

WEDS A CONVICT.

Banker Charles W. Spalding Married to His Former Stenographer, Miss Louise Ervin.

Miss Louise Ervin, who figured in events which involved the financial downfall and imprisonment of Charles W. Spalding, who was president of the Globe savings bank, at Chicago, was married to Spalding the other day by a justice of the peace in a lawyer's office in the Unity building. Spalding, who was brought here from Joliet prison recently to testify in pending bank cases, spent the morning in court and left about noon with his guard and Jailer Whitman. Miss Ervin's parents also witnessed the ceremony.

Since Spalding has been at the jail again he has had the use of a desk in the "cage," and Miss Ervin has been helping him with his correspondence, which has been large. While Spalding was at the jail before being sent to Joliet she kept in the background, though she was evidently the source of many attentions and delicacies which he received.

Miss Ervin was a stenographer for Spalding ten years ago. He sent her away for further education, and soon after she returned she left the bank, but lived in a residence which Spalding gave her; held property which he transferred to her, and had a safety deposit box to which she went when she needed funds and which was replenished continually. It is supposed that troubles which resulted in the first Mrs. Spalding's successful application for divorce originated in such proceedings.

The young woman has remained loyal to Spalding in his troubles, and turned over property in the hope of keeping him out of prison. When this proved of no avail, she tried, but in vain, to get the property back.

In acknowledging his marriage to Miss Ervin, Spalding said only: "I trust I will be treated fairly, as I think I have acted honorably."

LOOKING FOR A GHOST.

Residents of St. Cloud, Wis., Troubled and Terrorized by a Mysterious Visitor.

Queer stories are afloat concerning a mysterious apparition that has appeared in St. Cloud, Wis. Since Saturday last farmers residing in that section of the country have journeyed to Fond du Lac to tell of the ghost which makes its nightly appearance in that village. Many of the residents refuse to go outside their doors in the evening.

Thomas Kane, one of the best known residents in that section and a man who is known for his veracity, tells the following story of his dealings with a ghost:

"On Saturday evening I started out to repair the switch on the water tank and had gone some distance, when I noticed a man coming toward me. At first I did not think anything about him, but as the person drew nearer I saw he was a strange man and dressed in white.

"Upon closer scrutiny I noticed that the man was not walking, but gliding along the rails. When a short distance away I asked him who he was and where he was going. Hardly had I finished the questions when he vanished in the air.

MARINE ARCHITECTS.

The Most Skilled Are Unable to Find Their Way to Protect Ocean Liners from Disaster.

The cleverest marine architects have been unable to devise a scheme to protect the stoutest single screw liners, hit hard amidships or thereabouts, from disaster. Every steamship that has been struck far from land by even so modest a craft as a coal laden schooner has gone down, sometimes without the loss of a soul, as was the case of the Oregon, off Fire Island, on March 14, 1896, and sometimes with more than three-quarters of all on board, says the New York Sun.

The Ville du Havre, of the French line, was run down almost in the same way as La Bourgogne met disaster. The iron British ship Loch Eannart hit the Ville du Havre in a fog in midocean on November 23, 1873, almost cutting her in two. She foundered, and only 220 out of 317 persons aboard were saved. The steamship Geiser, of the Thingvala line, was hit, off Sable Island in a fog on August 13, 1885, by the Thingvala, a sister ship, and 73 passengers and 38 of her crew were lost. The North German Lloyd steamship Elbe foundered in the North sea after being rammed by the little British steamship Crathie on January 30, 1887.

Only the steamships that collide head on have hope of salvation. They are protected by the collision bulkheads. A blow astern or at any point just forward or abaft midships is usually mortal.

Science Effects Wonders.

According to Natural Science, Dr. Olsen, of Norway, has learned by studying habits of microbes to make cheese backward. He keeps a stock of the microbes of various cheeses, and out of a bowl of milk makes Gorgonzola, Stilton or Camembert, as required. This threatens a serious blow to the British farmer, for it is obvious that Dr. Olsen has only to follow the tracks of his microbes a little further back to produce the milk that makes the cheese and the cow that makes the milk. Then the British farmer will sit idly on a gate watching Dr. Olsen with a cage full of microbes turning a field of grass into choice Shorthorns and Alderneys.

A Princess in Jail.

Princess Eleonore of Sayn-Wittgenstein, one of the mediated semiroyal German families, has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment in jail and 300 marks fine for spreading slanderous rumors about her brother-in-law, Count Konigsmark, which brought about his divorce. The sentence has been affirmed on appeal.

Vitality of China.

An American physician in China writes that he has been specially impressed by the vitality of the natives. In 100 cases treated in a dispensary, none of them very serious, not one

died.

How to Exterminate Caterpillars.

The Waterbury American quotes a farmer as follows: "Every year I hear of caterpillars destroying whole orchards. There is nothing so easy to dispose of. I bore a hole in the tree deep enough to reach the sap, fill the hole with sulphur, and plug it up. The sap takes the sulphur to every limb and twig, and the caterpillars disappear at once. I have used it for years."

Names of Army Officers.

A correspondent of the London

Spectator calls attention to the fact

that out of a random list of 81 officers in the American army and navy

there are three German names, one

Italian, one French and one Dutch.

All the rest are unquestionably Brit-

ish.

AN ORIGIN OF KALAMAZOO.

This is the Pretty Legend That Is Responsible for the Michigan Town's Name.

The name of Kalamazoo, like Oshkosh and one or two others, has come to be foreigners a synonym of American absurdity. It is often chosen, for some occult reason, to illustrate that form of vernacular English known as "United States."

