

FINDS KEY TO INSCRIPTION.

Dr. Hempf Will Throw New Light on History of Rome.

Stanford University, Cal.—A discovery which will have important results in the world of science has been made public by Prof. George Hempf, Stanford's professor of philology.

As made clear by him, the language of these neighboring nations was alike in all important respects, save its writing, and the conclusion, he declares, is that the nation sprang from the same race.

PREPARES HUNTING OUTFIT.

President to Be Prepared for All Emergencies in Africa.

Atlanta, Ga.—President Roosevelt's outfit for his African hunt will be simple, according to Lou S. Darling of a New York firm that will furnish the various articles.

"To begin with," said Darling, who is here on a fishing trip, "there will be six guns, with which all sorts of game can be shot, and any number of rounds of cartridges, knives and other accessories."

OLD MAN HAS GOOD MEMORY.

Stock Breeder Knows All His Cattle by Their "Faces."

Fallbrook, Cal.—Henry H. Gird, aged 82, is one of the active men of the country side. He is in the saddle nearly every day looking after his cattle, and is hale and hearty.

ROMANCE OF A FAUCON

SALE OF UNCLAIMED EXPRESS UNITES LOVERS.

Norwegian Harvest Hand Comes Into Possession of Sweetheart's Letters, and Heals a Broken Heart.

St. Paul, Minn.—At a sale of unclaimed baggage held in the Union depot Herbert Leonard of Plainfield, Wis., paid \$7.50 for one lot of five bundles, in one of which he found some old letters, and having no use for them threw them away.

Berg had been a resident of America nearly five years. He came from Norway and engaged in the restaurant business at Miami, N. D. He had had luck there and took a claim near Blismark.

Now when Adolph left Norway he left behind Hilda Aase, with whom he was deeply in love. While he was in America he promised her he would send for her and they would get married and make their home here.

WOMAN RUNS SHOE FACTORY.

Mrs. Jennie Doane of Brockton Has Entire Charge of Big Plant.

Brockton, Mass.—As general manager of a shoe factory, Mrs. Jennie L. Doane has added a new occupation to the many which women have taken up. She is the first woman in the country to hold such a position, but she bears her responsibilities lightly, and says her duties are no more than any woman of quick mind and ordinary abilities could assume.

Mrs. Doane came to Brockton, the Shoe Town, 16 years ago. She needed work and managed to get employment in the Packard establishment as assistant bookkeeper. Mr. Packard found he had an exceptionally bright woman in his employ, and in a few years she was appointed head bookkeeper with entire charge of the office.

FIVE INDIAN TRIBES

COMMISSIONER SUBMITS REPORT FOR LAST FISCAL YEAR.

No Recommendations Made, Save That More Work Remains to Be Done—Osages Prospered Greatly from Royalties.

Washington.—The annual report of J. George Wright, commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes, covering the period from July 1, 1907, to June 30, 1908, has been submitted to the secretary of the interior.

In the Five Tribes, according to the report, there are 101,227 Indians, of whom 26,718 are full-bloods, 3,496 are three-fourths or more Indian blood, 6,529 are one-half to three-fourths Indian blood, 49,773 are less than one-half Indian blood and 23,381 are freedmen.

During the year, by an act of congress, the restrictions upon the alienation and taxation of all lands allotted to Indians of less than one-half blood and the surplus allotments of all others less than three-fourths were removed.

DOG CARRIES A PIPE.

Philadelphia Nature Faker Has an Original Canine.

Philadelphia.—The Washington man who is followed about the street by a tame goose has nothing on the Philadelphia whose dog constantly carries a pipe in his mouth.

"Oh, he'd carry it all day," said the man. "If he had to drop it, he'd pick it up again, and I'll bet none of you could get it away from him. Yes, he has other tricks. He'll bring me my slippers or a newspaper or book, anything I ask him for that he can carry or drag. It looks funny to see him carry the pipe, of course, but no funnier than to see a man with a pipe in his mouth if you weren't used to it."

"Just think how queer a man would look walking along Chestnut street with a biscuit in his mouth. But no queerer than a pipe or cigar when you come to think of it. No, you bet I wouldn't quit him. Here, don't lay it down for a minute. That's right. Now tell the gentlemen whether you want to be sold." The dog gave a few angry barks, then he picked up the pipe by the stem again and trotted away with his master.

THUMB PRINT PLAN

UNUSUAL METHOD ADOPTED BY WYOMING BANK.

Saves Much Trouble in Identifying Japanese, Chinese, Indian, Lithuanian and Other Depositors and is Found to Work Well.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—The old Chinese system of identification by thumb-marks has been adapted to modern banking, and the method is now in practical use in the First National bank of this city as a means of identifying the signatures of the many foreigners who carry deposits at that institution. In fact, the thumb-mark has become as necessary on checks drawn by this class of the bank's depositors as is the written signature of the drawer of the check.

There are probably more nationalities represented in and around Cheyenne than in almost any other city of the country. The great mining camps of the state have drawn every nationality of Europe to themselves, while the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads have brought hundreds of railroad laborers from Asiatic countries, Korean ditchers, Japanese section men, Chinese workmen, Mexicans, Indians, Lithuanians, Czechs, Poles, Hungarians, Bohemians, Welshmen, Irishmen, Greeks, Italians and about every other nationality can be found around Cheyenne in the course of a day's search.

An additional source of trouble to the banker is the great resemblance so many foreigners bear to others of their own nationality, a resemblance so strong that identification in many cases is almost impossible. To the average American every Japanese resembles every other Japanese, while Chinese are as much alike as peas. One day Assistant Cashier A. D. Johnston thought himself of the thumbprint method and immediately put the scheme in operation in the bank.

