

Musical at St. Alphonsus Academy

An interesting musicale by the pupils of St. Alphonsus academy took place on Saturday last, when the following programme was nicely rendered: Hymn to St. Cecilia.....Chorus Accompanist, Miss Grace Hiatt. Violin, Master Chester McGee. First Waltz.....Diabelli. Miss Allegra Mason. Duett.....Kiehl. Masters Paris Lamar, Harry Tuttle. Der Erste Walzer.....Biedermann. Miss Daisy Goodspeed. Duett.....Spindler. The Misses Eva Wheeler, Mary Sander. Rose Princess Waltz.....Krogmann. Miss Vida Rogers. Duett.....Vigano. The Misses Elizabeth Terwilliger, Mable Wicklund. Pas Redouble.....Straeblog. Miss Nellie Chase. Duett.....Bachmann. Miss Eva Wheeler, Master Paris Lamar. The Bee and the Clover.....Geibel. Miss Elizabeth Terwilliger. Duett.....Getze. The Misses Pearl and Mary White. "Arizona" Two Step.....Pauli. Miss Dora Foster. Duett.....Wholfahrt. The Misses Hazel McNair, Esther Munson. Southern Jollification.....Kinkel. Miss Grace Hiatt. Polka.....Behr. Miss Esther Munson. Recollections of the Ball.....Gillet. The Misses G. Hiatt, D. Foster, Mamie Bowen. A Beautiful Vision.....Holt. Miss Hazel McNair. Romance.....Ernst. Violin, Master Chester McGee. Accompanist, Miss Frankie Drew. Angel's Dream.....Lange. Miss Katie Plank. Instrument selections.....Accompanist, Miss Katie Plank. Narcissa.....Fisher. Miss Frankie Drew. Sleigh Ride Galop.....Treloar. The Misses Katie Plank, Frankie Drew. Closing Hymn.....Accompanist, Miss Grace Hiatt. Violin, Master Chester McGee.

Fire Raged at Elma.

ELMA, WASH., Nov. 23.—Fire almost wiped out a business block of Elma this morning, inflicting a loss of nearly \$75,000. The fire originated in the candy store of Ed Robbins, a little after 3:30 A. M. and, sweeping west, burned Crisp's saloon, Ackley's tailor shop, R. J. Stover's grocery, R. D. Dodge's barber shop, J. W. Anderson's shoe store, F. E. Tompkin's hardware store, F. J. Kane's drug store, the office of Dr. Blair, and printing office of the Elma Echo, the presses being saved. Charles Goudy's fruit stand and R. H. Wade's jewelry store were also badly damaged.

The cause of the fire is not known. Some of these merchants were not insured, as the rate was very high. The total loss is variously estimated between \$50,000 and \$75,000, to a small extent covered by insurance.

The Elma Echo has ceased to exist after a brief struggle for life lasting less than three months. Its first issue was August 2, with R. M. Watson as editor and proprietor. A few weeks later it went into the hands of a receiver, and a few weeks ago E. E. Ayer, a young Elma lawyer, bought it. Yesterday E. C. Kibbe, editor of the Elma Chronicle purchased it, and will merge it with the Chronicle.—Oregonian.

First Columbia River Bar Pilot.

The Evening Telegram gave a picture of Captain H. K. Snow, of Tillamook, and had this to say about him:

Appropos of the discussion of the improvement of the Columbia River bar and the pilotage thereon, it is interesting to know Captain H. K. Snow, of Tillamook, was the first tugboat pilot on the Columbia River bar.

Captain Snow was born near Rockland, Me., in 1836, and went to sea in 1848. He arrived at Portland in 1863, master of the ship William A. Banks, loaded with the rolling stock for the Cascade Railroad and machinery for the shops at The Dalles. Upon the arrival at Portland, Captain Snow entered the employ of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company, and was made mate of the steamer Nanaimo, and soon after made a trip to Boston to load coal for Leonard & Green, owners of the Portland Gas Company. In 1866-1869 he was captain of the John H. Couch on the Portland-Astoria run. In 1869 he was made pilot of the tug Astoria, owned by Captain George Flavel, and piloted ships on the Columbia River bar. This was the first tug doing piloting on the bar.

