

## MADERO TO BE ASSASSINATED

Washington, Dec. 18.—A fund of \$125,000 deposited as a reward in a New York bank still awaits the successful conclusion of the plot to assassinate Francisco I. Madero, president of Mexico.

The plot was constituted in Paris and New York by a group of Mexican reactionaries, to be put into attempted execution by followers of General Reyes, who is represented in Manhattan by a member of a prominent family.

The United States Government, through the department of justice, was apprised of this plot as far back as the last Friday or Saturday in October. The arrest of General Higinio Aguilar and Melitio Hurtado of the Mexican federal army and twenty or more others of lesser note in Mexico City Sunday as being possessed of guilty knowledge, was the first outward evidence of this plot.

If guilty, these men represent only one phase of a conspiracy that has a dozen or more phases, each independent of the other, all working through the central body to one common end.

At the present moment a band of men including in its number professional assassins with at least two victims, more or less, recently to their credit, is distributed along the American side of the border awaiting an opportunity to slip over and accomplish the purpose for which the \$125,000 is deposited in the New York bank.

These men are being watched with great care and will be arrested without delay the moment they set foot on Mexican territory.

Authority for these statements is from one of the chief agents of Madero in Washington.

### Oregon Snap Shots

The authorities of Astoria have begun a campaign to stop the sale of tobacco and cigarettes to minors.

The branch of the agricultural college experiment station at Hermiston will build a demonstration road for a quarter of a mile long.

Many complaints of horse stealing have reached the Baker county officials from the Missouri Flat region, and an investigation has been started.

The officers of the O. W. & N. Co., have been concentrated at Portland since the 15th inst. Half of them were formerly at Seattle.

After a very short trial John Mazers, a paroled negro convict, was convicted of having made attacks upon Miss Beulah Walteen in West Salem and Mrs. M. Jorgensen on the Eola road, in Polk county, and was sentenced to the penitentiary.

Some of the chickens fanciers of Klamath county have formed an association for the promotion of their interests.

A new club house was dedicated by the Commercial club at Eugene on the 8th inst., delegates from Portland, Salem and other towns assisting in the ceremonies.

Baker, Oregon, wants an armory for the use of its company of militia, but as it is to cost \$40,000 and as the city has to raise half that sum, it is a grave question whether the amount can be raised to foot the bill.

Good roads throughout Oregon was the chief topic discussed at the annual convention of county judges and commissioners of the state, which was held in the Portland Commercial Club convention hall December 12-14. Road legislation was considered, with a view to permanent highway construction throughout the state.

Wm. B. Allen, of Ashland, Or., has been appointed by the United States Government as stenographer for the Postal Savings department at Washington, D. C.

At Lenta, George Douthit and John Harmshner found a human skeleton on the banks of the Sandy river, where the man had evidently fallen from a cliff.

J. M. Davis, said to be the first white man to have settled in the neighborhood of Coos Bay, died recently in northern California, and was buried at Marshfield. He settled there in 1852 and was a native of Indiana.

The California legislature has passed a proposed amendment of the state constitution permitting the people to vote on the question of furnishing free school books to the children in the public schools. A proposed amendment to the measure providing for the application of the measure to parochial and private schools was defeated in the senate.

### WHERE THE LOCALITY DOES NOT COUNT

Wherever there are people suffering from kidney and bladder ailments, from backache, rheumatism and urinary irregularities, Foley Kidney Pills will help them. Belvidere, Ill. E. A. Kelly, an ex-engineer, says: "Three years ago my kidneys became so bad that I was compelled to give up my engine and quit. There was a severe aching pain over the hips, followed by an inflammation of the bladder, and always a thick sediment. Foley Kidney Pills made me a sound and well man. I cannot say too much in their praise." For sale by A. L. Thornton.

### CROCODILE TEARS.

Old Legends That the Brutes Shed Them Over Their Prey.

There was an old story, to which we find constant reference in Elizabethan writers, that crocodiles wept over their prey. No doubt the legend arose because the crocodile possesses largely developed lachrymal glands, but it appears in various amusing forms.

As early as the fourteenth century, in "Mandeville's Travels," we find: "In that contrie ben great plentes of Crocodrilles. These serpentes slen men, and that eten hem wepyng."

An odd turn is given to the tale by the narrator of one of Sir John Hawkyn's voyages. Whether he was a married man or not we do not know, but he writes: "His nature is ever, when he would have his prey, to cry and sob like a Christian body, to provoke them to come to him, and then he snatched at them! And thereupon came this proverb, that is applied unto women when they weep, Lachrymæ crocodilli, the meaning whereof is that as the crocodile when he crieth groeth them about most to deceive, so doth a woman most commonly when she weepeth."

In Fuller's "Worthies" there is the added information that "the crocodile's tears are never true save when he is forced where saffron groweth." Shakespeare, Spenser and Dryden allude to this old world fancy.

### LOVELY LUCERNE.

The Tourist Center of the "Playground of Europe."

