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Braceville.

Everything is quiet. Everybody is after the Chicago daily papers. Braceville looked a little lost on the Fourth.

This was a poor fourth for some of our people. Young America made the early hours hideous with his racket Wednesday.

A number of our sports took in the races at Joliet Tuesday and Wednesday.

Brother Warner is not rushed with work at the Alton depot. He has lots of time now for his music.

The board has not voted any of the people's money away for two or three weeks now. What is going to happen?

The people of Braceville divided between Joliet, Braidwood and Dwight, a goodly amount of sport and patriotism being found in each place. But most of us stayed at home.

Wednesday evening the ice began to break at the southern end of the Alton and quite a string of passenger cars, including numerous Pullmans, floated northward. This was the only train on the road except the accommodation.

Some of the miners worked in No. 4 one day last week, but they were afraid to stay by it and so they all decided to stay until the rest of the prairie should go in, which will probably be a short time now. Just what these few men are to gain by thus hanging out is not easily seen. The mines are all open in other fields and, of course, all the large contracts will be out and the local mines will find no market.

Strikes are very funny indeed. Miss Kate Gillet is visiting relatives in Reddick this week.

Nevada people all went to Dwight for their celebration; sensible too. Trains are regular, get here almost any time, and leave the same way.

Mrs. Campbell and the children visited with Mrs. Pearre in Dwight this week. Miss Grace Fowler is the happy owner of a fine piano, a gift from her parents.

Mrs. David Barr and little daughter, of Fernwood, are visiting relatives here. Miss Alice Cupples is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Crawford; her brothers are here also.

Alex. Campbell and his best girl were on deck in Dwight. He is a smart Alex for certain. Willie Doran was very lucky the 4th; he won a big iron dolly and a knife, in the sports in Dwight.

Miss Annie Crowley and her brother John, started for Morris Tuesday, but only went as far as Dwight, could get no farther.

Morgan Brothers, of Dwight, are painting John McGee's handsome residence; this makes a decided improvement. A RUSSIAN WANDERER.

Weighted with Chains He Has Tramped Barefoot for Years. Insight into the strange condition of the popular mind in Russia at the close of this nineteenth century is afforded by the immense renown and influence enjoyed at present by a peripatetic saint who goes by the name of Anthony the Wanderer.

THE CATS-EYE STONE, now prized as an ornament, is a very different thing from the ancient cats'eye or eyestone of India, an agate cut so as to show a rainbow in the eye. It is supposed by some that this latter was used as money in parts of India four centuries ago.

SIX MILES BETWEEN SERMONS. The heavier a man's head becomes the more it swims.—Galveston News.

MINISTER—Have you a family circle, my brother? Layman—Yes, make 'em all stand round.—Plain-Dealer.

JILLSON, who is 'a jolly well up on courses, says it is only natural for a man to cast into the Arctic ocean. That equipped, Anthony the Wanderer has spent two score years in tramping all over the Russian empire, collecting enormous sums of money for the building of churches and schools in places where they are needed, and without keeping a single kopeck for himself. He is venerated not alone by the ignorant peasantry, but also by the most educated and ablest classes, and near a million women of all sorts and conditions of life are described as applying to him for advice in matters spiritual, worldly and even hygienic.

An English View of Us. Although Englishmen are taunted by being on level with our countrymen, their cousins in America deserve the term in a far greater degree, says an English writer. The race for wealth, the creation of wealth, the possession of wealth, has been until quite recently the sole object of the American's existence. Success in business is the standard still whereby the American is judged, and it is the aim of the American tradesman to make as many and establish his children and himself as gentlemen and ladies at the fashionable resort, rather than to strive, as his English cousins would do, after the civic honors of his native town.

A Plucky Alaska Woman. There is a woman in Sitka known as Princess Tom who is very rich. She at one time had three husbands, but has become Christianized and has discharged two. She is an extensive trader in the city of Alaska, and wears upon her arm thirty gold bracelets made out of \$20 gold pieces.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

JUSTICE BREWER, of the United States Supreme Court, teaches a Bible class in the First Congregational Church of Washington.

PADEREWSKI is traveling for pleasure throughout Italy, in places far from the announced route. He will return to America next November.

REV. DR. WILLIAM H. FURNESS, the great Shakespearean authority, delivered a lecture at Philadelphia the other day which had been written a generation ago. He is in his 94th year, and is still vigorous.

