

CAUSES OF FIRES.

State Fire Marshal John J. Jackson has submitted his first report to Governor Brown. The report covers last July, August and September.

Mr. Jackson says he will make quarterly reports of his investigations, better to indicate the causes of fires in special seasons, as fires are more prevalent at some periods of the year from certain causes than from the same causes at other seasons.

He finds, for instance, in the period covered by the present report that fires in the counties of the State resulted chiefly from spontaneous combustion and lightning and those in the city from carelessness in using gasoline. On the latter point he suggests that some regulation be adopted to prohibit the sale of inferior gasoline stoves. Fires from this cause, he says, frequently result not only in loss of property, but in serious personal injury and often loss of life.

Two convictions of incendiaries, he says, were obtained by his investigations. Archibald King was convicted in Cumberland of setting fire to a saw-mill, and William Rustin, colored, was convicted at Towson of setting fire to the barn of Mr. Oberbanning, at Timonium.

Accompanying the report is a tabulated statement giving the number and causes of fires in the city and counties investigated by the marshal in the period covered. The number of known or supposed incendiary fires as given is 12 in the city and 9 in the counties. The total number of fires for the period was 376, of which 213 were in the city and 163 in the counties. —San.

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ATTACKED BY A LION.

Professor Tenoe, an animal tamer, was badly injured at a dime museum Wilkesbarre Monday night by being attacked by a lion. The beast refused to obey Tenoe and was struck several blows with a whip. The lion turned on the man and knocked him down. Grasping Tenoe by the legs he pulled him from one end of the cage to another. The man fought desperately for his life, but was no match for the beast.

The spectators became panic stricken and the roars of the maddened lion drowned the cries of the professor for help. The presence of mind of one man saved Tenoe's life. The stranger tore the iron bars off the shutters and gave them to three men in the audience, who attacked the lion and drove him into a corner.

The tamer was then dragged out. The lion on his arms and legs was ferociously lacerated and on the right leg was torn to shreds. Three physicians were summoned and dressed his wounds. Tenoe may recover. The lion was formerly attached to the Robinson circus and is said to have killed five men.

ATTACKED BY A DOG.

Miss Daisy Zimmerman, daughter of Sheriff Zimmerman, was attacked by a dog at the Frederick jail on Thursday last, but the timely appearance of her mother prevented the animal from doing her harm.

While Mrs. Mead Bahman, of near Fuzville, Middletown valley, was at work her 5 year old daughter ventured too near an open fire and her dress ignited. She was so terribly burned that death ensued.

THERE IS DANGER IN DELAY.

Since 1861 I have been a great sufferer from catarrh. I tried Ely's Cream Balm and to all appearances am cured. Terrible headaches from which I had long suffered are gone.—W. J. Hitchcock, Late Major U. S. Vol. and A. A. Gen., Buffalo, N. Y.

Ely's Cream Balm has completely cured me of catarrh when everything else failed. Many acquaintances have used it with excellent results.—Alfred W. Stevens, Caldwell Ohio.

Price of Cream Balm is fifty cents.

The Christmas number of Scribner's Magazine presents a remarkable list of popular writers, including Rudyard Kipling, Robert Grant, H. C. Banner, Brander Mathews and George W. Cable. In illustration it shows a number of novel features. Oliver Herford produces a series of fantastic drawings which are curiously interwoven with the text of Brander Mathews' story in a manner new to magazine illustration. Another notable feature in illustration is the three frontispieces showing the best work of A. B. Frost, Albert Lynch and Emile Friant, each drawing being very original in sentiment and treatment. One of the richest illustrated articles ever published in an American magazine is the account of the great English painter, George Frederick Watts, R. A., by the eminent art critic Cosmo Monkhouse, who writes from the fullest knowledge, and with the approval of the artist. There are twenty pictures representing the most characteristic phases of Watts' art, both the wood engravings and the process plates, showing a delicacy that is seldom seen. The number opens with a noble poem by Rudyard Kipling, entitled "McAndrew's Hymn." It has been interpreted with equal dignity in a series of pictures by Howard Pyle. Another poem with striking pictures is "The Woodcutter's Hut" by A. Lampman. H. C. Banner contributes another of his suburban sketches, in which he quaintly tells "The Story of a Path" from its origin to the present day. Robert Grant contributes a Christmas tale entitled "The Matrimonial Tontine Benefit Association." The illustrations are by A. B. Wenzell. Other fiction is an amusing railway story by Francis Lynde entitled "By Special Invitation;" the pathetic tale of a spiritualistic medium entitled "Minnehaha," by Eva Wilder McGlasson; "The Mantle of O-iris" by Walter L. Palmer, and the concluding chapters of "John March, Southerner," Mr. Cable's dramatic novel of life in a southern town during the period of a "boom." Other poems and the Point of View complete one of the most entertaining and artistically attractive numbers of this magazine.

