

KEPT MULES ON THE MOVE

Hitched to Speeding Automobile Team for a While Had the Tires of Their Lives.

WANTED HER TO KNOW VALUE

Shipper Didn't by Any Means Object to Having the Girl Find Out What His Gift Cost.

Post Offices in Competition

When the post office was first opened at Kai Feng, China, the clerks had a fight with some men who bought stamps and refused to go away until the stamps were licked and stuck on their envelopes for them.

Cast Bronze Coronets

A curious archaeological discovery has been made in the Russian province of Paltava. It consists of two antique coronets of cast bronze.

Small Talk as an Art

The art of small talk is one that many women try to cultivate, and there are instances of clever talkers who find employment as exponents of the art of light conversation.

Unnecessary

Howitt—You are married, aren't you?  
Jewett—That's a nice question to ask the father of three children.

LITTLE MONEY IN OSTRICHES

Australian Raisers of Beautifully Feathered Birds Get Small Returns for Their Work.

FOR THE CONTRIBUTION BOX

A Convenient Arrangement for Giving Early and Often in Use in a Greek Church.

A custom among attendants of the Greek church at Trebizond explains the use of certain tokens which have been presented to the American Numismatic society.

According to the Journal of the society sometimes several collections are made during the service in these churches. Even should there be but one, the visitor may desire to make a special contribution at the shrine or picture of the saint whose intercession he desires to secure, or he may wish to purchase a candle for use in some of the ceremonials in public or private devotions.

The Transfer Was Old

With a transfer ticket punched to expire at 12 o'clock, an elderly woman got on a car.

Deadheads Who Must Be Coaxed

Concert givers in Germany find it more and more difficult to get an audience. Free tickets by no means insure one.

Filipino Dolls' Houses

Filipino youngsters are by no means badly provided for as regards amusement, seeing that they enjoy the luxury of a life-sized doll's house—though the latter, it must be remarked, is but slightly different in proportions and appearance from the residences of the adult population of the Philippines.

Almost Libelous

A speaker at a recent press banquet, recalled a quarrel between two editors, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Cat Files in Man's Face

Chester, Pa.—Returning home the other night, William J. Mack, Jr., was attacked by a cat, which sprang upon him from the top of a fence, lit on his shoulder and scratched him on the face, inflicting deep lacerations.

PEACH LOOKS LIKE A CHICK

Delaware Farmer's Egg Very Much Resembles a Young Chicken

Orange, N. J.—A peach which resembles a young chicken just emerging from the egg was raised in Delaware this year. The egg, which was a young chicken, was found in the peach shell, all plainly and visible.

DISEASE SPREAD BY CLIMATE

Discoverer of Hookworm Comments on Million-Dollar Gift and Thinks It Godsend

Philadelphia—Dr. Allen T. Smith, dean of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, who was the first American scientist to isolate and describe the hookworm parasite, commented on the possibilities of the \$1,000,000 fund just established by John D. Rockefeller for the eradication of the malady and its cause.

YOUNG GIRL ADEPT FORGER

Demure Little California Miss Confesses Check Manipulations That Deceived Bank

San Francisco.—Criminal shrewdness of an exceptional character marked the confession made by Ruth Crowe, the 13-year-old girl who robbed her benefactress, Miss Anna Belle Karr of Marysville.

83 Gold Coin Fetches \$140

Norristown, Pa.—A local bank sold a three-dollar gold coin for \$140 which had been refused by several merchants and farmers when tendered by an aged woman in payment of a bill.

Less Cow; Kills Himself

Oberlin.—Grief over the death of a favorite cow is believed to have been the motive which caused Dr. J. F. Suddall, 80 years old, to end his life by drowning himself in a cistern.

Dog Dies in Tree Trap

York, Pa.—A hunting dog belonging to John C. Wallace of Craleyville, which disappeared and was believed to have been stolen, was found on the river hills with its head tightly wedged in a small hole in a hollow tree.

