

Lebanon Express.

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It is stated that the checks recently deposited in a single day by a Boston business house made a list ten feet long.

The Mayor's message shows that the net funded debt of the city of New York increased \$3,316,000 during the past year.

If the Oregon legislature shall enact even one-half of the reforms suggested by Governor Lord in his first message, it will make a record satisfactory to the people who elected it.

A correspondent in the Portland Sun says that Representative Mintie, of Clackamas, excuses his vote for Dolph on the ground that he (Dolph) furnished the money for the last campaign in Oregon, and is therefore entitled to a reelection. A very lame excuse, indeed.

The New York doctors have settled the question, to their own satisfaction and probably to the conviction of a majority of observers, that bicycle riding is a health giving exercise. The growth of this two wheeled vehicle has been remarkable, and its popularity apparently will continue to expand.

Ex-Governor Penney complains that he has been treated discourteously by the new state administration. His excellency is now imbibing a little of the elixir of snubbing which he administered in such generous doses to the national administration. But Grover never performed the baby act.—Ex.

There is before the Oregon senate a bill "for the relief of Ida Templeton, in the sum of \$20,000, for injuries sustained on the public highway." Further particulars are anxiously awaited. Who is Ida? When, where and how was she injured? Why did she not present the claim to the county in which the highway is situated? Answers to these questions will fill a short-felt want.—Telegram.

The legislature is not without its funny side. Here is one from Salem Journal: McGinn openly insulted Senator Allen on the floor of the senate Tuesday. The latter went to him about some matter in connection with confirming the Penney regents to the State University. McGinn said: "Get away and don't bother me. I don't care anything for the Lane county delegation anyway." McGinn was probably drunk.

The new rates for foreign postage and registry have just gone into effect. The rate of letters to all parts of the world excepting Canada and Mexico, will be 5 cents per half ounce. The rate of Canada and Mexico will remain the same as the domestic rates. Postal cards to all parts of the world will be 2 cents. The fee for registering a letter will be 8 cents instead of ten cents. Printed matter will be charged one cent per pound.

School superintendents have been notified by State Treasurer Metchan that there will be no further apportionment of state school money for the various counties for the present. The reason assigned is that there has been but very little of the semi-annual interest due January 1st, on the state school fund now loaned out paid in, and, owing to the hard times, the state does not feel disposed to push its collections, as the accounts are all good, and using would not hurry matters, but produce a lot of foreclosures with no one to bid on the land. He is unable to say just when there will be another apportionment, but the probabilities are that it will not be for some time.

BISHOP FALLOWS, of Chicago, believes he has found an infallible remedy for the saloon evil. Having arrived at the conclusion that it is not so much an appetite for intoxicating liquors as a desire to be sociable that drives men to the saloons, the good bishop has fitted up several establishments with all the conventional grog shops furnishings and supplied the bars with nonintoxicating substitutes for whisky, beer and other alcoholic beverages. These temperance saloons will, he believes, not only perform a philanthropic work, but will also prove a profitable investment. It is to be sincerely hoped that the good prelate's experiment will fulfill all his rosy anticipations, but it would be difficult to convince the confirmed toppers that they will. Dr. Keeley, also of Illinois, and other eminent medical specialists have decided that alcoholism is a disease of the body that can only be cured by systematic physical renovation, but no such mission is claimed for the innocuous drinks prescribed by Bishop Fallows. And the confessions of numerous reformed drunkards testify that the real charm of the gin mill consists in the contents of its barrels and bottles, the glare and glitter of the environment being merely incidental attractions. This testimony is corroborated by the failure of many previous efforts to combat the saloon with all its own weapons except the most potent one, which is the enemy that temporarily creates artificial content at the expense of soul and body.—Telegram.

SENATOR MCGINN, of Portland, has introduced a highly important bill in the senate. It is a bill for an act to fix the compensation of the governor, justices of the supreme court, secretary of state, state treasurer, state printer, attorney general and superintendent of public instruction and the clerk and reporter of the supreme court, and to provide a fund for the payment of the same. This bill fixes the salary of the governor at \$5000 which shall be in full compensation for all services as governor and member of any board or commission; justices of the supreme court each \$5000; secretary of state \$4000; state printer \$3500; attorney general \$3000; school superintendent \$2400. Salaries here contemplated are to take effect at once, except in the case of state printer, there being no change during the term of the present incumbent. The emergency clause of the bill is as follows: "Inasmuch as the salaries and compensation of the officers fixed by this act are undefined and unequal and there is an urgent necessity for the readjustment thereof as herein provided, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor."

Six mules that had for four years hauled cars in the lower workings of the Spauld coal shaft, near Lacon, Illinois, were brought to light recently, says an exchange. In all that time the mules had seen no light stronger than the flicker of the Davy Lamps the miners carried. The sun was in its zenith when they reached the surface. The astonished mules closed their eyes to shut out the flood of light and kept them tightly closed while they were led to the pasture lot, a mile distant, and turned loose. There they stood trembling as if afraid something evil was about to befall them. Presently they half opened their eyes and peered around in amazement. When they had become accustomed to the light they elevated their heads. Toward sundown they broke into a chorus of joyous brays. After a quarter of an hour of that music they took to kicking, jumping, whirling around the teetotums and rolling on the sod as if they had gone mad. The sun and pure air were new to them than food, and they refused everything put before them to eat.—Scientific American.

