

CALIFORNIA NEWS

CHICO, Dec. 29.—Hope of a boost in rice prices to more than 8 cents a pound was materially strengthened yesterday in the reported sale of 5,000 sacks at 8 cents by Joseph Schirmer at Princeton. This is the highest price paid this season and almost twice the figure set by the Pacific Rice Grower's Association in 1918.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—The body of Roy B. Holmes, an automobile mechanic, was found here today, crushed between the front end of his heavy automobile and a high sidewalk curbing.

The automobile engine was running. Police investigation brought the conclusion that Holmes had cranked his car with the engine in gear and been crushed before he could leap aside.

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 29.—The bodies of Lieutenant Herbert Tichborne of Mount Vernon, N. Y., and Private Alister Lima, San Luis Obispo, who were instantly killed, three miles east of Perris, when the army airplane in which they were flying fell 2,000 feet, are to be shipped to their former homes.

NAPA, Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. John Kiasling and four children, en route to Williams to spend Christmas with relatives, sustained injuries when the automobile in which they were riding skidded and turned over on the Vallejo-Napa highway.

SISSON, Dec. 29.—Craft Post No. 157, the American Legion, was organized here last night at an enthusiastic meeting of twenty-three of the ex-soldiers from this vicinity. The membership is expected to reach at least forty in the near future.

CHICO, Dec. 29.—Prominent rice growers in the Chico district, basking in the rays of prosperity, will spend \$12,000 in equipping a fine agricultural library.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 29.—General John J. Pershing, Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces during the war, will visit Sacramento on January 23rd.

CORNING, Dec. 29.—Merchandise and money valued at several hundred dollars constitute the loot obtained in a series of burglaries reported here. Reports filed with local authorities show eight business houses were broken into under cover of darkness, cash registers opened and emptied of coin, and jewelry and other merchandise carried away.

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 29.—Grover Lawrence of Oleta brought into Plymouth a fine specimen of a golden eagle measuring seven feet from tip to tip. The eagle was caught in a trap set on his place for coyotes.

WILLOWS, Dec. 29.—A petition for the organization of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District today was presented to the Board of Supervisors. It was signed by a long list of property owners with holdings approximating 80,000 acres. The petitioners informed the Supervisors that they had already subscribed \$150,000 toward the district and planned to go ahead with the plans of enlarging the canal and installing pumps.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The Pacific Coast office of the United States Sugar Equalization Board will close December 31st. Ralph P. Mer-

FRANK ROBINSON CONGRATULATED

Mr. Frank Robinson of the new Warren Hunt Hospital is in receipt of the following letter from Johnson & Johnson, the largest manufacturers of surgical dressings and appliances in the United States.

Mr. Robinson states that this is only one of numerous letters he has received in the last few weeks, from large concerns in different parts of the country.

Johnson & Johnson, Manufacturing Chemists, New Brunswick, N. J.

"Dear Mr. Robinson.—A copy of the Klamath Falls Evening Herald of December 4th, containing your full page announcement, has come into our hands, and has been read with very much interest. For some time, our magazine, the 'Red Cross Messenger,' has been discussing the covering of commercial and Professional Pharmacy, and while some authorities may differ, it is gratifying to know that we are to have an example of Professional Pharmacy under such intelligent and progressive management.

We congratulate you, and wish you every success in your venture. Assuring you of our willingness to co-operate with you, and thanking you for your reference to the Johnson & Johnson Surgical supplies.

"Very truly yours, Johnson & Johnson, Signed—Geo. D. Johnson.

Mr. Robinson feels proud of such letters as these, coming as they do, unsolicited, and over the personal signature of some of the biggest business men in the country, and from time to time, Mr. Robinson intends to publish them. 29-11

ESTRAY NOTICE

Came to my place, near Dairy, about two months ago, one mouse colored pack mule, no decipherable brand; one brown pack mare, with strip in face; brand cannot be deciphered. Owner may have same by paying costs. 26-31*

DAVE SHOOK.

It is stated by a woman physician that of the children in London whom she has attended twenty-five percent wear amulets or charms under their clothing.

ritt, Chairman of the Coast Committee so announced.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Los Angeles eventually will have either a Japanese or Mexican Mayor if present agricultural conditions in Southern California continue. Dr. Thomas F. Hunt, Dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of California so declared in an address on alien land settlement, at a meeting of the Better Farming Section of the Better Community Conference in session here.

REDDING, Dec. 29.—The sum of \$1,500,000 has been spent on the Shasta Division of the Southern Pacific Railroad this year for maintenance of way. This is according to Division Engineer J. A. Given of Dunsmuir.

