

Burmese Ambition.

The highest ambition of a Burman's life is to build a pagoda, by which he wins the title of Kyannag Taga during this incarnation and secures a mortgage on Nirvana. A Burman does not become a Christian easily, but when he does he brings with him the conviction he had as a Buddhist that to build a place of worship is the most meritorious act of a man's life.

This accounts for the present cathedral of Mandalay, built at a cost of 60,000 rupees by Kyannag Taga Paul Obon, a Burmese ruby merchant of that city. The old church of Amarapura was built by an Armenian and the two churches of the Tennessean coast by a gentleman named De Castro.

Many of the 700 and more chapels and churches throughout Burma are built of jungle wood, which is destroyed in a few years by the white ants. To replace them by teak or pyinglado, not to speak of modest structures, is a matter of hope with every priest, but in their straitened finances they do the best they can and pray for Kyannag Tagas to come along.—Donahoe's Magazine.

Halifax.

The evil repute of Halifax implied in the adage "Go to Halifax" came to it by inheritance from Halifax in Yorkshire, England. Halifax law, as may be gathered from a letter of Lord Leicester quoted by Motley, was that criminals should be "condemned first and hanged afterward."

Halifax lay within the forest of Hardwick, where the law was that if a felon was taken with 13½ pence worth of stolen goods he should be tried by four fifth burgers from four of the precinct towns and if condemned by them be hanged the next day. After this proceeding had been carried out to the letter the case might be sent to a jury.

Halifax is also credited with being the home of the guillotine, which the regent, Earl Morton, introduced into Scotland only to have his own head chopped off with it.

Giants and Pygmies of Space.

There is an immense range of difference in the brightness of the stars when the sun is taken for a standard of comparison. Some of the stars emit only one one-hundredth as much light as the sun emits. Others emit a thousand times as much light as he does. Indeed, one scientist thinks there are at least two stars each of which is probably 10,000 times as bright as the sun, which signifies that if either of those stars were as near to us as the sun is it would outshine him 10,000 times in brightness. The two stars are Canopus, which is in the southern hemisphere and invisible from our part of the earth, and Rigel, one of the two brightest stars in the constellation Orion.

The Size of Great Britain.

Great Britain is only half as big as Sumatra and double the size of Newfoundland. It stands fifth in point of size in the list of the world's islands. England without Wales is almost identical in point of size with Roumania. It is less than one-quarter as big as France or Germany. The whole British Isles only occupy the one sixteen-hundredth part of the surface of this globe. Great Britain is widest between Land's End and Kent. The utmost width is 225 miles. It is narrowest between Lock Broom, on the west coast of Scotland, and Borneo Brith, on the east coast. The distance between the heads of these two inlets is but twenty-four miles.

Rubinstein's Reply.

When Rubinstein was traveling through the United States upon a concert tour, it chanced that Barnum's circus followed almost exactly the same route chosen by the great Russian. On one occasion, when the train was filled with snake charmers, acrobats, clowns and the like, the guard, noticing perhaps Rubinstein's remarkable appearance, asked him, "Do you belong to the show?"

Turning his lionine head with a savage shake Rubinstein answered fiercely, "Sir, I am the show."

Doubling Up.

A boy of eight years was asked by his teacher where the zenith was. He replied, "That spot in the heavens directly over one's head."

To test his knowledge further the teacher asked:

"Can two persons have the same zenith at the same time?"

"They can."

"How?"

"If one stand on the other's head."

A CARELESS CONSUL.

The Way Bret Harte Came to Lose His Position at Glasgow.

When Bret Harte was consul at Glasgow, he was seldom to be found in that city, as he spent most of his time in the London drawing rooms, where he was a general favorite, and delegated the consular business to assistants. One day while making one of his rare visits to Glasgow he scraped acquaintance with a stranger on the train. Each seemed fascinated by the other's personality, and time passed quickly. At last they reached the outskirts of a large city.

"What place is this?" inquired the stranger.

"I haven't the slightest idea," replied Harte, after looking out of the window.

A few minutes later the railway guard opened the door of the compartment and announced that they had arrived at Glasgow.

When Harte showed up at the consulate the next morning, the first person who advanced to greet him was the agreeable stranger, who introduced himself as a special agent of the home government sent to investigate charges of neglect of duty on the part of the consul.

