

The Literary Digest sagely asks: "Should the poet read his own works in public?" Save us from the infliction!

The people of the United States spend over a million dollars a week for coffee. But those who live in boarding houses will naturally wonder where it all goes to.

The average annual total of water which falls as rain or snow in the United States is 1407 cubic miles. This amount of rain would more than twice fill Lake Ontario. To raise this water to the clouds from which it fell would require the work of 500,000,000 horses working ten hours a day throughout the year.

The ocean liner Deutschland's new record for a single day's run, 587 knots, or 676 statute miles, may serve as a reminder to naval constructors that no ocean-going war ship has yet been designed or built that could overhaul the Deutschland in open sea. The average speed of nearly twenty-four and a half knots per hour is quite beyond the capacity of any fast cruiser afloat.

The new British census shows a population for England and Wales of 32,523,716, against 29,022,523 ten years ago—an increase of 3,523,191, or 12.15 per cent. The gain is slow compared with the American standard, but it is steady, showing no decline from that of previous decades, and is remarkably rapid for such a thickly settled country and one so constantly drained by emigration. The density of population in England and Wales is now no less than 563 to the square mile, and for England alone it is doubtless above the enormous figure of 600.

In report to the State Department United States Consul-General Mason, at Berlin, estimates that the world's total yield of copper last year amounted to 471,000 tons, of which 268,787 tons (or more than half) was produced in North America. The next largest producers were Germany, with 31,950 tons; Japan, with 27,000 tons, and Chile, with 25,700 tons. Australia, Tasmania and Spain contributed most of the rest of the production. Besides its own production Germany last year imported 83,500 tons of copper, of which 68,264 tons was sent from the United States.

The Irish Court of Appeal has formally decided the exact meaning of the word "hump." The question came up for judicial decision in a case from the King's Bench Division, where four justices had been unable to come to a unanimous decision as to the word's meaning. Two of them held that "hump" as used by Sir Walter Scott and Miss Austen in their novels was an expression of dissent, and the other two held that it meant only a dissatisfied state of mind. The Court of Appeal has decided that it is "an expression of doubt or hesitation" or "a grunt of dissatisfaction."

The African quagga is extinct, and several families of antelopes have been wiped out of existence. Zebras are scarce, giraffes are few in number, the rhinoceros and hippopotamus are passing from view, and the American bison, once roaming over the Western prairies in herds of thousands and tens of thousands, counts a few feeble folk as pitiful survivors. Before this century is half over big game will be almost unknown. It is deplorable that butchery on a gigantic scale has robbed forests and jungles, plains and valleys, mountains and meadows, to such an extent of the fauna so well worth study and preservation.

Does the typewriter affect literary style? A writer in the Boston Transcript thinks it does. He says: "As a general thing the typewriter produces a sort of staccato, disconnected, jerky style; to change the metaphor, a fleshless and bony style, and awkward withal. What is written with the machine seldom has the ease and expressiveness that the same author's handwriting might have possessed. The special word-by-word planning that goes with it, be it ever so slight and even unconscious, does get in the way of free expression; and there is a tendency in the writer to think out his sentence less thoroughly, and even to use stereotyped expressions; which fall in more conveniently with one's practice." It might require generations, he adds, for typewriting to become instinctive with civilized people as handwriting is.

ANOTHER GREYNA GREEN.

South Haven is Preparing to Compete With St. Joseph

IN MATRIMONIAL BUSINESS.

Will Have the Proper Authority Open Up an Office at the Dock Where Marriage Licenses can be Procured Upon Arrival of Excursionists From Chicago.

Mrs. Yates Arrested. The finding of the body of Jasper N. Wright in the woods near St. Louis on the 9th was followed the next day by the arrest of Mrs. Chas. Yates. The theory of the prosecution is that Wright was smothered by a carpet found nearby. The defense will try to prove that death was caused by heart disease.