Given says the expenditure has nothing to do with the operation of the railroad, that it is just to keep the railroad in shape for trains to run over it. The sum was spent for repair and upkeep of bridges, tunnels, tracks, depots and other buildings.

CURRENCY MELTED IN CHINA

Chinese "Cash" Has Gone the Way of Many Other Forms of Money in That Country.

With the end of the war comes the end, one may believe, of an odd spectacle sometimes seen in the neighborhood of Tsinan, Tsingtau, and doubtless of other Chinese cities—the sight of a Chinese coolie pushing a wheelbarrow loaded with coins on their way to be melted down for the metal. War conditions raised the price of brass and copper to such an extent that it was found profitable to purchase coins and melt them, a practice which brought inconvenience, for it materially reduced the circulating medium. Laws were passed against it, but they seem to have been more or less successfully evaded, and wheelbarrows continued to be used in supplying the smelters. Thus is added another incident in the long history of Chinese "cash," which began 3,000 years and more ago with the circulation of coins that had the shape of knives, still to be seen used as paper knives by foreigners in China who have picked them up searching for antiquities. Other shapes were introduced, and before the Chou dynasty, about 600 B. C., the Chinese currency was ax-shaped and spindle-shaped as well as knife-shaped. At that time round coins with a hole in them, so that they might be held together with a cord, were introduced and found much more convenient.

HAS VAST STORE OF GOLD

Nearly a Million and a Half Pounds of the Precious Metal at Kolchak's Command.

Something of the Arabian Nights, a memory perhaps of All Baba when he discovered the treasure cave, is suggested by the story of Kolchak's gold supply and the visit of inspection by foreign correspondents under the guidance of the Omsk government's minister of finance. About 1,440,000 pounds avoirdupois of gold: such is said to be the reserve of the Kolchak government at Omsk. Its value in American money is placed at about \$475,000,000. "In one room there were about thirty tables loaded down with gold in all forms, requisitioned by the bolshevik from the people. . . . Conspicuous in this lot was a set of solid gold dishes, formerly the property of Mr. Tereschchenko, one of the wealthiest of the Russian nobility." The set of gold dishes, in the upheaval of Russia, had passed through several hands before falling to the bolshevik, and eventually to the Omsk government; and at least one of the possible heirs had renounced the title to it in view of its use by that government in the restoration of Russia. Most of the gold, however, was displayed in coins and ingots, and its exhibition was meant to inspire confidence in the ability of the government to finance some of its immediate operations.

She Told the World.

Getting on a car I hustled into a window seat for comfort, and unconsciously crossed my legs, placing my foot against the forward seat to brace myself back as I opened my newspaper.

Later on I was suddenly brought back to self-consciousness by the terrifying scream of a woman in front of me as "rip" went the back of her clothing.

When I planted my foot against the forward seat I inadvertently anchored the two tails of her jacket, or whatever it was, that had slid down through the opening, and caused her to arise with such disastrous results. And when she told the world what I had done it was hard telling which of the two was most embarrassed.—Chicago Tribune.

Puzzles.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "everything you see in print now refers to some problem."

"I wish we could go back to the style of literature that prevailed in our parents' time and keep all the puzzle pages in the back part of the magazine."

In Lapland the babies are wrapped in furs and buried in the snow outside the church while their parents attend the services.

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NATURE NEVER IN A HURRY

Taking Lesson From Wise Old Mother, Man Will Learn to Curb His Foolish Impatience.

We sometimes get impatient at the slowness of world improvement. We see the cruelties of a great war, cruelties beyond belief, and we are sick at heart to think the world is not in a mood overnight to abolish war. We see ignorance leading to poverty and wretchedness and we wonder that education is not made universal at once. We see preventable sickness producing disability and suffering and we are hopeless at the slow dissemination of modern medical knowledge and preventive measures.

And then it is borne in on us that Nature never is in a hurry. Out in Colorado the Rocky mountains turn a tumbling sea of peaks toward the sky. Standing on the summit of Pike's or Long's and looking off of that chaos of rock one naturally thinks some frightful convulsion of Nature threw up these mighty peaks.

But that thought is wrong. Geologists have learned that the mountain ranges were slowly and imperceptibly carved out by the action of rain and snow and frost and ice. First the highlands slowly emerged from the ocean. Then the rains and streams and glaciers made gullies and left the peaks. An observer returning at century intervals probably would have seen slight change. But eventually the work was done and the mountains made.

