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The Michigan Peninsula—Subterranean Water Courses.

An Eastern paper says the Michigan people are beginning to think that State is a vast floating peninsula, as some of them have been asserting for a long time.

The amount of water contained in a foot in depth, and of the area of the lake, is simply enormous, and when taken into consideration with the small amount of rain and snow which goes into it, it renders the evaporation theory almost absurd.

As to the Handling of Cows.

A writer in the Prairie Farmer gives the following hints with regard to the management of cows: In a business-like dairying, where so much depends upon the quantity and quality of the milk, the owner will inevitably lose money and eventually go to the wall unless special care is exercised in the selection of the cows.

The education of a heifer to give her milk freely consists solely in gentle handling and in milking so that the cow may feel relieved in the operation.

Gen. Joseph Lane, Col. W. H. Effinger, Judge E. C. Bradshaw and two other prominent Democrats have prepared an address to the Democracy relative to their duty in the coming campaign.

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HISTORICAL SKETCHES

Of Oregon's Southern Coast.

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The Rogue River Indian War—Murder of the Geizel Family.

The night and morning that witnessed the events narrated in our last—Feb. 22-23, 1856—were distinguished by a tragedy, the details of which will illustrate the treachery and cruelty of the Indian character, and furnish one of the saddest chapters in the history of that bloody season.

Some seven or eight miles north of Rogue river, a German, named Geizel, had located his donation claim on the prairie, and with his family had established a home, where, in the natural order of events, a few years would have found him surrounded with that comfortable affluence which is the reward of honest and well-directed industry.

The settlers who assembled in the fort that morning, supposed that if the Geizel family were killed, but a short time afterward they learned from a squaw that the female portion of the family were alive, and were held as prisoners at the Toootona ranch, on Rogue river.

The remains of the murdered Geizels, were afterwards collected and buried where the house had stood, and a marble monument, with appropriate inscription, now marks the place of their rest.

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Sailing Skyward Alone.

When Mr. John Wise was lost in his balloon, called "The Pathfinder," a month or two ago, the newspapers printed many accounts of trips made in the air, some by brave men and some by foolish ones.

On that day an aeronaut named Brooks filled his airship with gas on the farm of a Mr. Harvey, who lived near Centralia. He expected to sail up in the afternoon.

One of the children was a girl, Nellie, eight years old, the other was her little brother Willie four years old.

"I expect we are going to heaven Willie," said Nellie.

She meant the gate of heaven that she had heard about in Sunday School. But Nellie fell asleep too. When she awoke she found some strange man was lifting her from the basket.

Uses for Paper.

A great diversity presents itself in the various useful purposes to which paper, or papier mache has been applied of late years. Besides ornamental articles, clothing, bedding, stamps, boxes, barrels, picture frames, furniture, stovepipes, chimney pots, bricks, partition walls, carriage and car wheels and boats, it would seem as if the inventive ingenuity of manufacturers has succeeded in adapting this single substance to some new use every day.

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Expensive Love Meetings.

A French correspondent says a curious affair has just come before the Court d'assizes at Versailles, an affair vraiment and romanesque.

The motive which led her to this wanton destruction of property is one that every one will recognize as a particularly inflammable one—love. It seems that this girl of sixteen was madly in love with a youth of her own age named Albert Romaru, a laborer in a neighboring village.

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Journalism and Authorship.

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Silk Worms for France.

The New York World says: There is something strange in the way the wealth of far off China and Japan sweeps across our Continent on its way to the countries of Europe.

BRIGHAM YOUNG'S estate finally simmers down to \$75,000, which is to be divided among seven heirs.

An Old Story.

One winter's evening a mother and four little children, in a sleigh, were passing through one of the dense forests of Russia. They have been visiting a neighbor, and are returning home.

Important Telegraph Project.

A Times' Washington special presents details of a telegraph scheme introduced in the Senate recently in the form of a petition for the incorporation of a company by James A. Scrymgeour, of Cuba cable notoriety, and William G. Hamilton.

Young Jay Gould.

The following anecdote is told of the great railroad czar as having occurred in his early career: "He had a knack for trading, was very sharp as a cattle dealer, and one time he got a lesson that lasted him for life.

