ava, Holland's Oldest Colony. Mas Finest Highways in East.

Old Governor General Forced Wealthy Chinaman to Construct One of Main Roads-Material Taken From Sea.

The Hague, Holland .-- Holland is famed for its excellent roads, and when colonies were acquired one of the first tasks in those regions was the laying out of highways. Java, which is one of the oldest of Holland's colonies, is a model to other eastern countries in the facilities of its communications, and not a year nasses but that more miles of roadway are constructed. Every three or every five years, as conditions may require, the existing roads are heightened up anew, and they are constantly kept in the best repair. By these periodical heightenings many of the roads that run through the valleys have come to resemble the dikes of the old fatherland. The tendency has been to plane away unevenness, to make the inclines easy and gradual; in fact, to do away as much as possible with the inconveniences of a mountainous country, to which the dwellers in the Netherlands at home were not accustomed.

As every inch of Java is arable land, there were no stone quarries from which material for the roadways could be delved and so other means

It was the ocean, or, rather, the very tiny denisens of the deep, that furnished the necessary material. Java is surrounded by coral reefs, which the minute creatures have patiently been building up for untold ages. It is of this coral, the remains of the dead and gone millions of animalculae, that the roads are made.

The Javanese go out in their boats to the reefs and there they stand the whole day, half submerged in the water, breaking up the coral. When the boat is filled with pieces of convenient size it is rowed or sailed ashore and the coral is spread on the roads that require it. Mixed with the soil, it makes the best imaginable material, being strong and easy for traffic. In former years the natives were compelled to do this work as a sort of unremunerated service to the governserfdom began to change, the natives were paid for their work and were only obliged to give a few days of every month of their time to the govegnment. Then, and not so very long ago, the compulsory service was abolished altogether. Nowadays the roads are mostly kept in repair by the con- of no service dead. The native dwellvicts-"the chain gang" as they are called in India.

The very first road built at the command of the Dutch in India was that from Batavia to Samarang, stretching to supply the farmers to some exjust half the length of Java. The famous Jan -Pieterson Coen was then



Part of Coral Road.

governor general. That he was quite a despot can be gathered from the way in which he contrived to get this great work done without its costing a penny to the high and mighty Dutch Mast India company, which then held sway. Even in those early days the Chinese had found their way to Java and had also found plenteous means of enriching themselves there. One Ohinaman was known to be the wasithiest man in Batavia. Jan Pieterson Coen called him into his doughty presence. When he arrived, pale and trembling, the governor said: "Chinaman, I want a good road to be built from Batavia to Samarang. and you must build it! You must build it at your own cost, and it must be well done, too! If you do not do what I tell you I will have your head struck off."

No protestation, no lamentation of the wealthy Chinese could mave him. The work had to be done, or the death enalty would have to be paid. This the unfortunate possessor of untold realth realized. He loved his money searly, but he valued his life even ore; so he stopped lamenting and at about his task. A whole army of nolies were set to work and in an inradibly short time a splendid highway united Batavia and Samarang. The Chinaman's head remained on his alders, and it is believed he soon and divers ways of recouping for loss of gold, and Java was the tter off for a fine road that had not the government a penny.

t that happened in the long ago. taking any such drastic meas- fense. to enforce the institution of pub-

OWLS USED TO KILL CROWS

Maryland Farmers Tie Decoy to Tree and Then Awalt Attack of Peats.

Baltimore, Md.--'It doesn't seem to me that there could possibly be any more crows on the Patapaco and Gunpowder river bottoms in Maryland than there are now," said John Gilbert, the traveling groceryman, "but any farmer down there will tell you that if it wasn't for the bubo owl there would be twice as many.

"I don't know anything about bubo owl except what the honest farmers of those rich bottoms told me. I never saw a bubo owl, but I heard that this member of the owl family is as big as a hawk, can see in the daytime as well as by night, and dotes on crow.

and by night, the bubo owl picks off | tirely under his control. Many sent its crows from their roosts as well as capturing them by daylight raids. been the victims of neglect and want

man to get within gunshot of a crow



Nest for Breeding Owls.

futile are ordinary devices to draw the crow to a spot where a man with a gun is lying in ambush, the Maryment. Later on, when the ideas of land farmers, so they told me, long ago discovered the value of the bubo owl as an aid in this respect. To take advantage of the aid of the bubo the farmer must first get the bubo.

