Mariem Poston Says Thorn is More Money in Perators Than Sermona -Takes to Farm.

New York "Potatoes pay so much better than theology, according to the v. w of Rev. Dr. William Justin Harsha formerly well known as pastor of the Second Reformed church in Har lem that he has stopped preaching and taken to farming

He was a forceful and brilliant preacher and his resignation from his propit here was a sensation eleven YEARS ago. He left the city and sent / he resignation from southern Texas. Her Dr. Harsha had many financial tribulations, which came upon him to the amount of \$40,000, owing to his migning the notes of a western publishing house which falled. His creditors. pursued him to this city and sought to attach his salary.

According to an article from his pen. which appears in the current number of the magazine, Success, Rev. Dr. Harsha gathered together about \$1,200. with which he and his wife, his son and his two young daughters went out in search of pastures new. He was so Impressed with the idea that the ministry offered no future that he dropped it like a hot porato.

The clergman obtained a quarter es tion in Colorado, for which he paid 3" down He bought two mares and a cow and 200 pounds of seed potatoes, and now he is doing very well, indeed, he writes. He is harvesting 15,000 hounds of potatoes to an acre, for which he has been getting half a cent a pound. One hundred hens, laying each an egg a day, meet his grocery bill with regularity and sometimes lay aside a surplus for a rainy day. Also he is raising pigs and enjoying the sport of broncho busting and be has some fine horses.

ills barley crop, Rev. Mr. Harsha avers, is excellent, and he raises other grains.

"From year to year," he writes, "we have cleared more land, being careful to remember J. J. Hill's advice, 'Not large farms, but a larger use of the hee. We have a small orchard of 50 trees, but we believe in the perseverance of the saints."

All the crops of which the minister is so proud are the result of irrigation. . Having put his hand to the plow, he asserts that he would not turn back for any consideration.

#### PARROT JEERS AT PURSUERS

- take Capture and Takes Refuge In Automobile. --

New York -- "Catch that bird!" shrisked a woman, wheeling into Seventh avenue from One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street the other night. In front of her flew a small green pargree watching her warily out of the corener of its eye. It perched in one of the trees in the middle of the avenue. "I'll reward whoever catches that parrot, said the woman. Several boys marted up the tree.

"Stung!" observed the parrot when they got too near for comfort. Then it flew away, landed on the rear seat of an automobile and chuckled. The , chauffeur of the car tried to selze the

"Stung!" remarked the parrot, and Saving off it flew again. This time it perched

on the roof of the Albambra theater. "Red," assistant property man of the theater, pulled off his coat, got on the roof and stealthily approached the bird. When be was about to make a grab for it the parrot spled him.

"Stung!" chuckled the bird. Then It flew away over the Winthrop hotel at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Seventh avenue and vanished. Its owner could not be found.

# "GHOST" IS ONLY BLACK CAT

Society Fermed to Investigate Visits , Place and Puesy Gives Them Blg Fright.

New York .-- A party of men of Asbury Park, N. J., and Lakewood, N. J., who believe in spirits and ghosts, have Fermed a society among themselves for the purpose of proving that ghosts and apirits of those departed return to visit we mortals on earth.

The other night a few members of The society, consisting of John Hanaford, John Ryno, Harold Woolly, Will Ham Mason, Amos Allen and Frank Cook, visited a suburb of Asbury Park. where there was a haunted and deperted house, reported to contain

They arrived at the house about 9 30 e clock and waited there for the hour

of midnight. About 11:45 o'clock, according to Ryno, there was an awful noise in the house, and Mason, who is a detective In Lakewood, rushed forward with drawn revolver and encountered a wery large black cat. Mason mistook the cat for a ghost and demanded the mat to throw up its hands; but instead It landed on Mason's shoulder, and at the last report Mason was making for Lakewood at thirty miles an hour.

Eggs From Biberia. Philadelphia -- Forty-four thousand pounds of Siberian eggs, imported from Russia via Liverpool, were placed in bond the other day, baving arrived here on the American liner Haverford The eggs were opened in Piberia and placed in caus and hermetically sealed. They were sent from Northeast Siberts da winter time, and, on arriving at Liverpoot, were placed in cold storage, and from there taken to the refrigerating demartment in the bold of the Haverford, arriving here in good condition.

