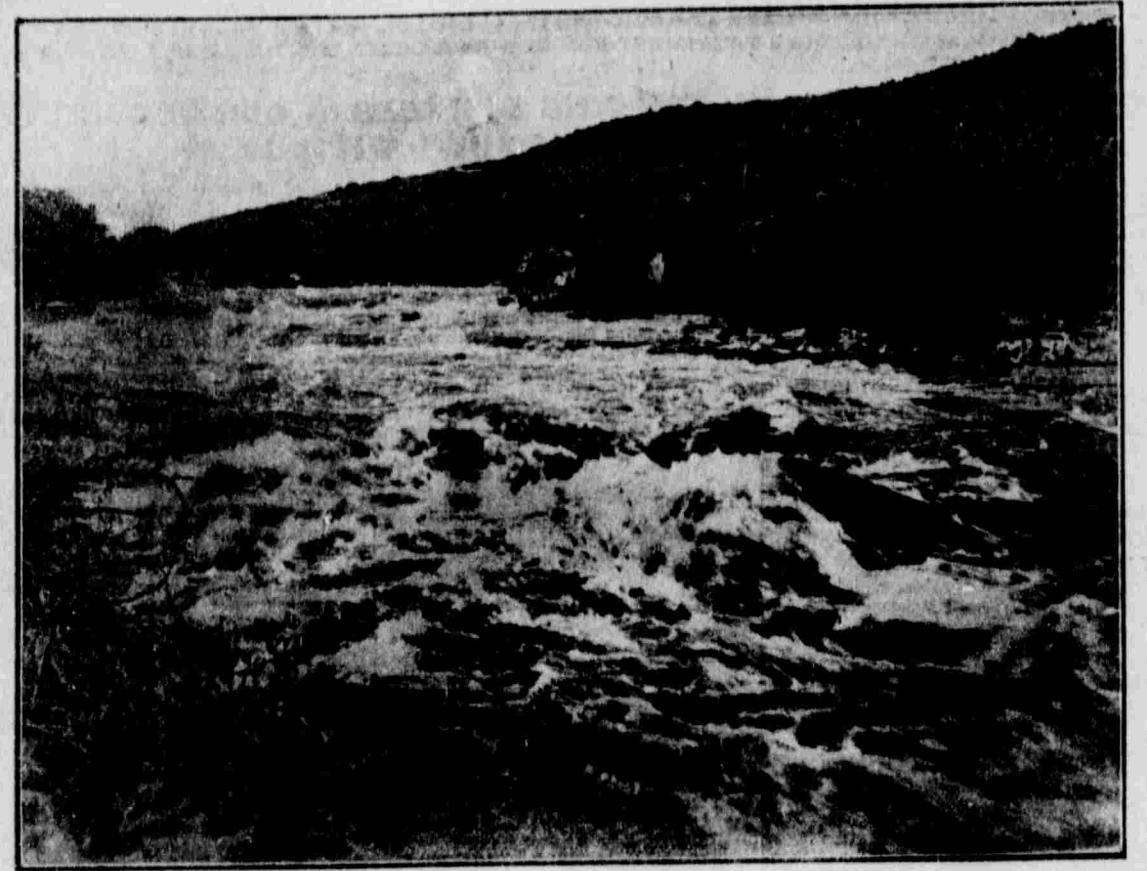


## ANOTHER HUGE DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION PROJECT.



THE LINK RIVER CONNECTING UPPER AND LOWER KLAMATH LAKES.

(Written for the Desert News by Guy Elliott Mitchell.)

WASHINGTON, March 13.—In the "Land of Burnt Out Fires," lying near "where rolls the Oregon," is a corner of our country brim full of nature's wonders, and which was once better known than it is today as the scene of the terrible Medoc massacre. In this nearly uninhabited region the engineers of Uncle Sam are busy on a huge drainage and irrigation work which may be considered the most unique of any of the government projects. It is known as the Klamath project, and its lands and waters are directly bisected by the Oregon-California boundary line. Most of the lands to be reclaimed, however, are in Oregon.