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ONE QUEEN IN INDIA.

The Maharanee of Kunigal and Her Mode of Living.

Surrounded by Luxury and Beauty the Royal Prisoner Dreams Away Her Days in Oriental Splendor.

The maharanee of Kunigal is a very beautiful woman. Her tall figure is draped with airy and artistic effect. The robe consists of much soft India silk, elaborately embroidered, arranged about her in mysterious grace, a very enigma of garment without the explanation of a single stitch. It is closely-plaited at the waist in front, falling in a fan-like train over the feet, and fastened with a band of gold that is studded with crescents of pearls. This garment is short in the back and is brought over the shoulders, hanging in soft, loose folds. Her left arm displays a bracelet of costly gems of rare beauty and of profound historical interest which carries one back to the time of Cleopatra. It was found among some other buried treasures more than a century ago, when the remote ancestors of the late king acquired it. This bracelet is supposed to have the power to resist the venom of all species of reptiles. A tiny linked chain connects it to one of no less value at the wrist. Jeweled sandals grace her otherwise unclad nether limbs, surmounted by anklets of gold.

She will often express to her friends the great pleasure it would afford her to be able to go freely among her people. This is, however, forbidden her by the exacting and severe law of her caste, for, being a Brahmin, she is obliged to adhere strictly to the "law of inclosure." This compels her at the age of twelve to be veiled and live in seclusion for the remainder of her life. This rigid deprivation of all enjoyment of the world is necessarily a severe shock to the sensibility of even an eastern queen. Never again does she receive or converse with one of the opposite sex, save only her husband, the maharajah. Neither is a domestic of her household permitted to look upon her, otherwise her caste would be broken and her birthright canceled. This law among high caste seems cruel and inconsistent, but the penalty of disobedience is supreme. The violator of a law so sacred among the sex as that of "inclosure" has a horrible destiny awaiting her. She is expelled from among her tribe in shame to become an outcast, exiled from within the walls of the city for her crime.

But the present maharanee, says a foreign exchange, now in her twenty-fourth year, has six little brown faces to cheer her solitude. Her apartments, large and luxurious, occupy one side of the palace, opening one into another. Through long tapestried windows she steps into her private gardens, where the air is perfumed with the delicious fragrance of flowers. The little rustic bridges that greet the eye occasionally through these grounds connect the many beautiful terraces beneath which flows a refreshing and babbling brook, which, however, must babble no secrets. Rivulets and brooks are treasures in India. They are few and far between in this region of magnificence. Here the royal prisoner, for so she is, takes her daily exercise, joined occasionally by her children, who come with the delightful anticipation of hearing some new fairy tales from the lips of the beautiful maharajah—who happens to be a rare story teller—as she is seated in one of her favorite arbors where the citron vines envelop the happy little group, a picture only eastern.

When the maharanee wishes to leave her apartments the command is given, and in a moment the turbaned attendants that crowd the halls disappear as if by magic. The silence that follows endues the surroundings with the air of a sanctuary rather than that of a palace. Presently there breaks upon the stillness the faint tinkling of a bell that announces the royal presence, and the maharanee comes forward, stately, gracious, kindly, "every inch a queen."

When she drives into the country in her state carriage—a relaxation which she thoroughly enjoys, being a true lover of nature—she must go closely veiled. Rarely a week passes without a trip through the picturesque miedown lying between Kunigal and Bangalore. Here the range of mountains to the west with their majestic skylines show to the greatest advantage the play of light and shade at sunset.

In traveling, the maharanee occupies private compartments, which are highly decorated and delicately furnished in oriental style, arranged so that she may with ease enjoy the view of the hills and plains and yet not be seen, accompanied by her ladies in waiting, who share the same privilege. When the destination is reached an awning is immediately erected which forms a complete passage to the state carriage that awaits her, so that there is no possible chance of satisfying the curious gaze of all castes who patiently look for her arrival. She is always glad to see "European ladies," as she is pleased to call all foreigners, no matter of what nationality. She converses freely in several of the native languages, especially Hindostani and Canarese, and speaks English fluently. She loves to hear of other countries, and the habits and customs of other people. She is particularly interested in all that pertains to America.


A Glimpse of the Pope.

The pope is fond of sitting in his garden with his secretary on clear, warm days. He is a most attractive figure, seated thus, in his pure white robes of exquisite texture and immaculate cleanliness. He is a precise and fastidious man, and on those robes is never seen a trace of the snuff to which Pio Nono was so devoted. The face of Leo XIII. is a benevolent one, and his fine skin and white hair combine with his gentle expression to create the appearance of a goodly and venerable man.

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