

NEW NATIONAL PARK

Palo Duro Canyon Proffered to the Government by Texas.

WONDERFUL NATURAL FREAK

Site of Proposed Park Excels Yellowstone in Wilderness and Beauty.

A national park containing many natural wonders and beauties will be established in the Panhandle of Texas if success follows the movement now on foot with that purpose in view.

Embraced in this proposed park is the Palo Duro canyon, which is said to excel in wild scenic beauties the wonders of Yellowstone park.

This canyon is looked upon by geologists as a wonderful freak of nature. The country adjacent to it and extending outward for several hundred miles is almost as level as a floor.

The wonders of Palo Duro still are comparatively unknown. Its wild recesses never have been explored. Its physical features are wholly different from the bare and monotonous plains country in the midst of which it lies.

NEW PRIZE FOR AIRSHIPS.

International Competition at Munich, Germany, From May 1 to Oct. 1.

With the object of promoting aerial navigation Dr. Gaus, chairman of the airship section of the Bavarian Automobile club, has offered a prize of 10,000 marks to be awarded to a flying machine at the Munich exhibition between May 1 and Oct. 1.

The prize will be awarded to the aeronaut who, starting from the ground, succeeds in flying or remaining suspended in the air above the space assigned to him for the purpose for ten minutes and in landing within that area after the ten minutes have elapsed.

Intending competitors must inscribe their names on the list in the office of the sports committee of the exhibition "Munich, 1908." They must, moreover, send in descriptions of their flying machines, accompanied by photographs or sketches, and pay an entrance fee.

FISH POND FOR KANSAS CITY

Suggestion of a Man Who Likes an Afternoon of Angling.

"Kansas City is badly in need of something," said a resident of the east side the other day to a reporter of the Kansas City Star. "I suppose if I'd tell anybody what it is the city needs I'd be laughed at, but I'm going to speak out anyway."

"There is no place where a Kansas Cityan can go to fish for an afternoon and get back in time for work the next day. I mean fish for real fish—bass and crappie and other game fish. Of course in the Blue river at Swope park there are a few catfish and some carp, and I'm not throwing any slurs at them. But there are no game fish near the city than those in a private pond near Independence. It takes nearly four hours to make the trip there, and it leaves little time in an afternoon for angling."

"TOO BIG FOR PRESIDENT."

J. P. Morgan Wouldn't Take That Job, Says Dog Show Doorkeeper.

The proudest man in New York the other day was the doorkeeper of the private entrance to the dog show in Madison Square Garden, for he was formally introduced to the little niece of J. Pierpont Morgan by Mr. Morgan himself.

It was about 5:30 o'clock when Mr. Morgan, accompanied by the little girl, appeared. The doorkeeper, conscious of his personal acquaintance with the financier and also recognizing a kindred spirit in dogdom, gave his visitors a hearty welcome. Mr. Morgan acknowledged the welcome, and when the doorkeeper deplored that the financier was not exhibiting his collies this year he was told that Mr. Morgan was also very sorry.

"But I want you to meet my little niece," continued the financier, patting the child on the shoulder, "for she, too, is a great dog lover, if not a fancier."

"Pretty democratic," commented a bystander as the financier passed on.

"Who? Him?" said the doorkeeper. "He's a real man; that's what he is."

"How'd you like to vote for him for president?" asked the other.

"Huh! He's too big. He wouldn't take that job," said the doorkeeper.

JUNIOR AERO CLUB.

Women Heads Movement to Teach Young People Balloon Flying.

A new aero club is about to be organized in New York city. It will be national in character, and the aim of its promoters is to establish branches in the principal cities throughout the United States.

The club will be composed entirely of members of the younger generation, the grownups merely acting in an advisory capacity. The name of the club is the Junior Aero Club of the United States. The originator of this club is Miss E. L. Todd, who has devoted years of study to the problems of aerial navigation and who has designed several working models of airships.

A meeting of the members of the Junior club will soon be held. Membership in the club will be divided into three classes—honorary, active members who construct their own apparatus and active members who own apparatus not constructed by themselves.