PRUDENTE MORAES, the President-elect of Brazil, is an extensive coffee-raiser, but the grounds upon which he was elected are that he is a man of great ability, an uncompromising republican, and a patriot of unquestionable integrity.

JOHN B. YD TRACY has in his possession the only copy of the St. George medal which was declared immoral by Congress, and for which another design is likely to be substituted. The piece of bronze is a very handsome thing, and 100 years hence will be priceless.

SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN's father was bandmaster of the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. As a boy he was made to learn every instrument in the band, except the bassoon and the hautbois, and to this invaluable training Sir Arthur attributes all his power of orchestration.

FRANK H. WRIGHT, a full-blooded Indian, has been conducting a series of revival meetings in Assa, S. I., and one of the converts is a thirteen-year-old boy and woman, said to be prominent socially, have signed a pledge to give up dancing, card-playing, and theater-going for the rest of their lives.

AMONG the mes ages of condolence Mrs. Childs received on the death of her husband is that of the town officials of Stratford-upon-Avon, who testify to the appreciation in which they hold Mr. Childs' gift of the Shakespeare public fountain. This one generous act alone of the editor gave him a lively fan in England.

A movement is in progress to erect a statue to Miss Palestroff, of Lisbon. She was the daughter of a famous navigator, and a part of her marriage dowry was a valuable collection of charts and memoranda of her father's maps. She was, besides, an intrepid traveler, and she has been the subject of the appreciation in which they hold Mr. Childs' gift of the Shakespeare public fountain.

THE CITY OF BANGKOK AND ITS AVENUES OF WATER. About 1767 Siam became involved in a disastrous war with Burma, which resulted in total defeat for the Siamese. Driven before the conquerors the Siamese retreated down the valley of the Menam, and finally, about thirty-five miles from the river's mouth, founded the present city of Bangkok.

THE CITY occupies portions of both of the river banks, official buildings and large temples being located on either side. Large canals intersect the city, and streets are numerous. The streets, however, several well-paved streets, and upon one of these has been recently laid a line of street railway.

ALMOST all locomotion is by water. Nearly every family keeps its private canoe, and the larger Chinese junks maintain steam launches, and the little ubiquitous vessels are constantly rushing to and fro. Large boats are continually plying on regular routes, taking the principal business of the city, and public vehicles of firmer built cities, in carrying from one quarter of the city to another those who are not provided with other means of transportation.

IN a city where there is literally such a large floating population, no communication can be obtained. The population of Bangkok is variously estimated at from 3,000 to 400,000 souls. Of these probably one-half live upon the water, while there are perhaps 50,000 people on the land. The boats are here, but move in their boats or floating houses from one place to another, as best suits their business interests or personal inclinations.

WHICH HAVE ALTERED THE DESTINIES OF FAMOUS MEN. Nothing is more curious in human history than the consideration of how the destinies of men are governed by trivial incidents. Murat, who served as waiter in a Paris cafe, was forced by a crowd to leave the cafe, and in doing up his position. Through this incident he became Marshal of France and King of Naples. Napoleon lost Waterloo through the mere accident of bringing on an attack of sick headache during the battle, and lamb again at the advice of his physician.

IN 1860 a quarrel between Conkling and Blaine decided the Presidency of the United States many years afterward, when Blaine ran against Cleveland. Abraham Lincoln, after being a member of Congress, desired to secure a clerkship in Washington, but he was defeated by Justin Butterfield. He was disappointed, but had not been defeated by Justin Butterfield. He was disappointed, but had not been defeated by Justin Butterfield.

OLIVER Cromwell was once on board a ship bound for America, but he was taken back by a constable, and the result was that he became one of the greatest men England ever knew. Ulisses Grant would not have been a military man had it not been that his rival for a West Point cadetship had been found to have six toes on each foot.

