

**NATIVES MUCH WROUGHT UP**

Strange Action of Palm Tree Has Stirred the Superstitious People of India.

Is it that a plant is possessed of some infernal spirit? Baraset subdivision, three miles distant from Duttapukur, on the central district of the E. B. S. railways, is now being transformed into a weird and at the same time touching scene.

Since a fortnight a date palm, measuring about 25 feet, is being found to stand erect in the daytime, but with the decline of the scorching rays of the sun prevalent nowadays the same palm almost bends to the ground, so much so that its huge mass of leaves touches the ground imperceptibly.

This news spread like wildfire throughout the locality, and the superstitious people are flocking every day to witness the scene. What is most astonishing is that the earth on which it grew is neither loose, nor is it cracked, by the daily and nightly coming down and raising of the palm.

Most of the eye-witnesses, of which the writer is excluded, are offering pujas to the palm, thinking that there is a god underneath the tree.—London Telegraph.

**STUDY THIS ON COOL DAY.**

How many apples did Adam and Eve eat?

Some say Eve 8 and Adam 2, a total of 10; others say Eve 8 and Adam 8 also, total 16; but if Eve 8 and Adam 82, the total will be 90; now, if Eve 81 and Adam 12, the total would be 893; then if Eve 81 1st and Adam 812, the total would be 1,623; or again, Eve 814 Adam, Adam 81,242 oblige Eve, total 82,056; though we admit Eve 814 Adam Adam if he 8181242 keep Eve company, total 8,182,056. All wrong. Eve, when she 81812 many, and probably felt sorry for it, and Adam, in order to relieve her grief, 812, therefore, Adam if he 81814240-fy Eve's depressed spirit, hence both ate 81,896,864 apples.—Baltimore American.

**LET THE TRICOLOR FLY.**

The authorities of Alsace-Lorraine have given proof of a tolerance on which they can only be congratulated. Thus, the Hotel de l'Union at Strasburg has just hoisted a brand new flag in the French colors on the occasion of the arrival of the syndicate of French grocers. Last year the use of the French flag had been authorized in conjunction with the flags of Belgium, Italy and Switzerland, on the occasion of the international regattas, but the appearance of the French flag alone to celebrate the arrival of a French society is a new fact in Alsace-Lorraine.

**JEWS MASTERS OF CHESS.**

The chess championship has been retained in Jewish hands for the last 42 years. Steinitz held it for 28 years till 1894, and Lasker has been champion ever since. Dr. Lasker attributes this predominance of the Jewish genius in chess to the fact that its rules are entirely based upon those of self-defense in the struggle of life, and the Jews are adepts in this art.—Jewish Chronicle.

**BARNYARD COMFORT.**



Gaspard Goat—It's no use, I'm about discouraged. There's always a "but" in what I try to accomplish. I'm ashamed to talk about it, but I'm everybody's scapegoat.  
Peregrine Pig—Pshaw! I don't like to squeal on a friend, but Sylves-

ter Steer confessed to me yesterday that all he has gained by beefing. So cheer up. All of us expect to get into a pickle some time.

**THE SKEPTIC.**

Alderman Frank L. Dowling of New York was talking about his widely praised ordinance to make it a crime for chauffeurs to take out their masters' motor cars without leave.

"So many accidents have accompanied these stolen rides," said Alderman Dowling, "that the chauffeur has come to be regarded very skeptically. Of course, the great majority of chauffeurs are all right, but there is among them a small majority, a small working minority, which we must treat as a Hoboken grocer treats his trade.

"This grocer is a cash grocer only. If you ask him for credit he says: 'No, sir; no, siree. I wouldn't even trust my own feelings.'"

There are moments, supreme moments, when the best is possible for the worst of men; and it is not too much to say the worst is possible for the best of men. This is the moment of destiny.—M. W. Darling, D. D.

Officers of the Oil Trust are likely to be more careful hereafter in writing business letters to statesmen.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 154.**

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the city council of the city of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that a cast iron lateral main water supply pipe, together with fire hydrant, shut off valves and special castings be constructed and laid along and under Wade street in said city, connecting with the water main now laid in St. Johns avenue at a point in said avenue which would be intersected by the center line of Wade street produced westerly in its course across said St. Johns avenue, thence southeasterly along the center line of Wade street and said center line produced into St. Johns avenue, to and connecting with the water main to be laid in Beech street, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment there-

of having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 19th day of October, A. D. 1908, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in seven installments with interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum, on all installments from and after date of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

CHARLES L. FINNEY, Officer appointed to make said assessment. Dated at Highland Park, Ill., Oct. 2, A. D. 1908.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 153.**

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the city council of the city of Highland Park, county of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that a cast iron lateral main water supply pipe, together with fire hydrant, shut off valves and special castings, be constructed and laid along and under Walker avenue in said city, connecting with the water main now laid in St. Johns avenue on the center line thereof, and at a point intersected by the south line of Walker avenue, thence northerly along said Walker avenue for a distance of eighteen feet, thence west along said Walker avenue to the west corporate limits of said city of Highland Park, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the nineteenth day of October, A. D. 1908, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in nine installments with interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum, on all installments, from and after date of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

CHARLES L. FINNEY, Officer appointed to make said assessment. Dated at Highland Park, Ill., Oct. 2, A. D. 1908.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 152.**

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the city council of the city of Highland Park, county of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that a sewer be constructed in Skokie avenue in said city, commencing at a point eighty-three feet

east of the west corporate limits of the city of Highland Park, thence east along the center line of said Skokie avenue and said center line extended east, to and connecting with the public sewer in Green Bay road (formerly known as First street), the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 19th day of October, A. D. 1908, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

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