"The bubo is no fool himself, and it is no easy trick to get him-that is, to get him alive, for he would be ers back in the hills have a way though of trapping the bubo by means of a live chicken used in collaboration with a box trap, and they manage tent with these owls, although, they tell me, not enough to meet the de-

"The owl is tied at a spot where he may be seen from the adjacent cornfield, and if he is not discovered by the crows when they come in the field he will soon be discovered by a sentinel crow, for the bubo will forget that he is a prisoner and before long will rise to make a swoop down on that field after the crow. string will quickly jerk him back to the limb though. But he has been discovered. The sentinel caws the alarm and the crows rise and make a dash for him, each one vociferously yelling its anger.

"The farmer, a hired man or two and as many more of the family as are inclined to join in are in hiding in the bushes near the tree where the bubo is a captive lure, each with a double barreled shotgun. As the crows come flocking flercely in they are met with a volley and a dozen or more are seen to come tumbling to the ground dead and wounded.

"The crows, demoralized by unexpected and deadly assault, turn and hasten from the woods. Naturally the owl rises from its perch frightened. This rising of the hated traveler, "for I see all the other foe as if to pursue them overcomes the alarm of the crows and they gather again and dash back to assail him. The masked battery opens on them again and their number is depleted by half a score or so more.

Alleged Murderer on Trial at Wash-Ington Won't Allow Plea of insanity.

Washington.-Tony Milano, an Italian shoemaker, on trial in the District supreme court on a charge of murdering Harry E. Smith, 12 years old, and then setting fire to his shop to hide the alleged crime, caused a sensation in court by declaring that he would rather hang than go to an in-

sane asylum. Counsels for Milano had announced that they would enter a plea of insanity to save their client from the gailows, but when the government rested its case the accused man refused to allow his attorneys to contend that he was insane.

The court took a recess to permit governments are debarred the attorneys to outline a new de-

> Objects to Wearing Trousers. Philadelphia.-Johanna, a five-yeard chimpensee in the zoo here, obsted to wearing trousers and tors to shreds a pair of yellow been

School Notes

Miss Hening is working out with the children in third grade the story of Robinson Crusoe for boys girls. This book is written in excellent story form by Mrs. Lida B. Mc-Murry of the De Kalb manual school, and seeks to adapt the story of Robinson Crusoe to the literary attainments and educational needs of children of the lower grades. The work is made still more interesting by the use of the sand table and clay.

Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Butler were visitors at the North Side school last Wednesday.

Delinquency is a condition of which the overt act is but a symptom. With "Having eyes to see both by day | the child this condition is never ento prisons and reformatories have "Knowing how difficult it is for a of proper training and home conditions; and had this been earlier recif the man carries a gun, and how ognized with them, and those conditions corrected, they would have been saved to society, with a chance to be good citizens for offenses that, after all, were, at most, the natural manifestations of a development and training over which they had no guidance or control.—Judge C. E. Stone.

> The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was held Tuesday evening.

> Mr. C. A. Durkie was a visitor a Miss Taylor's room Wednesday afternoon.

The boys are very much interested in their manual training and mechanical drawing work this year.

MONEY VALUE OF EDUCA TION.

What is the money value of an education? The average reduced to individual cases, would be something like this: Two boys, age 14, are both interested in mechanics. One goes into the shops, the other into technical school. The boy in the shops starts at \$4 a week, and by the time he is 18 he is getting \$7. At that age the other boy is leaving school and starting work at \$10 a week. At 20 the shop-trained young fellow is getting \$9.50 and the technical graduate \$15; at 22 the former's weekly, wage is \$11.50 and the latter's \$20; and by the time they are both 25, the shopworker finds \$12.75 in his pay envelope while the technically trained man draws a salary of \$31. These figures are based on a study of 2,000 actual workers made by the Massa chusetts Commission for Industrial and Technical Education.

BACK TO THE COUNTRY

"There is no question, according to the United States Bureau of Education's publication, that a large boarding school offers great educational ad vantages to those boys whose fathers can afford to pay for them. But it has one serious drawback," says Dr. Myers. "It cuts off the boy from home when twelve or fifteen years old, the very age of all others when he needs the influences centering around home and family, which are of greater importance than any other in the life of a normal, well-trained, healthy child. The influence of a teacher is tremendous, but at best it can only supplement and add to that of a conscientious father and tender mother. Realizing this difficulty, the country school was founded, and it bids fair to make on the educational history of our time a still greater mark than it has already made in the comparatively short time it has been in existence.

