

LESS CHAMPAGNE IS DRUNK.

United States Imports of Sparkling Wine Show a Decrease.

Washington.—Apparently champagne drinking in the United States is on the wane.

This is only one of several surprising features of a statement issued by the bureau of statistics on the "ebb and flow of the commerce of the United States."

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Still another curious feature of American commerce is that while this country produces three-fourths of the world's cotton.

While this country is the largest manufacturer of cotton goods, the importations of manufactures of this product aggregated in round figures \$69,000,000 in value.

SKELETON OF TOLTEC KING.

Interesting Remains of Prehistoric Man Exhumed in Mexico.

Mexico City.—For the last two weeks Leopold Batres has been excavating one of the small artificial hills to the southeast of the Pyramid of the Sun.

These are the first subterranean houses that have so far been found in the valley and they show that in this buried city the houses were two or three stories high.

Among the interesting things found is the skeleton of a man supposed to have been one of the ancient Toltec kings.

Many copper, bronze, chiclewhite and perite objects were also found among the others, showing that the dead man must have been of great importance in his day.

DYING WISH IS FULFILLED.

Burial of Woman Who Refused to Marry President Buchanan.

St. Louis.—The dying request of Miss Mary Ann Casey, daughter of Samuel Casey, treasurer of the United States under four presidents, that she be buried in the family vault at Caseyville, Ky., will be fulfilled.

Miss Casey died at the age of 97 years, at the home of her cousin, Mrs. T. C. Blackwell.

Miss Casey was born in Morganfield, Ky., and educated in a Kentucky college.

SNEEZE COSTS MAN HIS NOSE.

London.—While a man was being shaved in a Nottingham barber's shop he sneezed suddenly and violently and the razor cut off the end of his nose clean off.

HUMAN BRAIN A PHONOGRAPH.

Takes Records of Environments for Reproduction.

Briefly, the procedure is this. The operator being given the attention of the subject, places in his mind the idea of sleep—which state the object passes into at the moment of the complete absorption of his attention by the operator.

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MAKE FAST TIME ON SKIES.

Remarkable Performance at Annual Norwegian Contest.

As a test of skill, strength and endurance, it would be difficult to beat the long distance ski races in Norway and Sweden.

To Measure Natural Gas. When natural gas was first brought into use in America, there seemed to be a general idea that the supply was inexhaustible.

Our Most Humiliating War. As we have said, but for Osceola there would never have been any Seminole war at all.

The Sympathetic Typewriter. "Do you know," remarked the man with a cold in his head who was pounding away on his typewriting machine.

Not to Be Bossed. An Alabama politician, who was formerly a magistrate in the town of Montgomery, tells of a marriage ceremony he once performed for a negro couple.

A Failure. "I hate him," he tried to kiss me." "But I tried to kiss you and you do not hate me!" "I know, but you succeeded."

WILL HONOR ROBERT FULTON.

America to Make Display at Bordeaux Maritime Exposition.

Washington.—There is every indication, in the opinion of the state department, that congress will answer the appeal made by the department to the president and by him to the senate and the house.

The exposition is the centennial of the invention of steam navigation by Robert Fulton and his name will be given great honor.

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Justice Bowen, however, considered that Kieger's egg was calculated to stir up mischief and responsible for the disturbance which broke up the spirit of peace which had always hovered over the village of Spotswood.

Consumptive Makes Heroic Effort to Cure Himself by Dieting.

Marion, Ind.—After eating more than 3,500 raw eggs and drinking 273 gallons of fresh milk in a year, in an effort to cure himself of tuberculosis.

His experience with the use of raw eggs and milk in an effort to cure consumption has been watched with interest by physicians.

FAMOUS TREE IS GONE.

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In its full maturity the tree was photographed by representatives of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, and its likeness is now to be found in one of the volumes published by that institution.

The trunk of the tree was five feet in diameter, and it had been a landmark since the coming of the white man to DeWick county, Ohio.

VOLCANO USES TELEPHONE.

The Crater of Kilauea Connects with Hotel.

Honolulu.—Song writers have talked of telephoning to heaven and fiction writers have sought to make use of the telephone in other plots.

But this is the daring plot which has been undertaken by George Leurgans, the manager of the Volcano house, on the island of Hawaii.

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MAY BE LOST MINE.

TEXAS STORY OF A SHAFT PILED WITH SKELETONS.

Prospector Reported to Have Found San Saba Property, Once Worked by Spanish and Described as Being of Fabulous Richness.

Kerrville, Tex.—It is reported that in the Frio mountains, about 25 miles south of here, an ancient Spanish mine has been discovered by W. W. Chambers which is supposed to be the long lost San Saba gold and silver mine described by tradition as being of fabulous richness.

Many expeditions have gone in search of this mine. Tradition says that more than 100 men were employed in it and that they were all massacred by Indians, who covered the shaft and effaced all evidence of its existence.

The story of Chambers' discovery is that he explored the mine in company with several other men. They discovered that the shaft opened into a large chamber at a depth of only 20 feet from the surface.