Oregon is an old new country. It was settled long before the Indians were driven out of Minnesota and the Dakotas, and yet, by the last census it has only a little over four persons to the square mile. Why should there be this paucity of population in a land admittedly so rich in cultural possibilities? It is just a matter of rainfall. Most of the state lies in the arid belt belonging in part to the Great Basin, which includes all of Nevada, most of Utah, and portions of California and Idaho.

### WATER THE BALANCE WHEEL.

It is a vast plateau region, deficient in perennial streams, and lacking in rainfall, yet wealthy in soil and arable in climate, and waiting only irrigation to support in comfort a very great population. Oregon's immense valleys and smooth benches lie, as they have lain for centuries, awaiting the advent of water to blossom into productivity. Uncle Sam has promised the water for some of this great region, and the rush of settlers in that direction indicates that the home-builders will be there when it comes.

### WILL COST \$4,000,000.

The Klamath project involves a great work of drainage, irrigation and storage in unusual combination. Of the 400,000 acres in the Klamath Basin, 250,000 are to be irrigated under this project at a cost of over \$4,000,000, but which makes the acreage charge a small one. Klamath lake and Tule lake are two great sheets of shallow water of nearly 150,000 acres in extent, which are to be drained, and converted into small irrigated farms. These will probably be among the richest agricultural lands in the world. Tule rushes have grown in the forest for centuries, and they are almost muck beds. Other lands are to be irrigated through the construction of dams and the conversion of

### NEEDLESS ALARM.

Here's a poor man coughing away his lungs—at least so his relatives think. It's cough, cough; hack, hack, hack; all day and sometimes all night.

"Must be consumption," think the alarmed ones.

And of course, there is always a possibility that they may be right.

But in most cases, they're wrong; because Dyspepsia causes much more common than Consumption.

And Dyspepsia causes chronic Cough, just like Consumption.

The dyspeptic cough, it is well to remember, can be quickly cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

No need to be alarmed about it, unless you make up your mind to neglect it.

Then, indeed, you must look out for danger; for the Dyspeptic Cough often grows into a Consumptive Cough if neglected, by the constant lung irritation which it causes.

So the best way is to waste no time, but begin at once the use of these famous little tablets, the timely use of which has saved many a sick person from ending in a consumptive's grave.

Remember, however, if you please, that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will positively NOT cure Consumption, but prevent it.

Of course, they can always be depended on to cure all the other symptoms of Indigestion.

They are a universal cure, for one universal disease.

They cure nothing else; but what they do, they do thoroughly and well. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are the result of the most thorough investigation into the inside causes and the cure of Indigestion, that has ever been attempted.

They have solved a problem, the answer to which a hundred thousand physicians in America are today groping for in vain.

They cure the most severe, long-continued chronic, complicated cases of Indigestion that can be found. They are far ahead of the most modern medical practice, because the most successful physicians of the day, in the cure of diseases of the digestive organs, are using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets as a basis for their success.

They stoop to Stuart's to conquer. And Stuart's lift them up, out of the rut.

If, therefore, you are a victim of this dread disease, which counts its victims by the million. Brace up and take new heart, for you cannot fail to cure your trouble, if you will only put your faith in this great remedy, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

They are positively, frankly, truly, a sure and permanent relief.

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upper Klamath lake, Clear lake and Lake Fly reservoir into great storage basins.

### RIVER FOUND AND LOST AGAIN.

The water from Clear Lake reservoir will find its way on to the irrigated lands through Lost river, a deep-flowing, tortuous stream, which for many years baffled the inhabitants of the country regarding its source and mouth. It rises in Clear lake and, after various windings and doublings, empties into Tule lake, only six miles distant from its source, but when the engineers have finished with it, it will in truth become a Lost river, although as a compensation, thousands of prosperous farms will absorb its waters.

### CARRIED OVER BY SYPHONS.

The great main canals of the project will have a total length of some 125 miles, with several hundred miles of smaller lateral ditches. One feature of the project necessitates the carrying of water across three deep depressions, and this will be accomplished by means of inverted siphons. Two of these will be over Lost river and one over a tributary. In other instances inverted siphons of steel pipe laid in cement will be constructed and their total length will be over 12,000 feet with a capacity of 32,560 gallons per minute.