THE GREAT SILVER MINE, the "Silver King," had been discovered by the lucky accident of a prospector throwing a piece of rock at a lazy mule. Where Widows Are Not Loved. Among the many sad things connected with the lives of women in India nothing is more pitiable than the state of the poor widows. A widow is regarded by all her husband's family as the cause, more or less direct, of his death, and is treated with the greatest contempt. The wife before her husband is a cause of great rejoicing among his friends that she has thus escaped the trials of widowhood. The prayer of every girl before marriage, and of every young woman after marriage, is that she may never become a widow. The preservation of a husband's health is a matter of certain great importance, and on a certain amount of the very special religious ceremony is performed with this end in view. Offerings are made at the temples, money is given to the priests, fasts are undergone and vows are taken in respectation of a husband's health and life. The wife is ill while her husband is well, puts on coarse clothing and devotes herself to prayer. If he dies her end is at once begun.

THE MECK ENJOY almost a perpetual Sabbath.

NIMBLE WITH THEIR FEET.

THE CELESTIAL EMPIRE, Fully Alive to the Natives of India find Them as Useful as Hands. In the native quarters of the towns of India the spectacle may be seen of a butcher spearing a piece of meat in his hands and cutting it in two with a stroke of his knife held between the first and second toes of his foot.

THE UNFINISHED shoe with his feet, while his hands are busy in shaping it. So the carpenter holds with his great toe the board he is cutting and the wood-turner handles his tools as well with his toes as with his fingers. This use of the feet to assist the hands in their labor is not, however, the mere result of practice, but is principally due to the fact that the Hindoo foot is quite different from ours in its anatomical conformation. The ankle of the Hindoo and the articulation of the back of the foot permit considerable lateral motion. Then the toes possess a surprising mobility. The great toe can be freely raised, and the first and second toes are separated by a wide space, sometimes as much as five-eighths of an inch across at the base of the toes and two inches at their extremities. The articulation of the foot is so constructed that it renders it easy to use the toes in handling the objects by enabling the Hindoo to sit in a squatting posture much more comfortably than we can do. A familiar illustration of the feet and toes in motion is that of the monkey. It is not, as might be supposed, a common thing among barbarous and savage tribes. One naturally thinks of the resemblance to a monkey which a human being using both feet and hands in the same way. The Hindoo, however, and yet the Hindoo foot is not at all like the foot of an ape or monkey. The great toe is not opposed to the other toes like a thumb, as occurs with the monkey, and accordingly the pedal axis is not, as in the case of the monkey, taken as an indication of a simian descent.

THE QUEER CONTRIVANCE that was used by the Warlike Greeks. The ancient Greek and Romans practiced telegraphy with the help of pot filled with straw and twigs saturated with oil, which being placed in rows, expressed certain letters, according to the order in which they were lighted. A Greek general named Zaneas, who flourished in the time of Aristotle, invented a contrivance intended for communication between the two ends of a long line of vessels, each of two exaele similar circular vessels, filled with water, each provided with a tap that would discharge an equal quantity of water in a given time, so that the whole or any part of the contents would be emptied in exactly the same period from both vessels. On the surface of each floated a piece of cork supporting an upright needle divided into divisions, each division having a certain sense inscribed upon it. One of the vessels was placed at each station, and when it was desired to communicate he lighted a torch which he held aloft until the other did the same as a sign that he was all at attention.

ON the sender of the message lowering or extinguishing the torch each party immediately opened the cork of his vessel, and so left until the sender relighted his torch, when it was at once closed. The receiver then read the sentence on the division of the upright that was level with the mouth of the outlet of his vessel. It was found that he communicated with exactness, and so conveyed the desired information.

THE COMPASS PLANT. It Guides the Lost Traveler in the Western Wilds. "Among the many wonders of the western plains," said a western man, "nothing strikes the traveler or a scientific turn of mind with more surprise than the compass plant. The leaves of this singular plant are magnetic, and its petals point constantly to the north. These wonderful prairie guides have on numerous occasions proved to be an estimable benefit to travelers who had strayed away from their camps in the night, and in this manner themselves lost on the plain. In 1864, while on my way to the Rocky mountains by a wagon train, a party of us, who had left camp on a hunt for antelope, lost our way owing to a dark storm, and it was not until we had traveled some miles to the northwest of where we were thus overtaken. The night was as dark as pitch, and we were beginning to be alarmed, when one of our party had the bright idea of thinking of the compass plant and its magnetic qualities. We at once descended and groped about in the dark, till at last our hands came in contact with the familiar leaves of the plant. It was but a short time before we had turned our heads in the right direction, and toward the camp, which we had the satisfaction of reaching in about two hours but not until we had dismounted several times to feel among the leaves of this friendly guide to make sure of our course."

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