

Baron Moncheur has represented Belgium in this country since 1901; he are old and has been in the diplomatic service of his country for many Before receiving his present appointment he was minister to Mexico.

COUPLE JAIL TO TRAIN.

Car Load of Sports and Vags Disap-

pear from Montana Town.

Spokane, Wash.-Railroad switch-

men coupled the jail at the town of

St. Regis. Mont., west of here, to a

through freight train on the Northern

Pacific railway the other night, and

as a result a box car filled with sports.

fighting men and vagrants was pulled

St. Regis is a peaceable little town

ordinarily; and its residents have

never found the necessity for a jail.

Recently, however, the town has been

invaded by a heterogeneous collec-

tion from the railroad camps, and it

became necessary to secure the serv-

ices of a sheriff's deputy. A clean-up

of the town was made a few days ago,

and there being nothing better in

which to put the prisoners, they were

locked in a railroad car. Deputy Sher-

iff Tissue was called to Middletown in

the evening and while he was gone

the yards, the car containing the pris-

oners was attached to a freight train

FINDS WILL IN AN OLD DESK.

Last Testament of Peter Dent, Mrs.

Grant's Ancestor, is Located.

Cumberland, Md.-Edward G. Kellar,

while ransacking an old desk, came

across the will of Peter Dent, grand-

father of the late Mrs. Grant, wife of

father of the latezfifff zfiff zfifff fifff

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. The desk was

bought at the sale of the late Benja-

min R. Simpson's chattels and was

The testator at the time he made

the will was evidently the owner of a

large number of slaves, because he

devises to each member of his large

family of relatives from one to two

negroes. There is nothing otherwise

about the will that makes it different

from the same class of papers to-day.

It is dated October 5, 1757, and is very

The grandparents of Mrs. Grant and

other relatives are interred in Rose-

hill cemetery, Cumberland, the bodies

from the old Cumberland street bury-

ing ground, which has since provided

Coin is Greatly Modified.

Philadelphia.—The new \$20 gold

piece so designed as to better con-

form with the tastes of bankers is

now in circulation. The new design

substantially conveys St. Gaudena'

ideas, but has been altered in details

to such an extent that praise and ad-

miration has supplanted the criticism

which broke several weeks ago when

the original coin left the Philadelphia

mint. The new double eagle can be

stacked quite as easily as any other

coin. The new design is virtually a

compromise with regard to the "panta-

looned" eagle. It cannot be said that

the designer dispensed with the leg

adornment of the eagle, yet those who

Form Anti-Rudeness Club.

Worcester, Mass.—The young men

of Orange must eliminate slang, must

defer to women at all times-in fact,

must do all things written in a book

There has been formed by the young

girl market, and thus enforce rules.

of etiquette.

sites for residences.

having been removed a few years ago

found to contain hidden drawers.

and pulled out of town.

out of the district.

MENERAL BLISS OPPOSED TO LONG PRACTICE MARCHES.

Mammander in Philippines Believes That the Troops May Be Hardened in Manner That is Less Objectionable to Them.

Washington,-Like several of the Ther commanders of military departments, Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss. mannanding the department of Mindaand in the Philippines, finds much that is objectionable in the workings of the order originally issued at the inecanoe of the president requiring soldiers to make periodical long practice searches in heavy equipment to toughon them for hard service.

Gen. Bliss believes that this has Seen overdone, and that it has caused the railroad men got busy with the at dissatisfaction and discontent. cars, and after switching the Further, he believes that the desired result can be secured otherwise and in less objectionable manner. He says:

"As to readiness for field service. I Think that the troops of this department are as fit as can reasonably be expected. I am ready to march them, with or without packs, against any other troops in the service under like sonditions.

"A great handicap (which I know is met peculiar to this department) is in the lack of sufficiently trained offiwers, and men are now receiving insetrections from junior officers who should themselves be under training. Half of the companies in the department are commanded by lieutenants, mend if the officers who should be with That companies were with them on the wearisome practice marches, the men would endure the labor far more sheerfully than they now do.

"It is said that it is impossible in the United States with a volunteer to force upon troops such labor ms in imposed by the strong government of Germany upon its conscripts. legible. A government strong enough to force every able-bodied man into the milimary service, whether he likes it or mot, is strong enough to do with him what it pleases afterward. Other methods must be employed in our volsateer army; the soldier must either The paid more or deceived into think Mag that the hard work is fun, just as athletes do the hardest kind of work for sport.

