

ACCIDENTS ARE DUE TO EMPLOYEES

Writer in Santa Fe Magazine Says Public Safety Is Ignored.

NEW ATTITUDE IS URGED.

ORGANIZATIONS, HE SAYS, HAVE GREATER RESPECT FOR THEIR OWN POWER THAN THEIR DUTY.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 2.—"The abuse of the power of railway brotherhoods in their relation to safety, or rather their interference with the disciplinary measures of railway managements, has a very direct bearing on the question of the safe and expeditious handling of traffic."

This statement is made in an article on "Safety" in the last issue of the Santa Fe Employees Magazine, which is causing no end of comment among operating men over the entire line. The article was written by a prominent member of one of the railroad brotherhoods, and is the third of a series on the same subject. The name of the author will not be disclosed until the last article appears. The articles are a strong indictment of the present attitude of the brotherhoods upon the subject of safety.

The writer, who believes that the time is fast approaching when the American public will call the operating employees to account for the lax way in which they are discharging their duties to the travelling public, says:

Will Blame Employers.
"I may be mistaken, but it does seem to me that the American people are going to look more and more every year to the individual employee, instead of to the individual employer, in placing the blame for disastrous wrecks. There are many men who are conservative with the numerical strength of the railway brotherhoods who are saying to themselves and to others, 'You brotherhood men, with your vast aggregations of organized members, covering territory stretching from the Bay of Fundy to the Golden Gate, and from Alaska to Panama, what are you doing? What have you done in the past to prevent accidents or to assure us that the safety of loved ones we intrust to you has had and will have the vigilant care and attention that the unity of the brotherhoods can give it?'"

One reason for the apparent lack of interest of the men and of the brotherhoods in the problem of safe operation, he says, is the fact that there has been a sort of impression that this was a matter for the railway managements to attend to. In all the writer's experience he does not remember of the subject of safety ever having been brought up in the meetings of the brotherhood.

He now recommends that a portion of the time of each brotherhood meeting be given over to a discussion of the of the means and of the necessity for safe operation. "What we need at this time," he says, "is not a great, soul-stirring revival of interest in the subject, but rather a moral awakening to the fullest sense of how deeply we are all concerned in the safe handling of trains, which help to compose the greatest of all public utilities, the railroads."

The statement is made that many operating employees have a greater respect for the power of their organizations than for a conscientious attention to duty, which the companies have a right to expect. He says:

"The result is that certain classes of employees are careless in their observance of the rules, in accordance with the attitude of their organization in fighting for disciplined members, and this necessarily touches congenitally upon safety."

"Officials are well aware and brotherhood men well know that these conditions exist and that they vary, too, according to the conservative methods employed by the different organizations—but we all know that they do exist to a greater or lesser extent in all of them. And yet brotherhood men through a mistaken sense of loyalty or fealty to their order refuse to admit except to other members, that such things are done. I believe that it is a very serious abuse of power and one that does not advance the interests of organized labor on railroads and which also has the grave tendency of blocking the proper enforcement of discipline."

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MAUSOLEUM FOR AMERICAN FLAG MAKER

Magnificent Memorial to Betsy Ross Proposed.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 2.—Arrangements have been made by the Betsy Ross Memorial Association to place the imposing mausoleum designed for the famous maker of the American flag in a conspicuous place in the new part of Mount Moriah cemetery, east of Sixty-third street, her body being removed from its obscure grave on the west side of the cemetery.

Mount Moriah Council, of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, which originated the movement for the monument, has adopted the design submitted by a well known Philadelphia sculptor. Patriotic orders will build the mausoleum, which will be a magnificent edifice of granite, forty feet square, with vault and duplicate of room in which the flag was made, surrounded by bronze statuary emblematic of the achievements of American soldiers and sailors.

linary measures, which after all is said and done, mean a certain measure of protection for these self same brotherhood men.

"When railroad brotherhoods place the bright shining jewel of consistency above them in their lodge rooms to light and guide their work safety will then have one of the strongest links welded in the chain and brotherhoods will receive from officials and the public the respect and fair treatment which are willingly given to those who endeavor to benefit mankind by methods that are conscientious and just."