At the inquest held at St. Louis on the 10th over the body of Mr. Wright, who was found dead north of that city, Mrs. Yates testified that she had been in the habit of going out in the woods to pick flowers to put on the graves of her children, and on going through a thicket of brush she stepped on a foot of the corpse, glanced at the body, saw it was black in the face, then ran and called her husband and a man by the name of Vanderkirk, who was going down the road. They went over to where the body was and she says she did not go a second time to the body. She did not touch the body and had not had any trouble with her husband concerning this man.

Goos St. Joseph One Better. In order to compete with St. Joseph as a Gretna Green for Chicago couples, South Haven has secured the appointment of R. J. Madill, a deputy county clerk, with his headquarters on the steamboat dock at South Haven. This innovation was due to the fact that Paw Paw, the county seat of Van Buren county, is located 25 miles inland and couples who wanted to get married had to go to Paw Paw for licenses. Under the state system licenses can be obtained within a few minutes after leaving the boat. In that respect South Haven now boasts of an advantage over St. Joseph, as a trip of half a mile to the court house for a license is required at the latter place before the ceremony can be performed.

Hair Pulling Match at Owosso. Mrs. Matthew Shay and Mrs. Robert Bowles fought a vicious battle on Owosso streets on the 10th in the presence of a big crowd. The Shay woman hit Mrs. Bowles over the head with an umbrella, and the proprietor of the store ordered and tossed on the sidewalk and both soon had bloody noses and scratched faces, while Mrs. Shay was sly some of her hair. No one attempted to part them, but they ran when the marshal put in his appearance. No arrests. The women are near neighbors. They have quarreled before.

Aged Lover Disappointed. Jas. H. Townsend, aged about 60, short and thick set, with a dark mustache and dark hair, slightly tinged with gray, went to Sparta a few weeks ago and stopped at the Sawyer residence. He represented a Pennsylvania dry goods house. Soon the gossip whispered it around that the aged stranger was paying marked attention to Nellie Sawyer, aged about 10. Her teacher investigated and laid the matter before Deputy Sheriff Smith, who advised Townsend to leave town. He accepted the advice.

G. A. R. Convention at Flint. Under a sweltering sun the first day of the state encampment of the G. A. R. was opened at Flint on the 13th, with fully 8,000 delegates and their friends within the gates of the city. Early in the morning the streets were a scene of activity as the veterans began to prepare for the first day of the big event. Headed by the Flint fire and drum corps the veterans marched to Stone's opera house at 10:30 o'clock, where the first business session of the encampment was held.

Phone War at Horton and Hanover. The villages of Hanover and Horton, three miles apart, are enjoying a telephone war, which is growing desperate in its intensity. Each village is endeavoring to establish rural telephone lines, at the expense of the farmers, of course, who derive their benefit from the line by being able to get market reports every morning without going to town, and by getting the news of their small world as soon as the village people do.

Jackson County Farmers in Hard Luck. Wheat throughout Jackson county is greatly affected with insects and some of the farmers are plowing up part of their crop and planting spring crops. Corn in many places has had to be replanted on account of the recent cold weather, causing much of the seed to rot before coming up. What has survived is now picking up fast and the crop promises to be better than expected.

Graying is to have a large new salt block. A large amount of cement sidewalks will be laid in Pinesbury this summer. Half the expense will be borne by the village.

The organization of a stock company to build another grist mill in the village is the latest project under discussion at Crosswell.

The coroner's jury investigating the death of Mrs. Jennie Parrish, at Flint, returned a verdict charging Lewis Weeks with her murder. One church, one house and a barn in the vicinity of Coral were struck by lightning and burned on the night of the 12th. One child was also killed.

Wheat a Failure.

The monthly crop report issued by Secretary of State Warner on the 10th states that fruit and garden truck suffered somewhat from frost during May, the damage usually occurring where crops were on low ground. The cool, wet weather was not favorable for the setting of fruit, but was favorable for curl leaf in peaches. The weather was very favorable for wheat and had a tendency to check the work of the Hessian fly. The weather in April was favorable to the fly, and the opinion of many farmers that great damage was then done and would be noticeable as soon as we had a few days of dry, warm weather was demonstrated to be correct during the first few days of June. Nearly every correspondent in the southern counties reports damage by the fly. In some places wheat is beginning to fall to the ground. The indications now are that the crop will be no better than last year. Fields that escaped the ravages of the pest last fall are reported to have been infested this spring, so that failure of the crop will probably be universal. The average condition of wheat in the state is 72. This estimate was made June 1, before the damage had become so noticeable. Had the estimate been made a week later it would have been lower. On June 1 last year the condition was estimated at 49. The per cent of wheat that will be plowed up because winter killed or otherwise destroyed is 14, and it would be much greater were it not for the fact that many fields are seeded to timothy or clover. The damage by Hessian fly is 31 for the state. May weather was unfavorable to corn. May weather was not favorable to fruit.

