

OUR COAL PRODUCTION.

America Has Mining Advantages Not Possessed by Great Britain.

After the lapse of a century of active mining, hundreds of millions of tons of coal have been extracted from the limited areas of Great Britain, and it has come to such a pass that the high prices hitherto prevailing are absolutely required to meet the expenses of production and transportation...

CUT BY A PRESIDENT.

A Bear of Which an Old Pennsylvania Lady Is Extremely Proud.

There was an old lady among the group of visitors at the white house the other morning and she was extremely frank in her reminiscences. It was obviously her first visit to the place, and she eyed everything with the greatest interest, relating the Washington Post.

BIGGEST OF WATERSPOUTS.

Enormous Column That Was Seen by Vessel's Crew in Gulf of Mexico.

A column of water 60 or 70 feet in height, that covered an area nearly 100 feet square was a sight that Capt. Liddle and the crew of the steamship King Hildred, which arrived from Mexico, off Campeche bank, saw on the morning of September 16.

How Nature Warns.

Seaweed as a test for sewage. This is the discovery made by Dr. Letts, professor of chemistry in the Belfast college, and his coadjutor, Mr. Hawthorne, of the same college, says a London newspaper.

RUINS OF UXMAL.

Many of the Old Aztec Priests Were Skilled in Mechanical Tricks.

In the fall of 1897 I spent several days examining the ancient ruins of Uxmal, in Yucatan, said a gentleman who was formerly in the consular service to a New Orleans Times-Democrat man, and during the visit I made a curious little discovery which convinced me that the mechanical priests were adepts at mechanical tricks.

LIVES ON FRUIT AND NUTS.

A Resident of Samoa Who Does Not Miss the Cook Stove Products.

Herbert Ossig has established himself in Samoa among his German fellow countrymen and may remain there, says the Pacific Commercial Advertiser. This young German is an interesting character. No woman has a fairer complexion and a clearer eye than he, and no man of his age has a greater capacity for hard work.

American Land of Stability.

What other civilized government can boast such continued stability as the United States since the inauguration of our first president? During this period the form of government in France has changed ten times, Germany is but 30 years old.

A Hawaiian Beverage.

People in Honolulu indulge in a beverage known as "swipes." It is the native beer of Hawaii, and is a dangerous concoction. The principal articles used in its manufacture are sugar, corn, pineapple root and Chinese ginger.

AS TO CREMATION.

Science Approves It and Religion Does Not Oppose, Says This Authority.

The custom of cremation was Roman, but it disappeared with the Christian era under the influence of the belief in the literal resurrection of the body. Its revival in all countries is coincident with a broader interpretation of the teachings of Christianity and with the development of modern science.

LITERARY TREASURE TROVE.

Fortunate Find of an English Book Lover at Auction Sale in Leeds.

One of those romantic discoveries of literary treasure which one often hears of but somehow has never the good luck to experience has recently befallen a Leeds man, Harold P. Donn. Some five years ago Mr. Donn was at an auction sale in Brigstead, Leeds, when he picked up a battered old volume on Hebrew customs for half a crown.

Electricity and Modern Navies.

One of the improvements in the new battleship Kentucky is the increased use of electricity instead of steam, says a writer in Munsey's Magazine. The Kentucky is planned on the principle of a trolley line so far as her subsidiary engines are concerned.

British Naturalization.

To be naturalized in Great Britain an alien must have lived here for at least five years or have served the crown faithfully for the same period, and he must continue to reside in the British jurisdiction, unless he continues in the government service in foreign countries.

Phonographic Reminder.

An ingenious American inventor has just patented a speaking clock which he claims will be of the greatest value to persons of forgetful and irregular habits.

Hindus Found Bacilli.

Agas ago the Hindu "medicine man" knew all about disease germs and microbes, although he was jeered at by western scientists because he called them "little worms."

CURE FOR OVERWORK.

It Was a Severe One But It Proved to Be Profitable in the End.

"I used to be one of those chaps who try to kill themselves with overwork," said a hale and hearty business man of 60-odd years, relates the Washington Star, "but before I had quite accomplished a fatal termination, as so many of my brethren have done and are doing, I found I was injuring my business by it and quit."

CHINESE HAND LABOR.

It Is Raising a New Problem to Astatic Russia—Pay of Russian and Chinese Workers.

According to a report presented by M. Levitoff to the Russian Society of Encouragement, it appears that Chinese hand labor has made its appearance in the Trans-Baikal region since the construction of the railroad, and the influx of the Chinese element is becoming more considerable every day.

WHERE DEW COMES FROM.

It Is Evaporated by the Heat of the Earth and Rises to Descend Again.

Ground a little below the surface is always warmer than the air over it. So long as the surface of the ground is above the dew point vapor must rise and pass from the earth into the air, says a scientific paper.

Dew does not rise in particles.

Dew does not rise in particles, as it was once considered, to fall in particles like fine rain. It rises in vapor. Some is caught by what is on the surface of the earth, but the rest ascends in vapor form until it comes in contact with a much colder surface, to condense it into moisture.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

A great Japanese statesman has recently said that he feared that religion would be lost to his people unless they defied the emperor.

The advance report of the Presbyterian church shows an increase of 2,300 communicants over last year and total contributions averaging \$13 per member.

Humorous.

Zenas—"The wall paper in my room has a design with stripes of lightning. How do you like it?" Aphraim "It looks like thunder." Harvard Lampoon.

THE GAME OF CHESS.

Its Supposed Origin and Some of Its Most Famous Victories.

"There is nothing new under the sun" is a remark which we are constantly making, and this is especially true of the means whereby man seeks to amuse himself, says the London Express.