

BAVARIAN WOMEN VOTE.

All Owners of Property Have the Privilege and Exercise It by Proxy.

Women who own taxable property are permitted to vote at municipal elections in Munich, the capital of Bavaria, but they have never gone in person to the polls, sending instead male proxies. At a recent election, however, one courageous woman, who, by the way, is president of a large philanthropic association of women, appeared in person to cast her vote. She pleaded that it was not any more difficult to cast a ballot than to instruct some man how to do it, while the only way to be sure that the right ballot was used was to cast it herself. Her action caused something of a sensation, but she was not denied the privilege she asked for.

When it is remembered that until recently women in Germany were not allowed to attend political meetings or to ally themselves with political parties, and that these laws are still in effect in many parts of the empire, this action of a woman voter, which passed without protest from the men, indicates a growing sentiment in favor of improved conditions for women. The liberal party and the social democrats all over Germany, wherever the laws are not unfavorable, are inciting women to join them. In Hamburg about 1,100 women belong to the social democratic clubs, and are even represented on their boards of directors.

WANT A MOURNING STAMP.

There Are Many Demands for Issue of Postage Stamp to Harmonize with Black Border.

The post office department is constantly in receipt of requests for the issue of a mourning stamp for use on black-edged stationery. Persons in all grades of life assert that there is no harmony or appropriateness in an envelope with a black edge, and a red stamp in the corner, and they beg the department to issue a black stamp, says the Washington Post.

The department has given much consideration to the subject, but has been unable to comply with the requests on account of the rules of the Universal Postal union, which prescribes that our lowest value stamp shall be green; that the stamp used for domestic use shall be red, and the stamp carrying foreign mail—five cents—shall be blue. In view of these restrictions it has not appeared possible to meet the requirements for a mourning stamp, as the department does not deem it advisable to print a stamp in red and also in black.

However, the suggestion has been made that the three-cent stamp, now printed in purple, might be issued in black, so that a person desiring to use a black stamp upon his mourning envelope might do so by paying the additional cent. The department may take up this suggestion later and act upon it.

REINDEER AND PRAIRIE DOG.

One Is Increasing and the Other Diminishing in Numbers at a Rapid Rate.

The purchase and distribution by the federal authorities of herds of Siberian reindeer in Alaska have been already, if official reports can be trusted, of no inconsiderable benefit to natives who have suffered privations from their own reckless extermination of game in earlier years.

The cynomys ludovicianus is the long scientific name of the short prairie dog, which has been, over large areas of the western country, more of a nuisance than many people imagine. Until recently he spread over 68 counties in Kansas, to say nothing of his occupancy elsewhere, damaging local crops to an extent not in keeping with his unobtrusive dimensions. All kinds of poisons were tried on him in vain till the recent discovery of a new one, its constituents not disclosed, which sweeps him off the earth, root and branch, so to speak, leaving of his hide and hair neither bark nor animation; a good riddance of this damaging marmot, which, with its companion in sin, the pocket gopher, has cost the western farmer no end of money by its ravages.

MOURNING ON MEN'S HATS.

Prevalence of the Custom and Various Degrees of Grief Indicated.

The custom among men of wearing mourning upon the hat is increasing in its observance rather than decreasing. Crapes, however, which was formerly exclusively used for this purpose, has now been almost entirely supplanted by bombazine. Years ago it was customary to sew on a row of tiny black beads, set at a little distance apart, along the seam of the band where it was joined at the side, but this is now very rarely done. There is now put on around the hat over the lower edge of the band, where it meets the brim, a narrow silk ribbon to make a finish.

For loss of wife the band of mourning worn upon a silk hat is carried to within an eighth of an inch of the top; for the loss of a parent the band is carried to within an inch of the top; for relatives other than wife or parent, the band is worn three-quarters the height of the hat.

The mourning band for a silk hat is specially fitted to it and made for it; for straw hats and for soft hats an English cloth band is provided, which can be slipped down over the crown of the hat.

THE RED CROSS IN JAPAN.

Military Hospitals and Trained Nurse Service Is Thorough and Extensive.

The recent offer from America of a corps of trained nurses who served in American hospitals during the war with Spain to come over and nurse sick and wounded Japanese soldiers in the event of war with Russia is highly appreciated by the Japanese people as an evidence of American sympathy. It would not be possible, however, writes Eliza R. S. Selmore, in Chicago American, for foreign nurses to be put to any use if they were on the spot, as, aside from their certain ignorance of the Japanese language, Japan has the model field and military hospital service of all modern armies. It proved its efficiency and practical superiority when working side by side with the same service arms of the American, English, French, Russian, German, Austrian and Italian forces at Tientsin and Peking in 1900. English and American official reports assigned the Japanese the palm for thorough system and smooth working, perfection of appointment and intelligent detail.

Their hospital and medical service was as smooth working and efficient in the campaign of 1894-95. It did not break down during the rapid marches up the Korean peninsula and across Manchuria to Port Arthur and Newchwang.

There are schools for trained nurses in every large city in Japan, and in Tokio the empress, as especial patroness of the Red Cross hospital and school, always presides at the annual meeting and gives the diplomas to the white-capped graduates. One of the imperial princesses has taken the full course of training, and other court ladies are as accomplished.

When the American minister suffered a stroke of apoplexy and died at a hunting party a year ago, there was no medical man within ten miles, but Baroness Sannomya, wife of the grand master of ceremonies, had had training at the Red Cross classes and was able to take entire and intelligent charge until a professional arrived.

In the north China campaign of 1900 the Red Cross society was as active and efficient, and every year some flood, earthquake or disaster calls for the Red Cross' prompt relief.

There are branch societies in each province, and each year the annual meeting is held at Tokio, where 10,000 members often gather at the great outdoor session in Ueno park. One sees the ribbon and insignia of the order worn everywhere these days, from Princesses Arisugana and Fushimi, who actively preside, down to the elderly matrons and widows of the provinces, to whom the function is an event comparable to the great February sessions of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington.

It is a pleasure to see some of these elderly women in their rich but severely tinted crepe kimonos and heavy brocade obis as they go about the capital sight-seeing. Dazzling as the street scenes may be to them, they observe good form and ride with the jinrikisha cover up—not out. In summer heat, autumn sunshine, as in rain, the Japanese lady always has the jinrikisha hood drawn to shelter her from common gaze.

Where Newspapers Are Scarce.

In Paraguay there is a little communistic colony known as the Cosmo colony, which was founded several years ago by an enthusiastic band of Australian socialists. After many hardships and privations the colony is now in such a flourishing condition as to boast a newspaper of its own, called the Cosmo Monthly. The manner in which news is dispensed to the colonists is interesting. A horn is blown, generally twice, with half an hour's gathering time between. The colonists assemble and the reader for the occasion gives out his news, which consists of interesting items selected from the latest weekly papers and dispatches from the Asuncion daily paper, which the colonists receive twice a week.

Marvelous Exploit of a Picture Dealer in Munich—Used Dictionary, But No Grammar.

The following notice, says the London Outlook, appears in the shop window of a picture dealer in Munich:

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This, says the correspondent who kindly sends us the foregoing, rather emphasizes an experience of my own in Munich, where a shopkeeper, trying in English to excuse himself for not having in stock an appliance I needed, said: "I have not; I am very disagreeable."

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Morrow county has thousands of head of sheep, horses and cattle. The wool production for 1904 was 2,500,000 pounds. Alfalfa and fruit growing are profitable industries, rapidly growing in importance. The county has also a great coal field, soon to be developed.

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