### FINE CLIMATE, FERTILE SOIL.

Klamath basin is over 4,000 feet above sea level, with a charming climate and fertile soil, and produces all the good things of a north temperate soil—grains, alfalfa, apples, peaches and most of the delicious fruits and all the

vegetables. Portland and San Francisco will afford just as many markets, although at this time the nearest railroad station is Pokeyama, from which point visitors into the basin must travel 36 miles by stage. Two railroad systems, however, have large forces of men at work, at this time, constructing branch lines into the basin, which it is expected will be completed within a year or so.

### BUYS PRIVATE CANALS.

In order to obviate the possibility of any future conflict over water rights, the government has purchased all the private canals in the basin and will unite them under one system. Here we have the government creating a monopoly of water, but it fortunately is a monopoly which is controlled by all of the people and they will enjoy all of the benefits. The wiping out of all private claims is a settled policy now and the wisdom of this policy is emphasized when it is remembered that litigation between irrigators over water rights, in many private irrigation districts, is annually costing the settlers more than the maintenance of all their canals.

### SAME AS IN UTAH.

The farmers in the Klamath valley have organized a water-users' association for the purpose of complying with the requirements of the national irrigation act, and making arrangements with the secretary of the interior, and the secretary has formally approved their articles of incorporation. This organization, it is stated, is prepared to furnish reliable information concerning the Klamath basin and the opportunities for homesteaders to take up homesteads under this project.

## AN OMNIBUS SPELLING CLASS

Editor Desert News:

Some time ago you published an editorial, much to the point, concerning the need of better spelling methods in our public schools; also calling attention to some new requirements in that direction by the secondary schools of the state. Your ideas have met with a warm response from the teachers of the Brigham Young university. For a number of years we accepted students on the credentials contained in their diplomas of graduation from the eighth grade, assuming that the teaching of spelling belonged exclusively to district school preparations. But we soon found that our assumption was incorrect.

The matter was brought to an issue during a faculty meeting last year, when the following resolutions were passed: Whereas, Spelling is primarily an eighth grade study, we your committee recommend: First, That 90 per cent, or 90 words in 100, be the minimum passing point in all formal tests for entrance to this institution. (Words to be chosen within the range of an eighth grade student's vocabulary.)

Secondly, That every teacher be held responsible for teaching the spelling of all technical words, or words peculiar to his courses.

Thirdly, That the misspelled words peculiar to each course shall affect the grade of the examination paper.

Fourthly, That every such misspelled technical word shall count 1 per cent off in such paper.

Fifthly, That there shall be held regularly, during two days per week of each semester, an omnibus spelling class (without credit), to which any teacher may assign a student whose spelling is conspicuously bad.

Since the opening of the second semester of this year, the spelling class above referred to has become one of the largest classes in the school; and something of the enthusiasm which used to be associated with the old "spelling down" class in vogue with our fathers, in the days of the old Webster Blue-Backed speller, seems to have taken hold of the work here.

It is to be hoped that other high schools in the state will make the same stringent exactness in the matter of spelling requirements. Then perhaps principals of the public schools will find a way to improve this very essential but much neglected study.

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less than \$1,200 and yet, during its second week at the Savoy, this play played to very nearly \$10,000 on the week. Imagine the profits for the management on such an investment as that!

Mr. Francis Wilson, who ought to have a pretty fair idea of the theatrical situation during the two years which he has spent in it since he turned his back on musical comedy, remarked in the course of conversation the other night: "Whatever my aspirations towards serious work may be, you will find me sticking to farce for the most part for the next two or three seasons. The reason is simple enough. I believe that there is a barrel of money for any actor or manager who invests in a good farce just now. The utter collapse of musical comedy makes that inevitable. Eight-tenths of the players go to the theater to laugh, and now that most of the musical shows have become positively tragic, farce is naturally going to have its day. And in my opinion it's a good thing for the average theatergoer that it is. In spite of many opinions to the contrary I believe that it takes a clever artist to score in farce. It's by no means easy work, but its reward is ample when you look only at the artistic point of view. Moreover, it calls for ensemble work. Everybody works but father does not apply to farce at all, let me tell you. If father doesn't work just as hard as everybody else he soon goes to the foot of the family tree. In my experience in musical comedy, I have found it almost impossible to get any assistance from the other members in scoring points. The other comedians are naturally bent on scoring points for themselves as far as possible, while the soprano, the tenor and the basso, who are usually persons without the slightest sense of humor, are so busy thinking of the song which they have to sing as soon as the comedy scene is done that their assistance has about the effect of a load of coal suddenly dumped on top of you. My one little venture into serious work, 'The Little Father of the Wilderness,' won't be seen in New York until next week, because Mr. Frohman very wisely decided that it was better for us to make sure that we had one success before we played another play along with it. If my performance in it meets with one-half the approbation here in New York that it received in various cities on the road last season, I shall be more than delighted. But even if I have a flop, I don't want my old clientele to get the idea that I am going entirely for tragedy as yet."