On Wednesday, Chas. J. McAleese, of Baltimore, commenced to put in the Gamewell fire alarm system, at Hagerstown, which was recently adopted by the city council. The tower striker will be put on the Junior Hall, and the fire engine houses will be supplied with gongs.

ELKTON, November 27.—Miss Rachel Robinson, an age lady living near Elkton, accidentally swallowed her false teeth today. A physician was summoned, but was unable to remove them, and Miss Robinson is in a critical condition. —American.

THOUSANDS of cases of rheumatism have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This is abundant reason for belief that it will cure you.

PRINCESS Bismark, Duchess of Louenberg, wife of Prince Bismarck, died at Vargin, on Monday.

The net earnings of the Western Maryland Railroad for the month of October was \$14,634.06.

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TO PLAY WITH THE LOUISVILLES. Thomas L. Gittinger, of Frederick, a well-known ball player, has signed with the National League for next season, and will play with the Louisville club. He came into prominence as a member of the St. Louis Browns in 1889. He signed with the Western League in that year, and in 1892 with the Southern League, playing on the Mobile team. He is only twenty-four years old, but is considered a promising player. He will play center field for the Louisville.—American.

Entertained. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Dorsey, near town, was pleasantly entertained on last Thursday evening, by a number of musicians and friends from Graceham, Thurmont and Mr. St. Mary's. The music consisted of organ recitals, violin, guitar, banjo, flute and vocal selections. Part of the evening was devoted to entertaining games of various kinds. All had a general good time.

A Fire in the Country. About 9:30 o'clock Friday night a fire of supposed incendiary origin destroyed a stable on the farm of Mr. George Hoack, at Harmony Grove, this county. A small lot of hay was consumed. The stable was situated near the house, and is the second piece of property on Mr. Hoack's farm destroyed within the past year.

Accidentally Killed. Mr. Aaron F. Baker, aged sixty-five years, a retired farmer, of Keedysville district, Washington county, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon by being thrown from a road cart, in which he was riding. His horse became frightened and the wagon was upset. His neck was broken.

On Monday night, Ex-Gov. Olen Bowie, suffered a stroke of paralysis at Fairview, his home, near Eowie, Md. Because of his advanced age, it was feared that the stroke might terminate fatally, but it is now thought that he will recover.

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IN THE ORPHANS' COURT OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MD. OCTOBER TERM 1894. In the matter of the Sale of the Real Estate of John Withrow, deceased. ORDERED, by the Orphans' Court of Frederick County, this 13th day of November, 1894, that the sale of the Real Estate of John Withrow, late of Frederick County, deceased, this day reported to this Court by his executor be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 10th day of December, 1894, provided a copy of this Order be published in some newspaper published in Frederick County for three successive weeks prior to the 10th day of December, 1894. The executor report that the sale of said Real Estate of said John Withrow deceased, situated in said County for the gross sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00).

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PUBLIC SALE.

BY POWER of attorney from the heirs of Abraham Ahy, the undersigned will sell at public sale on the premises, on Saturday, December 22nd, 1894, at 1 o'clock, p. m., the following described real estate: A tract of land consisting of 4 acres, more or less, improved by a 1 1/2 story dwelling house in good repair, near which is a spring of never failing water. Most of the said tract is well timbered with oak, chestnut, locust and other valuable timber. The said property is situated on the public road leading from Mt. St. Mary's College to the old Nonesuch Mill, about 1 1/2 miles northwest of Emmitsburg and is the same property conveyed to Abraham Ahy by George Kimmel by deed recorded in Liber E S. No. 7, folio 649, one of the land records of Frederick county.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash on the day of sale and the remainder in two equal payments, 6 and twelve months from day of sale with interest from said date, the purchaser giving his or her note with approved security.

WILLIAM MORRISON, Attorney for Heirs of Abraham Ahy.

TAX SALE.

BY VIRTUE of the power vested in me, the undersigned, as collector for the town of Emmitsburg, in the State of Maryland, for the years 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893, I will sell for the payment of said town taxes for the year 1893, now due and in arrears, on the premises, on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1894, at 11 o'clock, A. M., the following described property or so much thereof as will pay the said taxes and costs: Two town lots situated on the west side of Gettysburg street, in the town of Emmitsburg, being lots Nos. 138 and 139 on the town plat of said town, improved by a two story weather boarded dwelling house, a frame stable and other out buildings. The said property stands on the assessment book of said town for the year 1893 in the name of Joseph Shouffer's heirs and is assessed for \$900.

