

Miss Zepherine Carter, of Athol, Me., has been a railroad telegrapher for the past fifty years.

The first woman superintendent of education in the south is Mrs. William Lawson, of Little Rock, Ark.

HARD WORK TO STOP IT

North Carolina Mountaineer's Struggle With Ramrod Must Have Been Something Fierce.

Representative Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, of North Carolina, relates this story in the New York Herald: "My district has mountain counties and mountain men and women. The smartest people I know live in the caves of the North Carolina mountains about Asheville. They laugh in their sleeves at folks who describe them as 'greenhorns'."

"We had a one-armed fisherman in a valley in the Blue Ridge. He was not only good with a hook and line but could outswear anybody in his community. A Presbyterian preacher found him and became a fishing companion. Soon he tamed him and got him to give up cursing. But he was up to other tricks. One fall when the preacher joined him for a fishing frolic the mountaineer told him he came near losing his other hand."

"How was that?" asked the preacher.

"Why, I was trying to get a cartridge out of my old gun and it went off."

"The ramrod became fastened in the barrel, and I had hold of it trying to shake it loose when the load was discharged. Of course I had a good grip on the rod, but it lifted me on my tiptoes three times before I could stop it."

FEW REALLY LOVE PESSIMIST

Truth in Statement That Man With Morning Smile is Worth His Entire Tribe.

There were optimists in King Tut-Ankh-Amen's time who met the far-off mornings with a smile.

And from all accounts of a statue they found in the king's tomb, the artist caught the inspiration of the smile and preserved it for the long after-centuries.

In one sense, it was the same world then that it is today. They had their joys and sorrows, and smiles and tears contended for the mastery.

There were pessimists then, as now, who saw no good and gracious things in life; who mocked the smiling ones and went frowning to their tombs; who, not having heard of the Cope method, probably answered a cheery morning salutation with "Day by day, in every way, we're getting worse and worse," and who, when golden Opportunity knocked at their sad doors, opened them not, for fear Trouble might walk in and take the best chair at their gloomy firesides.

They never tried to smile away their troubles!

Varying types of them are with us today, but one optimist, with a morning smile, is worth them all!—Atlanta Constitution.

Treasure Sunk in Ocean.

Sunken treasure worth millions lies at the bottom of the Navarino bay, on the west coast of Greece. This glittering prospect, long the object of many fortune seekers, has finally found its way into British courts. Many companies have been formed to recover the gold from the land-locked bay of Navarino. None has succeeded. One concern, with \$250,000 capital, was formed in 1913, but the war stopped it. The concession expired in 1920, then was taken over by two London engineers, who now come forward in a suit under an agreement to find money for digging the treasure. The agreement fell through, and one of the litigants has to be content with treasure to the extent of \$250 awarded by the court. The treasure has been resisting all comers for nearly one hundred years. It went down in the ships of the Turkish Egyptian fleet, sunk by allied fleets in 1827. Sixty-two ships in all were sunk in this battle. Gold and jewels to the value of 120,000,000 gold francs sunk, while five other ships went down with \$5,000,000 of plate and specie.

America's Shortage in Oil Supplies.

Although the United States produces about 70 per cent of the world's oil, it already consumes 25 per cent more than it produces. Moreover, American oil fields are becoming exhausted. Our reserves are estimated to be only 9,150,000,000 barrels, which, at our present rate of consumption, will be exhausted in 20 years. We are using up our reserves 16 times as rapidly as foreign countries. In contrast with our own situation, the world's oil reserves are calculated to last 250 years. Obviously, the attempt on the part of other nations to gain control of these resources threatens our interests.—Prof. R. L. Buell, in Current History Magazine.

How About This?

Peter Brown, the famous New York raconteur, was talking about the newspaper discussion. "Why does a girl close her eyes when a man kisses her?"

"This discussion," said Mr. Brown, "brought out some ingenious solutions, but the real solution was given by no one. It is this:

"A girl closes her eyes when a man kisses her because she has just told him he's the first and in consequence she's ashamed to look him in the face."

Odd Experience.

I was getting a rather late start for work one morning, and as I heard my train coming made a grab for my book and ran for the train. After seating myself comfortably I opened my book to read, but imagine my surprise on finding I had taken my mother's Swedish Bible instead of my interesting novel.—Chicago Journal.

ENABLES BLIND TO READ MUSIC

Blind Printer Invents System by Which Sightless Musicians Can Read Notes Easily.

Jacksonville, Ill.—Five years ago L. W. Rodenberg, blind printer of the state school for the blind, began experiments to perfect a system of musical scores for the blind. In 1923 his device has been accepted by all the leading institutions for the blind in the United States, and the school at Jacksonville now publishes more music than any other institution in America.

Formerly when a blind musician would run his fingers over the embossed dots of his score, he could read only notes designed for the left hand without the slightest knowledge of what the composition as a whole would sound like. Then he had to go back to find out what the right hand's part was like, since each score was printed separately.

Alternate Two Clefs.

The English devised a different system by which they placed the treble and bass alternately. That is, there would be a few lines for the left hand and then a few for the right hand, but even this innovation did not please the blind musicians who wanted to study the full score of the composition as they proceeded.

Mr. Rodenberg devised eighteen different systems while he conducted his experiments and submitted them to teachers of the blind throughout the country, asking them to select the one which seemed most practicable.

The system chosen has been received with acclamation by the blind musicians everywhere, and the presses at Jacksonville are kept busy meeting the demand for music written according to the new system.

Uses "Bar Over Bar" Method.

