

A Great Queen's Letters.

"We may wonder if the world will ever be allowed to see the private correspondence amassed by the late Queen Victoria," says a writer. "It is stored away in a strong room built into the walls of Buckingham palace, and the queen shared her confidence with no one. So long as she was physically able to do so she opened and closed the safe herself and arranged its contents. When she was too feeble to do this she employed an old and trusted secretary, but even he had to work under the royal eye. He was never allowed to keep the keys nor to read the letters that he handled.

"Queen Victoria was always a voluminous letter writer, and she was in constant communication with most of the royalties in Europe. Every domestic secret and privacy of royalty during half a century is said to be represented by the contents of this wonderful safe, and it is easy to believe that the modern historian would find his hands full if he were permitted to browse among these letters.

"But probably he will have to wait a few hundred years, and then his popular audience will be a languid one. It is one of the ironies of life that we can never have things when we want them."—Chicago News.

Snake Killing Ants.

It is difficult to believe that ants will kill snakes, but such is the case, and scientists have discovered that in certain regions this class of reptile has no more persistent enemy. The large red-brown forest ants are the most implacable, and a curious thing about the attack of these tiny creatures on the reptiles is that they kill it for food and not on account of natural antipathy. When some of these ants catch sight of a snake they arouse the whole community at once. In platoons and battalions the little fellows set upon it, striking their "nippers" into its body and eyes at thousands of points at once. So rapidly is this done that the snake has no chance of escaping. He soon becomes exhausted and dies ignominiously. The ants then tear off the flesh, gradually stripping off the skin and working inside it. Not until they have carried away everything except the bones and the skin do they abandon their prey.

When "Lloyd's" Was a Coffee House. The man who gave his name to the great maritime institution, Lloyd's, was not, as might be supposed, a financier or a shipowner, but only a humble coffee house keeper. Of his history nothing is known save that he kept a coffee house in Lombard street at the beginning of the eighteenth century, which, from its proximity to the Royal Exchange, came to be a favorite assembling place of the underwriters. The first mention of his house occurs in a poem, "The Wealthy Shopkeeper," published in 1700:

Then to Lloyd's coffee house to go he never falls To read the letters and attend the sales. In 1710 Steele dated some numbers of the Tatler from Lloyd's, and Addison also makes mention of the coffee house in the Spectator.—London Chronicle.

Flying Fish.

Flying fish swim in shoals varying in number from a dozen to a hundred or more. They often leave the water at once, darting through the air in the same direction for 200 yards or more, and then descend to the water quickly, rising again and then renewing their flight. Sometimes the dolphin may be seen in rapid pursuit, taking great leaps out of the water and gaining upon his prey, which take shorter and shorter flights, vainly trying to escape, until they sink exhausted. Sometimes the larger sea birds catch flying fish in the air. The question whether the flying fish use their fins at all as wings is not fully decided. The power of flight is limited to the time the fins remain moist.

Bright Boy.

"What is your name, little boy?" queried the street car conductor of a small passenger who was traveling alone. "Willie Jones," was the reply. "What's your name?" "John Wood," answered the conductor. "Wood!" exclaimed the little fellow. "Why, I thought wood was a nonconductor."—Chicago News.

Inherited, as It Were.

Professor—Yes, sir, your daughter is pretty well grounded in French, but it will, of course, take some time and trouble for her to acquire fluency. Father—Well, you know, that's rather strange to me. I had an idea that the fluency would have come sort of natural to her.—Exchange.

Will Send Gardener.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Upon the request of Superintendent of Public Instruction L. R. Alderman, Congressman Hawley has asked the Department of Agriculture to send a man to teach Oregon pupils to make school gardens. The department will lend a man for two or three weeks, provided his transportation expenses are paid, as was done in California. Hawley suggested that Oregon ask J. J. Hill to meet the transportation item.

ENJOYABLE VALENTINE PARTY

Utopians Entertain in College Dormitory Tuesday Night.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the year was the Valentine party given by the girls of the Utopian Literary society Tuesday evening in the society hall in the college dormitory. The young men of the college and the members of the faculty were the guests of the evening. The decorations which were hearts and cupid covered tain aoin aoinn and cupid carried out a color scheme in red and white. The amusements of the evening were appropriate to Leap Year, proposals, broken hearts and fortune-telling being among them. At a late hour dainty refreshments were served.

Spring Valley School Notes.

We have our boxes of cabbage seed planted and are now ready to plant tomato seed.

