

BEAT IT, OLD MAN! WE'RE TIRED O' YOU.



SWISS NATIONAL EXPOSITION.

Big Affair Will Be Held in 1914 at Berne.

Berne, Dec. 31.—An incomparable situation on a high plateau within sight of the snowcapped peaks of the Bernese Alps has been selected for the Swiss national exposition, to be held here from May to October, 1914. Here the natural and manufactured products of Switzerland, its trade and industry also agriculture, the ingenious creations of the watchmaking and gold working branches, electric and hydraulic groups, machinery and those other lines of endeavor for which Switzerland is famous, embroidery, silk and other textiles, not omitting the hotel industry, will be displayed in vast halls specially erected for the purpose. Particular attractions will be devoted to the educational establishments of the country.

Within a few months and one year previous to the time set for the inauguration of the exposition, in May, 1913, the newly constructed electric railway through the barriers of the Bernese Alps, the Löttschberg, will be opened for traffic, connecting Berne with the Simplon and lessening the journey to Italy by several hours, a line not only of great economic importance but one rivaling the renowned Gotthard railway in the beauty of the scenery through which the traveller will be enabled to pass.

Berne, the picturesque capital of the Swiss Confederation, is already making timely preparations for the increase in traffic and the added number of visitors that the Löttschberg and the 1914 exposition will bring, and three new large first class hotels are nearing completion for the accommodation of its guests.

HOW TO REACH ADVANCED AGE.

Sir George Bordwood Gives Recipe to "Times" Readers.

London, Dec. 31.—A number of worthy old gentlemen have been rushing into print recently to confide to all who care to read how it comes about that they have passed the Palmist's allotted span, and Harley street is kept busy explaining to anxious inquirers what it thinks about it.

The best and most sensible contribution to the argument comes from Sir George Bordwood in a letter to the Times. Sir George says:

"I attribute my senility—let other say senectitude—to a certain playful devilry of spirit, a ceaseless militancy, quite sufragette, so that when I left the India Office on a bailed pension I swore by all the gods I would make up for it living on ten years instead of one, which was all an insurance society told me I was worth. The devil in me has avenged

me and now I am going quite sportfully to live onto eighty-four, because that age, chaurasi, among Hindus, constitutes one a 'beatus' for evermore, however big a blackguard you may have been. As for the prescription of lying in bed until noonday I would rather be some monstrous flat fish at the bottom of the Atlantic than accept human life on such terms.

"It would be better if the present generation realized that wisdom has not travelled far beyond the elementary maxim expressed in all ages and in every tongue: 'Be temperate in all things.'"

TABLET TO MAZZINI ERECTED.

London Honors Italy's Apostle of Modern Democracy.

London, Dec. 31.—Mazzini's long and memorable association with London is at last to be commemorated.

Tomorrow a bronze memorial tablet modelled by Signor A. Fabbrucci will be affixed to 5 Hatton Garden, where the great Italian held his conferences and classes and "inspired young Italy with the principles which make his name revered by men of all nations."

The tablet contains a bust in bas relief of Mazzini with a beard and mustache, not as we knew him in later years, and an inscription which says: "In the house Giuseppe Mazzini, the apostle of modern democracy, inspired young Italy with the ideal of the unity, independence and regeneration of his country."

MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS WILL BE VERY BUSY.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 31.—Members of the Michigan legislature are rounding up in the capital in anticipation of the opening of the biennial session of that body tomorrow. The prediction is made that the session will be one of the most eventful in the history of the State.

No one knows just what Woodbridge N. Ferris, the Democratic governor-elect, will advocate in his inaugural message tomorrow, but it is generally predicted that Chase S. Osborne, the retiring governor, will speak out vigorously to the legislature in his farewell address.

Measures of much weight are to be brought before the new legislature, chief among which are amendments to the workingmen's compensation act, changes in the system of taxation, conservation measures, and the simplification of the primary and election laws. Early in the session the legislature will be called upon to elect a United States senator, but little interest attaches to the election since the results of the Republican primary last summer and the election in November assures the re-election of Senator William Alden Smith.

LEAVES A FORTUNE WITH MANY STRINGS TO IT.