Muskegon bootblacks have formed a union and advanced the price of shins to 10 cents.

Mrs. Robert Charlton, living west of Cass City, on the 10th gave birth to two boys and a girl. Mother and babes are doing well.

Quincy claims the banner as the healthiest place in the state, and the doctors have taken to fishing to gain a sustenance.

The progressive element at North Branch has at last gotten the better of the old-fogy crowd, and the village will have electric lights before many moons.

The special election held at Norway to settle the question of bonding the city for \$25,000 for electric lights resulted in a victory for those who favor the lights.

A special term of the Gladwin circuit court will be called about Aug. 1 to try Wm. Arnell, Jr., charged with the murder of his wife and child at Beaverton.

Farmers in the vicinity of Munith are having many valuable sheep and lambs killed by dogs. Thus far about 40 sheep and lambs have been killed by canines.

The village fathers at Bad Axe are progressive. They have ordered 10 new arc lights, and will have cement walks laid at every street crossing in the village.

Word was received on the 13th announcing that former Gov. Pinglee was seriously ill, and that the start for the U. S. would necessarily have to be postponed.

A heavy hail storm struck Grand Traverse county on the 13th and did much damage. Fruit was stripped from the trees. Strawberries were cut off, and corn ruined.

The Pere Marquette railroad is making fair progress with the building of its new track at Northville. The grade operations will take all summer and cost nearly \$600 a day.

A Muir man is suing for a divorce, because, he says, his wife doesn't wash the dishes as promptly as she ought to. Well, if he doesn't like her way of doing it, why not do it himself?

What is believed to be the first house built wholly of Portland cement is to be erected in Coldwater very shortly. The use of cement as a building material is probably in its infancy.

Osgo merchants are firm believers in the power of music to draw crowds, and have subscribed liberally to a fund to pay for two band concerts in the village each week during the summer.

Ten young tramps, ranging in ages from 13 to 17, were jailed at St. Joseph on the 13th. They said they had run away from the homes of well-to-do Chicago parents to tramp to the Pan-American exposition.

The annual reunion of the Grand River Valley Encampment Association of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Sons of Veterans and Women's Relief Corps will be held at Grand Haven from July 1 to 6, inclusive.

The Delta County Agricultural society will hold the annual county fair and race meeting on Sept. 10-12. Matinee races will be held every two weeks during the season, the first meet to be held June 27.

During a fierce electrical storm one day recently Mrs. Eber Vickery, of Danby, died to the cellar for safety, but a bolt of lightning came down the chimney and struck her just the same. Her recovery is doubtful.

Gov. Bliss on the 13th ordered that a commission be issued to Judge Aaron V. McAlvey, of Manistee, as judge of the Manistee-Mason-Lake-Oscoda circuit, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge C. M. Beardley.

The Valley Telephone Co., Saginaw, has placed most of its new issue of \$50,000 stock in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, where a complete system of toll lines will be built independent of the Bell-Moore system.

The investigation into the death of Rep. Doyle at Lansing has been taken up. Miss Manders is still held in custody, but there are no new developments and the probabilities are that she will be released at the close of the inquest.

Summer school catalogues for the U. of M. have been issued. The literary session runs from June 26 to Aug. 9. The law summer session, June 24 to Aug. 16. Six hours' credit is the most that can be obtained during a summer session.

Worms are at work in the apple orchards around Bloomingdale. Many trees have been wholly destroyed, and the trees look as though a fire had run through the orchard. Farmers are at a loss to know what to do to head off the pest.

