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THE KING'S PURSE.

One of the first duties of the British Parliament, at the opening of a new reign, is to make suitable provisions for the personal expenditures of the sovereign.

There is no disposition to be niggardly, for all are concerned that proper state should be maintained. The annual allowance to the late queen was nearly two million dollars; the estimate agreed upon for King EDWARD is about a third of a million dollars more.

Presently a gentleman came along the beach accompanied by his Newfoundland dog. The gentleman directed the animal's attention to the vessel, and then put a short stick in his mouth.

In addition to the provision for the king and queen, a generous allowance is to be made for the heir apparent, the Duke of Cornwall, and the duchess and also for the king's three daughters, the Duchess of Fife, Princess Victoria and Princess Charles of Denmark.

EROS.

The little planet Eros, so interesting on account of its occasional close approach to the earth, turns out to be curious and interesting in other ways also.

If the changes and intervals were all exactly equal, everything could be explained by merely supposing that the planet has one side darker than the other, and revolves once in two and a half hours.

The observations, especially those made at Paris, can, however, be still more closely satisfied by supposing with the French astronomer Andre, a very high authority, that Eros is really a 'pair of twins'—a 'double planet' or system, resembling the 'spectroscopic binaries,' and many of the variable stars.

more extended observation to decide between the rival theories.

The new bishop of London has already given his diocese a glimpse of his sterling democracy. Speaking to an audience of working men at a neighborhood settlement house in White-chapel, he said that he had often noticed in coffee-houses the sign, 'A pull-up for cabmen.'

A witness to ocean solitude recently reached Liverpool. A four masted vessel, which sailed seven months before from San Francisco, entered the Mersey. Since leaving the Golden Gate she had not been spoken.

A Dog and a Wreck.

Many a life has been saved by a Newfoundland dog, but dog never did braver deed than one brought to remembrance by a story in our Dumb Animals.

A vessel was driven on the beach of Lydd, in Kent, England. The sea was very high. Eight men clung to the wreck, which was every moment in danger of going to pieces.

Bravely he fought his way through the angry waves, but he could not get close enough to the vessel to deliver that with which he had been charged.

The intelligent animal at once dropped his own piece of wood and seized that which had been thrown to him. Then he started for the shore. Again and again he was lost under the waves, but with almost incredible determination he held on to the stick and dragged the rope through the surf till he delivered it to his master.

Varying Information.

A traveller who took the trans-Siberian route across the Russias says in 'A New Way Around an Old World' that the preliminary answers to his questions about ways and means were delightful in their diversity.

No two people agreed concerning it, or came within sight of agreement. These were the comments upon his scheme: 'It can be done.'

'You can do it easily.' 'It will take two months.' 'You can go through in twenty-two days.'

'You will get stuck on the sand-bars for weeks.' 'You will have no difficulty whatsoever.'

'The steamers run only occasionally, and do not begin until June.' 'The steamers run daily, and the river is open early in May.'

The result of experiment was, however, that the journey was full of discomforts and delays, and yet proved well worth the trouble.

Observe Re-seated Cane, Splint, Forfeared as, Duval, 17 Waterloo.

VEASES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Innocence. Now the colt is gaily skipping Where the happy zephyrs zip, And the uncomplaining mother Stands aside to let him skip;

Oh, the spotted calf is tugging At the rope, behind the shed, And displaying wild impatience And importuning to be fed;

Ob, the lambskins gaily frolic In the seven-acre lot, With their lurches always ready To be taken on the spot.

When April in her genial mood, And leasly smells are in the wind, In the market men's hands and their lives are bought and sold.

Before the oven-bird has sung, Or thrush or chervin found a tongue, She ventures out and looks about, And once again the world is young.

Like robin's song or bluebird's wing, Or thrush that make the marshes ring, Her beaming face and winsome grace, Are greetings from the heart of spring.

I had heard that E Markham might do his spring plowing, While I plodded patiently, row after row, In his tracks ahead of him, thereby allowing A rest to the overworked man with the hoe.

I believed that Al Austin could never refuse me A chance to tell Kruger Britannia must rule, But Austin it seems, is unable to use me, And the job is let out to the government mule.

Mister Summer. Mister Summer say he comin'— Know it by de way, All de honey bees hummin'— Sun shone de day.

Yes, I will grow like a tree. Nothing shall keep me from waking Down to the earth and breaking Out of the earth to see!

Yes, I will grow like a tree. Nothing shall keep me from growing: The sun that is calling me, Ever apace with Time, Up through the earth rain fed,

I will arise and climb, Higher and higher growing: Hail to the four winds blowing, And a good morning, Time!

Oh, the spotted calf is tugging At the rope, behind the shed, And displaying wild impatience And importuning to be fed;



News of the Passing Week

Aguinaldo is studying English. Corea will borrow \$2,500,000 from France.

There is a glut of cheap wines at Lisbon. The Mad Mullah is at Lassidar with 40,000 followers.

The Baroness Burdett Coutts is reported to be dying. J. Pierpont Morgan, at Paris, denies that he has heart trouble.

Diplomatic relations between Mexico and Austria will soon be resumed. There will be a general strike of Socialists in Barcelona on May Day.

M. Dacroix, veterinary surgeon of the French army, is dead, aged 80 years. In Portugal a decree has been passed ordering the secularization of religious orders.