"A practice march with a full pack should not be looked upon as a means Bur hardening troops, but as a test for According when they are already Mardened. A hardening process does mot necessarily mean a hard process." Gen. Biss holds that the man

should be thoroughly trained in athlatics under specially trained gymmasts. Properly done, this would reewire only a small part of each day, and should be preceded in the cool of The morning by a practice march withsert packs by the entire command uniff it can without fatigue do three males in 45 minutes. Thereafter this gractice march need be repeated only less frequent intervals, and, says

"With this combined training, the found objections to this feature have greater part of which will be in the no further grievance, as the legs are form of amusement and not work, I obscured. Medeve that any infantry command oma do much more than its ton miles sert full pack and under a time limit, with far less feeling of hardship than now the case when it makes a shortdress neatly in all circumstances. march and takes the entire day must approach girls hat in hand, must mer it if it chooses."

"Tip" Waiters with Bibles. Atlantic City, N J .- Waiters and **Bull** boys at the Hotel Pendlehurst, women of Orange an "anti-rudeness" who gathered around Miss Liuda Par- club, and if men fall in the tiniest re-Men. a wealthy Philadelphia woman, spect they will be ostracized. Memfor Christmas "Lips," were handed in bership has grown rapidly since the stead Bibles and copies of "Pilgrim's club's organization, and the men are Progress." Miss Parrish added a sadly overworked striving to live up words informing the recipients to the rules and regulations laid down. that the books were more valuable. The organizers expect to corner the

## FORM WIDOWED CLUB

MATELESS PERSONS ORGANIZE TO CHEER EACH OTHER.

Songs Are Sung and Troubles Forgotten for the Time Being-Society Successful and Branches to Be Started.

Chicago.-The Widowed club, which in a spirit of levity was first suggested a few months ago by Mrs. M. Russell, who lives on East Forty-first street, who advertised the desirablity of forming such an organization for mutual sociability, has materialized. Twentythree widows and 21 widowers, all culls from the 600 replies she received, met recently at her home.

Having organized and elected Mrs. Russell president, the members of the club proceeded at once to the business of becoming acquainted. To that end they sat about the rooms of Mrs. Russell's house, discussing those things which are dear to the memory of widows and widowers. Then they sang songs.

"Honey Boy" was the first on the program. It was sung with immense effect by a widow not more than 45.

This song encouraged a certain' widower in the prime of life to assure all who might be concerned, by means of a song, that, although they "were gone," they were not "forgotten." Which information visibly affected a round blonde widow, who had noticed this certain widower especially earlier in the soiree.

The melancholy thoughts which this song inspired were removed with great tact by a young person with experience in alimony that they were only "Dreaming."

Then a widower sang "Since You Called Me Dearie," which was followed by a touching ballad, entitled "Poor Old Girl." This was done entirely without malice, and to show that her heart was in the right place. the widow came back, singing, "Keep a Little Cosy Corner in Your Heart for Me.

Whereupon a young man who had recently buried his second wife threw restraint to the winds with a song, the burden of which was that "They'll Talk About You Anyhow." All of this began to alarm Mrs. Russell, lest she should lose members at the start by their rendering themselves ineligible as widows and widowers. So she induced a staid and sad widow of two campaigns to sing "Every Heart Must Have Its Pain." And it did while she

After which they danced the "Merry Widows' waltz" with startling and effective sincerity. This so affected one or two of the more nimble widows that there was immediately some stepdancing, which led one of the widowers to say that it looked to him as though they wanted to be stepmothers and boldly announced that he has six lonely children at home.

Widows and widowers were there from all parts of the city, and from Evanston and Oak Park as well. They came at four o'clock and stayed until ten. By eight most of them had forgotten their troubles, and all but two or three were completely over all melancholy before they left.

Although it was a big success in one way, Mrs. Russell was more or less perturbed when they had all gone.

"I'm afraid that I will lose some members right away," she said. "One widower said that he had seen a widow that he liked very much. No. he did not mean me. Any one that loses his or her heart here will be put out of the club."

Mrs. Russell stated that all of the men were substantial business men, and that some of them were rich. The club will meet at her house every Sunday afternoon. She says that she is going to start branches on the North and West sides, and maybe one in New York, and perhaps in towns surrounding Chicago, and that in the end it will become a national affair.

NEW EAGLE IS MORE MODEST. DUCKS FIND NEW USE FOR ICE. "Pantalooned" Bird on St. Gaudens'

Flock of Muscovies Takes Delight in Skating on Frozen Pond.