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A MIDSUMMER MEMORY.

A picture flows to my memory yet, Familiar and dear in a bygone day, Of a Cornish beach, ere the sun was set, While bells chimed soft o'er the tranquil bay.

COWS FROM HENS' EGGS.

How This Remarkable feat in Hatching May Be Accomplished.

David Starr Jordan, president of the Leland Stanford, Jr. university, addressed the dairy convention held in San Francisco upon "Hereditary in Domestic Animals."

This sublime proposition called forth applause. Visions of untold wealth at once arose before the eyes of the astonished dealers in milk and cream, and several immediately began figuring out what increase they might expect in their herds from their present stock of chickens.

President Jordan continued to describe the formation of the eggs of various sorts. The egg of a fish can be separated and produce two fishes which will live.

An African explorer tells a pretty story of the surprise of some Masai who happened to witness his skill with a rifle. They had joined his caravan temporarily and were unused to European arms and methods.

The founder of the Japanese Navy was an Englishman named Will Adams, who went to the eastern seas as pilot of a Dutch fleet in 1698 and was cast away in Japan a couple of years later.

When Rev. W. W. Newton of Pittsfield, Mass., was in Moscow, he was asked why he went to Troitsa. "We went to see Count Tolstoi," was the answer.

UNCLE SAM'S OWN GARDEN.

It Is but Little Known, and in It Are Raised Many Fruits.

How many people know that the United States government supports and maintains one of the richest vineyards in this country? And how many people know that this vineyard is within a very short distance of the United States capitol?

Each year in the great appropriation bill for sundry civil expenses of the government is an amount appropriated for current expenses of the government hospital for the insane and for the "buildings and grounds of the government hospital for the insane."

This garden has been in cultivation for many years. It is located in that part of the United States government asylum grounds which borders on the river and is so situated as to be exposed to the rays of the sun nearly the entire day.

A sad looking gentleman, like a sort of very much retired Hamlet, with a painful expression of face, entered the coffee room of a country hotel the other day, holding in his hand a small canister.

"One of the living pictures that we exhibited out in Indiana," said Mr. R. Hamm reflectively, "was 'The Finding of Moses.' We didn't have anything to use for bulrushes except the whiskers that were worn by three supes in the picture that followed, entitled 'The Three Wise Men.'"

Very Stout Farmer's Wife (to little rustic, her protegee)—Well, Sun, your master and I are going up to London for the cattle show.

A LIGHTNING BARBER SHOP.

Countail Had a Close Shave, Even if It Wasn't Very Clean.

On the ranges of eastern Montana and among his brother knights of the rope Countail was no stranger. He rode his bucking pony and swung his rope with as much grace and assurance as any, and in the annual roping match, which, to the tenderfoot as well as the cowman, who needed help for his roundup, was of interest, he won his share of prizes.

Politics interested him. "Zey tell me," he said, "zat to obtain an appointment in zis citie one must laf an drag. Non-zat ces not ze way; non drag—ah! I haf eet! Un pull! Zat ces necessary."

When he went back to France, he was pained to leave his American friends, who had become dear to him. He declared that he would never miss an opportunity to see them.

When they filed in, about ten minutes later, the empty can was sitting harmlessly on the fire. Not so the glasses. Four were empty, and several lunch plates also.

"I'm doggoned party, ain't I? That was a lightning barber shop—hair cut, shampoo on a shave, an all done in less'n a minute."—Henry Romeyn in Detroit Free Press.

English Official Salaries. The lord chancellor of England receives 24,000 per annum as speaker of the house of lords, the remaining 26,000 per annum, which brings his salary to 50,000, being paid to him in his judicial capacity.

The Egyptians bestowed great labor on their tombs and little on their homes. They regarded the latter as mere temporary abodes, but the former they looked on as eternal habitations.

DIFFICULTIES OF ENGLISH IDIOM.

Some Amazing Linguistic Experiences of a French Visitor.

A recent French visitor in this country was M. X., a man too talented and too well known to permit of the use of his name in this connection, for this is to set forth some of the difficulties he experienced in the pursuit of the English idiom.

He witnessed a play that was a success, and the players were called before the curtain for applause. One actress in particular was applauded.

"What's a cooking?" "I do not think zat ces what I gavo hem," he admitted, puzzled. "A basting perhaps," was suggested. "You thrashed him."

The person who equivocates in order to pay a compliment is likely to have his indiscretion betrayed if the complimented person questions him at all sharply.

"I assure you," answered the other, "that I have heard nothing but the most favorable and enthusiastic opinions of it."

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