That is the way Nature operates. Man can afford to curb his impatience.—Kansas City Star.

INVENTOR MAKES WATER TALK

Contrivance Known as "Katie" is Hailed as a Most Valuable Aid to Navigators.

"Katie," one of the most wonderful inventions exhibited at the recent shipping engineering exhibition in London, is likely to prove the most valuable aid to sea captains and navigators yet discovered. "Katie" is the name given to the invention of an engineer, by which he makes water talk.

It is an automatic float, with a sensitive depth-finding mechanism connected telephonically, and is placed on the surface of the water. Another delicate instrument rests on the bottom, with a wire connection. When an engineer wants to know the depth of water at a particular spot he rings up "Katie" on the phone and she tells him the exact depth.

She speaks in soft, jerky buzzes in the manner of the Morse code, and when she gets out of her depth she stutters. If the current is too strong she becomes speechless. "Katie" will also warn a captain how much water has got into the hold or the engine room after a collision.

The floating ship's safe is another wonderful invention. It automatically casts itself adrift from a sinking ship, and will send up a distress signal every hour for twelve hours. A sound signal is also given, and it will burn a light at night for three months.

Hard Luck.

Friends of a certain automobile owner are having a lot of fun these days with a story that leaked out about him after a fire at a downtown garage recently.

This motorist carried \$800 insurance on his car and had been trying to dispose of it for several weeks for about \$100 more than the amount of the insurance.

He kept the machine in the garage that was burned and, when informed of the fire, confidently told his friends how fortunate he was in having \$800 worth of insurance on a machine for which he had been offered only about \$700.

On arriving at the garage to make a survey of the ruins he was met by one of the attaches of the place, who congratulated him on the fact that his machine was one of the three or four that were rescued.—Indianapolis News.

What She Desired.

"Why, Norah," said her mistress, "how nice you look in your new dress and hat. I hope you will meet all your friends this afternoon so that they may see you in your fine clothes."

"Me friends, mum?" returned Norah. "What'll I be wantin' to see them for? Sure I don't care to make me friends jealous. It's me enemies I want to meet when I'm all dressed up."—Boston Transcript.

Academic Rooter.

"Your friend from Cambridge seemed to enjoy the game."

"So he did. At one stage of the proceedings he quoted 'Hamlet.'"

"How so?"

"When Larry O'Rourke poked a hot liner about three inches to the left of first base in the ninth inning the professor shouted, 'A hit! A hit! A palpable hit!'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Married at Five.

Infant marriages are still prevalent in India. The latest returns show that in 1911 there were 151,518 "married men" under five years of age and 302,425 "married women" of the same tender age. Of "husbands" between the ages of five and ten there were nearly a million, while "wives" between these ages numbered well over two million.

Thrifty Chink.

Gen. Pao Kewiching, tuchin of Kirin, in north China, has cleared \$3,000,000 from opium revenue in a few years in office.

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Getting the Fur Coat Out of the Moth Balls Should Be a Reminder That Your Automobile Battery Needs a Little Extra Attention

"The average motorist," said Judd Low, manager of the local "Exide" Service Station, the other morning, "is a queer combination of sound American common sense and unsound American easy goingness. And what parts of his car he never sees or hears a complaint from he is prone to neglect. And that, of course, is mainly why the battery suffers—it never complains.

"It does its work, right up to the point where it has nothing more to give, under the most negligent and cruel treatment. But, of course, by the time it has reached such a point it is in mighty bad shape, and building it up again is going to cost Mr. Careless Motorist a penny that he might very well have saved himself.

"And all this in spite of the fact that we are continually writing our customers—talking to them, sending them folders and circulars—on the subject of getting better performance and longer life from the battery and keeping down big repair bills by giving it the right kind of service at the right time. Right now we are sending out a little folder showing the importance of giving the battery proper storage when the car is laid up for the winter. It has been the bad habit of many automobile owners at the approach of cold weather to simply run the old bugs, fully equipped, into the garage and then lock the door till next spring.

"Certainly so far as the battery is concerned, this is a mighty poor proceeding. Inside of the battery, owing to its chemical nature, a certain sort of action and reaction is continually taking place, even when it is idle. For this reason it demands certain attention at regular periods. This attention can best be given it when it is stored under such conditions and superintendence as only the battery expert can give it. Because of this, we advise our customers to remove their batteries from their cars, sending them to us to be stored and cared for in our storage department. The cost of winter storage is small and there is assurance that nothing detrimental can happen to the battery during Jack Frost's reign."

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