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## NEWS IN GENERAL

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

### CREMATED.

LOS ANGELES, Cal. May 5.—A few evenings ago the earthly remains of Byron Adonis, one of the most advanced adepts of the circle of theosophists, or, more properly speaking, Buddhists, were incinerated at the crematory in Rosedale cemetery, with the ceremonies attending a Buddhist funeral. It was the first Buddhist incineration that has been performed in the United States, and the ceremonies were of a simple but in some respects of a mystical character.

The remains of Byron Adonis, who was a man fifty years of age, were received in this city from San Francisco, having been forwarded here for the last rites. In his will Adonis enjoined his executors to send his remains to Los Angeles, there to be incinerated in accord with the Buddhist ceremonial, and a request was likewise received here from the Buddhist society of San Francisco that the wishes of the eminent adept should be complied with, in accord with the letter and spirit of the Buddhist ceremonial.

The services took place in the reception room of the Cosedale crematory at 6 o'clock. Quite an assemblage of local Buddhist and theosophists had gathered for the occasion. The remains of the deceased were swathed in white clothes and decked with lilies and lotus flowers, both of symbolic importance in the Buddhist faith.

The body was turned face downward and sandalwood, sugar, salt, rice, gold and copper, and other symbolical elements were placed on the bier. The ceremonies were then solemnly opened by the Buddhists present repeating the invocation, in reality the creed of Buddhism, as follows—in the original Sanscrit: "I take my refuge in the Buddha; I take my refuge in the Dharma; I take my refuge in the order." The invocation was repeated three times, and the second invocation was given three times, as follows: "How transient are all component things. Their nature is to be born and die coming; they go and then is rest. When each has ceased and all is rest." A lotus flower was then dropped on the bier with the prayer, "O Mani Pad Mahan," to him of the lotus and the jewel.

President Bellman, of the Los Angeles Theosophical society, and a member of the theosophical propaganda, at the request of the Buddhist, then solemnly recited a portion of the Gathas—Yasn xliiii. The company then passed around the bier with bowed heads, and the remains were silently removed to the crematorium. The doors were opened, and after casting more lotus

flowers and lilies therein, the bier was placed in the furnace.

Fires had been maintained in the furnace for forty-eight hours, and it was heated to 1,800 degrees. It took two hours for the remains to consume entirely. At the expiration of fifteen minutes rosy flames had penetrated the covering and were playing around the body. In half an hour the outer portion of the remains had crumbled away with the intense heat, and a luminous cloud seemed to encompass the body, and it fast succumbed to the flames. At the end of two hours nothing remained of what had been Byron Adonis' dwelling in life but a small pile of hot ashes that could almost be held in a man's two hands. The ashes were then gathered up and taken into the open fields and scattered by the four winds, so that no man should know where they had gone.

### A CYCLONE.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 5.—The most terrible and destructive storm that ever occurred in this section devastated the Lynn creek valley, south east of Topeka Monday night. About 2 o'clock a cyclone swept up Lynn valley, destroying everything that came in its path. A territory eight miles long and varying in width from half a mile to a mile suffered a total destruction of everything. Two persons were killed outright and 100 were more or less injured.

The storm was in the usual funnel form of a cyclone. In a twinkling the houses and barns were torn to pieces and scattered in every direction. Joseph Heil's house was crushed like an eggshell and Mr Heil was terribly injured in the back and about the head. His little daughter had her arm broken and his boy was crushed in the falling timbers and all the other members of the family were more or less bruised. Silas Zeigler was seriously injured; his house was blown down and the family caught in the debris. They were covered with pieces of lumber and all injured. James Mitchell, a prominent farmer, was badly injured, it is thought his back is broken; his wife was unhurt, but all of his five children were more or less injured. It is thought that Mitchell will die.

Stephen Plaxton, a Topeka citizen, was instantly killed. Plaxton was visiting his son on the farm. The family were all in the house when the storm struck it. The building was broken to fragments. No one knows just how it happened but the old man's dead body was found in the pasture 700 feet from the house, and stripped of all clothing.

Twenty-five farmhouses and barns were destroyed, and nearly a score of families were left homeless. Aid has been sent out from this city.

False Teeth Made to Grow.

