

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