On New Year's day, 1871, the steamer Dixie Thompson was launched, and Captain Snow was made her captain. He remained on this steamer for two years. From 1874 until 1890 Captain Snow piloted foreign ships on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. In 1890 he came to Tillamook, where he has since resided, taking life easy and resting on his oars.

Herr Krapp, the great gunmaker, and the wealthiest man in Germany, died suddenly from apoplexy, Saturday afternoon at his villa at Hugel.

GOOD OLD ARMY BEANS.

As Prepared by the Expert Military "Chef," They Are a Most Palatable Food.

"Beans are the soldiers' mainstay," says Thomas P. Dillon, a retired United States cavalry officer, according to the Philadelphia Record. "The American soldier, at a pinch, can equal the performance of an Arab on a handful of dried dates—he can ride and fight all day on a mere handful of beans, properly prepared. There is nothing to equal the army baked bean. Your celebrated 'Boston baked' are but a poor imitation of the succulent article turned out by a regular army cook. There's an art in cooking them that nobody but an army man can ever acquire. I've been on service when for a week at a time our menu consisted of beans for breakfast, beans for dinner and beans for supper; and did the troopers tire of the monotony? Not a bit of it. They sang for more, and in spite of hard work and lack of variety at mess the fellows actually got fat. That demonstrated to me the nutritive quality of beans, and I made it a point to get into the good graces of the cook and learn how to bake them. It isn't such an elaborate process, but there's a trick in doing it right. My friends are all fond of beans the way I cook them, and many a time I've been asked for the recipe, but that's a thing I don't give away to everyone. You see, people enjoy a dish all the better when they know it's something that not everybody can get up. It might take some of the zest away if they could say of my beans: 'I know how to make them.'"

KNOWLEDGE WAS POWER.

How Familiarity with the Chinese Language Made a Woman a Countess.

One of the unmarried women in diplomatic circles at Washington is Countess Marguerite Cassini, the accomplished niece of the Russian ambassador, who is a countess in her own right, not by heredity, but by special grace of the czar, and a curious story is told of the manner in which she won her title. It was when Count Cassini had his fateful conference with Li Hung Chang at Peking, long before the Boxer trouble. The count's interpreter was away, for Li's call was unexpected, and as the Chinese statesman could not speak Russian and the Russian diplomat did not understand Chinese the conference came to a deadlock. The count's niece, who had picked up something of the language, stepped into the breach and the affair was arranged to the satisfaction of both parties. The Chinese empress loaded her with presents, the czar's government made a note of the service performed, and when there was a question a couple of years ago of the young lady's precedence at Washington, where the count was then ambassador, the czar himself conferred her rivals by making her a countess. This was something like rapid promotion for the lady.

CHINESE ARMY ROLLS.

They Insulted with the Soldiers, Their Horses and Every Article of Equipment.

Now that China has Russia for a near neighbor, it remains to be seen how successfully, or otherwise, the middle kingdom will continue to practice its favorite game of bluff. How it has reinforced its army is shown by the Swedish explorer, Herdin, says Youth's Companion.

The Chinese have a most extraordinary way of enumerating troops. They are not content with counting the soldiers only, but reckon in also their horses, rines, shoes, breeches and so forth, so that the resultant total is a long way above what it ought to be.

They apparently go on the supposition that the rifle is at least as valuable as the man, and by an analogous train of reasoning they argue that a man is of little use if he has to travel on foot, that he cannot go about naked, and so on. Hence they count the whole kit, horse, rifle, breeches and all.

By this peculiar process of arithmetic they fancy they deceive the Russians into believing their garrisons much stronger than they are.

NEGROES DON'T MIGRATE.

Some Interesting Facts About the Colored Race Revealed by the Recent Census.

There were 5,500,000 colored persons in the United States in 1880, 7,500,000 in 1890, and 8,500,000 in 1900. A "general movement" of colored inhabitants from one state to another or from one section of the country to another, due to economic, political or hygienic reasons, has been declared to be in progress at intervals of two or three years since the close of the civil war.