The officers and working committees will be chosen from the active members who make their own balloons, and eligibility for active membership will be limited to those under twenty-one years of age.

Branches of ten or more members may be established anywhere in the United States.

PROTECTION OF BIRDS

Scheme to Interest Children in the Movement.

GREAT ECONOMIC CAMPAIGN.

School Army Throughout the Land to Be Enlisted to Save the Feathered Guardians of the Crops—Immediate Building of Bird Woods Urged.

On the millions of school children in the United States final hope of averting the extinction of the valuable species of insectivorous birds has been rested.

What the federal government, the state legislatures and even the granges, women's clubs and national commercial organizations have failed to accomplish completely the National Association of Audubon Societies have announced will be now given to the children of the land to bring about.

General headquarters for this new campaign are being established in the offices of the National Association of Audubon Societies at 141 Broadway, New York. Already the organization is in touch with thousands of teachers and girls' and boys' clubs throughout the country, to which it has regularly sent literature on bird guarding and care, says the New York Post.

With these as a nucleus the children are to push the fight until the members of each school in every neighborhood are enlisted in the work of building bird houses and "restaurants" to sustain the sadly thinned ranks of the feathered army of insect destroyers.

Special ammunition in the form of printed directions and suggestions for making bird shelters and "lunch counters" is being prepared for every boy and girl who will write and ask for it.

Old kettles, boxes and milk, tomato and kerosene cans are being used by the children as emergency bird shelters. Elaborate houses, rustic imitations of hollow limbs and neatly furnished apartments are also being planned. All must be made cat proof and should face to the south or west if possible.

The feathered pair that will seek quarters for rearing their family in the spring will be particular in their tastes. If they find no promising spot for a home in any locality, they will pass on and leave its fields and gardens at the mercy of insects.

Ornithologists declare that the march of civilization has robbed millions of useful as well as sightly and tuneful birds of their old time facilities for homemaking. Sheltering tree trunks are being laid low every year over hundreds of acres. The old fashioned structures, where birds might flock under open eaves, are being replaced by modern roofs that shut out bird life.

Such conditions, combined with lax laws for spring shooting and pot hunting, may drive the valuable insect eaters to extinction. It will be the children's work to house the evicted birds at the time when they not only rear their young, but eat most copiously of the insect crop destroyers.

"The children are now the great factor in this economic movement," said William Dutcher, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies. "Not only their patriotism, but the self interest of every one of their parents, is the motive for preventing the extinction of the beautiful and highly valuable birds of this country."

We are calling on congress, the state legislatures and on every adult body to help, but I believe the work of the school children will accomplish more than all the other methods combined. It is a fine chance for every boy and girl to do something for the village, state and the country at large, and I know they will not neglect to do their part. 'Save the birds' is the motto and rallying cry."

PLAN TO HELP FARMERS.

Experiments on One Acre Plots in Western States.

Representative Charles F. Scott of Kansas, chairman of the house committee on agriculture, has conceived a novel plan which, he believes, would enable the farmers of the United States to produce better and far larger crops than heretofore.

Mr. Scott's proposition involves the establishment of 100 experimental farms of one acre each in every county in a group of four western agricultural states for the purpose of giving the farmers a practical demonstration of the best methods of growing different crops. It is proposed that the lands for this purpose shall be provided by the farmers themselves and that they shall do the work of cultivation under the direction of the experts of the department of agriculture. No additional appropriation from congress will be required to test Mr. Scott's plan, it is explained, as the agricultural department has the requisite number of experts to carry it out.

LONG TRIP TO FIND LUMBER.

Russia Gave Australian Firm Concession on Siberian Timber Lands.

An Australian corporation recently received a concession from the Russian government to take out 30,000,000 feet of timber a year from a forest in Siberia, 900 miles from Vladivostok, to be delivered in Melbourne, Australia, approximately 8,000 miles away and nearly three times the distance from New York to San Francisco.