Slow Coach.

A gentleman was one day, in the old coaching times, traveling by a coach which moved at a very slow pace. "Pray." said he to the guard, "what is the name of this coach?" "The Regulator," was the reply. "And a very appropriate name, too," said the coaches go by it."

Wonderful Power of Love.

He who has a pure and unselfish love for any one being in the universe has thereby a new life, new powers, new possibilities, and new perceptions of all; and the very universe itself is a new universe to him, as viewed from his new center of love and light,-H. Clay Trumbull.

Low Altitude.

"Mr. Wombat, you ought to go in for awation. Many of our prominent people are taking it up." "I suppose I ought. Have you got a machine that will skim along nicely about seven feet from the ground?"-Judge.

Daily Thought.

If those who are the enemies of innocent amusements had the direction of the world, they would take away the spring and youth, the former from the year, the latter from the human life.—Balzac.

Here's Two. said, "when a man is justified in tella woman; second, for a woman; and

The Gold Age. It has been well said that nowadays people know the price of every

third-well, I forgot the third."

AMUSEMENTS.

MAJESTIC.

The Majestic Theater, Chicago, offers for the week of November 11th the strongest and most diversified bill of the season thus far. One of the headline features will be Louise Gunning, the charming light opera singer, who has been a successful star in many of the most brilliant productions of recent years, and who, purely as a singer, stands decidedly at the head of her class. She will be heard in a number of brilliant songs eminently adapted to her voice and temperament. Billie Reeves, one of the most versatile of comedians, will appear with his company in a comedy pantomime, the subject of which is "A Lesson in Temperance" or "Too Full for Words." The biggest musical sensation of the year will be presented on this bill under the name of the Raul Periera Sextette. Charley Case, who has the reputation of being the funniest man on the stage, will be heard in his most convulsing talks about his father. An entire novelty will be the appearance of the Alpine Troupe in a remarkable double wire act which has never been seen in this country. Mrs. Louis James, who supported her lamented husband for a long time as leading woman, will make her first appearance here in a triangular comedy called "Holding a Husband," which is said to be an exceptionally clever piece of work both in situation and in dialogue. The Big City Four, which is the best of the genuine singing quartettes, will be another important feature on the program.

"BOUGHT AND PAID FOR" IS AN ALL-WINTER HIT IN CHI-

CAGO. "Bought and Paid For," now three weeks old at the Princess Theater o Chicago, has settled down for an allwinter run at that playhouse. This splendid play by George Broadhurst has pleased the Chicago press and public to such an extent that a repetition of its run of 476 performances in New York City is absolutely certain. James O'Donnell Bennett, the dramatic critic of the Chicago Record-Herald, again expresses his hearty ap proval of the piece in the following

"Important in theme, vigorous in treatment, rich in characterization, this play ought not to be missed by those who are willing to rally to the American dramatist when he deals sincerely and skilfully with vital aspects of life."

Matinee performances of "Bought and Paid For" are given on Thursdays and Saturdays. The Thursday matinee is proving more popular than the customary Wednesday afternoon performance ever was at the Princess, for there is little to conflict with feminine theater parties on that day.

"Bought and Paid For" is a play of husband and wife-one which, according to one of the leading critics of the country, should be seen by all who are married and all who intend to be married. That includes practically everyone. It is admirably played by a cast which includes Frank Mills, Kathlene McDonnell, Helen Lackaye.

"Fine Feathers" Remains at the Cort Theater, Chicago.

That inevitable law of nature, the survival of the fittest, is aptly illustrated in the engagement of Eugene Walter's great play, "Fine Feathers" at the Cort Theater, Chicago. Since the beginning of the season a score of excellent plays have come to Chicago, played their allotted time, and departed. But the public will permit no departure of "Fine Feathers." This play is now in its fourth month of prosperity in Chicago and huge crowds are nightly applauding this masterpiece of the playwright. The won derful success of "Fine Feathers" shows the trend of the times, and the change in the public taste. The public which attends the theaters is tired of plays that deal with abstract propositions and unfamiliar subjects. 'Fine Feathers' deals with life as every man and woman knows it. Its every line and situation appeals directly to every man and woman in the audience, because they have experienced the same conditions and faced the same problems which confront the characters in the play. "Fine Feathers" has been described as a great human document-a page from life. It is presented by an all star company—the finest ever gathered on a single stage. It includes Robert Edson, Wilton Lackaye, Max Figman, Rose Coghlan, Lolita Robertson and Amelia Sumers-indeed a wonderful array of dramatic celebrities to appear in a single play.