The French professor who makes

human skulls to order (alread mentioned in these "Notes") has a rival in the person of Dr. Znamensky, the Russian dentist of Moscow, who has discovered a means of causing false teeth to grow to the gums as firmly as the ones nature provides. Dr. Znamensky has performed several successful operations of this character, both on human and animal subjects, the animals used being chiefly dogs and cats. He is said to make holes in the teeth and also in the patient's jawbone. After this has been performed to his satisfaction the tooth is placed in the cavity. Within twenty-four hours a soft, granular semi-fluid exudes from the jawbone and finds its way into the hole which the learned M. D. has drilled into the false tooth. This granulated growth soon hardens and holds the tooth firmly in position.

Was One of Young's Wives.

MANISTEE, Mich., May 3.—M. R. Denning, a rich lumberman and a member of the Legislature, put his property out of his hands yesterday and announced in the public prints that he would no longer pay debts contracted by his wife. He has left town, declaring he will never return.

Denning married a few years ago Brigham Young's nineteenth wife, who, as Annie Eliza Young, acquired celebrity as a lecturer before she met Denning. Previous to entering Brigham Young's fold she was the wife of a Mr. Doe of Utah. She says she has borne much from Denning, and professes to be the injured one.

"The tallest man," says Plinty, "that hath been seen in our (about the time of Christ) was one named Gabara, who in the days of Claudius the Emperor was brought out of Arabia; he was 9 feet 9 inches in height."

Artaceas, of the family of Achamenides, a person in great favor with Kexes, was the tallest Persian known in history. He lacked, according to the authorities mentioned above, but four fingers of being full five cubits of the royal standard. This royal cubit was twenty-two inches of our standard, which made the height of Artaceas somewhere near 9 feet.

Jovianus the Emperor was a man of gigantic proportions, but if Wangle is to be believed his exact size is nowhere to be found recorded. The best known account of him says: "He was of pleasant countenance, gray-eyed, of vast stature—so vast, indeed, that no royal robe could be found to answer to the height of his body."

Maximinus was 8½ feet high, and so large of bone that he used the armet of his wife as a ring for his thumb.

M. Marc Halleiot, the celebrated electrician who exhibited so many electric marvels at the late Paris Exposition, is making arrangements to put one of his telautograph ma-

chines before the public at Chicago in 1893. The machine that will be shown at the great Columbia Fair is reckoned as a wonder, even by electrical experts, who ought to know what curiosities in that line really are. The invention is said to be an offshot or outgrowth of a similar machine invented by our Edison five or six years ago. With a well-regulated little instrument of the character named one can sign a check or other document, although he be a hundred or a thousand miles from the point where his autograph is desired. The modus operandi is described thus: The writing to be transmitted is first impressed on soft paper with an ordinary stylus. This in turn is mounted on a cylinder, which, as it revolves, makes and breaks the electric current by means of the varying depths of the indentations on the paper. At the receiving end of the wire a similar cylinder, moving in accurate synchronism with the other, receives the current on a chemically prepared paper, on which it transcribes the signature in black letters on a white ground.

KINGFISHER, Ok., May 5.—Considerable excitement still exists over the ugly attitude assumed by the Cheyenne Indians toward the settlers in the lands recently opened to settlement.

Gov. Seay regards the situation as perilous enough to demand his presence in the western counties, and he passed through here Tuesday en route there. A company of United States troops from Fort Reno followed him Wednesday. White Shield, the Cheyenne chief, is the leader of the Ugly Indians. He says the Indians never wanted to give up their lands to the whites, and now that they have been compelled to do so, the whites must feed and clothe them.

Another cause for alarm is the fact that the new town, Cheyenne, is building on the site of the burial ground where the Indians killed in the battle with Gen. Custer in 1868 were buried. The Indians regard the building of the town there as the greatest sacrilege, and threaten to burn it and massacre the inhabitants.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 5.—Jesus Campeche, who lives on the outskirts of this city, has just celebrated his birthday.

He was born, he says, in 1738, which would make him 154 years old. He came originally from Spain and has the appearance of being about 90 years of age. To prove his age he carries copies of a church register in Valladolid. The priest of the church Campeche, says Campeche was an old man when he was a boy, and he is now 68.

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Mrs. Alice Maple, of Oregon, 31- says: "My weight was 230 lbs., now it is 128 lbs., a reduction of 102 lbs., and I feel so much better that I would not take \$1,000 and be put back where I was. I am both surprised and proud of the change. I recommend your treatment to all sufferers from obesity. Will answer all inquiries if stamp is inclosed for reply."  
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