But the figures of each succeeding census prove that the colored population of the United States is by no means migratory; it changes little year by year except as the result of the ordinary increase in population. Various ambitious projects of leaders to "colonize" certain states have failed entirely. In Kansas, for instance, there are only 9,000 more colored inhabitants than there were 26 years ago, though Kansas has long been the mecca of many colored colonizers.

The Philosopher's Wane.

An Italian having written a book upon the art of making gold, dedicated it to Pope Leo X., expecting a good reward. His holiness, finding that the man constantly followed him, at length gave him a large, empty purse, saying: "Sir, since you know how to make gold, you can have no need of anything but a purse to put it in."

NAPOLEON'S MAGIC TABLE.

Wonderful Pieces of Furniture Which Was the Pride of the French Emperor.

Napoleon's magic table is one of the greatest curiosities from the time of the great emperor, who had it in his study at the castle of St. Cloud. After the death of Napoleon it was bought in London by Baron Rehausen, Swedish ambassador to the court of St. James at that time. It is now owned through inheritance by one of the foremost families of the Swedish nobility, says the Strand Magazine. Inside the drawer of the table is pasted an old slip on which is printed a description, which in modernized English reads as follows: "The Emperor Napoleon was highly delighted with this extraordinary work of art. It formed the surface of one of the tables in his study, and was always shown to all foreigners of distinction who visited the imperial court. It is a painting whose resemblance to what it represents is the most elusive ever produced by the genius of man. One may look at this strange production of art in different lights—the pieces of money, the fragments of broken glass, the penknife, water and cards retain an equally illusive appearance as the observer moves round the table—but it requires a very minute examination to discover all the truly magical wonders it possesses." In these times when relics of Napoleon I. are eagerly sought for, the present whereabouts of this masterpiece should certainly interest all connoisseurs.

SECOND-HAND FOOD BARRED.

Remnants of Rich Men's Banquets Must Not Be Eaten by the Poor of Paris.

"What is one man's meat is another's poison" is a proverb just now borne out in literal fact by the police raid upon the arielquins of Paris, reports a London paper.

The arielquins are the keepers of small restaurants at the market, whose supplies are provided from the broken remains of repasts at different fashionable restaurants.

The proprietor takes each morning a tour of the fashionable quarters and by paying a small amount to different maitres d'hotel he has the privilege of selecting a menu for his house from what is left of a swell dinner the day before. This he serves up to his customers for two cents and the latter have the privilege of eating what the aristocrats had set before them.

The elegance of the courses, however, is outweighed by their unwholesome effects. So many maladies are laid at the door of these second-hand feasts that the police have undertaken to protect the public stomach from possible indiscretions. The arielquins will soon be a picturesque feature of the past, for as their licenses expire they will fade from existence.

MODERN SURGERY.

Everything Depends Upon the Cleanliness and Exclusiveness of the Operation.

Your modern surgeon of note is a "sterile" man. The operating room, almost hermetically sealed and at a temperature of 100 degrees or thereabouts, is purified daily by means of a hose throwing a solution of bichloride of mercury over ceiling, walls and floors. The surgeon arrives in an anteroom in his civilian's garb. He is required to be clean shaven, like a monk, says the New York Press. His clothes are removed. Two attendants in the sterilizing room hand him a white duck gown reaching from collar to heel, and a cowl of the same material, which covers tightly every part of his head except eye, nose and mouth. The sleeves of the gown reach to his elbow. He incases his hands in the thinnest, finest sterilized rubber gloves. These garments are handed to him in sterilized tongs. There has been no human contact. Thus equipped, he is prepared to saw and slice.

INVENTOR OF THE BATON.

How It Caused the Death of the Man Who First Introduced the Band Leader's Wand.

The inventor of the baton has been discovered. According to the investigations of a Frenchman the credit belongs to Lully, the composer, who eventually had cause to regret his invention.

Before he adopted the baton, conductors were in the habit of pounding on the floor with their feet or clapping their hands to mark the time. Lully found it wearisome to keep his foot constantly in motion, and so used a stick to strike the floor and beat time. He used a pole six feet long.

One day he brought down the pole with such force that it struck his foot and made a deep wound. He paid no attention to the matter. The wound grew worse and ultimately caused his death.