In "The Mountain Climber," Mr. Wilson has one of those Annals of the stage which enables him to indulge in no end of tomfoolery, but at the same time the play provides Miss May Robinson with the role of a doting enthusiast, which she plays on such legitimate lines that in many of the scenes she actually carries the play quite away from the star. It is by far the cleverest performance which she has given in many seasons.

"The Embassy Ball," the other farce which has lately come to town—but it is farce in spite of the fact that its author, Mr. Augustin Thomas, insists on billing it as a comedy—contains some clever scenes and some exceedingly witty lines, but as a piece of stagecraft it is far below Mr. Thomas' standard. The star, Laurence D'Orey, proved the chief disappointment. His three years in stardom at the "Fart of Pantomime" have brought about such an elaboration of all his original mannerisms that he now succeeds in only giving an exasperating burlesque of his old self.

How completely the old Daly element has drifted away from the famous old theater was demonstrated at "The Embassy Ball's" first performance, for when Mr. George Clarke, a member of the Daly-Augustin Daly's company for over 30 years, steps on the old stage once, he did not even receive one welcoming hand. Mr. Clarke succeeded as a one-act performance in giving the house the least interest in the play, none the less. Speaking of Mr. Clarke and his long career under Mr. Daly's banner recalls dear old Mrs. Gilbert more than the auction sale of her effects and the tragic death of young E. J. Morgan were the two saddest events of the past theatrical week. The sale of Mrs. Gilbert's souvenirs, photographs, costumes and theatrical treasures was held at the Knickerbocker art room and the prices that these old relics brought were absolutely pitiful. Even her big Bible brought only a paltry \$12, while her autographed photographs of famous men and women, her old programs and prompt copies of play books brought prices ranging anywhere from 10 to 50 cents. In spite of the fact that over 300 lots of her effects were put up at auction, the gross receipts of the sale were but a considerably less than \$100. The old black silk petticoat which Mr. Daly always insisted upon her wearing at every first performance, because he called it her "lucky skirt," was knocked down to a second-hand dealer for \$1.65. Mr. Charles Richmond was the only graduate of the Daly company who attended the sale. He and his wife bid in a number of the old relics, and the auctioneer was John Glendinning, which Mr. Richmond, the then leading man of Miss Annie Russell's company, read to her on her eighty-third birthday.

The accidental death of E. J. Morgan on Saturday was peculiarly and owing to the fact that he had just come out of a sanatorium, where he seemed to have conquered the infirmity which had marred his work for several seasons and seemed to be in the best of health and spirits. The report that he had committed suicide was as cruel as it was untrue, for on the very day of his death he had just accepted an engagement to star in a new play, which was especially written for him by Harry Manners. He and Clara Morris were to head the cast.

At the theaters this week the attractions are as follows: Empire, "Peter Pan"; Belasco, "The Girl of the Golden West"; Broadway, "The Vanderbilt Cup"; Academy, "The Heart of Maryland"; Knickerbocker, "Mile Modiste"; Garrick, "Gallies"; Princess, "Brown of Harvard"; Wallacks, "The Squaw Man"; Criterion, "The Mountain Climber"; Daly's, "The Embassy Ball"; New York, "Humpty Dumpty"; Lyric, "Mexicana"; Casino, "Happy Land"; Savoy, "Mr. Hopkinson"; Madison Square, "The Title Man"; Field's, "Julie Bonheur"; New Amsterdam, "Forty-five Minutes from Broadway"; Liberty, "The Redskin"; Bijou, "The Music Master"; Hudson, "The Duel"; Lyceum, "The Lion and the Mouse"; and Hippodrome, "Society Circus."