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# PLOW BETTER THAN PULTIT IS LAZIEST OF MEN

Lies in Bed for Days at a Time, His Wife Declares.

Makes No Protest When Spouse So Described Him in Tottenham Police Court Recently-Cannot Find Work and is Healthy.

London -Though Archibald Depau of Tottenham has never claimed on his own behalf to be 'the lariest man in the world, he made no protest when his wife so described him at Tottenham police court recently

The court was much amused by the recital of his misdeeds, or lack of deeds, and the magistrate advised Mrs. Depau to leave him and then summon him for maintenance.

"How can I leave him with the children?" asked Mrs. Depau. "For two years he hasn't worked and won't: try to get work. Through the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children he was sent to prison for six months last summer for neglecting them and me.

While he was away I was allowed five shillings a week for the three youngest children, and with the help of my son Robert, who is twenty, and a liftman in the city, we got along all right. But five weeks ago Archibaid came out again—they knocked off a month and gave him a few shillings wages when he left Pentonville, so he must have worked there.

"Since then he hasn't done a stroke, even in the house, and the five shillings a week has stopped. I can't feed him, and we are worse off than ever. He used to lie in bed for weeks, and once when I lifted him up, bed and all, and put him out of the house. he crawled in again through the window. He doesn't lie abed so much now, but he has only been out one afternoon these five weeks.

"We used to respect him once. He was brought up as a waiter, and his father kept a hotel. He hasn't any trade except waiting and bartending,

but he could get something." Archibald himself, the world's laziest, wearily sauntered into the room and gazed at the visitor with lack-luster eyes. "I don't sleep when I'm in bed," he said gently, very

gently. "I shall be fifty this month," he said in reply to a question. "I can't get work. I've no pain. It's not a disease." He was too thred to smile or

cough. But he is not ill looking at all. His iron-gray beard and whiskers are becoming He is not bald, and his fee-

"Things can't go on like this," said his son Robert. "They won't have him in the union because he's same and

braithy. "My eldest brother Archibald, was killed in the South African war. The next one, Joseph, has gone back to Australia, where father lived for 17 years, and where I was born, because he couldn't stand father's lasiness.

"People tall us to turn father out, but what would people say if we did and any harm came to him. He's as well able to work as I am. Why should I support him? It's as bad for bim to sit about in the kitchen as to lie abed. He's never unkind and doesn't hit anybody. If he was like that it would be different. He's just IREY."

Archibald, before dosing off again, said that he was too old and nobody wanted him. He wanted new torth and some hair dye and better clothes. "I'm happier in bed than anywhere," he concluded, as his chin fell on his

# CHILDREN IN AERIAL LEAGUES

English Boys and Girls Organize to Ald In New Science of Aero-

mautics.

London.-Although the actence of aeronautics bas only just found a footing in England, schemes for helping it along are apilinging up on every side, and the latest of these has developed in the shape of the Boys' and Girls' Aerial league, in the organization of which Miss Gertrude Bacon is actively interesting herself. Miss Bacon is berneif an aeronaut of considerable experience, though that, up to the present, has been confined to ballooning. The object of the lastitution is to educate and interest children in all matters of aviation, to encourage them by means of competitions in modern flying nyaching construction, and in essay writing on aeronautical subjects. and to stir up public interest by organizing a lecture campaign through the

Pasters in Gum Test. Canton, O .- To flud who could chew his gum the longest and stretch it the the most, ministers, descons and elders entered into an original contest at the picuic of the German and

United Evangelical courches. Disappointment was caused by the quality of the gum, which refused to be stretched more than a foot or

The prize was awarded to John Buters, an elder. Rev William Davis of the Trinity United Evangelical church, was besten by a more fraction of an inch.

· Beiglan King Had Lenden Estate. London - Fatate in this mustry worth \$27,140 was left by the late king of the Belgians, whose will has been proved in London.