It sounds simple enough, according to Mr. Rodenberg. He calls it the "bar over bar" method. Instead of printing the whole composition for the left hand and then following the music for the right, after the manner of a puzzle in which the two parts must be pieced together, Mr. Rodenberg follows the conventional method of printing music.

On the top line of the page is printed the score for left hand. Just underneath he places the right hand score. Thus a blind musician can read with both hands at once and get a perfect idea of what the composition as a whole will sound like.

Buddhists Plan Drive for Hawaii Converts

Honolulu.—An active drive for converts to Buddhism among the English-speaking peoples of the Hawaiian territory is forecast as the result of action taken by Buddhist leaders in deciding to organize a Buddhist evangelical association in Hawaii with headquarters here.

The principal aim will be to spread the teaching of the sect in English, and present plans call for the training of English-speaking priests of Buddha, the publication of canonical books in English and the circulation of other publications in English regarding Buddhism.

Two men, graduates of a local high school or a Buddhist university in Japan, will be invited to study for five years in a mainland university, on the understanding that they are to preach Buddhism in Hawaii on the conclusion of their studies.

The society is an outgrowth of the efforts of Archbishop M. T. Kirby of the Hongwanji mission here, an Englishman converted to Buddhism in Japan, who has been in charge of churches here for some time.

Glucokin in Called Cheap Substitute for Insulin

New York.—Glucokin, a vegetable extract that may be obtained from onions, lettuce heads and bean stalks, and said to possess virtually all the properties of insulin, was hailed as an inexpensive substitute for that drug in the treatment of diabetes cases by the American Chemical society.

Discovery of the extract was credited to Dr. J. J. Willaman, associate professor of biochemistry in the University of Minnesota.

Professor Willaman explained the name of the new extract as derived from glycogen, or animal starch. It is injected into persons suffering from the illness, and because of its slowness in developing effects and length of maintenance, is in some respects even superior to insulin, he said. Glycogen is abundant in clams and oysters, yeast and mushrooms, but experimentation demonstrated the cheapest and best way to get it in glucokin form was through vegetables.

Husband Hides Under Bed to Kill Boarder

After hiding for seven hours under a bed in his home, John E. McGuire of St. Louis, Mo., shot and killed Henry Stamme, a boarder.

McGuire, in jail, accuses his wife of misconduct with the boarder just before the shooting. She admitted that his charge was true, police said.

BANDITS KILL TRAINMEN.

Three Are Shot To Death—Another Dies in Explosion.

Redding, Oct. 12.—Train No. 13, Southern Pacific crack San Francisco Express and mail was held up by two robbers just as it emerged from tunnel No. 13 in the Siskiyou mountains on the California Oregon line Thursday afternoon. Three trainmen were shot and killed; the mail car dynamited; the charge killing a mail clerk, and looted. The robbers escaped with an undetermined amount of loot.

The dead: S. L. Bates, of Dunmuir, engineer; Marvin Seng, Redding, fireman; C. O. Johnson, Ashland and a mail clerk.

No passengers were molested by the bandits or injured by the explosion, so far as could be learned tonight.

The robbery and slaying were believed to have been the result of one of the most carefully planned holdups in the history of Western railroading. Only two men participated in the robbery, according to reports received here. One version of the robbery was that an explosion blew away part of the roof of the tunnel, causing it to cave in on the train. As the engineer brought the train to a stop the two robbers advanced to the locomotive and shot the engineer, fireman and Johnson, who was believed to have been riding in the engine, although he was not on duty.

Bates and Seng evidently died instantly with bullets through their brains. Johnson was shot in the chest and died a few minutes later.

The bandit then ran to the mail car and blew the door open with a charge of dynamite, which ripped a gaping hole in the car and setting it on fire. This explosion is believed to have

caused the death of the mail clerk, the only occupant.

After gaining entrance to the car the bandits are believed to have dynamited the safe. They scooped up the contents and fled from the car which was burning.

Bigham Hearing Postponed.

Florence, Oct. 15.—The hearing of Edmunds D. Bigham's motion for a new trial was postponed to the March term of court by Judge Dennis on motion of Solicitor L. M. Gasque, who said that he did not have time to prepare affidavits in reply to the defense affidavits purporting to set out new evidence. Attorney A. L. King for the defendant opposed the continuance. Bigham was sentenced to death two years ago for the murder of his brother, L. Smiley Bigham.

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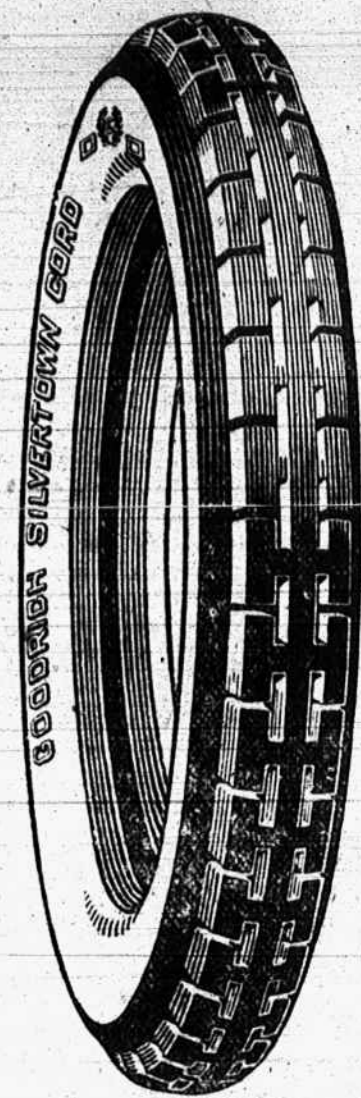
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