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THE FEW MISTAKES IN HIS MEMORABLE CAREER.

Something About the Ostrich Race - The Sight They Make When in Motion - The Noise They Made, And the Rare Intelligence They Displayed - Talk About Artesian Wells.

The tribute paid to Mr. Chase by McCulloch in his "Men and Measures of Half a Century" is of peculiar interest. "He was clear headed, self possessed, self confident, patriotic, hopeful, bold, and he succeeded where trained financiers, who, all equally conservative and cautious, would have failed. * * * If I were asked to designate the man whose services, next to Mr. Lincoln's, were of the greatest value to the country from March, 1861, to July, 1864, I should unhesitatingly name Salmon P. Chase. That Mr. Chase made some mistakes is admitted by his warmest friends - if he had not he would have been more than mortal. He was called upon to perform duties of the highest importance to his country - duties to which he was entirely unaccustomed, and for the performance of which he had no opportunity for preparation. His work was gigantic, and even the most critical were compelled to acknowledge that on the whole it was done well. Two mistakes he admitted - one consenting that the United States notes should be made a legal tender; the other, in advising the repeal of the clause in the first legal tender act which made the notes convertible into bonds.

"His friends were forced to admit that he made two mistakes of a different character - one in permitting his name to be used as a candidate for the presidency while he was a member of Mr. Lincoln's cabinet; the other, in resigning when his services as secretary of the treasury were greatly needed. It may be proper for me to remark here that the personal relations between Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Chase were never cordial. They were about as unlike in appearance, in education, in manners, in taste and in temperament as two eminent men could be. Mr. Chase had received a classical education, and until he entered the political field and became the leader of the Anti-Slavery party of Ohio, he had been a student of general literature; in appearance he was impressive, in manner stately, in taste refined, in temperament cold. Although the larger part of his early life was passed in the west, he was not westernized. He cracked no jokes, and he had no aptitude for story telling. He did not and could not appreciate these qualities which brought Mr. Lincoln so close to the hearts of the people. Self reliant, rapid in conclusions and prompt in action, he would not, had he been president in the spring of 1861, have waited for South Carolina to strike the first blow; it was, therefore, fortunate that he was not in Mr. Lincoln's place." - Magazine of American History.

An Ostrich Race.

At a command from the doctor one of the Madrasse keepers opened the doors of one of the pens, and in response to the doctor's call two superb ostriches came running to him. After caressing the gentle creatures for a few moments he showed them a handful of figs, of which they were extremely fond. Two of his men then restrained the birds by placing nooses about their legs until he and myself had walked to the other end of the course. Then, at a signal from the doctor, the birds were released and the race began. It was a rare sight. Ornithologists tell us that the stride of the ostrich when feeding is from twenty to twenty-two inches; when walking, but not feeding, twenty-six inches, and when terrified, from eleven and one-half to fourteen feet. It seemed to me that in this race for a handful of figs from their master these gigantic birds covered the last named distance at every stride.

Like the wind they came, their great necks stretched forward and upward to their utmost length; their wings like arms, working with a motion similar to that made by their legs, and filling the air with a mighty sound like the rushing of a whirlwind. Nearer and nearer they came, their speed increasing with every moment till I was almost terrified lest they should run us down, feeling certain that we could not withstand the shock. They kept well abreast for nearly half the distance, and then one began to forge ahead. He steadily increased his lead till within a few feet of us, when he turned his head, and seeing that his competitor was considerably in the rear, he slackened his pace, and jogging up to the doctor, received his reward in figs and caresses. - Los Angeles Letter.

Artesian Wells in Memphis.

The cities of the Mississippi valley have never been noted for the purity of their water supply, as they have depended largely on river water. The city of Memphis has been experimenting with artesian wells, and has found an inexhaustible supply of the best water directly under its site. A true artesian basin covered by a perfectly impervious stratum has been discovered, which is now fast displacing the unsatisfactory Wolf river as a source for water. Hitherto this river has supplied the city's wants. Thirty-two artesian wells have been driven over an area 2,000 by 300 feet. They are driven to a depth of about 450 feet. They first pass through 20 feet of bluish loam, then through 24 feet of sand and gravel, and finally through 150 feet of hard, impervious clay. The water bearing stratum is then reached, which consists of perfectly clean sand 500 feet deep. The water rises far above the level of the Mississippi river. It is impossible to overestimate the importance of this development as far as Memphis alone is concerned. But the same basin includes many other cities, and eventually a large area may be benefited by the discovery so happily made at Memphis. Mr. R. C. Graves, manager of a local ice company of this city, had used artesian water for making ice, and to him is largely due the credit for the new Memphis water supply. - Scientific American.

The Jew's Enduring Qualities.

Miss Potter's analysis of London labor is a remarkable exposition of the Jewish method of rising in the world. The Gentiles have yet a great deal, in a business way, to learn of this conjoined race. "Long and irregular hours, periods of strain and periods of idleness, scanty nourishment, dirt and overcrowding, casual charity, all the conditions which ruin the Anglo-Saxon and Irish inhabitant seem to leave unhurt the moral and physical fiber of the Jew." He does not trouble himself about the conflicting ideals, the manifold devices, the complex necessities of our social life; but resists the temptations of great cities, and aims only at securing the reward of his law - "length of days and riches." "With few exceptions, the men remain sober, the women chaste, and all sacrifice comfort and ease for their offspring. Our race has been quite too ready to recognize its own good qualities and the bad qualities of its neighbors. We shall progress faster with a more generous spirit." - Globe Democrat.

The cheapest feed in the market is Manitoba bran at \$18 per ton, equals twice its weight in hay for cattle and horses, to be had at W. F. Baker's, 12 Market Square.

SENATOR MANDERSON.

He Has Again Been Chosen to Represent Nebraska.

Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska, who will serve another term in the United States senate, is one of the best orators of the American house of lords. He is not a large man, is in fact rather short and stocky, but he has a reverberating voice, rich in quality, that fills the great senate chamber with a volume of sound almost as resonant as that produced by the massive Senator Coke, of Texas. In feature Mr. Manderson is handsome, and his silky mustaches and imperial are the envy of his senatorial colleagues. Mr. Manderson is one of the most approachable men in congress, and his conversation is singularly entertaining and humorous. He has an excellent story, which he will occasionally tell to a group of friends, about a character he once knew in Omaha, a veteran gambler, called "Omaha Bill," the exceedingly apt moral of which was Bill's advice to "always play your own hand, Pete!" Mr. Manderson spent considerable time not many years ago in Utah, and what he cannot tell you about Mormonism and Utah in general could be embodied in a very small volume. Mr. Manderson is 53 years old, and was born in Philadelphia, where he received an academical education. In 1856 he removed to Canton, O., where he studied law, and was called to the bar in 1859. He entered the army in April, 1861, and served honorably throughout the war. He was severely wounded at the battle of Lovejoy's station. In March, 1865, he was brevetted brigadier general of volunteers "for gallant, long continued and meritorious service." When the war was over he returned to Canton, and was twice elected as district attorney, until 1882, when he removed to Omaha, which he has since resided and practiced law. He was the city attorney of Omaha for six years, and in 1871, and again in 1874, he was elected by both political parties as a member of the constitutional convention of those years. He was elected to the senate as a Republican, to succeed Alvin Saunders, and took his seat in 1881.



CHARLES F. MANDERSON.

Balls Full of Life.

During a tramp through the woods of Van Diemen's Land a sportsman observed what he thought to be immense hornets' nests hanging to the limbs of high trees. He spoke of them to his host, and the next day the farmer, going with him to the woods, said: "Watch that nest while I fire at it." As the report of the gun burst upon the air the nest, or ball, fell apart as if by magic, while a loud chirping came from each fragment, that instead of dropping to the ground rose high above the trees and winged itself away. The round gray ball was a cluster of wood swallows, and the farmer told the sportsman that when he first saw one of them he climbed up on a high limb with a musquito net to capture what he had also supposed to be a hornet's nest.

These are the only birds known to have this remarkable habit. At certain times in the day they will begin to congregate about a tree, and suddenly several will alight upon a dead limb and cling to its under side. Others will join them, hanging with their heads down, until a ball is formed that grows rapidly, the new comers alighting and clinging to each other with their claws, and finally the entire flock is suspended in a great ball. How so few birds can sustain the weight of all the others seems miraculous. Sometimes they appear to be asleep and the ball drops as if the birds near the limb had lost their hold. It then falls apart and the birds fly away. - Philadelphia Times.

False Doctoring.

The extent to which the ordinary services of the church are understood by the poor is not easy to determine without special inquiry, and yet sometimes the clergy come upon alarming proofs that things are not so clear as they suppose them to be. It is not so long ago since a Yorkshire squire, dwelling in a valley where the people are supposed to be particularly long lived, told me a mournful experience which befell him when visiting a sick parishioner. The Yorkshireman was ill, very ill, but doggedly opposed to spending a penny upon the doctor. He had found, he thought, a more excellent way, and was accordingly conducting, with very alarming result, some experiments upon his constitution. Excessive devotion to a cheap but far from innocuous quack medicine was fast bringing him to a state in which medical aid and the infallible pill would be alike superfluous. "My dear Mrs.," said the squire to his obstinate parishioner's wife, "your husband is really killing himself with these pills. It's a case of suicide - a downright sin." "Yes, sir," replied the tearful partner, "I know it, and many's the time I've prayed for a cure in the church service." "In the church service?" said the vicar, a little doubtfully, "you mean when we pray for the sick?" "Oh, no, sir," was the reply; "I mean when we always say in the Litany, isn't it, 'Pray for the false doctoring, good Lord, deliver us.'" - Cornhill Magazine.

Slaying His Pets from Necessity.

A curious scene was witnessed the other day in the office of a Lincoln county hotel. A farmer brought in a big basket in which, carefully wrapped in clean rappings, were nine yellow skinned ducks, evidently dressed for the market with great care. The farmer threw the basket on the register book before the gaze of the hotel man, and brushing away a tear, heaved a deep sigh and said: "I made up my mind to kill 'em the other night. We all set a sight by 'em. There is Sally, as pretty a duck as ever had a web foot, and Betsy, she always slept behind the kitchen stove, and John, he was a proud drake and used to follow me all over the farm." And thus the farmer went on, taking up each dead duck in turn, calling it by some affectionate name, and telling how wonderful a pet it was. Said the farmer in conclusion, "I was a whole day killing these ducks, the hardest job I ever undertook. Poor things, I never'd killed 'em if we hadn't got out of flour." - Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

Five Ways to Stop a Cold.

1. Bathe the feet in hot water and drink a pint of hot lemonade. Then sponge with salt water and remain in a warm room. 2. Bathe the face in very hot water every five minutes for an hour. 3. Snuff up the nostrils hot salt water every three hours. 4. Inhale ammonia or menthol. 5. Take four hours' active exercise in the open air. A ten grain dose of quinine will usually break up a cold in the beginning. Anything that will set the blood actively in circulation will do it, whether it be drugs or the use of a buckwax. But, better than all, if your cold is inveterate or serious, consult your family physician, and at once. - Good Housekeeping.

Old and New.

Most slowly, foot by foot, he wrote, ye bard of ancient days, and seemed to find his labor somewhat hard. Ye poet of ye modern times has very different ways. And writes his pretty poems by the yard.

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