### CETALW YICAE REGIS CETA

Radents Overrun Town of Greenwich. Conn .- Get Intoxicated on Deacon's Liquor.

Greenwich, Conn - Wanted - In Greenwich, Conn., one pled piper sim-Har to the one who formerly operated in Hamelin, province of Hanover, Prussia, and whose effective business methods have been described by the late R. Browning "

This idvertisement or one something like it may soon be published by the Greenwich board of selectmen if the rats here continue to increase in numbers and boldness as they have been doing in the last two weeks. Drives by thirst occasioned by the long dry apell, they seek liquids wherever they can find them. They are overrunning everything and the worst part of it is

the cats seem to be all on a strike. Druggists have sold more rat poison in the last two we'kes than in a year previously. Merchants, particularly fruit dealers, are greatly worried by

the rats. More surprising than anything else is the story of the depredations committed in the house of a certain aged deacon and temperance worker here, whose name is withheld by request. The other night when he went to bed he left a quart bottle of cold tea, with which he refreshed himself this hot weather, on the top of a cupboard. When he arose early the next morning he found the bottle broken on the floor and rat tracks all around it. He believes the rats, with almost human magacity, pushed the bottle, which was of the small bottomed, broad-shouldered variety, off the shelf and drank the contents.

When the cook arose to build the fire she found four rate lying intoxicated on the floor of the kitchen, which adjoins the room containing the cupboard. The deacon says he thinks the rats crawled half a mile from the cellar of a local barroom.

### GOAT KNOCKS OUT POLICEMAN

Animal Deprives Human Foe of Everything But His Breath-Butted ... Into Ditch.

New York -- Police Lieut John W. Earley of the New Dorp (S. I.) station, on his way home early the other morning met a foe who was too much for him, and the police reserves rescued him from a ditch into which ex Alderman John Gillen's goat knocked him.

The highways of that part of Staten Island differ from the fields in that on the roads the grass grows only three or four feet tail. Earley at 1 a. m. strode along bravely until a white object leaped into the air and them landed solidly between the lieutenant's beit and his gold badge. The impact deprived the policeman of everything but his breath, and that he expended in a yell for help that was distinctly heard in the New Dorp station and in Gillen's hotel.

The ex-alderman and the men from the station found Earley almost unconscious in the ditch that runs along the road. The goat was munching thistles. Earley managed to tell the story of his adventures and was taken home. The ex-alderman apologized and was allowed to take his gost home.

# TWINS FIRST MEET WHEN 39

Brothers Were Parted Almost at Birth . and Come Together After Many Years.

Greensburg, Pa.-Separated a few days after birth, 39 years ago, neither having seen the other, Amos and Cyrus Lape, twins, met here for the first

Amos is employed near Export, and a few days ago a stranger approached him with the greeting, "Hello, Cy, what are you doing here?" Amos, with quiet diguity, informed the stranger his name was not "Cy." The stranger apologized, saying he thought Amos was Cyrus Labe.

Questioning developed that Cyrus lived at Dunbar, Fayette county. The meeting followed, and the twia brothere have gone to Amos' house at

Amos and Cyrus Lape were born at Blackiick, Indiana county. A few days after their birth their mother died. The boys were placed with two families, living some distance from each other, and neither boy ever knew of the whereabouts of the other.

Chinese Corn Experiments. Manhattan, Kan.-Experiments in the production of a variety of corn that will resist drought are being conducted by the botanical department of the state agricultural college bere.

About a dozen kinds of corn from the dry western counties of the state have been secured. Crosses are to be made between this variety and a Chinese corn obtained from the United States department of agricul-

This oriental corn is said to have unusual drought realsting qualities.

Whale's Jawbones Heavy. New York -The jawbones of the largest whale ever caught by Japanese whalers have just arrived here, consigned to the Museum of Natural His-

The bones weigh 55 tons-110,000 pounds. They are 40 feet long and were transported from the steamship pler on a large truck drawn by 1\$

The whale was caught off Mojt. Jaran, and was more than 200 feet over all. The tail was 30 feet long.

# BANISHES ALL PETS

Dogs and Cats Should Be Ehminated From Air Cities.