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### TERRIBLE TREATMENT OF A RUSSIAN WOMAN.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—The case of the daughter of Gen. Ismailovich, who was condemned to death March 2, her sentence later being commuted to imprisonment for life, has created a sensation similar to that caused by that of Milia Spiridonova, the 17-year-old girl who shot Mr. Luzhnikov, chief of the secret police of Tambov, who was executed a few days after she had been sentenced.

Milia Ismailovich has also succeeded in sending out a letter from her prison, in which she today says and describes her horrible treatment after the attempt to kill the governor of Minak, as a result of which her accomplice, Ivan Kuikunovich was executed.

Milia Ismailovich says the police



## THE WINNING STROKE

If more than ordinary skill in playing brings the honors of the game to the winning player, so exceptional merit in a remedy ensures the commendation of the well informed, and as a reasonable amount of outdoor life and recreation is conducive to the health and strength, so does a perfect laxative tend to one's improvement in cases of constipation, biliousness, headaches, etc. It is all-important, however, in selecting a laxative, to choose one of known quality and excellence, like the ever pleasant Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., a laxative which sweetens and cleanses the system effectually, when a laxative is needed, without any unpleasant after effects, as it acts naturally and gently on the internal organs, simply assisting nature when nature needs assistance, without gripping, irritating, or debilitating the internal organs in any way, as it contains nothing of an objectionable or injurious nature. As the plants which are combined with the figs in the manufacture of Syrup of Figs are known to physicians to act most beneficially upon the system, the remedy has met with their general approval as a family laxative, a fact well worth considering in making purchases.

It is because of the fact that **SYRUP OF FIGS** is a remedy of known quality and excellence, and approved by physicians that has led to its use by so many millions of well informed people, who would not use any remedy of uncertain quality or inferior reputation. Every family should have a bottle of the genuine on hand at all times, to use when a laxative remedy is required. Please to remember that the genuine Syrup of Figs is for sale in bottles of one size only, by all reputable druggists and that full name of the company—California Fig Syrup Co., is plainly printed on the front of every package. Regular price, 50c per bottle.

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### KICKED HER INTO INSANILITY.

Recently at the police station tore off her clothes, subjected her to indignities, beat and cursed her, spat in her face and struck her with such force on the side of her head that an ear-drum was broken.

A local paper today printed statistics showing that 397 executions occurred in Russian during the month of January.

### HAMILTON CO. OFFICES.

Drake Committee is Continuing its Investigation Into Them.

Cincinnati, O., March 16.—The Drake committee of the state senate investigating the public offices of Cincinnati and Hamilton county, resumed its work this afternoon. Judge Howard Ferris of the superior court, who had sold a turnpike to the county some years ago, being the first witness called.

George R. Scruggs and George Laugel followed Judge Ferris and the testimony of all three was simply as to the sale price to the county of turnpikes in which they were interested and the condition of those roads when in their possession. Nothing particularly new was brought out. Further sittings of the committee, it was said today, may be curtailed by the pressure of legislative work, and the committee may after this reason suspend its sittings until after the adjournment of the legislature.

### BERING STRAIT TUNNEL.

Baron Lobel Appears Before Russian Nat'l Defense Committee.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—Baron Leob de Lobel today placed before the national defense committee the project of the American-Trans-Alaskan-Siberian company for tunneling under Bering strait and building a railroad from East Cape to Kansk to connect with the Siberian railway.

Baron de Lobel offered to make any changes necessary to meet the strategic considerations. M. Toukhinski, chief engineer of the Irkutsk railway, was the principal technical opponent of the scheme, contending that construction of the tunnel was impracticable and impossible on account of the action of the tides. M. Toukhinski also claimed that the climate of the region covered by the plan makes it unfit for Russian colonization, and that the only result could be the eventual placing in the hands of enterprising Americans the whole unpopulated territory from the Pacific to Kamchatka.

President Names Middles.

Washington, March 16.—The president has announced the following appointments as principals and alternates at large at the naval academy, Annapolis, for the year of 1906:

Principals—Wadleigh Capchard, Fred Rogers, Jr., Herbert Hein, Louis E. Fagin, John W. Forney, James McD. Cress.