A Frozen Mail Carrier.

The Mammoth City (Cal.) Herald, has the following: "The pony rider, Billy Haines, familiarly known as 'Cleverly,' was badly frozen on his last trip from Bodie to this place.

Words of Wisdom.

The path of moderation is the safest to tread.

It's poor foolishness to run down your enemies.

Hide the faults of others and make known their virtues.

Reason is the test of ridicule—not ridicule the test of truth.

When reason is against man, a man will be against reason.

Our actions are our own; the consequences belong to heaven.

The festival which bears the greatest fruit is the festival of duty.

Our acts make or mar us; we are the children of our own deeds.

Of expectation fails, and most oft where most it promises.

Age that lessens the enjoyment of life increases our desire of living.

Watch your own speech and notice how it is guided by your less conscious purposes.

Do not thou love life? Then do not squander time for that is what life is made of.

Commend a fool for his wit or a knave for his honesty, and they will receive you into their bosom.

Think twice before you believe every evil story you hear, and think twenty times before you repeat it, especially if it is about a woman.

"This may not be true, or it may be exaggerated," unless you have proof of the veracity of your informant.

Persons sometimes tell falsehoods; they often make mistakes, and they sometimes "hear wrong."

A Solar Engine.

But even a greater revolution than that which Prof. Ayrton suggested may be wrought by the invention upon which Capt. Erricsson has been engaged, with scarcely a day's respite, for fifteen years past—the solar engine.

To obtain some idea of the future possibilities of the engine says an exchange, it should be borne in mind that there is a rainless region extending from the northwest coast of Africa to Mongolia, 9,000 miles in length, and nearly 1,000 miles wide.

Estimating a width of one mile only to be employed, not less than 22,300,000 solar engines, each of 100-horse power, could be kept in constant operation nine hours a day, but utilizing that heat which is now wasted on the comparatively small areas of land extending along some of the water fronts of some of the sunbust regions of the earth.

A Distressing Case.

The sympathetic kindness of an editor is well illustrated by the following from the Carson Tribune: Just as good a young wife as ever lived approached us this morning with tears in her dark eyes and inquired, "How much does a divorce suit cost?"

There are 30,000 persons serving sentences in the State prisons of the United States, and yet no man can step into a hole through the sidewalk without complaining that this is no country for law and justice.

Female Smugglers.

Harriet Thompson, a female detective in the employ of the Canadian customs department at Windsor, has been telling a Detroit reporter something of her official experience. Some of the female smugglers are very nice. The youngest ones will cry and sometimes faint, but all are compelled to tell what they paid for their goods.

Why Gold Changes Color.

It is well known that the human body contains humors and acids similar in action to and having a like tendency toward baser metals as nitric and sulphuric acids have, namely, to tarnish or dissolve them, varying in quantity to different persons.

What not to Kill.

The French Minister of Finance has done a good deal in causing a placard to be posted, which it would be wise for citizens of all countries to have before their eyes.

Hedgehog—Lives mostly on mice, small rodents, slugs and grubs—animals burrow to agriculture. Don't kill the hedgehog.

Toad—Farm assistant; he destroys twenty to thirty insects per hour. Don't kill the toad.

Mole—Is constantly destroying grubs, larvae, palmer-worms and insects injurious to agriculture. No trace of vegetation is ever found in its stomach. Don't kill the mole.

Birds—Each department loses several millions annually through insect-birds are the only enemies able to contend against them vigorously. They are the great caterpillar killers and agricultural assistant. Children don't disturb their nests.

Higher Education of Girls.

There are now fifty girls among the students at Cornell University, and thirteen of them are Freshmen. Michigan University has 134 women students, and the President says of the experiment of educating the sexes together: "After our nine year's experience in co-education, we have become so accustomed to see women take up any kind of University work, carry it on successfully, graduate in good health, cause no embarrassment in the administration of the institution, and awaken no special solicitude in the minds of their friends or their teachers, that many of the theoretical discussions of co-education by those who have had no opportunity to examine it carefully, read strangely to us here on the ground."

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