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HAS STRANGE PET

Maine Girl Owns Ten Foot Python Which She Fondles.

NOT AFRAID OF SNAKES

Bangor, Me., Jan. 2.—Miss Myrtle Lambert, of Strong, has a strange pet in a ten foot python, brought from Asia and presented by a friend. Miss Lambert has developed a passion for snakes and the python is her house-hold pet. It belongs to the boa constrictor variety and eventually is expected to reach a length of twenty-five to thirty feet.

The python, which its owner has named Billy, is very fastidious as to its food, and it insists on having nice fat chickens for its meals. Miss Lambert has another snake of the "coral" variety that she prizes highly. It was given her by the same person who gave her the big fellow. The little snake is about three feet in length and one of its favorite positions is coiled in its mistress' hair. Here it will remain perfectly quiet for hours at a time, observing all that is going on, however. The two snakes are great friends. Billy receives as much care as a child.

Every morning the snake gets a bath of new milk, the body afterward being wiped quite dry. The box occupied by the snake, which was made for his especial occupancy, is constructed of polished woods and is lined with soft cloths. There are perches in the box and a long shelf that his snakehead may stretch upon.

"I have always had a great liking for snakes," said Miss Lambert. "Afraid of snakes?" Well, I should say not. For my part I can't see what there is about a snake that a girl should be afraid of. Now, some might say that Billy is dangerous, but I am not a bit afraid of the big fellow. It's true that he has the power now to kill a human being by crushing, but I think he loves me. He is so nice and affectionate, running his head up on my face and in a way almost kissing my cheek. Why, I'd hate to part with Billy, and don't intend to as long as I can keep him."

One day, not long ago, the snake escaped from his box and invaded the family pantry. Then there was a great commotion, for in his progress about the place he tipped over many pieces of china, and the resulting wreck was something that the family may remember for some time.

It was on the same day when the big fellow was making his way through the parlor of the house in his course of investigation that the family cat snatched the serpent. There was a frantic "meow" and the cat made her escape through a window. Since that day she has not returned, and it is thought that the fright that the feline experienced was so great that she has gone to live with people who have no snakes.

Four women are members of the new committee on the charter of Palo Alto, Cal. They were chosen to represent the Woman's Club, the Suffrage Club, the Library Board and the teachers. The representatives of all the other organizations are men.

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Three States Will Be Annexed By Youngsters

National Association of Junior Republics Is Preparing to Expand—Will Correct Wrongs.

New York, Jan. 2.—That Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New Jersey will during the new year join the young nation of George Junior Republics with full fledged commonwealths of boys and girls was announced at the headquarters of this new national organization at 22 William street in this city today. With hundreds of wayward youngsters struggling to reclaim themselves as "citizens" of their juvenile republics in California, Connecticut, Maryland and New York, the adult supporters of this spreading movement are providing for the annexation of these three important additions to their four original states. Before the year is over, they predict many other states in the greater union will be applying for this successful method of turning their strayed young folks into real citizens instead of confirmed criminals.

In spite of the financial trials of the past year, the leaders of the George Junior republic movement throughout the country have today decided to discount the returning prosperity in the greater nation and go ahead with pressing plans to extend their smaller republics to other states. All New York states is thoroughly capable of sustaining its original junior republic at Freeville, they believe, and Connecticut is now rousing itself to back its similar colony at Litchfield. The Annapolis commonwealth of boys and girls is today being heartily supported by the people of Maryland and Washington, while all California is enthusiastic over the young republic which has been established during the past year near Los Angeles. With each of these states prepared to care for its own youthful representatives in the

new nation of boys and girls, it has been thought time of admit the little commonwealths of Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, whose older citizens have for some time been eager to project George Junior republican plans for their states.

The selection of a suitable site for the Pennsylvania junior republic near Pittsburgh is today already being undertaken by L. S. Levin, assistant city solicitor of that city, who has assured the officers of the national movement that this state will soon be the most flourishing little commonwealth in the new nation. Strong supporters of the George idea throughout Massachusetts are at present taking steps to incorporate an organization to maintain an extensive republic for the boys and girls of that state. Concerted action among the friends of the national plan in New Jersey is also promising to set up one of the strongest of these juvenile colonies in that state before the new year is over.