Alternates—John B. Schreier, Gifford Cutler, Paul B. Orchard, Beverly C. Dunn, Robert E. Carmody.

These are the sons of officers of the army, navy or marine corps.

### TO LECTURE AT WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 17.—The Rev. Dr. John Watson of Liverpool, England, "Ian MacLaren," author of "The Bonnie Brier Bush" and many other books, has been invited to lecture at the Western Theological seminary for a course of lectures next year. The arrangement has been worked out by the Rev. Dr. David Gregg, president of the seminary. Dr. Watson is entirely willing to come, provided some church will give him preaching for the year.

Joseph V. Thompson, the millionaire of Fayette county has taken up the idea on behalf of the First Presbyterian church of Uniontown, of which he is a leading member. This is one of the wealthiest congregations in western Pennsylvania, and the people are delighted with the idea of securing "Ian MacLaren" for their pulpit.

Saratov, Russia, March 16.—The woman who assassinated Lieut.-Gen. Sakharoff today was sentenced, on Dec. 5, 1905, was today sentenced to be hanged. The verdict was accompanied with a recommendation that the sentence be commuted to life servitude.

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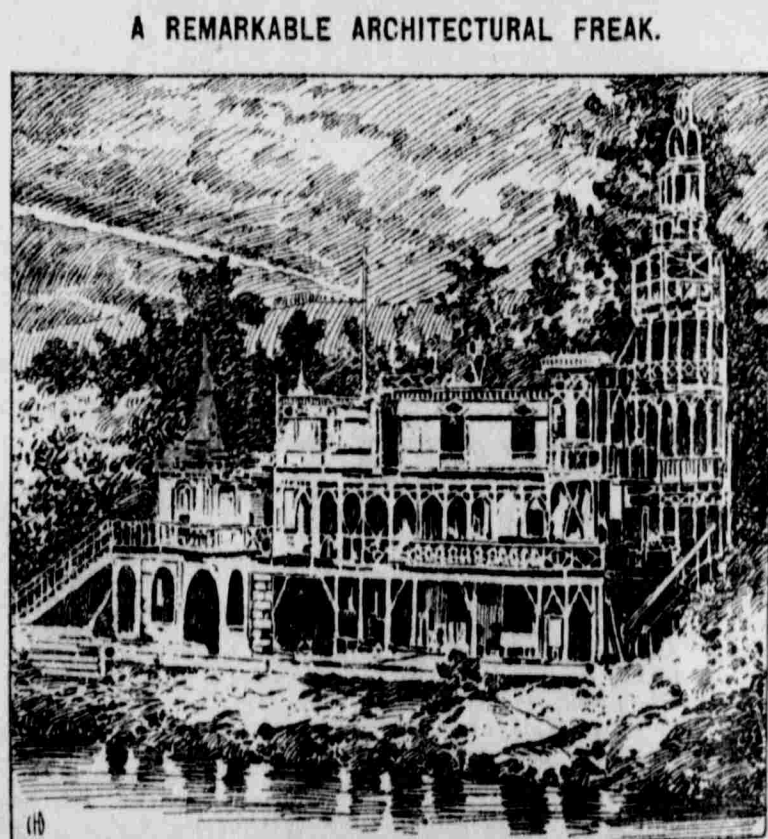
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### FRANKLIN STATUE FOR PARIS.



The handsome bronze statue of Benjamin Franklin herewith given was made at Greenpoint, on Long Island, and has recently been shipped to Paris. It is designed as a gift to the French capital from John Hartjes of the Paris banking house of Morgan & Hartjes and cost about \$10,000. The statue will be placed on the Rue Franklin, in the immediate neighborhood of the place in which Franklin made his home while he was American minister to France.

### A REMARKABLE ARCHITECTURAL FREAK.



The curious structure herewith pictured stands on the right bank of the Mississippi river, about fifty miles south of St. Paul, Minn., near the village of Minnesota. It is the work of a single man, and he has been forty years in building it. During the civil war Putnam Gray began collecting logs, driftwood and wreckage and constructing with his own hands the great building which has become known to all who pass that way as "Crazyman's Castle." He still lives in it at the age of seventy-five. He is a hermit in his disposition, and no one has discovered the secret of his early life.

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