New York.-Ezekiel Crawford of Northport, L. I., has a flock of Muscovy ducks which accidentally have invented a new game. They were in the habit of flying from the barn to a duck pond on Crawford's farm and entering the water with a rebounding

When winter arrived and the pond was coated with smooth ice the ducks flew from the barn as usual. Nearing the surface of the pond, they extended their feet and quit flying, evidently expecting to splash into the water. They did nothing of the kind. Their feet slipped out from under them and they sat down hard and slid swiftly across the ice until they bumped

against the frozen shore. "Quack, quack!" said the ducks, and hurried back to the barn to try it again. The result was the same. Again and again they are said to have tried the stunt.

Missouri Giant Is Married. Montgomery, Mo.-Frank Warner. one of the largest men in Missouri. was married here to Miss Susie Proffit. Warner is considerably over six feet tail, and while he weighs 300 pounds, is not a fat man by any means. He comes of a large family, the four members of which weigh 1,200 pounds. As the mother detracts somewhat from the average, it will be seen that Warner's father and brother

are even larger than he.

DREAMS OF FORTUNE.

Son Scoffs at Old Man's Vision, but Burled Gold Is Found.

Shelbyville, ind.—The next time Daniel Oldham has a revelation to make his son Martin probably will not deride it as a "pipe dream." The father, who is an old man, recently asked his son to go with him and dig up \$750 in gold, which he said was on, the farm of Hugh McFadden, in Sugar Creek township, but the son smiled significantly and intimated that the

story was a vagary. The son went to Franklin recently, and the old man persuaded the grandsou, Charles, to accompany him. No one was at home at the McFadden farm, and Mr. Oldham asked the grandson to get a shovel and follow him. He did as requested, and they then went to the north side of the house, under a tree in the orchard. The boy was requested to dig in a certain spot to a depth of two feet. He did so, when the shovel atruck an old kettle. It was pulled from the ground and a tin box taken from it. When the box was opened it was found to contain \$750 in gold.

Seven or eight years ago Oldham lived with his daughter, who was Mrs. Hugh McFadden. She died and he left the farm, having buried the money some time before, where it has been until found the other day.

BIG WINDFALL FOR HEIRS.

Illinois Man, Long Dead, left \$3,000 in Oregon Bank.

Portland, Ore.—Selling a farm in Ilinois while a resident of Portland and placing the proceeds of the sale in the First National bank of Portland. John Bouton died at his old home in Illinois in 1904, surrounded by his children, without telling them of his money in the Portland bank. Whether, the transaction was forgotten at the time of his death or whether he died suddenly is not known. Anyway, the money has been in the bank's vaults for over ten years without a claimant. Now the heirs of John Bouton are proving their claim to the money.

The bank advertised this dormant account recently, together with a number of others, and the children of John Bouton were notified of the unclaimed balance in their father's name. A son. Samuel Bouton, who is administrator of his father's estate, is now collecting proofs of his title to the dorman account in the First National, amounting to about \$3,000, and the money will be divided among the Bouton beirs.

WOULD SLEEP BY HIS BOOKS.

Recorder of Deeds in Oklahoma Is Fearful of Damage by Fire.

Frederick, Okla:-Recorder of Deeds James Ingram has requested the board of county commissioners to permit of his sleeping in one of the rooms provided as an office for him, in order that he may protect his books and records from loss by fire or otherwise. pending the securing of a safe or vault by the county commissioners for these records.

"I'll sleep with my books," said Ingram, "and they'll be safe from fire, safe as I would be."

Recorders in most of the new connties are making use of bank vaults for the safe keeping of their records, until provisions are made by the county commissioners. These books consist, in most part, of merely a receiving book and an open account book that have been purchased for

EPSOM SALTS AS ANAESTHETIC. Valuable Discovery Made by Physician at Rockefeller Institute.

New York.-Announcement of the discovery of a new anaesthetic, according to a local paper, will soon be made by the Rockefeller institute of medical research. .

The new anaesthetic is nothing else than plain common epsom salts, or, to give it its scientific name, suiphate of magnesia. It was discovered by Dr. Samuel J. Meltzer, one of the Rockefeller experimenters. Its greatest value is that it permits any sort of an operation without any danger to the heart of the patient.

Either local or general anaesthesia. it is said, may be produced by the injection of a 20 per cent, solution of the familiar drug into the nerve tract governing the sensations of the part, to be operated upon.