Lucerne, situated in the heart of Switzerland, stands, as it were, enshrined amid the grandest and most picturesque features of Alpine scenery and is, of course, the tourist center par excellence of the "Playground of Europe," three main lines of railway converging on the famous town beside the lake. Nor could nature, indeed, have well done more for "Lovely Lucerne," as all the world acclaims it (declares a writer in London Sketch). On one side stands the Rigi, on the other Pilatus (7,000 feet high), with between them the fair, shimmering expanse of the Lake of the Four Cantons and beyond it again a widespread panorama of the glaciers and snow-peaked ranges of the Alps.

From the Rigi (6,000 feet, easily climbed by aid of its famous "mountain train," the view takes in the Bernese Alps, stretching far and wide, from the Sentis in the east to the Blumlisalp in the west, and to northward the Jura mountains, the Black forest and the Vosges barrier between Frank and Teuton. From the Rigi some fourteen lakes are visible on a clear day, among them Sempach, by the shores of which was fought the famous battle where the Swiss won their freedom.

### Naming a Yacht.

The naming of a book is no holiday task, and authors particularly proud of a title are tolerably sure to discover that it has been already used. But the naming of a yacht is almost a greater perplexity. Plagiarism may in this case result in practical confusion carrying the most awkward consequences, and not all titles to which, in search of variety, recourse has already been had are satisfactory from all points of view. Not long ago, for instance, a very grave British cabinet minister, perhaps wishing for once to be sprightly, called his yacht Flirt. He had not consulted his family, who were, however, quite sure, he thought, to delight in his outburst of gaiety. However, his daughters naturally remarked how very disagreeable it would be to go ashore with that label around their hats.

### Where Ears Grow Sharp.

A French balloonist has recorded the clearness with which sounds coming from the surface of the ground can be heard at a high altitude. At the height of 5,000 feet the ringing of horses' hoofs on a hard road was clearly audible. At 4,000 feet the splashing sound made by ducks in a pond was heard. The barking of dogs and the crowing of cocks could be heard at seven or eight thousand feet. These sounds penetrated through a white floor of cloud that hid the earth from sight, says Harper's Weekly. In the perfect silence of the air the investigator was startled by what seemed stentorian footsteps close at hand. It was ascertained that this noise was caused by the stretching of the ropes and the yielding of the silk as the balloon continued to expand.

### A Synonym.

"Being a printer, Mr. Dash," said the hotel proprietor, "maybe you can advise me. I want to get a sign painted. 'Writing Room Free to Our Patrons,' or something like that." "I don't like 'patrons,'" said Mr. Dash. "No? Maybe that doesn't sound just right. What would you suggest?" "Victims."—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Lucky One Way.

Jackson—Your daughter plays on seven instruments? Man, you're lucky. Groucho—I often think so—when I consider the number of instruments there are.—Chicago News.

### The Right Solution.

The reason why newly wedded men are called "Benedicts" is because they are supposed on marriage to give up all the bad habits to which they have "benedicted."—Lippincott's.

Amblin is in hot water on stilts and mangled. London.

## CURIOUS FACTS ABOUT HEAT

The heat of the sun can be focussed through a lens made of ice and it will set fire to a bunch of cotton waste while the ice refuses to melt. A steel bar will expand under the influence of heat and become longer and in its lengthening it will push along a weight of many tons. The same bar of steel can be made barely warm to the touch or it can be brought up through all the degrees of heat until it becomes white hot: until the metal boils like water or decomposes into gases and is diffused into the surrounding atmosphere.

To the layman the heat is very mysterious. He knows that a coin rubbed on the carpet will get quite hot but he does not know why. He knows that fire produces heat and that electricity can be changed into heat but the subtle processes involved are far beyond his knowledge, or understanding.

The ancients used to consider heat as a material or an element which impregnated all substances. Now we know that heat is not a cause but a result. Heat, like its cousin, light, is caused by motion. It is the rapid to and fro vibration of the molecules of all matter which produces the result we recognize as heat: This is known to science as the "kinetic" theory and it is amply borne out by research and experiment. Kinetic is taken from the Greek word "kinein" meaning "to move."

In plain words, according to this accepted theory, when any material is placed in a temperature of absolute zero, colder yet than liquid air, its molecules are all at rest. As soon as the temperature begins to rise the molecules begin to move in proportion. Take a bar of steel and place it in a room of 60 degrees and its outward appearance will not change but the molecules will be flying this way and that in every conceivable direction through exceedingly short distances but these distances are very great in proportion to the ultra-microscopic diameters of the atoms or the molecules.

Whether things are hard or soft, rigid or flexible, brittle or resilient, depends upon heat or temperature. Quicksilver dipped in the intense cold of liquid air rings like steel and the hardest armor plate steel is as soft as rubber when it is heated white hot. Water becomes hard under the influence of cold and is called ice. Take ordinary air and lower its temperature sufficiently and it becomes a liquid. At absolute zero all permanent gases would be solidified.

