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NEW HERD OF BISON STARTED IN WIND CAVE PARK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A new herd of bison has just been established by the agricultural department. There are now five herds under government supervision, totaling a few more than 330 animals. The new herd was procured by the Society for the Preservation of the American Bison from the Bronx Park herd in New York City, and was shipped to Wind Cave National park, in South Dakota.

This latest acquisition includes fifteen animals, the youngest being two years old. Forty acres of the park have been fenced for a pasture. The size will be greatly increased next spring. Hay will be provided for the herd during the winter, as the grass on the forty-acre space will very soon be eaten off. Contracts will soon be let for fencing 4000 acres of the 10,000 comprising this national reservation, and the herd turned loose in it next spring, after which they will forage for their own food altogether.

Latest figures furnished to the United Press place the number of bison in the United States and Canada at more than 2000. A few years ago less than a hundred were known to exist in the world. One government herd, started in 1909 with 37 animals, has increased to 96.

The bison herds owned by the government are now distributed in Wind Cave National park, Niobrara National park, Nebraska; Montana National park and Wichita forest reserve, in Kansas and Oklahoma.

The largest herd owned by the government is the Yellowstone park herd. The last reports of the warden showed 143 fenced animals and 49 wild ones. Dr. Henry W. Henshaw, chief of the biological survey, believes the abnormal increase of the fenced animals is because the tamer animals steal the calves of the wild ones.

EGGS DROP 15 CENTS WITHIN THREE DAYS

The day before Christmas strictly fresh ranch eggs were 45 cents a dozen. This morning they were 30 cents a dozen, and still dropping—the most rapid decline in the price of hen fruit in the history of the valley. At 45 cents they were scarce; at 30 cents per they are plentiful, and farmers and poultrymen swooped down on restaurants and stores with their supplies.

The first of the week it was predicted that eggs would reach last year's figure of 60 cents a dozen. Owners of eggs held for this figure, and when the market lulled began to sell to get out "from under."

As the hens are laying freely and the supply exceeds the demand, it is predicted the price will tumble next week to 15 cents a dozen.

PARCEL POST GETS EXPRESS DIVIDENDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Tacit admission of the extent to which the parcel post is cutting into its business was contained in a circular letter sent out by the Adams Express company to its stockholders today.

"Continuance of the present dividend rate," said the letter, among other things, "probably will be unwarranted hereafter." For years the company has paid 12 per cent.

The letter also reviewed the increase in the parcel post weight limit, the reduction in rates and the reduction the interstate commerce commission ordered in express rates beginning February 1.

USE RIVER BOATS TO FORCE FREIGHT RATES DOWNWARD

ST. PAUL, Dec. 27.—Wholesalers in nearly every line of trade in the Twin Cities today set on foot plans looking toward the handling of a great amount of freight by a line of boats operating between here and the Gulf of Mexico. A river terminal costing half a million dollars is already under construction under the Washington avenue bridge in Minneapolis and it has been predicted that the big business interests of the two cities will be operating boats to New Orleans by the middle of next summer.

The primary object of the enterprise is to force down the railroad freight rates against which the local wholesalers have lodged countless complaints. The new rate between Duluth and the Twin Cities make speedy action of jobbers a necessity and it is believed that river transportation is the solution of the problem.

Another incentive behind the proposed river freight line is the opening of the Panama canal. New Orleans is destined to become the receiving point for an enormous mass of merchandise and a river line here and between that city would be of enormous value.

POLICE DOUBT STORY OF KNOCKOUT DROPS

Chief of Police Hittson said this morning that little progress had been made in the investigation of the story of Elmer Lewis that he had been given knockout drops and robbed of \$500 Friday. Lewis, he said, was still unable to tell a connected story.

The police are investigating a report that Lewis drank two "Tom and Jerry's," a glass of port wine and a beer a short time before he fainted. They have also taken steps to find out Lewis' financial condition before he left northern California.

Chief Hittson is doubtful that Lewis lost \$500, but is unable to explain his stupor condition.

BUD KNOCKS OUT BROTHER FREDDIE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Because his fighting brother Bud laid too heavy a hand on his shoulder, Freddie Anderson is under a doctor's care today.

Bad, training for his New Year's day bout at Vernon with Leach Cross, was sparring with Freddie, when the latter stopped one of the Pride of Medford's right chops with his shoulder. Fred went down, writhing in pain from a dislocated shoulder. A doctor put him to bed.

Bad is rounding to shape rapidly for the Cross bout. He declares he will be in the best condition of his career.

ALICE LLOYD PLEASES MANY IN VAUDEVILLE

Alice Lloyd and company appeared at the Page Friday and gave an entertaining two hours of vaudeville. It is one of the few vaudeville aggregations that is not handicapped with a bunch of bowing acrobats and trick bicyclists.

Miss Lloyd sings a new song and half a dozen old favorites with the same charm that made her the most popular actress of vaudeville. Frank Fogarty entertained with fifteen minutes of song, stories and pieces. The cowboy minstrels and the living statues were above the average in merit. The tango and other late dances were given as a finale.