As a result each foreign patron when he deposits money is required to place his thumb on an inked pad and then make an impression on a card which, with his ordinary signature and his name as written by the bank cashier, is deposited in the records of the bank. Whenever a check is presented drawn by this patron his thumb signature must appear on the check and must correspond with that on the card in the record. If it does not so correspond the check is thrown out as a forgery.

The assistant cashier has become so proficient in reading thumb signatures that he can recognize the prints of a great many of the bank patrons with out reference to the records.

INDIANA PIG HUNTS RABBITS.

Goes into Burrows Like a Ferret and Brings Out Game.

Peru, Ind.—Benjamin Mulligan of Macy had a surprise for a party of rabbit hunters the other day in the way of a rabbit-hunting pig. He carried a sack with him and told his companions that the bag contained a ferret.

When the party had tracked a rabbit to its hole in the ground and Mr. Mulligan drew the pig from the sack his companions were much surprised and hooted the idea that the pig would go into the hole and chase out the rabbit. But his pigship did that, very thing, and the hunters were so surprised that not one of them managed to kill the rabbit and all five of them shot at it.

The pig is two years old and is known as a dwarf hog. Mr. Mulligan bought the hog a few months ago while visiting in Iowa. Since returning home Mr. Mulligan has taught the little animal many tricks, rabbit hunting being one of them.

Mute Wooser Reads Lip Language. Harrisburg, Pa.—Everett O. Marquart, a mute of this city, and Lillian J. Buchter of Litzf, also a mute, took a marriage license, but Marquart was the only one of the contracting parties present.

He wrote out his answer to every question and it ran nicely down the list until the clerk asked: "Are both parties white?" That is, he asked it on paper. Marquart nodded his head emphatically, and a broad smile spread across his features.

A bystander wanted to know if both parties were mutes, whereupon Marquart audibly answered, "Yes," having had oral training and reading the stranger's questions by the movement of his lips, without hearing a sound.

PRISON LIFE TO BE JOY.

Warden of Iowa Penitentiary Has New Ideas for Running Place.

Des Moines, Ia.—Urging that inmates of the state penitentiary have tailor-made suits, laundered shirts and polished shoes, instead of the present prison garb, Warden J. C. Sanders of the Fort Madison penitentiary created a sensation before the state board of control at the regular meeting here.

He condemned many of the state laws, flayed judges and prosecutors, and pointed out that it is the legislator's duty to abolish capital punishment on circumstantial evidence. The following are a few of Warden Sanders' expressions:

"I believe it is a mistake to send a man to the penitentiary for life on circumstantial evidence.

"The right of society to defend itself is without question, yet with certain limitations. Might is not always right, and the majority is not always just and fair. We are human. The juror or judge who acts on the theory that honesty is the best policy is the fellow you want to look out for, after all, because he acts from policy, and not from a sense of right. If a man steals a ride on a railroad he is called a hobo. If he steals the whole railroad, his name is emblazoned in history as a financier."

INDIANIA PIG HUNTS RABBITS.

Hollowed Log of Revolutionary Times Brought to Light in Maine.

Rockland, Me.—While digging a trench near Gleason street, in Thomaston, Roland J. Hahn unearthed an interesting relic of the days when Gen. Henry Knox, first secretary of war, occupied his mansion, Montpelier, in that town.

The relic was in the form of a pine log, through the center of which extended a hole about 1 1/2 inches in diameter. It was part of the aqueduct which was built by Gen. Knox in 1795 for the purpose of conveying water to his mansion from a spring some 2,000 feet distant. The spring has its existence in a field now owned by Charles Redman.

There were two aqueducts, the second supplying the farmhouse, which is the present station of the Maine Central railroad. The logs comprising the aqueducts were in sections about ten feet long and measured about seven inches in diameter. They were laid at a depth of three feet and were carefully joined that they were practically water tight. The section found by Mr. Hahn was almost as sound as the day when it was put in the ground.

FLAW FOUND IN \$50,000 LENS.

New Objective for Mount Wilson Will Have to Be Replaced.

Pasadena, Cal.—An unpleasant surprise greeted the authorities of the Mount Wilson solar observatory when the 100-inch glass, the largest ever cast, was unwrapped from its packing. After the first glancing began a large flaw was found, so that the casting will have to be thrown away and a new one made.

The casting of the glass disk was made in Goblein, France, and the cost was \$50,000. Prof. George E. Hale said arrangements for making another would be telegraphed at once to France. He believes that in time a perfect lens may be turned out even of so great size.

HAD HIS COFFIN TWENTY YEARS.

North Kingston, R. I.—Paul S. Hendricks, 90 years old, an eccentric recluse who lived a few miles out of the village, died and was placed in the white pine coffin which 20 years ago he had built for himself and has since kept locked up in a room next that in which he lived.

No undertaker will attend his funeral, in accordance with his wishes, and the service will be private.

Mr. Hendricks was born in this town, and had been a thrifty farmer throughout his life, acquiring a competency. His wife died many years ago and he at once made plans for his own death and burial, personally supervising the construction of his coffin.

THREE NAMES IN THREE HOURS.

Savannah, Ga.—At one minute to 12 o'clock Mrs. Roxie Spalding, ten minutes later Miss Roxie Phillips and at five minutes past two Mrs. Roxie Martin was the record of a Savannah woman who as the clock was striking the noon hour was granted a divorce from S. F. Spalding and allowed to resume her maiden name.

When the decree was announced she left the courthouse with John B. Martin, whose housekeeper she had been and together they called on the city clerk for a marriage license. They then went to the office of Justice Vangesson and had the justice been in they would have made even a faster record getting married than they did.

They had to wait on him and lost two hours. By two o'clock Miss Phillips was married again and had become Mrs. Martin.