

SMALLEST OF THEIR KIND.

The Dwarf Cattle of Celebes Are No Larger Than Ordinary Full-Grown Sheep.

Celebes had the distinction of being the home of the smallest living representative of the wild cattle, or, indeed, of the wild cattle of any period of the earth's history, for no equally diminutive fossil member of the group appears to be known to science.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

Heavy Mileage Rates Are Sometimes Paid to Retain an Old "Home" Address.

Telephone numbers have an actual money value, said an officer of the American Bell Telephone company, reports the New York Mail and Express.

"In the course of time people's minds begin to associate a firm with its telephone number, and if, when they start to call up an old friend, they find him masquerading under a new number, it is as much of a shock as if they had called at a house with whom they were in the habit of doing business and found it had moved away.

COULD NOT KILL THE BIRD.

After Being Fourteen Days in an Icebox the Albatross Still Lived.

A writer says Sir William Corry told him some time ago that one of his steamships coming from New Zealand an albatross, supposed to have been choked dead, kept in an ice box at a temperature which was always much below freezing point, was found to be alive at the end of 14 days.

Not a Beehive.

The following is told at the expense of an American gentleman who was recently stopping with his wife at the Hotel Cecil. On their first evening there he happened to retire somewhat later than his spouse.

American Cowpunchers in Africa.

It is stated that 600 cowpunchers of Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado were included in Canada's volunteers for the front in South Africa.

WANTED ROYAL VISITORS.

Paris Disappointed That More of Them Did Not Attend the Exposition.

Disguise it as you may, republican France has been bitterly disappointed at the absence of the principal crowned heads of Europe from the exposition, but most of all at that of the Russian sovereign.

There was no proof that Oscar of Sweden and Norway, Leopold of Belgium, and George of Greece are not as solicitous of the prestige of their fellow sovereigns as the rest, but all three felt that they owed something to France and they were determined to acknowledge the obligation in that way.

INSANITY IN ARMY CAMPS.

A Medical Authority Says That Not Infrequently Military Commanders Are Mentally Unbalanced.

Mental disease in military life may be more common and more productive of evil than we think. If an insane commander is given such a position that all subordinates cannot possibly criticize or make their suspicions known for fear of the swift punishment that follows lack of discipline.

The commander, it is further said, is now known to have been insane, his father, mother and sisters having died insane. Suppose that chronic meningitis should exist in a general intrusted with the conduct of a campaign far from the seat of the central government.

A TOUGH OLD SALT.

Admiral Keppel Has Spent a Lifetime in the British Marine Service.

The Keppel family, of England, of which the brave old admiral bearing the name is a member, is notorious for its toughness. Sir Harry, as the admiral is called, was conspicuous among the guests at Lady Mary Keppel's wedding a couple of weeks ago.

Too Much Honor for a Mayor.

Not long ago a gentleman of the name of Aldridge Devonish was the popular mayor of Weymouth, in Dorsetshire, England. Some new public buildings had been completed during his mayoralty, and at a council meeting held to make preparations for the ceremony of opening them, a town councillor indignantly asked why the mayor was to be favored by having his initials A. D. carved in large letters before the date of the year.

An Ignorant Thief.

A clock that was once owned by Napoleon, but now belongs to Dr. Reuling, of Baltimore, Md., was stolen recently. The thief did not know the value of the timepiece, for he sold it for 50 cents.

Caricatures of Human Heads.

It is a strange fact that the right hand, which is more sensitive to the touch than the left, is less sensitive than the latter to the effect of heat or cold.

GIRLS ATTEND UNIQUE FEAST.

Baltimore Students Have Skeleton as Guest and Arrange Table Like a Laboratory.

Pretty girls of the Women's college, Baltimore, Md., sat beside a real grinning skeleton, which had the seat of honor, at a unique entertainment the other night in Bennett hall of the college.

Menu cards were attractively decorated with biological specimens done in water color. The menu was made out in long scientific terms, which, however, did not detract at all from the delicious fare which was set before the guests.

MAY TRY SUBMARINE BOATS.

English Admiralty, It Is Said, Will Make a Series of Experiments.

The London Chronicle asserts that, despite official and other details, it is a fact that the admiralty is trying, or is about to try, a submarine boat. Two naval officers have invented a special steering apparatus which has been adopted for the experiment.

FIGHT BETWEEN TWO LIONS.

Female Defeated Her Young When Attacked by the Ferocious Male.

"Nellie" and "Barnum," the lion and lioness in F. Ferrar's animal show at Bay and Julia streets, Jacksonville, Fla., fought desperately the other morning. The entire neighborhood was aroused at an early hour by the deep roars of Barnum, and it was not long before the keepers and other attendants of the show found the cause of the trouble.

MARINE TORCH TESTED.

Trial of an American Invention on the Thames Proves Successful.

Westminster bridge was crowded the other evening with people gazing at the strange sight of bare lights popping under the waters of the Thames and coming up again apparently without any means of ignition.