"These ambitious forward steps in our new national association of junior republics will prove fully warranted by the hearty support which I believe the people of other states will give to their new republics," said Thomas M. Osborne, a leader in the movement in this city today. "I believe that the success of the junior republic idea as we have worked it out during the last fourteen years is no longer dependent on Mr. George, its originator, or upon any one man. Its established principles will now live on into the far future and work the sure righting of thousands of youngsters gone wrong in every section of the greater republic."

at Albert Hall, on December 5, under the presidency of Lady McLaren, I am inclined to think that we are witnessing a revival of those recondite mental disorders which afflicted so many Western countries 500 years ago. In more severe cases there were howlings, screaming and jumping, and the patients affected, although they had not complete control over their understandings, yet were sufficiently composed to obey the directions they had received.

"It is characteristic of these maniacs that they attack women more readily than men, although some men are capable of being affected at any rate. The marked preference that the patients of tarantism show for certain colors or combination of colors is another feature which leads me to connect the present disorder with the frenzies of the Middle Ages."

The suffrage campaign, if it has accomplished nothing else, has secured a complete revision of the rules for the admission of strangers to the House of Commons.

Prof. Schofield has returned to Harvard University after spending the first half of his academic year lecturing in German universities. He says always found the most attentive audiences, and he thinks that much good is being accomplished through the exchange of lectures.

WILD BEASTS FOR MARKET

Colorado Man will Raise Them on Farm for Zoological Gardens.

GOVERNMENT INTERESTED

OFFERS TO AID THE NATURALIST IN OVERCOMING ANY DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF PROPAGATION.

Denver, Col., Jan. 2.—M. F. Kendrick, of Denver, has established a reservation on which he will rear wild beasts for market. He plans to sell the animals to the states that are actively engaged in the preservation of wild game, but he does not intend to confine himself to this single source of demand. He believes that even were there no states interested in producing game the general market would warrant the founding of this novel reservation.

It was at the suggestion of Dr. William T. Hornaday, of the New York Zoological society, and other noted naturalists that Mr. Kendrick established the preserve, which will be conducted by an association known as the Kendrick Pheasants and Wild Game association.

For several years the founder of the new enterprise has maintained a pheasant exhibit at the city park in Denver, expending for that purpose several thousand dollars of his own money each year. It was his love for and surpassing knowledge of birds that inspired him to start the wild game preserve, on which many thousands of pheasants will be raised each year for the market.

For the first few years only animals that inhabit North America will be raised, but in time lions, tigers and even elephants will be supplied for the market. At present the farm will be stocked with deer, elk, antelope, buffalo, mountain goats, bears, etc.

The association has bought 1,000 acres of land nine miles south of Denver. A lake fifty acres in area will supply the water, as will also the Platte river, which flows through Skewton Farm, as a part of the tract purchased is known.

An electric line now runs near by, and it is expected that the reservation will become as much of a resort for sightseers as is the famous ostrich farm near Los Angeles.

"It requires no more feed to produce one pound of buffalo or elk than the same of cattle and sheep," said Mr. Kendrick, "while the care and protection in housing are less, and the prices are high either on the foot or the butcher's block. Buffalo meat retails at from fifty cents to \$1 a pound; elk meat brings nearly as much and venison sells at about half the price. The association will not lack a good market at good prices, even if all its product be not taken by zoological parks or game preserves."

Mr. Kendrick has been invited by the United States government to send

to the national chemist the body of any bird or animal that has died of a disease with which he is not familiar, and the government agrees to send him without cost a full description of the disease and its cure.

A Horrible Hold-Up.

"About ten years ago my brother was 'held up' in his work, health and happiness by what was believed to be hopeless Consumption," writes W. R. Lipscomb, of Washington, N. C. "He took all kinds of remedies and treatment from several doctors, but found no help till he used Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles. He is a well man to-day. It's quick to relieve and the surest cure for weak or sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Asthma and all Bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by A. G. Luken & Co.

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