Water, and all other liquids, consists of a state of temperature where the molecular vibration is sufficient to allow the atoms or molecules to roll over the other. If they moved any faster the atoms would fly in all directions and the liquid would be decomposed into gases. You prove this when you pour water from a pail. The atoms will leak out of any hole in the bottom or sides of the vessel or will roll out when you tip it up, but they cannot escape from the top. Gas has to be confined on all sides because the flying atoms will crowd out of the smallest hole and escape into the free air.

A bar of steel left in the air at 60 degrees, if left there long enough, will be at 60 degrees in every part, even in the center, and the molecular motions within will be those of steel at 60. Now apply that, flame for instance, at one end. The molecules of steel will increase their rates of swing and also the distances through which they move to and fro. Soon the end of the bar will be as "hot as fire," and then the center a wonderful process will appear, the heat will travel from one end of the bar to the other. Instead of holding a flame against the end of the steel bar or putting the end in a fire of coals, as in a forge, connect a wire to each end and let these wires run to the poles of a dynamo of low pressure but great volume of current. Turn on the switch: soon the steel will begin to be warm, then hot, then hotter; then it will begin to give out dull red light, then brighter; then white, next still whiter. Soon the bar will sag down, break and fall.

But put the bar at first into a corundum be able to resist terrific heat. The bar will turn into a boiling liquid, and by suitable means the whole bar can be made to vaporize into gas.

Electric heat is produced by resistance. Flowing along a good conductor, such as copper wire, electricity travels 86,000 miles every second. To change this wonderful energy into heat we must place an obstruction in its path in the form of a bit of resistance metal—some non-conducting alloy such as calorite which resists the flow of the current. Electricity has to work hard to get by this obstruction, and work always produces heat. The greater the resistance the more heat produced.

Electricity, in working to get through the calorite resistance disk, hidden in the bottom of the electric chafing dish, heats this disk red hot

and this, in turn, cooks the food. It is all very simple. Electricity is the only form of energy which can be changed instantly into heat without loss. Therefore, you get all the heat there is when you buy electric heat and none escapes up the chimney or radiates out in the room.

### The Arizona Election

At the new state election held in Arizona last week the democrats carried the state on all the offices save that of secretary of state by from 500 to 3000.

Later returns from 175 of the most populous precincts out of a total of 280 show the election of the entire democratic state tickets by majorities from 3500 up to 4000. Governor-elect Hunt has made the following statement: "The progressive democrats won because they kept faith, and gave the people the constitution they wanted, and the people believed they would keep on delivering the goods. The result is a rebuke to stand-patism."

Arizona at its late election voted against a recall of its judges in order to secure its statehood, according to the requirement of President Taft. The belief is general that its next election it will re-adopt the proposition as a part of its constitution.

### WITH THE COMING OF MIDDLE AGE

There is a letting down in the physical forces often shown in annoying and painful kidney and bladder ailments and urinary irregularities. Foley Kidney Pills are a splendid regulating and strengthening medicine at such a time. Try them. For sale by A. L. Thornton.

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## A SWINDLER CONVICTED

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—John Grant Lyman, promoter of a Panama colonization scheme, and C. M. Courtwright, deputy United States marshal, were found guilty today of conspiring to escape from the custody of a United States marshal.

It will be remembered that this Dr. Lyman and his nurse, T. B. Thorne, were arrested in this city by Sheriff Snider last September and the two were taken to Klamath Falls, where Thorne, and four other prisoners escaped from the jail. Lyman was taken in charge by the U. S. authorities and afterward was taken to California for trial, and was tried on a charge of conspiracy to escape from custody. The maximum penalty for his offense is two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$10,000. When he has served his sentence he will be liable for arrest on the more serious charge of using the mails to defraud.

Lyman had the appearance of being possessed of the most infinite amount of gall conceivable. With a broken ankle he posed as a martyr who was being kindnapped for some illegal purpose, and aroused some sympathy while in jail at Klamath Falls. He is a man of superb presence and address, and was a most remarkable prisoner. Thorne, his nurse and accomplice, is still at large.

### The Man Of 49

The Chicago Record-Herald defends the middle aged employee in this manner. There is no reason why employers

and men of affairs should not freely join the league against the anti-45-year limit. No one knows better than a level-headed, experienced employer the value of the training, discipline, steadiness acquired by a man of 40 or over. A "rule" against middle age would indeed be absurd and suicidal.

Of course, there are positions in which youth is highly desirable, for youth spells ambition, initiative, progressiveness and promotion. Young men expect to grow up with their calling, rise in it and do it and themselves credit. The man of 45 does not expect to become "president" of the company who engages him.

But in every industry or business there is great need for the qualities and characteristics of middle age. Let the appeal be, not to philanthropy, but to common sense and self interest. There is danger in any ready made formula, convention, prejudice or craze. The well managed firm will not become a slave to a formula or rule. It will encourage investigation and discrimination. Some men of 50 are perhaps, the very men it needs. The questions is, in any given case, what the applicant is, what he has done, what his training has been, not how old he is.

To repeat, sensible employers will heartily co-operate with an efficient anti-age limit employment league or agency, provided the latter will supply information and not mere generalities and agitation.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

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