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FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1901.

The "Invader" won the Cup, the final race Thursday, and as a loyal Son of St. George will say, "Rah for the Dominion," "Parley vous Francaise."

We read with some surprise that Rev. Mr. Randolph, a Baptist minister in Malden, Mass., has sued the church in that suburb for back salary. We do not remember in our reading of the Act of the Apostles several years ago, that Paul or Peter brought suit to recover for services in Antioch or Ephesus or Corinth or Rome. But Paul was not a twentieth century preacher.

Cal. Estill, editor of the Savannah News, announces himself as candidate for governor of his state of Georgia. The editor of the News-Letter is not a candidate to succeed John P. Altgeld, John R. Tanner; no, he has no such ambition, but he is as liable to announce himself as a candidate for some other high office in the gift of the people. He has not quite decided what office he will seek, but, it will not be for fence veiver or poundkeeper.

An Ohio clergyman has discovered, so he claims, that the temperature of heaven is 826 degrees Fahrenheit. Soon after the late Jim Fish died, some of his friends sought a communication from him and so secured the services of a Spiritualist medium. The only message they secured was this, "please send me my summer clothes." If the Ohio divines theory is correct, it will be comforting to those whose friends call for mid-summer apparel.

One Professor Triggs, a teacher in the great University of Chicago, has been criticising the old hymns the fathers sung, and the poems of Longfellow as childish, etc. Why bless your little soul, Professor, the good old hymns of the fathers will be sung and the name of Longfellow will be cherished; his poems read and appreciated generations after you are dead and forgotten and the little ripple your puerile criticisms seem to create have passed away. The University of Chicago is a great institution, but that fact does not impart greatness to every man connected with it.

Half Named John.

There are 14,000,000 Smiths in the world, according to a statistician. About half of them are of the feminine persuasion, and most of the other half are named John.

FORT SHERIDAN.

The drouth has dried up the news.

Tuesday was a dry day but everything passed off nicely, no disorder of any kind.

Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts of Washington, D. C., is making a tour of all the forts and military posts of the country to see how things go now that the campaign is gone and he finds no such disorder as is so often reported. He was delighted with Fort Sheridan. He was here several days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Holabird and daughter left for a few weeks at Luke Koshkonong, Wis., near the home of Ex-Gov. Hoard.

Capt. F. C. Sable of Fort Logan, Denver, has been here this week calling on his old friends.

The 29th, now at Fort Sheridan, is the finest body of men, officers and all included in Uncle Sam's mighty army.

The Tribune has it in for Color Sergeant Emmet. His record is fine, having served 16 years in the English army, part of the time with Kitchener in Egypt. But if the young hero don't like the flings at the shows, he can stay away.

HIGHWOOD

The Firemen's annual picnic Wednesday was a magnificent success in every way. The attendance was very large, so they will realize from \$120 to \$150 net profit. The ball in the evening was a fitting climax for so successful a day. The races in the afternoon were as follows: 12-year-old boys' running race, D. Thorp; 10-year-old, Henry Steele; 8-year-old, Zache Tetton. Married ladies race, Mrs. Fisher; 15-year-old young girls race, Mamie Fagan. Free-for-all, Mr. Comstock, a soldier; 6-year-old boys, Freddie Wilson; young men's race, Sam Brown; 10-year-old girls, Della Flaherty; 8-year-old girls, Grace Murphy; fat man's race, James H. Clark, a well known hardware man from Chicago; fireman's race, Harry Sweetman. The water fight, after a 20 minutes contest, was a draw.

The contract for putting in a mile of public sewer will be let Saturday night.

Henry Watterson was talking about his lecturing experiences a night or two ago, says a Washington correspondent. "The best introduction I ever had," he said, "was given to me in this city by the late Frank Hatton, who was the editor of the Washington Post. I was going to speak on 'Money and Morals.' 'Ladies and gentlemen,' said Hatton, 'I take great pleasure in introducing to you the celebrated editor and orator, Mr. Henry Watterson. He will speak to you on "Money and Morals." He represents the money and I represent the morals.' And that was a good joke both ways," said Watterson.

HAS A HARMLESS AUTOMOBILE

A Washington Man Has One That Turns on Its Back When It Runs Away.

B. H. Warner, of Washington, made rather a peculiar and what might have been a most disastrous visit to a big sewer now in course of construction in the capital city. He recently purchased a locomobile to aid him in investigating different sections of his district.

One morning, says the Star, he went out to pay his respects to Andrew Gleeson, an old friend of his, who is constructing the big sewer referred to. He was accompanied by his son. They soon reached the banks of the James Creek canal. As the road was very narrow and said to be impassable a little farther on, Mr. Warner endeavored to effect a backward motion on the part of the horseless carriage, and in so doing caught his sleeve in the wrong valve, and in an instant the vehicle flew like an eagle over the big wall bordering the James Creek canal and plunged the two occupants into the air, both making somersaults. Mr. Warner came down in a channel just large enough to hold him, which had recently been dug through the mud to carry off surface water. The locomobile turned a complete somersault and knocked the dashboard, side bars and top rigging into a thousand pieces.

The whole incident occupied only a few seconds, and when Mr. Warner recovered from his surprise he found himself under the locomobile, which was turned bottom upward, with the engine still in motion and the wheels revolving at a rapid rate, while his son, who had landed on his feet, was surveying the situation with apollitude.

MUSICAL SNAILS.

Strange Discovery of a French Naturalist Who Claims Much for the Mollusks.

A German scientist recently pointed out that snails were able to draw immense weights, and now a French naturalist claims that there are few, if any, animals which have a higher appreciation of music than snails, says the New York Herald.

This naturalist is M. S. Jourdain, and his views on the subject are expressed at length in a paper which he has addressed to the French Biological society.

Place some snails on a pane of glass, he says, and you will find that, as they move over it, they will make musical sounds similar to those which a person can produce by wetting his finger and then rubbing it around a glass tumbler. Complete airs, he points out, have been played on tumblers in this way, and he expresses the opinion that quite as good results can be obtained by using snails instead of fingers.

It is a curious fact that at least half a dozen scientists are now carefully studying snails. The reason, according to one of them, is because these little animals are extraordinarily sympathetic and intelligent. Indeed, so highly gifted are they supposed to be that a writer did not hesitate to ascribe to them a few months ago the honor of being "the precursors of the wireless telegraph system."

Criminals are very expensive members of the community. They cost the people of this country about \$1,000,000,000 a year. If their increase could be prevented it would be a paying investment to give each of the 250,000 accepted criminals a monthly pension of \$300, on the condition that they take a life vacation.

A New York woman the other day is reported to have died of surprise on being introduced to an unexpected daughter-in-law. Her son had advertised for his bride, and the fatal "surprise and astonishment" of his mother hardly speaks well for the success of the advertisement.

Two hours after being released from the county jail at Greenwood, Ia., an expert sneak thief broke into the prison again and stole his photograph from the rogues' gallery.

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