The agent may have been affable, but he was lacking in a sense of humor, for he evidently cabled his government an account of the train incident, as Harte's successor was soon after appointed.

Food and Character.

One might almost say that the recipe for a happy home was what has been aptly called a "bland" diet. While it is not literally true that eating hog makes a hog of a man, yet it is true there is a large connection between it and character. Bloodthirsty, lustful races are those that eat meat—largely rare meat—freely, whereas the gentle, industrious, persistent races are mostly grain and fruit eaters.

While the controversy over vegetarianism is one for scientists to settle, even the humblest of us can afford to try for himself the advantages of a "bland" diet. It is a most interesting experience to see how acute and sensitive the sense of taste can become by avoiding food that has a strong taste.

No one knows the delicate sweets and acids, oils and bites in our common cereals and fruits who eats huge chunks of fish, flesh and fowl highly flavored and deluged with biting sauces. Simplicity of life can be as much a part of diet as of furniture or clothes.—William Noyes in Good Housekeeping.

The Moslem Creed.

A German Christian missionary who has worked for many years among the Mohammedans says: "Honesty compels every candid student to acknowledge that the old view formerly entertained in Christian circles concerning Mohammedanism, according to which the teachings of the great Arabian prophet are nothing but devil's doctrines and dogmas, is altogether incorrect. In reality, Mohammedanism is nothing but a rationalistic type of Christianity in the form of a most unfortunate state religion. The times are past when scoffing about the Moslem creed as the production of the devil will satisfy, and the struggle against Islam on these premises is a failure. Practically all of the mission literature that in the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries was written against Mohammedanism is useless."

Temperature of Forests.

For many years the Swiss government has been making observations through its forestry stations on the temperature of the air, of the trees and the soil in the forests. These observations show that the temperature in the forests is always below the temperature outside. The temperature also varies according to the trees composing the forests.

A beech forest is always cooler than a forest of larch. As to the trunks of the trees, they are always cooler than the surrounding air. Regarding the temperature of the soil, it is found that in the forest the temperature is invariably below that of the air. Outside the forest the soil is always warmer than the air in summer and colder in winter.

Gratitude.

Gratitude is the fairest blossom that springs from the soul, and the heart of man knoweth none so fragrant; while its opponent, ingratitude, is a deadly weed, not only poisonous in itself, but impregnating the very atmosphere in which it grows with fetid vapors.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account as Executrix of the estate of Josiah V. Bonebrake deceased and that Monday August 4th 1902 at the Court house in Coquille City, Coos County, Oregon, has been set by the County Court of Coos County, Oregon as a time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

All persons having objections to said final accounts are hereby required to file them with the County Clerk of Coos County, Oregon, on or before the 4th day of August 1902.

Dated June 25th 1902.
SARAH B. BONEBRAKE,
Executrix of the estate of Josiah V. Bonebrake, deceased. 5-28-54

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, June 23, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before W. U. Douglas, U. S. Commissioner, at Marshfield, Oregon, on August 11, 1902, viz:

REUBEN M. WIEDER,
on H. E. No. 9776, for the SE¼, Sec. 29,
Tp. 26 S., R. 10 West.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John E. Wieder, Emil Ogren, L. D. Smith, Thomas Coke, all of Marshfield, Oregon. J. T. Burdors, Register. 6-28

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, June 17th, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

ROYAL F. CUMPTON, of Cleveland, County of Douglas, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2747, for the purchase of the NW¼ of Section 8, Township 26 South, Range 10 West, Willamette Meridian, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 15th day of October, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Hiram A. Sheldon, Eugene M. Wood, Wilbur F. Hatch, of Cleveland, Oregon, Charles Thom, of Roseburg, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 15th day of October, 1902. J. T. BRIDGES, Register. 6-28

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HIRAM A. SHELDON, of Cleveland, County of Douglas, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2745, for the purchase of the Lots 6 and 7, and E¼ of SW¼ of Section No. 6, in Township 26 South, of Range 10 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 15th day of October, 1902.

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EUGENE M. WOOD, of Cleveland, County of Douglas, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2745, for the purchase of the SE¼, of Section No. 8 in Township No. 26 South, Range No. 10 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 15th day of October, 1902.

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