After his time conductors tried more and more to improve the baton and it was ultimately brought to its present form.

Tall Men in Indiana.

A record of the height of Indiana soldiers in the civil war shows that out of 118,254 there were 15,947 5 feet 10 inches high, 8,706 5 feet 11 inches, 6,579 6 feet high, 2,614 6 feet 1 inch, 1,357 6 feet 2 inches, 406 6 feet 3 inches, and 336 over 6 feet 3 inches. Commenting on these statistics, Dr. Gould, secretary of the United States sanitary commission, writes: "It is evident from our statistics that the Indiana men are the tallest of all natives of the United States and these latter the tallest of all civilized countries."

FRANCE'S BURIED CITY.

Brought to Light by the Discovery of Two Ancient Tombs Near Orleans.

Interesting ruins which point to the existence of a buried city have been found in the woods of Charbonniere, near the chateau of that name, some miles distant from Orleans. Two tombs composed of monolith stones, in one of which the remains of a skeleton were reposing, have been found under ancient oaks. They were at a depth of 30 centimeters below the soil. It is estimated from the nature of the stones, their dimensions and form, that the tombs date from the sixth, seventh or eighth century.

According to a local tradition on this site, which was formerly crossed by a great Roman way, many centuries ago an important city stood, of which the ruins still exist, though crowded and crushed under the earth long ago by wood cutters and excavators.

This tradition attributes to this buried city the name of Sergy. It is probable that these tombs are not the only relics in this place, and that a well-conducted search would reveal an entire cemetery, whose extent would give an idea of the importance of the buried city.

A BLIND GIRL'S POWER.

She Detects Absence of Flowers from Dining Room the Moment She Enters.

There is a wealthy young woman living in Philadelphia, says the Times, who has the misfortune to be blind. When traveling as a young girl she contracted Roman fever in Italy and lost her sight. She is the only living member of her immediate family now, and occupies a handsome house in the residence part of the city. She has a companion who seldom leaves her, but the ability she shows for conducting her own affairs in spite of her misfortune is wonderful. Her remaining senses are marvelously acute, and it seems to people who are not well acquainted with her almost uncanny her cognizance of everything going on around her. On one occasion recently, when her companion was away at dinner time, the butler, either by intent or carelessness, failed to place flowers on the dining table, according to his custom. If he expected to evade the duty he was mistaken. The mistress of the house had hardly entered the dining-room when she discovered the omission. "James," she said, "you have forgotten the flowers to-night."

IT IS KNOWN AS SOLANINE.

That Is the Name of a Deadly Poison That Is Sometimes Found in Potatoes.

Chemical examination has revealed the fact that a poisonous alkaloid known as solanine is contained in potatoes. Little of this poison is found in new potatoes, but even fresh potatoes which have grown about the surface of the soil and have a green skin are generally known to be poisonous, says a scientific authority. When potatoes are kept a long time, they contain a large amount of this poison, and many cases of serious poisoning have occurred in late summer from eating old potatoes. About ten years ago many soldiers in the German army were ill from an unknown cause. They suffered with headache, colic, diarrhea, vomiting, weakness and slight stupor, and in some cases dilation of the pupils. The matter was investigated and it was discovered that the men had been eating potatoes which had been kept for a long time in a damp place until they had begun to sprout. These potatoes, a chemical analysis showed, contained as much solanine as is found in new potatoes.

HAD A CHINESE NAME.

Archibald Was Called Archie and the Mongolian Thought It Was "Ah Chee."

In the household of a prominent Bostonian is a Chinese servant who was brought east by the family several years ago from California, where he had ingratiated himself during a winter sojourn at Pasadena.

Recently a young man named Archibald has been visiting the family, and the Chinaman seemed to take a strange fancy to him. He is called Archie for short, and every time the name of Archie was mentioned the Mongolian would grin and beam at the guest with a pride that seemed little less than paternal. That it was at least fraternal was disclosed one day, when he said: "Why for you have name alike samee like Chinaman?" Archibald was rather taken back. "What do you mean?" he asked. "Why, you name," replied the Chinaman, according to the Philadelphia Record. "When they talk to you they call you Ah Chee!"

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