It is likely that no lumbering operation of recent years more strongly illustrates the pinch in the timber supply in all parts of the world, says a forest service bulletin. In the news of the concession, told in an American lumber journal, is the suggestion of the difficulty that all countries may have to encounter in getting the wood which they need in the future.

These Siberian operations differ from the lumbering methods in the United States in that in this country it is possible and customary to have new mills conveniently near the place of production, though, with the continually decreasing supply, the larger mills often find it profitable to haul their timber away from their saws.

Germany recently has been having its share of the same epidemic of railroad disasters which aroused the American public a year ago, and the large number of accidents which were traced to the failure of engine drivers to see signals has caused the Prussian railway administration to adopt a new signal apparatus.

The apparatus now used in Prussia on several railroads is as follows: At a fixed distance from the signal post two parallel iron bars with a small space between them are mounted along the track for several yards. There is attached to the locomotive an arm which carries a bristly broom made of pliable copper wires. The passage of this broom between the iron bars produces a contact which is intense and free from concussion.

An electrical action follows upon the mechanism in the cab, a bell sounds and a white slide replaces a red. The sign remains plainly visible to the eye until the engineer presses a button. He knows definitely that a signal is to be expected and if he cannot clearly make out the order intended will stop the train.

The apparatus used in Prussia is actually reached, says the New York Times, this is accomplished by the use of an electric cab signal system which rouses the driver's attention by ringing a bell and exposing a white slide directly before his eyes in the cab. With his attention thus stimulated the driver will have no excuse for running by a signal in a fog.

This combination of outside and inside apparatus does away with the objection railroad men have made to signal devices before the engineer's eyes in the cab, which they believed would tend to make him pay less attention to the line of road stretching before him.

Watching from the locomotive is absolutely necessary for the safety of the train and would gradually be left unperformed if attention was distracted entirely to the little signal apparatus in the cab.

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ARDENT LEAP YEAR WOOPER.

Girl Offers Happiness in Full Weight and Generous Measure.

The first feminine proposal of marriage under the license which leap year allows has been received by O. R. Warren, a young clerk of York, Pa. He is holding it under consideration. The letter which he received from an admiring young woman at Manchester, Pa., reads:

Dear Sir—Having seen you several times and having heard that you were unmarried, I have taken the opportunity that leap year offers to girls to ask for your hand. I want to make you happy, to bring sunshine into your lonely life, and add unceasing pleasure to my own. Now, I sincerely hope you will not treat this as a mere joke, but take pity on us girls, who are just as lonely as yourself. I am positive that I can make you quite happy, also hope that you will not be so selfish as to refuse my proposal. Awaiting an early reply, I remain impatiently,

MISS

Mr. Warren gallantly refused to reveal the name of his fair petitioner.

WORLD PEACE MOVE.

To Be Sought Through Exchange of Children's Letters.

SCHOOL PUPILS AS WRITERS.

Plan Proposed For Making Friends of All Nations—Youngsters of Japan and America to Begin Movement That It Is Hoped May End Wars.

A movement for international peace was recently launched at Stamford, Conn., by Wilson L. Gill, LL. D., president of the American Patriotic League, in which President Roosevelt, former President Cleveland and many other prominent men are interested and the offices of which are at 130 East Twentieth street, New York.

Briefly the plan is to establish correspondence between children of the public schools in the United States and the school children in foreign countries, with the idea of making them better acquainted. It is proposed first to make the experiment with the school children of Japan and those of the United States.

Representatives of foreign governments have approved the plan. One who has given it enthusiastic endorsement is Ernesto Nelson of 605 West One Hundred and Fifteenth street, New York city, special commissioner of education for the Argentine Republic.

Mr. Gill says difference in languages will not be insurmountable. "The movement is political rather than educational," said Mr. Gill the other night, "and I believe it is one of the greatest political movements ever launched. The people of Japan are rankling under the belief that they were deprived of the fruits of their war with Russia by interference of the United States in bringing that war to an end. The Japanese government is friendly, but the government is representative, and the people may change its officers at any time."