Health Commissioner Evans of Chicago Says Anima's Spread Contagion and Are Pesconsible for Great Many Deaths.

Chicago - Heach Commissioner Flyans put a ban on cats, dogs and

other pets He declared that they were a means of spreading  $\epsilon$ ontagion, and  $\epsilon$ indoubte edly were responsible for many deaths in a year.

"There is no question in my mind." he said, "but that dogs and rats, especially the latter, should not be permitted in cities.

"Without doubt they carry contagion and are responsible for many deaths annually-just how many no man can surmise.

"We quarantine a boush wherethere is scarlet fever for instance. It has been established that contagicais spread principally through contact. We say: No one inside the house shall come out, no one outside shall come in. But there is a family cat. It is constantly in contact with infected things, if not actually stroked by the sufferer.

"The cat runs in and out, through doors and windows. It roams about the neighborhood. It is stroked and petted by the neighbors' children. Much contagion certainly is carried in this manner. Parents should guard against a cat from-mi cred premises as carefully as against children from the same premises.

"But the cat is not nearly as easily guarded against. "The dog to a minor degree anreads contagion, in a minor degree because

a dog as a rule sticks closer to his master's house "Dogs, though, are a general nuisance, and they spread the deadly rables. Not all cases are of local origin, many persons being brought

to Chicago for treatment. "It is in the spread of contagion, though, that cats and dogs offer the greatest menace. Of what avail is it to quarantine a house when cars are going in and out and mingling with

the neighbor's children? "When we drew up our bakery ordinance we had occasion to investigate the matter of cats in bakeries. Chief Sanitary Inspector Ball collected considerable data. The presence of the cat was defended on the score that it kept down the rate and mice. Mr. Ball in his investigation found that in fact cars did little in keeping down rats and nice, and that the harm they did far more than of set the little good they were supposed to do. It was demonstrated that they were a nuisance and a

menace in baker!es. "There is much on this subject which comes under the head of reasonable surmise-and the indictment is severe against family pets. When it comes to incontrovertible facts, though, the case is not so clear, but there is no question that family pets are a menade in large cities.

"I might add that it is significant that in certain sections of Chicago, where there is a dog practically in every house, we have had much trouble through epidemics of contagious diseases-diphtheria in one particular ward which I have in mind."

# PUT BAN ON ADONIS SHAPES

Coney Island Officials Are Tired of Men Strutting Around in One-Piece Suits.

New York .-- Capt. Galvin, at Coney Island, has ordered that men who pose in tightly fitting bathing suits on the beaches must go. Hereafter modesty will be the watchword from Seagate to Manhatran Peach.

"We have been receiving so many complaints lately," said Cara Galvin, "that I have instructed the men to arrest every man who wears one of those tight fitting suits or a on-piece suit. I'm tired of those Adonises who put on their suits and pose. I've looked them over myself and some of the suits I've seen are indecent.

"It might not be so bad if these fellows would go in the water, but most of them are so vain that they just strut around, puffing out their chests, trying to make a bit with the girls. I don't mind a woman posing on the beach-it adds to the landscape-but it's most too much when a man starts that sort of game."

Guns Destroy Air Craft. Reugenealde, Prussia.--Men behind field guns demonstrated their ability to destroy swiftly moving balloons the other day. Several batteries of field artillery were trained against aerial

craft towed by a cruisor. The results from the standpoint of the marksmen were brilliant. In every instance the shells reached the balloons, tearing them to pieces, and frequently the gas bags exploded and were burned in midair.

Major Gross, the aeronautical representative of Krupps, directed the prac-

Goes Haymaking at 106. London.-Mrs. Rebecca Clark of Wood Green, who recently celebrated her one hundred and sixth hirthday. went baymaking the other day in a field at Green Lanes. She was prowided with a new fork, and turned, over the hay with surprising vigor.

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# PAY OF FRENCH PRESIDENTS

Receives 3240,000 Yearly, Half as Salany, Haif as Expenses, No Extras for Hospitality.