NEW FRENCH GUN TESTED.

Experiments with the Invention of an Artillery Captain Are Witnessed.

The Petit Journal states that Gen. Andre, the minister of war, recently witnessed experiments with a new gun at Bourges. The gun was invented by a captain of artillery of the name of Tournier, who is attached to the foundry there. The weapon, which is of great power, is worked by novel and ingenious mechanism.

Schoolhouses in Kansas. More than 150 new schoolhouses have been built in Kansas within the last year.

HAVE MANY DEMANDS.

New York Servant Girls to Organize a Union.

Will Unite in an Effort to Secure Greater Privileges and Have Grievances Adjusted or Removed.

New York city housewives who have been grinding their downtrodden souls at \$18.50 a month and two half days off will have to watch out. The kitchen queens are rising, and they're going to form themselves into a labor union, with walking delegates, regular headquarters, rules, meetings, and, in fact, they are going to get themselves in shape so that their relations with the "missus" may be properly "strained" and all their grievances duly "sifted."

The meeting for permanent organization will take place in the rooms of Mrs. Simcovitch, 248 East Thirtieth street, who is to be assisted by Mrs. Justin Beale, the official organizer. The latter, in order to know whereof she speaks, has within the last few days taken six different places in and around New York and in that time has found out a number of strange things, so she says.

PLUMBER BEATS RUSSELL SAGE.

Plays a Sharp Trick on the Wall Street Financier, But Loses Future Patronage.

Chuckles and broad grins are current in the little Long Island village of Lawrence just now on account of the joke the villagers have heard at the expense of Russell Sage. In round figures the joke on the financier is estimated at \$25.

WORST HORSE ON RECORD.

Lincoln Thought He Was Not Even Fit to Draw a Hearse to the Cemetery.

Lincoln used to be fond of telling a story which he got from Mr. Conant of a lawyer in a western town who desired the nomination for county judge, says the San Francisco Argonaut.

NEW SHIPS.

Vessels to Be Constructed to Carry American Goods to European Markets.

Announcement was made the other day of a building programme by the Anchor line. Four immense ships will be constructed for the New York trade, and in honor of the United States one of these will be called the Columbia.

News Telephone in Hungary.

In Buda-Pesth there is a news telephone, and its object is to keep its 6,000 subscribers supplied with all the latest news. The service has a main wire 168 miles in length, and it is connected with private houses and various public resorts.

Few Weddings in London.

Never has there been so little marrying and giving in marriage in London as within the last year.

SEVENTH CENTURIES AGO.

Beautiful Testimonials When Egyptian Monarchs Were Laid Away by the Ancestors.

The center of interest for us to-day in Egypt is the first dynasty time, and how far advanced in the arts of life were the men of that age may be seen by the beauty of shape of the stone and alabaster vases that are here to view, and the exquisite workmanship of a little toilet nard or eye paint box carved out of a single block of ivory.

But the table in the center of the room—it is to this we turn, for here are placed contemporary carvings in wood and ivory, weapons and pieces of the royal drinking bowls and furniture of seven of the eight kings of the first dynasty, and the work of two that preceded Aha-Mena.

GREAT MOUNTAIN OF MUD.

Costa Rica's Leading Railway Is Engaged in the Labor of Washing It Away.

The principal railroad of Costa Rica, now but 117 miles long, is just being extended to reach from San Jose to the Pacific coast. The general manager of the road in speaking of the enterprise recently said:

STORY TELLERS ORGANIZE.

They Will Receive Protection and Encouragement Down in Maine.

Long-distance story tellers have had a new field opened to them here. At Waterville, Me., an organization has been formed with the purpose of bringing together the best and longest "yarn tellers" in Maine and award prizes.

PICTURE COST A FORTUNE.

One of the Duke of Marlborough's Art Treasures Worth a King's Ransom.

The costliest picture in the world is owned by the duke of Marlborough, who has a large and very expensive collection of pictures which has come down to him from the original duke of Marlborough, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Sheep Ranches for the South.

The discovery that sheep flourish in Patagonia and Terre del Fuego has led to the stocking of enormous and very profitable ranches.

PIONEERS TO BE HONORED.

Early Settlers of Oregon Are Soon to Have an Attractive Monument.

It has been decided by the pioneer monument committee of the Society of Oregon Native Sons, with the concurrence of the Oregon Native Daughters, to hold in Portland next year a grand celebration to last a week or ten days.

Besides the attractiveness of such a feature it will give our historical society an opportunity to augment its already valuable collection. The Native Sons and Native Daughters are historical societies, their common object being to see that the history of the early days of the land of "intermittent woods" is duly recorded.

GAMBLING FOR OFFICES.

Religious People of London scandalized by a Recent Occurrence in Politics.

Some of the ultra religious people here are expressing astonishment that a tie in the vote for member of the borough council was decided the other day by tossing a penny, says a London paper. They insist that the element of chance ought to have been eliminated from English politics long ago.

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