London, Dec. 30.—Mr Thomas Waterhouse, a Manchester silk merchant, who died recently, leaving \$762,875, placed on the public trustee the responsibility of seeing that his sons do not become spendthrifts of the fortune he left them. He directed in his will that the residue of his estate should accumulate for fifteen years, and that it should then be divided equally between his daughter and three sons. With regard to his sons he made the following stipulations:

"I hereby declare that no one of my sons shall receive any share of the accumulated funds until proved to the satisfaction of the public trustee that he has made discreet use of the other portions of my trust estate devised or bequeathed to him under this my will and of the moneys left to him by his grandfather, Thomas Waterhouse. I do not wish that any portion of my own savings or those of my late father shall benefit any son of mine who has shown by his conduct that he is unable to appreciate the use of capital moneys or estate. And I declare that the decision of the public trustee in this respect shall be deemed to be final and conclusive."

It is not an unusual thing for the public trustee to undertake such a charge.

HIGH BRED FOWLS PARADE IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 31.—The twenty-fourth annual exhibition of the New York Poultry and Pigeon Association opened in Madison Square Garden today, and will be continued until the end of the week. Nearly 10,000 entries of high-class chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese are on view, together with rabbits, guinea pigs and other varieties of pet stock, the display of water fowl is especially fine. The exhibitors represent a score or more States and various parts of Canada.

FLIERS FOUND RUINED CITY.

In the Midst of the Desert Imposing Remains, Marble Statues and Columns of Ancient Sabatta.

Rome, Dec. 31.—Two Italian officers reconnoitering about Tripoli in an airship discovered, beyond Zaira, a ruined city in the midst of the sand and wilderness. The city was identified as Sabatta, once a flourishing colony of Imperial Rome. Flying low the officers took photographs, which upon development revealed imposing, extensive and well preserved ruins with many marble statues, twenty of which were still standing. The ruins will be explored at once.

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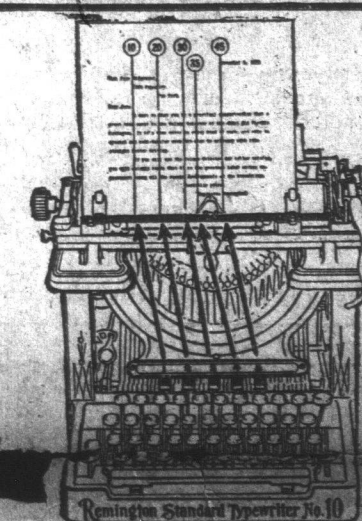
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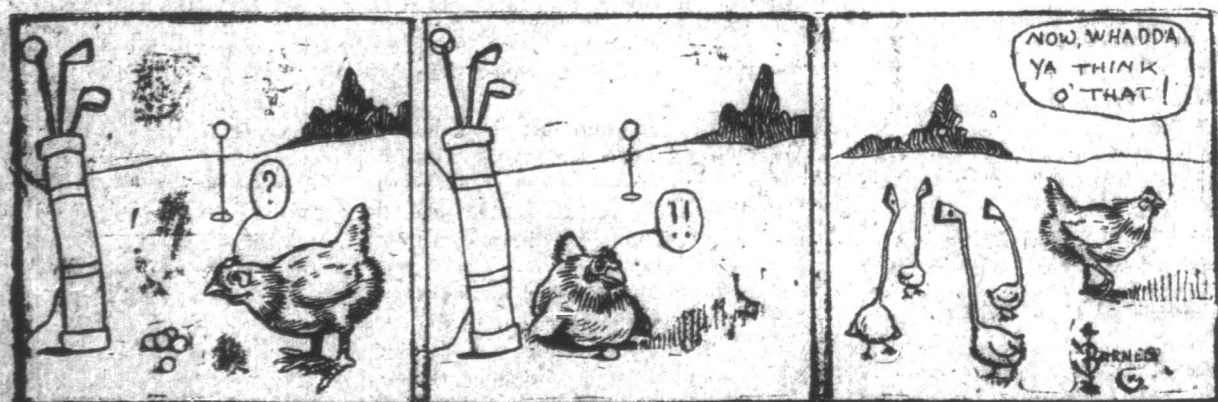
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