M'ADOO BREAKS DOWN UNDER CURRENCY STRAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo did not go to his office today, remaining at home under orders of his physician. Fearing a breakdown as a result of worry over the strain of reorganizing the country's banking system along the lines of the new currency law, McAdoo's doctor ordered him to take a complete rest.

SECOND ACT CLIMAX TO "BACHELOR'S HONEYMOON," DECEMBER 29 AT THE PAGE THEATRE



WOUNDS 13 PERSONS THEN COMMITS SUICIDE

STUTTGART, Germany, Dec. 27.—After wounding thirteen persons today, a laborer named Kummerlin committed suicide when cornered by the police.

Kummerlin, whose wife deserted him some time ago because he drank too much, armed himself with a pistol and a knife, and in an intoxicated condition went to Oberstenfeld, where his wife had been living since she left him, and attempted to exterminate both his own and Mrs. Kummerlin's families. Eight of those who were wounded are in a serious condition.

Died

At Salem, Or., December 25, 1913, William Elbert Stuart Taylor, eldest son of A. C. Taylor, born at Medford, June 15, 1894. Funeral services will be held at the family residence on the Central Point road, Sunday, December 28, at 3 p. m. Rev. Leslie of Grants Pass officiating. Interment in I. O. O. F. cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

GIRL ROUTS BANDIT WIELDING A BROOM

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Confronted by an armed bandit when she entered the counting room of the Eagle Rock bank today, Assistant Cashier Ada Carr seized a broom and chased him into the street. A sheriff's posse captured the man an hour later in Sycamore canyon, in the suburbs.

The bandit, who is a Mexican, had broken into the bank through a rear window. He was crouching in front of the vault when Miss Carr arrived to open the bank for the day.

Thrusting a revolver into the woman's face, the man cried: "Throw up your hands."

Instead, Miss Carr seized a broom and screaming for help, attacked the Mexican, knocking his gun from his hand and belaboring him over the head as he plunged in desperation through the window.

Weather Forecast

Oregon—Rain west; snow east portion tonight and Sunday; southerly winds, brisk along the coast.

Montessori System Teaches Children to Teach Themselves

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Dr. Maria Montessori, the great Italian educator of children, told of her aims and ambitions of the fundamental phases of her methods as follows:

"No system of education can be told in a few words or in a few hundred words," said Dr. Montessori. "I have told of my method in my books, and yet I find that the same thing must be told over and over again in different words to fit different cases with which I have to deal. I might say that my method is one which leads the child to teach itself. The teacher is not a teacher—merely a director of the activities of the child's mind, body and general temperament so as to bring out the things which are naturally within the child, but not brought out by the average system of education."

"Liberty of the child is another fundamental thing. In my school the little ones are free to pursue their own best natural inclinations. The fostering of spontaneity in the child is another great factor which must be reckoned with."

Normal Children Sought

"The normal child who grows to be the normal man or woman is the individual who in this world has had the least attention. Science has done much for the sick in body and mind. Science has borne within it a great truth, a great force, and society has responded by honoring science. In the other hand, the common school, which should have long ago received the attention of modern science, has done nothing for normal life and consequently society does not honor the teacher nor give close attention to the preparation of teachers."

"It was through the deficient and

abnormal children that I first learned my great lessons about the teaching of childhood. I taught my poor, unfortunate little ones and found that liberty, opportunities for spontaneous activity and freedom from the restraint of ignorant elders were working wonders. My deficient children were advancing along the road to knowledge faster than the normal children in the ordinary schools. Why not see free the normal by the same method, I thought?

Teaching Themselves

"Since then I have studied the normal child with results which have surprised me. I took simple means. I offered stimuli from the outside material to quicken their selection of things which they studied of their own volition and soon discovered that the child, left alone and untrammelled upon by the limiting surroundings and the modern paraphernalia of public schools would soon teach himself to do things which he would not learn in four times the number of weeks in the ordinary school."

"Our scientists have never had the attitude of humility toward the normal child which they have displayed toward the smallest germs on their microscope slides. The greatest doctor goes humbly to the bedside of the sick child, but not to the side of its normal brother. This is why we have not succeeded in penetrating scientifically into the knowledge of the normal man. Christ, when he taught the science of life, the way of life, taught humility as its first principle, and said, 'He who would be master of all must be servant of all, and he who would be master must serve.'"

The Clothes That Make the Man

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Some men don't think they are well dressed unless their socks match their cravats and their handkerchiefs. Others think they're all duded up if they change their collars and have a shoe shine. The tendency nowadays however is all toward the monogrammed shirt and the spats and away from the made tie and the weekly collar. There is no doubt that there is a dormant Beau Brummel in every cave man and let him once sense the glamour of purple and fine linen, to say nothing of a wristwatch, and femininity must needs look to its sartorial laurels.

If you have clean cut features, a

tinge of premature gray at your temples and an air that suggests velvet azure with Norman blood then you are sure to look perfectly fascinating in one of the new stocks of black satin piped in white. Top this with one of the latest shaped silk hats with the flat brims and the crowns that slope toward the top and you'll either look like "An Amateur Gentle-

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