The Glasgow census returns show a total of 740,429 population, an increase in a decade of 195,615.

Saturday afternoon eighteen persons were hurt by the overturning of a tramcar at Northampton, Eng.

Emperor William has ordered a new play, or an anti-Socialistic tenor, and it will be presented at Berlin Royal Theatre.

Advices from New Guinea say that the natives on Fly River recently murdered Rev James Chalmers and Rev Oliver Tomkins.

Dr. Menke, leader of a German scientific expedition in the South Sea Islands, has been murdered by natives of Macquarie Island.

Owing to the recent rains the Seine is running like a millrace through Paris and in some places overflowing the lower level quays.

The force under Commandant Bokshurg, composed of 106 men with wagons and rifles, have surrendered near Middelburg, Transvaal colony.

There was a daring robbery of the mails at Moncton, N. B., Monday night between 8 and 9 o'clock. All registered matter from St. John and Halifax was taken.

Gov. Odell at Albany, Monday night signed the Greater New York charter amendment bill passed over Mayor Van Wyck's veto Monday by the legislature.

A despatch from Madrid to the London Daily Express says that the Canary Islands have been swept by a cyclone, killing 12 persons and doing great damage to property.

The continued drought has produced a water famine throughout the isthmus especially among the poorer classes. The railroads' free distribution daily helps to allay the suffering.

A Philadelphia doctor is suing the estate of the late State Senator Chris. L. Magee, on a bill for \$190,000 for professional services during the the Senator's last illness, 21 months.

The Petit Blue, Brussels, publishes a despatch saying that Dr. Leyds has sent to the German foreign office a formal protest against the supplying of arms and guns to England by Germany.

A Chicago paper says a systematic organization has been started in Indiana to make David B. Hill, of New York, the Democratic nominee for president at the next national convention.

A body found floating in the upper Cochecho river near Dover, N. H., Monday forenoon has been identified as that of Bernard McGeough, about 38 years of age, a former employe of the Cochecho mills.

Sec. Hay and Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, Monday exchanged ratifications of the treaty ratified by the Senate last session amending the British extradition treaty by the addition of three articles.

An order issued by Sec. Root in Washington assigns Brig Gen James F. Wade to command the department of Southern Luzon in place of Gen Bates and Brig Gen Ludlow to command the department of the Visayas, in place of Gen Huges.

A cablegram was received at the War

department, Washington, Monday, from Havana, saying that Cuban commission now on its way there, consists of five delegates and one interpreter. The War department is making arrangements to care for the delegation.

It is understood in Rome that Monsignor Francois Tarnassi, the present internuncio at The Hague has been selected an apostolic delegate to the United States.

A strike on the new drydock at the Boston navy yard resulted in several strikers and a walking delegate of the hoisting engineers union being rounded up and thrown out of the yard by a detail of marines.

A despatch from Vienna to the London Express asserts that as an income of the violent agitation. Archduke Francis, the heir apparent, has, at the command of the Emperor severed his connection with the Catholic union.

Owne and Arthur Smith, two boys were walking along the railroad track at Middletown, N. Y., when the fast express bore down on them. They were pulled from the track with a garden rake by Owne's father, just in time to save their lives.

The bill of Senator Slater prohibiting the shooting of live pigeons was killed in the assembly at Albany, Monday. The defeat of the measure was followed by charges and counter charges of lobbying and at one time it looked as if strong personalities would be indulged in.

Two Columbian officials arrived at Kingston, Ja., on the steamer Orinoco, last Sunday, from Colon on a secret mission, which it is believed is to discover the source whence the Columbian rebels are getting supplies. The general situation in Columbia remains unchanged.

Men at work on a new factory on the bank of the Niagara Monday afternoon report that they saw a man in a rowboat swept over the falls. They saw the man evidently tried to cross the river, but the current was too strong. Up to a late hour Monday night the story could not be confirmed.

The army transport Rawlins, which sank at the government dock in Brooklyn on April 10, while on fire, was floated Tuesday. The cargo of grain will be removed and dried. The interior fitting will have to be replaced but in other respects the ship was not damaged very much. She will be dry-docked for repairs.

It is understood in Washington that a protocol has been signed between France and Venezuela by which the diplomatic relations long suspended between the countries is now to be resumed. It is expected in this connection that the Marquis Ju de Lojas, one of the most prominent Venezuelan statesmen will be the minister of France under the present readjustment.

Late Tuesday afternoon articles for the world's fair to be held in St. Louis in 1903 to celebrate the Louisiana purchase centennial were filed in the office of recorder of deeds, St. Louis, and Wednesday similar papers will be filed with the secretary of state at Jefferson city. The capital stock is \$6,000,000 of which \$5,000,000 is subscribed and \$500,000 paid up.

Strange Behavior.

A mirth provoking scene took place in the palace of a former Duke of Hamilton. The duke had invited one of his neighbors, a plain spoken laird, to stop at the palace for luncheon after the conclusion of a business transaction.

The laird was not used to the luxuries of life, and watched with an impatient eye the flittings about of a liveried servant who seemed to be everywhere at once, anticipating the lairds wants in a way that struck the rustic as positively uncanny.

At last the guest turned deliberately about in his chair and addressed the servant in a tone of considerable irritation. 'What are ye dance, dance, dancing about the room for, man?' he demanded. 'Can ye no draw in your chair and sit down? I'm sure there's enough on the table for three.'