LAUGH MINT AT OLYMPIC, CHI-CAGO.

'The Million," Henry W. New York Success, Opens Sunday, November 10-A Riot of Hilarity.

The record-breaking laugh success. which for the season made New York rock with merriment, as it had Paris, Berlin and Vienna-Henry W. Savage's adapted fun play, "The Million" -at last will make its bow before the A famous philosopher was discuss. Chicago public at the Olympic Theaing truth. "There are three times," he | ter next Sunday evening, November 10. Playgoers of the lake metropolis ing a falsehood. They are, first to are eagerly awaiting this important and joyous debut and all who saw the hilarious gem during its long Manhattan run give assurance that the actuality equals anticipation.

"The Million" was the laughing sensation of Europe for over two years. Henry W. Savage, realizing that its infectious comedy was of world-wide appeal, imported it and in the hands of brilliant adapters it was transformed into a swift-moving and merry epic of life in the artistic and "Bohemian" set of New York. The result was what Broadway promptly christened "a winner" and for the entire season Manhattan Island figuratively vibrated with the chuckles of the delighted throngs which found

tirely to their satisfaction. The sum of \$1,000,000 is a sufficiently vivid topic for the most absorbing tragedy or drama, and when it is made the piece de resistance of an original farce by capable authors, and played at the speed-limit by a company of noted farceurs, the promise that the public will be instantly attracted is manifest.

A special musical feature of the performance will be the rendition Signor Caruso's \$10,000 love song, "Dreams of Long Ago," by Mr. Ker. who, in addition to being an agile comedian, is an opera tenor of European repute.

"Murder" Among Animale. Murder is not uncommon among animals, "murder" in this sense being applied to that kind of killing that has

nothing to do with the struggle for existence, but which arises from malice, pure and simple, or from downright passion. Storks, it seems, frequently kill members of the flock which, at the time of migration, either refuse to follow them or are unable to do so.

English People Long-Lived.

Within a stone's throw of each othat Stonham Parva, Suffolk, England, live 28 persons whose ages aggregate 2,121 years. One is ninety, two eighty-two, one eighty-one, four eighty, one seventy-eight, one seventysix, three seventy-five, four seventyfour, six seventy-three, three seventytwo, one sixty-nine, and one sixty-

Give Good Cheer.

There is contagion in a sweet and beautiful character, for health is contagious as well as disease. We are all the time giving to others either wholesome or unwholesome moods-poisoning their atmosphere with doubt and suspicion or clearing it with helpfulness and good cheer.-Phillips Brooks,

Really Hard Luck. "Did youse git anything?" whispered the burglar on guard as his pal amerged from the window. "Naw, de bloke wot lives here is a lawyer," replied the other in disgust. "Dat's hard luck," said the first; "did youse lo anyt'ing?"-Ohio State Journal.

All Wind, "What kind of a man is Squire #immons, anyway?" "Well, I'll tell yo. You've seen them snowstorms along airly in the winter, when there's a good deal of wind, but not much sleighing? That's the sort he is."-Judge.



AT THE MOTIOGRAPH. SATURDAY, NOV. 12, 1912. The Borrowed Umbrella.-Smith gets caught in the rain and buys a bargain umbrella. He takes a great fancy to it on account of the convenience of the curved handle, which

enables the umbrella to be hung on "The Million" furiously funny and enthe arm. Wilson becomes engaged to Smith's daughter, Nellie. Not wishing her flance to get wet, Nellie loans her father's umbrella to him. Wilson buys a cigar and leaves the umbrella hanging on the cigar counter, from where it immediately is pilfered. Later. Smith notices that his umbrella is missing. Nellie tells of loaning it to her flance. Smith orders her to phone Wilson to return it at once. Wilson gets the message but cannot

asking anyone who took an umbrella at the hotel desk. Then, in order to

his "bargain" and all ends happily.

find the umbrella. He writes a notice,

to return it to Room 16, and posts it

humor his father-in-law, he goes to a

jewelry store and buys an expensive

umbrella. Smith, however, wants his

"bargain" umbrella, and will not be

pacified with the expensive gift. Wil-

son is in despair, but, upon returning

to Room 16, a great pile of umbrellas-

greets his eyes, evidently left there

by people with guilty consciences. He

grabs the pile and once more goes to

Smith's house. Smith easily picks out.

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