London - - The voting of the Engfish king's civil list has led Mrs. Crawford, the Parts correspondent of Truth, to tell how French presidents fare in the matter of expenses. A French president receives \$240,000 as year, baif as salary and balf as ex panses, no extra allowance for hospipitality being made except on exceptional occasions. He has no pension.

He profits by few minor perquisites outside his salary, such as vegetables. from what were formerly the royal gardens at Versailles, fruits from Fontainebleau, game from those state foirests where he has shooting, and hay for his horses from the presidential sear at Rambouillet. The state pays for his men servants in the stables only, but allows for the coachman, though not for a chauffeur or secretaries. His military and paval statis are maintained by the war and marine ministries.

Felix Faure, when president, obtained from the parliament money for building and keeping up a palace train Railway companies, when the president goes into the provinces officially, are glad to give it-end any extra cars he may want -the freedom of their lines for the sake of the excorsion business this brings. This enables the president to reserve the \$40,000 allowed for traveling expenses for tips to rallway servants, servants at prefectures, and for char-

The French president n per gives less than \$100 to the railway em risyes, . His contributions to charify finds at the hospitals he visits and don'tions to mayors for the poor are heavy. He also is expected to subscribe to relief funds for victims of fices, floods and other disasters. Yet a French president always contrives to save money.

#### REVIVE BERING TUNNEL PLAN

Paris Corporation Formed to Connect Asia and America by Rail-Soheme Feasible.

Paris.—The project of tunnelling Bering strait and connecting Asia and America by rail is attracting renewed attention on this side of the water. Several Frenchmen with important governmental relations are reported to be committed to the plan, among the more conspicuous being Francois Deloncie, formerly in the diplomatic service and now deputy representative of the colony Cochin China

A corporation formed for the construction of the tunnel plans to utilize two small islands in Bering strait as ventilation towers, so to speak, thus dividing the tunnel into three sections. averaging in length about ten miles

J Delobel, one of the capitalists interested in the project, visited London recently with the object of enlisting in it some prominent American rallway men who then were there One of them, a refired railway president of vast experience who now is in France, had been asked some years ago to become a director in a Bering strait tunnel company.

An American who has just arrived in Paris from London says the invitation to this railway magnate was repeated last week, but ft is not at all probable that he will accept. He has for the present positively forbidden the use of his name in connection with the project. At the time his friends say he is far from regarding it as chimerical, but on the contrary would probably enter into it personally if he were younger. Careful inquiries are being made in Paris regarding the character and responsibility of the Frenchmen who are promoting the scheme and it is said these inquiries are in the interest of American capitalists.

# OMAHA HAS A FROG FAMINE

Dry. Weather Causes Dearth In Marketable Dentzens of Miliponds. Creeks and Swamps.

Omaha, Neb .- There is a bull market here on frogs, due to the unusual dryness of the season. Places where heretofore frogs have hatched by the millions and grown to full size this season are frogless. The swamps and low lands have become as dry as a turnpike and in them not a frog is to

be found. Ordinarily at this season of the year frogs large enough to serve in the hotels and restaurants may be bought of the frog catchers and fishermen at 40 to 50 cents per dozen, but this year they have jumped to 80 cents per dozen, and even at those prices are hard

"Blondy" Clark, who for the last fifteen years has run a froggery on the shores of Florence lake, and annually has sold from 800 to 500 dozen of frogs, finds himself now without a frog except the old stock carried over for breeding purposes.

Electric Fan for Cow. Columbia. Mo.—An electric fan has

been put up in the stall of Missouri Chief Josephine, the Holstein dairy cow owned by the agricultural college of the University of Missouri, which is heing sent after the world's record for milk and butter production. Josephine made a new mark for the first 120 days of her test and is now giving an average of fifty quarts of milk per day on about sixty-five cents' worth of foud.

# SEARCHING FOR SON 1

Boy Vanished From Seattle, Wash., About Year Ago.

Admiral John A. Rodgers Going tol Alaska in Effort to Locate Lat-Letter From Far North Tells of Mysterious Young Man.