"The only safety, then, is to make the Japanese people realize that we are their friends; that we desire to be friendly with them and expect the same treatment from them. We hope to get that friendship established by correspondence between the children of the two nations. If we can make the children of the two nations friends it is safe to say there will be no war so far as Japan and the United States are concerned."

W. S. Devery to Utilize Product of the Rockaway Marshes.

William S. Devery, New York's former chief of police, is about to produce from the vegetation of the Rockaway marshes a fabric fine as silk, so he says.

He says this fabric can be used for anything for which the textiles made from the cocoon are employed. Just what the fabric is and how it is treated he declines to say, and little "appertaining" to and "touching" thereon can be learned beyond the fact that a company is to be formed and the looms of France will be brought into competition with a marsh silk which will be only half as expensive as that which owes its origin to the silkworm.

"Call it?" remarked Mr. Devery when asked for details. "Well, I haven't dealt with that phase of the question. How would Azelina do? When those Frenchmen get in the race with it they will find it a 100 to 1 shot walking into homes of refinement to a brilliant finish. Azelina will certainly be going some if that is what we nominate it. I don't know but what we might organize the Daffy Down Dilly Silk company, and when everything is in good shape we certainly will give the public a run for its money."

"What is it? Not on your life. There are too many of those bright chemist boys around, and if I went into the details they would be making it, and there would be nothing more in it for W. S. Devery. But you can take this from me, and that is that it is a new innovation and superior to anything imported."

PECULIAR PARISIAN DISHES.

Frenchman's Tired Appetites Treated to Camel and Kangaroo Meats.

Olivier, the chef of the Hotel Ritz, in Paris, is giving new sensations to the jaded palates of Parisian society folk who have complained of the eternal sameness of the menu.

Olivier declares that he has served three kangaroos, seven camels and ten or eleven bears to the habitues of his restaurant. He says kangaroo can now be had in all styles and that no guest ever left a kangaroo feast without ordering another one for some future date. A kangaroo roast for six persons costs \$20.

"Camel roast is also becoming very popular," said Olivier, "and the material is easier to procure than kangaroo. We receive young and juicy camel haunches from our African colonies. I am now experimenting with a camel bump ragout."

Olivier has also introduced a number of exotic birds as novelties to what tired appetites.

COOPER MET USUAL

SUCCESS IN PITTSBURG

Received Thanks from Hundreds While in the Smoky City.

The following article, taken from the Pittsburgh Press, describes the results of L. T. Cooper's visit to that city, and the effect of his new preparation as told by people who had become convinced of the soundness of Cooper's theories with regard to the human stomach.

Cooper believes that the human stomach in civilized races has become greatly weakened. He claims that most ill health of the present generation is due to this fact. The article is as follows:

"L. T. Cooper is meeting with the same astonishing success in Pittsburgh as in other cities. For the past few days many thousands of Pittsburgh people have called at his headquarters to talk with him.

"Cooper's prophecy, made upon his arrival, to the effect that before he left Pittsburgh thousands would realize that his theory is correct and would come and thank him for what his medicine had done, is rapidly being borne out.

"On Monday an astonishing number of people called to express their gratitude to Mr. Cooper. Judging from what some of these people had to say to a Press reporter, when interviewed,

Cooper's claim that the human stomach is degenerate is distinctly verified. "One of the most unusual statements was made by Mr. C. W. Woods, of 103 South Highland Street. He said: 'For four years my wife was in very poor health. She was weak and thin, with a hectic flush and cough. Physicians said she had consumption, and I was inclined to believe them. It certainly looked as though her days were numbered, and there appeared to be very little ground for hope.

"Shortly after Mr. Cooper came to Pittsburgh I began to hear of wonderful results that had been obtained by persons who had tried his medicine, so I got some for my wife. She had taken it only two days when she was relieved of a tapeworm 42 feet long. She began to improve immediately—has gained seven pounds since she began taking the medicine. She feels splendid and looks very much better. If any one doubts this statement I would be pleased to have them call at my house and verify it."

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