The following men were appointed by Gov. Bliss on the 13th as the barbers' examining board: R. M. Fillmore, Lansing; Jos. H. Hooper, Ishpeming, and Emory I. Busby, Hastings, for the terms of one, two and three years, respectively.

The Paw Paw lake resorts will undoubtedly have the greatest season ever experienced. Scores of new cottages have been erected, and many hotels and boarding houses. Ten thousand and resorts will be domiciled around the lake in the height of the resort season.

The Pokagon Butter & Creamery Co., composed of farmers in the vicinity of Pokagon, sold its building and land in the village for \$23. This is the closing up of a venture which cost those who entered into it, first and last, about \$5,000. In one year the creamery, in its palmiest days, ran behind over \$700.

Cold and dry weather has kept corn, potatoes and hay back until it is questionable whether there will be much of anything raised in the vicinity of Hesperia or not. Fruit is uninjured, and is set abundantly. Apples are not promising in general.

OUR TRADE WITH PORTO RICO

Gov. Allen is Giving the Free Trade Problem Consideration.

REVENUES WILL BE SUFFICIENT

For the Island's Maintenance Without the Customs Duties on Trade Between the U. S. and Porto Rico Says Treasurer Hollander—Allen Yet Undecided.

Porto Rican Free Trade. Since Gov. Allen returned to Porto Rico he has given the free trade problem earnest consideration. Treasurer Hollander has presented him with a report showing in detail the workings of his new revenue act. He shows that when the law shall have gone into full force July 1 the island's revenues will be sufficient for the island's maintenance without the customs duties on trade between Porto Rico and the U. S.

The governor shows some hesitancy in acting as he is undecided when it will be proper to call the legislature in extraordinary session for the purpose of declaring that the island has in operation adequate system for collecting revenues, as it has the power to do under the Foraker organic act. Then, to make free trade a reality, for the act to remain, will be for the President to proclaim.

Were it known now that free trade would be declared on a given date, the island sugar still unshipped would be cornered by speculators to the detriment of the planters. This Gov. Allen wishes to avoid. It is safe to say that the legislature will be called to meet in extra session as soon after July 1 as practicable. Porto Ricans have been clamoring for free trade since the beginning, and nothing, unless it be American citizenship, would please them more.

Plan for Federal Militia. A number of conferences have taken place in Washington, between Assistant Secretary of War Carey Sanger and officers of the state militia organizations of the east. Later on officers of the middle and western states are to be invited to the capital to talk over a plan, which will be put into execution next fall for the bringing of the state volunteer organizations into closer touch with the federal government.

The details of the plan have not been worked out, but its general features can be told in a few words. In return for larger appropriations from the federal treasury, the state military organizations are to bind themselves to respond to a call of the President for duty, anywhere in the American domain for a period of from 30 to 90 days. They would become what might be called "federal militia," and instead of being mere state organizations sworn for duty within the boundaries of the state, and subject only to the command of the governor thereof, they would be subject primarily to the command of the President, and would be bound to go where sent.

Negro Masons Disqualified. The grand lodge of Masons has rescinded the resolution adopted two years ago recognizing Negro Masonry. The action of the lodge at that time, says Tacoma, Wash., dispatch, was severely criticised, and as a result the next session attempted to return to the established principle; but the resolution was so drawn that sister lodges refused to construe it as an honest expressing.

BRIEF NEWS PARAGRAPHS. Seven deaths from heat were reported at Chicago on the 13th.

The Philippine commission has passed an act creating 14 judicial circuits.

It is reported that there are more firemen in the U. S. than there are soldiers.

Several persons were prostrated from the heat in Chicago on the 12th, two of whom may die.

Robert Williams Buchanan, novelist and poet, aged 60, died at his home in London, Eng., on the 9th.

Omaha courts uphold the Nebraska law prohibiting factories from working female employes for more than 60 hours per week.

A baby was killed and several people were badly injured by a tornado near Lester, Ia., on the 11th. Many buildings were destroyed.

Chicago capitalists are behind a movement for the consolidation of all the coal mining companies of Indiana. A capital of \$15,000,000 will be involved.