Seattle, Wash, Rear Admiral John A Redgerk, in command of the navy rard, Puge Sound, will soon go to Alaska in a sarch of his lost son, Alexa inder Rodgers, who was last heard of a year ago when he was planning to go fown the Tanana river on a raft. Admiral Rodgers is impelled to make the 'rip north himself by a letter from Bethel, Alaska, which has just come to and. It is written by Bob Hunter to i friend in Bremerton, whose name the idmiral does not wish to reveal. According to the letter Hunter was building a power tost at Bethel last mouth or a trip to the Iditared A young man applied to him with the proposidon that he should earn a trip up the river by helping build the boat. Hunter goes on to say that the young fellow worked hard, but adds that privations which he suffered had apparently af-

'ected his mind. For days he would not say a word, and would then talk disconnectedly of, a father in the south who had 2,000men working for him. All of his name hat Hunter had discovered was Alexander. Hunter goes on to say that be is taking the stranger along with him to the new diggings because he is such a good worker and is going to give him. the Bremerton man's kit, which Hunter was keeping in Bethet Hunter closes with an urgent request to hist Bremerton friend to join him in the north, because he is not sure that "Alexander" will prove a good working:

partner. That Admiral Redgers believes Bob! Hunter's companion is his son is: shown by his visit to the schooner P J Abler, which will roon sail for the Kuskokwim. Admiral Rodgers handed to Capt E B Hoffman, skipper of the, Abler, 50 letters addressed to Bob Hunter, which are to be distributed, throughout Kuckokwim district, in the hopes that one of them may come hites

the hands of the right party They describe Alexander Rodgers ass twenty-two years old, 5 feet 81/2 inches; high, weight 150 pounds, blue eyes, blonds hair, fair complexion, near sighted, wearing glasses when he left, home. The letters, which are signed by the admiral, request Mr Hunter to wire any information from the nearests office. Admiral Rodgers was accompanied on his visit to the Abler by Liout. John Rodgers, an older brother of their missing man, who has recently returned from a fruitiess search in Alaska. A long consultation was held inthe cable of the P. J. Abler between the two naval officers and A. J. Born, owner of the Abler, and Captain Hoff-

man as to the methods of the search When the Abler stopped at Bethel on June 17 there was no such person as Bob Hunter there. Bethel is a little Indian village and all the whitepeople know one another by name The letter was dated June 27, and Huster states that he is handing in to maptain Johnson Johnson is known as the skipper of a small stoop which runs

Detween Nonce and Dathal The Bremerton man received the letter in Cordova and brought it down from Alaska. Mr. Born cannor account. for the shortness of time, between Bethel and Cordova. The only explanation is some mistake in the date line of Hunter's letter.

# WAIST MEASURE IS 15 INCHES

Woman at Everett, Mass., Puts Mile. Polaire, Noted Parisian Danseuse 'in Shade.

Boston.-Mile, Polaire, the Parisian danseuse, who beasts the smallest. waist of any woman in the world," must suffer in comparison to Mrs. Kittie Nyman of 20 Devens street, Everett, whose normal waist barely reaches. 15 inches, as compared to Mile. Polaire's 15%. Mrs. Nyman is a little more than 544

feet tail, weighs about 125 pounds; with bust and hips measuring 38 and 28 inches, respectively. She says her waist is not the result of lacing, and that she never wore a corset until she was nineteen.

Mile. Polaire is anything but beautiful. She is described as having uncouth features, protruding lips, large feet. Mrs. Nyman possesses good looks to no mean degree and in spite of thirty-three years could easily pass for a girl half that age.

Old Man Rides Far. Greeley, Col.-Roos Magnus, 86 years old, rode into town the other day from West Virginia, having cov-

ered the distance on horseback. He came west to locate a farm on government land. In the United States land office he displayed \$5,000 in bills which he had carried in his

bootles. "I feel like a boy," he said at the end of his three months' ride.

Twins Come Three Times. Winsted, Conn.—For the third time Mrs. Elof Peterson has presented bur husband with twins. They are boys this time, weighing six and one-half pounds and seven and one-balf pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are 39 years old and have had 11 children during their 16 years of married life. Seven of them, six boys and one girl, are