According to tradition there were several hundred thousand dollars of gold and silver stored at the mine at the time the attack was made by Indians.

The rediscovery of this mine has produced excitement throughout this part of the state.

According to the old records the Spaniards took more than \$2,000,000 of ore out of the mine during the time that they worked it.

In the early '50s Jose Flores, a Mexican of Monclova, obtained a copy of the musty record concerning the mine and, coming to San Antonio, organized an expedition to search for it.

San Saba Sam Henning has been searching for the lost San Saba mine for 20 years.

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PRETTY GIRLS HUNT COLONS.

Using New Methods to Secure Woman Suffrage in Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia.—Satisfied now that arguments will do no good, Iowa women have determined to try blandishments in order to get a law through the legislature giving them the right to vote.

This year the women have enlisted the aid of all the pretty girls and women in the state.

The highest cost of land is for wool, which is carried on an average 39.8 miles from farm or ranch to shipping point at a rate of 44 cents per 100 pounds for the entire distance.

MICE TERRORIZE A HORSE.

Cats Protect Pet Equine of Kansas City Fire Department.

Kansas City, Mo.—Why do you keep so many cats around the station? John McNarney, chief of the fire department in the west side, was asked recently.

Ben is one of the fire horses. He is a big bay, kind and gentle. One great trouble Ben has is a constant fear of rats and mice.

When the horse begins climbing on the railing and making all kinds of noise, the cats have learned that there is a mouse in Ben's corner.

More Sun Spots Coming, but Earth is Safe, Says Prof. Brashear.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Prof. John A. Brashear, the Allegheny astronomer, says another big sun spot is due.

It is a possibility that the large one that is coming will disintegrate, but the present inattention as it will be at hand.

Prof. Brashear says the statement of Prof. Matucci, of the Mount Vesuvius observatory, Italy, that the earth will be in danger if it is struck by the trail of a new comet recently discovered is nonsense.

The spot should make its appearance in the western part of the sun. It will then gradually move toward the central meridian, arriving there in five or six days.

Cactus is Good Fodder. Scientists Prove Value of Burbank's Latest Plant Development.

Berkshire, Cal.—Experiments just completed by M. E. Jaffa, head of the department of nutrition and foods at the university, show that a new species of thornless cactus has properties as fodder for cattle which will equal many of the desert grasses.

A short time ago five species of the plant were sent to the agricultural station here to determine the food value. The series of experiments carried on by Prof. Jaffa show that the new plant carries nutritive powers equal to three-quarters that of alfalfa.

Forgotten Statue Found. Paris.—The city of Valenciennes has just by chance come into possession of an interesting monument, a statue representing the goddess of Victory.

HAULING FARM CROPS.

FIGURES ON TRANSPORTATION BY WAGON.

Interesting Statistics Prepared by Department of Agriculture—Average Cost of Carrying Wheat 19 Cents Per Ton Per Mile.

Washington.—At an early date the United States department of agriculture will issue Bulletin 49 of the bureau of statistics, prepared by Frank Andrews, transportation expert of the division of foreign markets.

The average cost to the farmer of hauling wheat from farms to shipping points is given as nine cents per 100 pounds, the average distance hauled is 9.4 miles, and the average wagon load of wheat weighs 3,333 pounds, thus containing about 55 bushels.

For the entire distance from farm to shipping point, corn, oats and barley are each hauled at an average cost of seven cents per 100 pounds.

Except in the case of wool, practically all costs represent the expense incurred by farmers in hauling their own produce.

The total tonnage of farm products hauled on country roads in the United States is not known, but of 12 leading products it is estimated that nearly 50,000,000 tons were hauled from farms during the crop year 1905-6.

Indian Territory Teachers Rebel at Nine O'Clock Order.

Muskogee, I. T.—"We won't stand it! Let them go and get old maids if they want old maid school teachers," said a petite young school teacher to a group of fellow teachers.

This was all because the school board has applied the curfew law to school teachers of Muskogee.

The boards of education in these towns have decided that the teachers in the public schools must cut society five nights out of the week at least.

This order has created a storm in the towns mentioned. Some of the teachers are in open rebellion, and say they will go where they please and when, and some of them have done so.

Girl Barber is Busy. Young and Old Men of Ohio Town Are Acting Real Giddy.

Hamilton, O.—After completing a course of study in a tonorial academy in Cincinnati, Miss Minnie Boone, aged 23, a prepossessing young woman of Maud's Station, Butler county, returned to her native village last week and opened up a neat tonorial parlor in the staid old Butler county hamlet.

Success marked the first day's business, and Miss Boone has made a ten-strike. It is even hinted that the men of Maud's Station love to linger in the comfort of the barber chair, and the run on hair tonics made by some of the bachelor residents has been a matter of comment.

Sea foams are all the rage, and the old time shampoo is being revived. Facial massage is also growing popular, and instead of the hitherto weekly Saturday afternoon visit to the man barber of the village of Maud's it is said that some of the youths and "old bucks" have taken to having their faces shaved and whiskers trimmed two and even three times a week.