But all thought of ridicule vanishes when its romantic origin is considered, for it is the echo still lingering about the memory of two dusky lovers who, in that long-gone time when Michigan was the home mainly of Indian tribes, lived and loved on the banks of the river which now bears their names.

Kahla, the young warrior, was

straight of limb and eagle-eyed, while

Mahzoo had been given by the Great

Spirit the many graces and virtues for

which Indian maidens have become

noted in song and legend. Life to these

two possessed all the charms which

true affection has ever granted to

lovers, and the days, as they came and

went, brought only abounding joy.

Each summer evening, as the twil-

ight deepened and the time drew near

for her lover's return from the chase,

the maiden watched from her bower

in the swaying branches of a giant elm

overhanging the river's edge for the

first sign of his coming. As the bow of

his canoe shot round the curve away in

the distance her clear musical voice

called to him: Kahla! Kahla!

and the young warrior came in loving

tones the response: "Mahzoo!"

ANOTHER'S PICTURE.

This Photographer Has a Unique

Method of Making Doting Mam-

mas Happy.

An enterprising photographer has

lately completed a system by which

his pictures of babies have become fa-

mous. He has discarded all the fa-

miliar expedients of his profession to

persuade very young children to sub-

mit to the camera, and his scheme has

been completely successful. One part

of his plan has been fitted up like a

nursery. Around the room at conve-

nient points are situated cameras,

and these are in charge of his assist-

ants, says Tit-Bits.

The photographer devotes his at-

tention to the baby. He tries all the

toys in turn, gets on as intimate terms

as possible with the baby after such

short acquaintance, and gradually

lures the unsuspecting infant into

looking his best. When pose and ex-

pression are satisfactory he gives a

signal to one of his assistants at the

cameras and the trick is done. Moth-

ers bring their babies from all quar-

ters to this tactful photographer. It

would be a difficult matter to find any

child who would not, after ten minutes

of posing, fall into the camera's trap.

The final delight comes to the moth-

er when she receives the proofs, not

sent as proofs usually are, but mount-

ed on a large piece of cardboard, which

makes it possible for her to compare

them simultaneously. This wise man

has left nothing undone which could

strengthen his hold on the babies and

their photographs.

THEY NEVER RISE.

Such Is Said to Be the Way with the Dead Victims of Lake Superior.

Another very interesting and very sad thing about Lake Superior is that it never gives up its dead, says the Chicago Tribune. Whoever encounters terrible disaster—happily infrequent in the tourist season—and goes down in the angry, beautiful blue waters never comes up again. From those earliest days when the daring French voyagers in their trim birch-bark canoes skirted the picturesque shores of this noble but relentless lake down to the present moment those who have met their death in mid-Superior still lie at the stone-paved bottom. It may be that, so very cold is the water, some of the bodies may have been preserved through the centuries. Sometimes, not far from the shore, the bodies of people who have been wrecked from fishing smacks or from pleasure boats overtaken by a cruel squall have been recovered, but only after the most heroic efforts with a drag-net or by the diver. Once on a trip down the lakes I met a clergyman who, as we passed a point of land some miles before entering the narrowing of the lake, at the Soo, pointed out the place where the ill-fated Algoma went down and as he looked he said slowly: "I was at the funeral of one man who went down with her, and the only reason that his body is not at the bottom today with the other 33 that were lost is because it was caught in the timbers of the vessel and could not sink."

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

TEACHES BIRDS TO SING.

How Young Canaries Are Taught Popular Airs by Means of a Music Box.

An interesting and successful exper-

iment with canary birds has been per-

formed by a gentleman living in the vicin-

ity of Twenty-first and Vine streets, reports the Philadelphia Record.

This gentleman takes a distinct

interest in the breeding of these song

birds. As soon as the young birds are hatched he takes them and puts them apart in a room where he has placed a small music box that imitates

the tone of the music box, so that the young birds accustomed to hear the same air played continually

by degrees become masters of it and sing it alone. All that is necessary to start them when they are silent is to whistle the air, and the birds will imme-

diately join in. He has already taught quite a number of young birds to sing and is now engaged in teaching two young ones the air "Going Through the Rye." Although they are only seven weeks old they sing the air very clearly, and in two more months they will have it quite perfect. The gentleman does not teach the birds with a professional object, but as a pleasure and a pastime, and takes much pleasure in showing his wonderful pets to his friends.

AN EXODUS OF RATS.

The North China Herald says that a curios phenomenon was witnessed re-

cently at daybreak upon the opening

of the Changmen gate of Souchow.

Some 4,000 or more rats of all sizes

were seen to file out of the gates, show-

ing no fear of the country people who

were flocking to sell their market

produce. This threatened a panic to the

people of the city, but the authorities

had no time to act, as the rats had al-

ready crossed the river and were

swarming over the fields and houses.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE CIVIL DISTRICT FOR THE PAROISSE D'ORLEANS—No. 57.024. En vertu d'un arrêt de la Cour Civile de District pour la paroisse d'Orléans, dans l'affaire ci-dessus intitulée, le juge procédera à la vente à l'enchère publique, le vendredi 20 octobre 1898, à midi, au bureau des Encauteurs, entre les rues Carondelet et Baronne, dans le Premier District de cette ville, le JEUDI 21 octobre 1898, à midi, de la propriété ci-après décrite, à savoir:

Un certain lot de terre avec toutes les habi-

tations, servitudes, privilégi

es, etc., qui s'y trouvent et sont dé-

signées par les numéros cinq et six corri-