Divorce Rate is High. Towanda, Pa.-For every marriage ceremony performed in Bradford county, of which this borough is the

capital, a petition for divorce is filed A recent study of the official records shows that for the last several years the number of marriage licenses issued and the number of applications for divorce filed will not vary more

than two or three to the hundred. An unusual fact disclosed by this study of the records is that in 90 per cent, of the applications for divorce the marriages occurred across the border in New York state.

Prize Eaters of Jersey. "Burlington, N. J.—Burlington county Red Men are still talking of an eating match witnessed at a "feed" by braves from several near by towns. Arthur Wilcox of this city was pitted against a strange brave from Delanco.

Wilcox, his friends cisim, got away with 33 ham sandwiches, four dozen small pickles, two pounds of cheese, and 12 cups of coffee. His Delanco brother, whose name his friends refuse to make public, went Wilcox one better through the entire menu and was awarded the purse.

EXPEDITION PREPARING TO EX-PLORE AMAZON WILDS.

Will Brave Hostile Tribes in Jungles of Brazil-First Trip to Be Made In July to, Mountainous Region.

Boston.-To tap the fabulous riches at the source of the southern horn of the Amazon river, an exploring party fully-equipped with all the necessaries for a prionged expedition is being orsanized in this city under the auspices of George M. Boynton. Plans for the expedition are nearly

perfected; a vessel of the Gloucester fisherman type, which will be called the Discovery, to carry the party to South America and for use on the southern tributaries of the Amazon, has been secured. It is expected to begin operations at

Pernambuco next July, and through five relay expeditions in five successive years to open the region, which is known to contain great commercial re-

Mr. Boynton, the leader of the expedition, is a native of New Hampshire. and has spent ten years in the Amazon basin. Good progress in getting donetions of a financial nature is announced.

The party, which will number 35 in all, will be composed mostly of Americans. An escort of Brazilian soldiers will accompany the expedition, as the country is very wild and the Indians are hostile.

Mr. Boynton has selected Holland Burgess of this city, a nephew of the late Edward Burgess, the famous designer, for his executive officer, and John V. Conolough of New York and Howard K. Parker of this city as assistants.

The Discovery will be commanded by Capt. Frederick D. West, a Provincetown skipper, while the naturalist of the party will be George d'Browne of London, a member of the British Natural History society.

It is hoped to begin operations by July, 1908, and to explore the mountainous regions of eastern Brazil between Pernambuco and the lower falls of the Tocantins in the first four months, where the Discovery will meet the party and convey it back to America while the rainy season of November, December and January prevails

In March of 1909 the work will be taken up where it was dropped, and in that year it is expected that the explorations will be pushed through to the Tapajos river.

In 1910 work will be between the Tapajos river and San Antonio, on the Madeira river, near the Bollvian boundary. The fourth or 1911 expedition is planned to carry the party to the head of navigation on the Jurua river, where, in 1912, the last dash will be made for the Pacific coast at Point Parina.

COON WAITS FOR FUNERAL.

Pagion's Clever Device Prevents Con-Tilct of Pulpit and Sport,

Work, Pa .- There is not a better minister or a more enthusiastic sports. man in York county than Rev. Mr. Ham of Airville, whose recent display of inventive genius in preventing these two occupations from conflicting is the talk of the Lower End.

Rev. Mr. Ham, with John Woods, a well-known Chanceford township resident, was tracking rabbits in the snow, when they struck a fresh coon trail, which led them to a hollow tree. Unfortunately it led them there just at the time set for a funeral, at which the minister was to conduct the service and Mr. Wood act as pallbearer.

Unwilling to permit a bunt to delay the funeral, and unwilling to permit the coon to escape, the minister hit upon a solution. At the Winshold mill, near by, he secured a board, hammer and nails, with which he proceeded to close the hole in the tree.

When the deceased member of his congregation had been laid at rest the minister and his friend returned, cut down the tree and secured the coon.

MEET AND WED IN JIG TIME Couple Stroll Past Courthouse, He Proposes, They Marry.

Tecumseh, Neb.-Miss Hester B. Young of Lincoln, aged 19, and Oliver Sacks of St. Louis, aged 22, were married here 45 minutes after they first met each other. The young man and the girl met on the streets of Tecumseh by chance, bowed to each other, stopped, and engaged in conversa-

It was a case of love at first sight. They strolled down the street together, her arm in his, talking and laughing merrily, and soon came to the courthouse. There Sacks declared his passion and made a proposal of marriage. Miss Young consented to become his wife, whereupon he suggested that they procure a marriage license and be married immediately. She fell in with the proposal also and in a few minutes after Judge Livingston performed the ceremony uniting them.