John Simkins and Mike Smith, members of our school board, visited us last Friday. They have visited us many times this year and have helped wonderfully in making our school one to be proud of.

Henry Corkins, from California, visited us Friday afternoon and gave some valuable help in railroad study. Grace Childers has been very sick since last Friday. Grace is a very bright little girl and we have missed her presence in the recitations. Mabel Smith spent Wednesday night with Evangeline Jennings.

Among those who made 100 per cent in the county spelling contest on February 9, are: Marguerite Holdredge, Katie Dahm, Mabel Smith, Golda Branson, Evangeline Jennings, Rebecca Lenstrom, Tora Mortenson, Alma Holdredge, Hazel Ray, Marian Zincer. Our sixth grade will get first place in the contest.

The test of our drinking water has been received from Dr. Calvin White of Portland, showing the water to be perfectly safe. Our well is 120 feet deep, cased throughout with galvanized four-inch casing.

Our school board is preparing to fence the school ground with a board fence. The work will begin at once. That's the kind of a school board to have.

Our "Home Credit" plan is going fine. We hope to make a good showing in the garden contest. Full credit will be given for time spent in this work; watch for the leaders in our next news.

Mohair.

Considering how fast the Angora goat is taking its place as a regular inhabitant of an Oregon farm, and how many more of these animals, both useful and beautiful, there will be as their value is better known, it is worth while to learn somewhat about the industry elsewhere.

The consul of the United States at Bradford, in Yorkshire, England, the home of the mohair trade, has just sent out a general sketch of much interest.

Until recently almost the entire supply of mohair came from Constantinople. But now South Africa has disputed the market. In 1911 Turkey mohair was imported to England to the total of 6,650,000 pounds.—Cape mohair 18,110,494 pounds. A little comes there from Australia and from America, but American mohair is generally sold at home and worked up in American mills. It is said that American mohair is not of as good quality as either Turkish or South African.

The Bradford market is not so very stable, as the demand and therefore the price, varies with the fashions in ladies' dress. It is used in dresses, and if bright colors are fashionable the call for mohair grows. It is made also in braiding, and into edging for men's coats and vests. What is known as brilliantine is a mohair fabric. Also are linings, plushes, bindings. Imitation seal-skins, astrakhans, and other skins are made from mohair—it is also used for sofa, chair, and table covers. Teddy bears, and other toys are of mohair. Most of the mohair is made up with cotton warps—and mohair being used to imitate fur, so mercerized cotton is used to imitate mohair.

The uses of it are extending and the demand increasing. It has now its regular place in the industries of Yorkshire.

It is well to know that a big market exists elsewhere than in our eastern states, and one which is well able to prove a regular and vigorous competitor.—Portland Journal.

FANS PREDICT HOT RALL CONTEST HERE

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It is their ambition to send the "Pride of the Waldo Hills" back to Silverton, a much humbled and defeated aggregation. Whether Dallas will be able to make good in this respect remains to be seen, though the fans of this city who are in closest touch with the team and have followed the same closely, declare there will be nothing to it but Dallas from start to finish. This city certainly has a great team here, one that deserves support and encouragement; and all want to see them win.

Thorne's Dallas orchestra will be in attendance and furnish music for the occasion, playing before the game commences and during the intermission between halves. The game will be called at 2 p. m. for the benefit of the business men, the doors opening at 2 p. m.

"Rooms for Rent" cards for sale at the Observer Job Office.

Lebanon Express: The largest and finest beef placed on sale in Lebanon for the past two years was butchered the first of the week by C. H. Witman & Son. It was a stall fed 3-year-old steer and dressed 900 pounds.

Woodmen of the World at Milton are planning a membership campaign to increase the enrollment from 53 to 100. A banquet on the evening of March 21 will end the competition.

Help Wanted

For that cough. Get a bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. It is the best. Sold by Conrad Stafrin.

The Oregon Oriano, published at Vale, but discontinued a year ago, has been revived as a 12-page 5 column monthly and will be devoted to the general farming and livestock interests of Eastern Oregon.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

The Observer has added Satisfaction of Mortgage to its stock of legal blanks. Notaries and attorneys may now secure them in any quantity desired. Phone orders for legal blanks given prompt attention.

McMinnville Telephone - Register: The comfortable financial condition of Yamhill county is well reflected in the brevity of the delinquent tax list. The time is not long past when it required from one to two pages. Now it is less than one column.

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