The U. S. government has formally communicated to the foreign powers the impossibility of joining in a joint guarantee for the payment of the Chinese indemnity.

August M. Unger and F. Wayland Brown, on trial at Chicago for conspiring to defraud insurance companies, were sentenced to the penitentiary under the indeterminate act.

The battleship Oregon arrived at San Francisco late on the 12th from the Orient. Preparations had been made to make the homecoming of the famous vessel a memorable one, but they were anticipated by the arrival of the vessel 24 hours earlier than she was expected.

Mrs. J. W. Nash, of Chicago, was taken to the Pasteur institute on the 11th, suffering from hydrophobia. Her husband died recently from the effect of a mad dog's bite. In caring for him Mrs. Nash contracted the disease, a wound in her finger becoming infected.

The storm of the 7th ruined the wheat crop of 400 farms west and northwest of Blackwell, Okla. These farms are all in one body of territory. The farmers who had purchased twine the dealers to, take them back. The dealers are referring the matter to the factories.

CHINA WAR NEWS.

The impression prevails at St. Petersburg, Russia, that the mode of paying the Chinese indemnity will not be settled for a long period, possibly not until the present ministers at Peking are replaced. It is thought that all would welcome a change of post and that new men would be readier to settle the difficulties. While Russia is not pressing the guaranteed loan proposition because the constitutional powers could not guarantee the loan without legislative consent, which would necessitate delay, the plan is not withdrawn. The British proposition is not acceptable.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

Lord Kitchener reports to the war office, under date of Pretoria, June 11, as follows: Commandant Van Rensburg and his commando have surrendered at Pietersburg. One hundred men have come in and others are following.

A dispatch from The Hague, dated the 11th, says that Mr. Kruger has issued a statement to the effect that he knows nothing of the peace negotiations alleged to be proceeding with the Boer leaders. He says that if there are any negotiations on foot it is not through any action of his.

Lord Cranborne, the under foreign secretary, replying to a question in the house of commons at London on the 11th, as to whether Germany meant to maintain a large military force at Shanghai, said the government understood Germany intended to keep a garrison there. No explanation had been given by Germany as to why she had concluded to follow this policy.

CUBA AND PHILIPPINE NEWS.

The Cuban constitutional convention on the 12th accepted the Platt amendment by 16 to 10. The resolution to accept was carried without discussion. A committee to draw up the electoral law will now be appointed, and Cuban independence may soon be a fact.

Gen. Sumner has received notification from Cailles, insurgent leader in Laguna province, that unless the general agrees to the granting of amnesty to the insurgents, Cailles will not surrender. Negotiations are to be considered at an end.

Emilio Zurbano, of Tabayas, province, has proclaimed himself the successor of Aguinaldo and "governor of Tabayas and the Philippines," according to a copy of a Manila paper just received at the state department in Washington. Emilio is said to have always been a rather theatrical insurrectionist and to have sworn to fight the Americans down to the last blow.

The Philippine commission returned to Manila on the 9th from the province of Nueva Ecija, Luzon, having organized a provincial government at San Isidro, capital of the province, with Capt. Jacob F. Krepes, of the 22d infantry as treasurer, and Lieut. Dewitt C. Lyles, of the same regiment, as supervisor. Judge Taft told the people that, if no power were given to levy customs the expenses of the central government would be provided by additional internal taxes. He pointed out also that, if the decision of the authorities at Washington should result in free trade with the U. S., opened up such a market, the increase in land values would enable the people to respond to the increased internal taxes. The northern tour of the commission has been postponed.

As a result of losses sustained in the Jacksonville fire one New York fire insurance company which has been operating since 1851 retired on the 12th from active business.

The Illinois, Indiana & Iowa railroad on the 10th let a contract for the construction of a bridge across the St. Joe river between St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, the contract calling for a mammoth structure superior to anything in that part of the state.

BASE BALL.

Below we publish the standing of the American and National league clubs up to and including the games played on Sunday, June 16:

Table showing standings of American and National League clubs.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

Table showing live stock market prices.

GRAIN, ETC.

Table showing grain and other market prices.