- Taximeter an Old Story. London.-There is nothing new under the sun-not even a taximeter. They were better known to the Rome of Julius Caesar than they are yet to the world of 1907. Suctonius and Vitravius both described them as attached to the Roman cabs of thatepoch. The latter even goes into details of their mechanism. Taximetors were also known to the Chineso of the eleventh century.

ONLY HAPPY WHEN HURT,

Michigan Man Does Not Feel Natural Without Broken Cons.

Richmond, Mich.-Robert Ward, well-to-do farmer of this township. though 69 years old, is as spry as a boy, notwithstanding the fact that he has had more accidents than half a dozen structural iron workers. One of his legs has been broken at the thigh, shin and ankle. He has also suffered fractures on one arm and nearly all of his ribs. One of his feet was crushed by a loaded wagon, and he is now suffering from a broken nose from a blow from a spring of a farming implement he was repairing.

The last time Ward broke his leghis wife was horrified to find him setting it himself. He declared that he could do so better than a doctor and had his way. The leg, unlike an arm set by a physician, is not crooked. Ward says he does not feel natural unless he is nursing a broken bone

He has been a resident of the state more than 40 years and has a 260 acrefarm which is the show place of the county. There are five children, Mrs. Ira L. Lovejoy and Mrs. W. L. Row ley of Lenox, Mrs J. Wakefield of Armada and Robert and Joseph Ward, who live on the farm.

CAT MISTAKES HAT FOR RAT.

Two-Dollar Note and Bird on Headgear Also Disappear.

Washington -- Robert E. Costello. the manager of the Columbia Golf club, owns a black cat which is said to have a long mousing record and is now apparently endeavoring to establish a record as a thief.

Mr. Costello reported to the police that a black fur hat belonging to his wife had been stolen from his house. At the same time a two-dollar note had disappeared. He was unable to give any clew as to the identity of the thief, and two central office detectives, were assigned to the work of

sulving the case. Within a short time after reporting the matter Mr. Costello was quite positive that the thief was of a four-footed variety. To one side of the yard in front of the house, a favorite lounging place for the cat, the fur hat had been found. Suspicion pointed toward the household pet as the guilty one. The feline probably imagined that the hat was a rat or that a stuffed bird ornamenting it was palatable. Mr Costello has not yet located the two-dollar note, but contemplates searching about the remainder of the feline's lounging places in the hope of finding it.

TWINS WOULD MARRY HIM.

Mail Resulted in Trouble for an Italian.

Cleveland, O .- It is evident from his petition for divorce that Gennaro Marchesi of this city did not know the first name of the twin he sought, as .

When Marchest decided to take a wife, he talked it over with some recent arrivals from Italy and they told him of a beautiful girl in their home town who would jump at a chance to come to America as the promised bride of some worthy countryman Marchesi could not learn the girl's full name, but he wrote and received an aswer. After several weeks of courtship his proposal of marriage was accepted and Marchesi sent her money to come to America.

When she arrived there was two of her. It seems they were twins, and as the letters had been addressed without surnames they accepted the proposal as common property. Marchesi could not marry both; so he selected Terresina after long deliberation. The slighted one was jealous and trouble began early and lasted until Marchest filed suit for divorce.

FRIEND'S LOSS NOT ALL.

But Bonaparte Won't Tell Chief Cause of His "Poverty."

Baltimore, Md. - When asked whether it was true that he had recently backed a friend in a business venture which had turned out a failure on account of the financial stringency and had thereby lost a great deal of money, Attorney General Bonaparte

"There is some truth in that state ment, orrest least some foundation for it, but it was not the only cause, nor the chief cause, of the alarming condition of poverty in which, according to reports, I find myself."

As to the nature of the transaction which resulted in disaster, or the name of the friend who got him into trouble, Mr. Bonaparte was entirely mute, nor would be tell what was the chief cause of the personal financial stringency in which, according to reporta, he discovered himself.

Meanwhile, those who know Mr. Bonaparte and the character of his investments smile at his professions of

Illinois Shells in Demand. Bloomington, III.--F. L. Dodler, buyer of clam shells, has been making extensive purchases lately of the smaller variety of mussel shells along the Illinois river. The larger sizes are better adapted for button-making, but the smaller are not satisfactory.

Rodler conceived the idea of using the small shells for the manufacture of novelties like hat pins, cull buttons, shirt studs, and watch fobs. He purchased 60,000 pounds of shells, enough to fill a car, and shipped them to France.

The utilization of the small shells will prove an important addition to the industries along the lilinois river.

## L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS