

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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AN interesting experiment is being tried by a minister in London—the establishment of a church for children. It is a unique effort to meet the "leakage" between the Sunday-school and the church.

ITALIAN grape culturists are now making illuminating oil from grape seeds, from which they get a product of from ten to fifteen per cent. It is clear, colorless and inodorous and burns without smoke.

AN original certificate of membership in the Order of Cincinnati, issued to a signer of the Declaration of Independence and signed by George Washington, was recently sold at Wilmington, Del., for \$32, probably less than a tenth of its selling value had bidding been pressed.

GENESEO, N. Y., has a century plant, or Wadsworth aloe, which has attained a height of twenty-one feet and has thrown eighteen flower shoots. It is expected to put out five or six additional branches and to grow at least two feet. Botanists all over the state are being attracted by it.

A SCHEME for a ship canal connecting the Baltic and the Black seas, from Kherson to Riga, is being considered by the Russian ministry of ways and communications. The canal is estimated to cost thirty million roubles. The construction of the proposed Caucasus railway has been postponed for two years.

JUSTO GONZALES is a leading lawyer in Buenos Ayres. He was called upon to defend Madame Tetrazzini, the famous South American prima donna, in a divorce suit recently. He charged her \$800 for his services, but the money was not forthcoming and he obtained an order for the seizure of the lady's jewels. All of the jewels turned out to be first-class paste.

AN English scientist, after careful experiments, finds that when potatoes are cooked without removing the skins they lose only 3 per cent. of nutritive quality through extraction of the juice. When the skins were removed before boiling the loss was 14 per cent., which makes the process of cooking the potatoes without their jackets an exceedingly wasteful one.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, United States consular agent at Castellamare, Italy, reports to the state department that the grape crop produced in that country during the past two years has been so enormous that in many districts in southern Italy there were not barrels enough and demijohns sufficient to hold the pressed juice, and cisterns were emptied and filled with wine.

THE distinction of owning the most powerful flash light and the largest light-house in the world belongs to France. This monster light has been set up at Cape de la Heve, near Havre, in the center of the most dangerous section of the French coast. The light now in use at this light-house has power equal to 40,000,000 candles and its reflection can be seen 243 miles.

A SKOWHEGAN (Me.) manufacturer of patent medicine made an offer of \$20,000 to any one who would invent for him a bottle that could not be refilled after once being emptied. An ingenious mechanic named McQuillan has invented such an article and the firm has allowed him six months more to make any improvements or changes needed in his invention. It is a curious yet simple article, and will cost only a trifle more than an ordinary bottle.

PHILADELPHIANS celebrated Arbor day by planting an elm tree in Fairmount park in memory of Dr. D. Hayes Agnew; a sturdy oak in memory of Gen. Meade; of Gettysburg fame; an ash for George W. Childs, and a sugar maple for Gov. Hartranft. In the case of Mr. Childs the planting of a memorial tree was peculiarly appropriate, for it was his custom whenever a distinguished man visited him at Wootton, his country estate, to ask his guest to plant a tree there.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER, the agent general for Canada, was present ten days ago at the residence of Jubal Webb, of Kensington, London, and witnessed the formal cutting of the enormous cheese which formed such a conspicuous feature of the Canada section at Chicago exposition. The cheese, it will be remembered, weighed ten tons and was produced in 1892 under governmental auspices at Perth, Ontario, and was made from the milk of 12,000 cows. The cheese, it is said, was excellent.

IT is proposed to build at Cloquet, Minn., on the St. Louis river, a dam 900 feet long and 80 feet high, by which back water on St. Louis will be extended 60 miles, and the largest dammed body of water in the world will be secured. A line of steel piping to the hills above Duluth will be laid, where a reservoir is to be built, whence, under a 600-foot head of power, electricity will be generated and distributed. Water will also be furnished for fire protection and, if wanted, for drinking purposes.

ONE of the deadliest serpents in the tropics is the fer-de-lance, of which there are at least eight varieties. These snakes are of precisely the color which will enable them to hide among the foliage or roots of trees. Sometimes they are a bright yellow and can scarcely be distinguished from the bunch of bananas within which they lie coiled. Again the reptile may be black, or yellowish brown, or of any hue resembling tropical forest mold, old bark or decomposing trees. The iris of the eye is orange, with red dashes, and at night glows like a burning coal.

TO A NOBLE MATRON.

Patriotic Women Pay Tribute to Washington's Mother.

Interesting Ceremonies at Fredericksburg, Va.—Eloquent Addresses Delivered by President Cleveland and Senator Daniel.

THE DEDICATION.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., May 12.—The monument to Mary Washington, mother of the first president, was unveiled here Thursday. The procession to the monument included various patriotic societies and benevolent orders, companies of the state militia, the governor's staff, and representative ladies on horseback.

THE CEREMONIES.

Ceremonies began with prayer by Rev. James P. Smith, followed by a brief address by A. P. Rowe, mayor of Fredericksburg. Gov. O'Ferrall followed with an impassioned address of welcome on the part of the state of Virginia, and in an eloquent oration presented the president of the United States. For several minutes the enthusiasm which greeted the president was without bounds.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND SPEAKS.

When the cheering finally subsided President Cleveland said:

"Nothing can be more important to those who have assumed the responsibility of self-government than the cultivation and stimulation among themselves of sentiments which

It appears that when the Meeks family and the persons accompanying them reached a point near the schoolhouse in Lynn county, a short distance east of Browning, they were met by two other men who were lying in wait. Gus Meeks was first shot and Mrs. Meeks jumped.

She also was killed. The murderers then took stones and beat the brains out of the two children and left the other for dead. The murderers then, it is supposed, loaded the whole family into the wagon and hauled them nearly 2 miles to the Taylor farm, where they were buried under a strawstack.

A MURDERER LYNCHED.

REKEN FROM JAIL AT COTTONWOOD FALLS, KAN., AND HANGED TO A BRIDGE.

STRONG CITY, Kan., May 15.—George Rose was lynched at midnight Saturday night for the murder of Karl Kuhl Friday. Kuhl was assistant postmaster at Cottonwood Falls, 22 miles west of Emporia. Rose was employed in the Courant office, in the same building as the post office, whose owner and editor, W. E. Timmons, is postmaster. The murderer is supposed to have been caused by jealousy. Rose having expected to receive the position given to Kuhl. The murderer gave himself up to the sheriff. At 11 o'clock Saturday night Sheriff Hodge Murdoch was called to the door by a rap. He was suddenly grabbed and pulled outside his door. Several pistols were presented at his head by masked men and

he was killed.

The scale committee, in its report, endeavored to adjust differences in rates for mining in a manner to work no injustice to the miners of one section as compared with another. The demand is for the wages paid before the reductions were made last fall and winter. In a general way the scale provides for the following rates:

Ohio, 70 to 85 cents; Pennsylvania, 66 to 75 cents; Indiana, 70 to 75 cents; Central Pennsylvania, 50 cents; Illinois, 50 to 85 cents; Maryland, 50 cents, and West Virginia about the same, if the miners in that state decide to join the movement. Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois are the important states. Reductions have been made in all except Illinois, but if the miners in that state had desired to work after May 1 they would have been compelled to accept a 20 per cent reduction.

The Illinois operators and a part of the Pittsburgh district are not represented, so whatever terms, if any, may be agreed upon must be ratified by the absenteers before they become effective.

When the conference between the operators and miners assembled late in the afternoon it took but a short time to precipitate the fight that was brewing. An organization was effected by the election of J. B. Zorbe, an operator of this city, as president, and Patrick McBryde of the Miners' union as secretary, with Frank Brooks, an operator of Columbus, as his assistant.

A committee on credentials was appointed, and to them were referred the credentials of all the miners and operators who sought seats in the conference. The report of the committee aroused a stormy discussion at once. They favored the seating of all the miners and the operators from Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia, and all of those from Pennsylvania who had expressed a willingness to abide by the decision of the conference.

The report, however, was against the seating of the ten Pittsburgh operators who had declared that they would not abide by the decision of the majority.

The conference was composed, after the adoption of the report of the committee on credentials, of 193 miners and 144 operators. Eighty-two of the operators are from Ohio, fifty-three from Pennsylvania, seven from Indiana as a committee for all the operators in that state, and two from West Virginia. After the adoption of the report the conference adjourned until morning.

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