NO SMALL CHANGE

Nothing Sold for Less Than 25 Cents in Alaska.

Pennies, Nickels and Dimes Unknown in Extreme Northern Part of United States—Laborers Make Money on Side.

Seattle Wash.—No pennies, nickels and dimes go in Alaska, said John Hoover of Fairbanks, who has just arrived here from Alaska. "When I first went to that country I saw bar-tenders look curiously at a dime, that some tenderfoot had tossed on the bar, and then sweep it off on the floor with their hands. I wondered at this contempt for real money, and asked some questions about it, discovering that no one ever took nickels or dimes, and that nothing could be bought in the Klondike for less than 25 cents.

INSANE TREATED WITH CATS

Beautiful White Specimen Sent to Pennsylvania Asylum to Test Theory of Chicagoan

Chicago.—That the care of animal pets, especially cats, have a quieting and beneficial effect on the insane was the statement made before the Herford Cat club by Mrs. Clinton Locke, president of that organization and vice-president of the American Cat association.

TIDAL WAVE BRINGS FORTUNE

\$20,000,000 Worth of Mahogany Swept to Doors of Poor by Recent Texas Hurricane

Galveston, Tex.—It's an ill wind that blows no good, and the hurricane which swept a tidal wave from the gulf to the state of Tabasco, Mexico, brought down millions of feet of mahogany and cedar and distributed it over hundreds of miles of that country occupied by the poor natives and by plantation owners who lost their crops by the flood.

Two Pennsylvania Hunters Penned in Unused Coop with Skunk Nearly Perish

Allentown, Pa.—Robert Hessler and Allen Grim of this city, while on a gunning trip to Leighton and Parryville, got on forbidden ground and were arrested. The constable placed them in an unused coop for safekeeping.

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Washington.—Jamaica has prohibited the importation of dogs from the United States, fearful of a prevalence of rabies in this country.

TRUANT GIANTESS IN COURT

190-Pound Girl of 14 Years Refuses to Attend School Because Children Don't Taste Her

New York.—Magistrate House had a runaway case before him. In front of his desk stood Truant Officer Michael Bracher and near him was a giantess, six feet tall and weighing 190 pounds.

MOVE FOREST WORK

Headquarters Transferred to Madison and Chicago.

Products Investigation Hereafter to Be Done at Wisconsin Town and Utilization Be Established in Illinois.

Washington.—Preparations have been completed for the transfer of all the government's forest products work to Madison, Wis., where the United States forest service products laboratory will be located, and to Chicago, where the headquarters of the office of wood utilization will be established.

The new forest products laboratory being erected at Madison, by the University of Wisconsin, which will cooperate with the government in its forest products work and which is now in the course of construction. The laboratory will be a fireproof building of brick trimmed in white stone and is expected to be ready for occupancy upon January 1. In the meanwhile temporary offices will be located at 1519 Adams street, Madison.

On October 1 the Yale timber testing laboratory was discontinued, and the forest service equipment there shipped to Madison. The laboratory here at Washington was discontinued at the same time. The timber testing laboratory at Purdue, Ind., will be operated until the middle of December when it will be discontinued and its equipment shipped to Madison.

The offices having general supervision over all the work of the branch of products will remain temporarily at Washington. W. L. Hall, assistant forester, continues in charge of branch of products, and McFarley Cline will be director of the Madison laboratory. The work of the laboratory will be assigned to five offices, as follows:

Wood preservation, which will study all problems related to the impregnation of wood with preservatives and other substances.

Wood chemistry, which will handle all work bearing on the chemical utilization of forest products. Wood distillation, paper pulp and other fiber products, chemical analysis of resins, turpentine, etc., are the principal lines handled by this office.

Timber tests, which will have charge of all tests to determine the strength and other mechanical properties of different woods.

Technology, which will study the microscopic structure of wood, methods of seasoning and drying it, and other problems of a purely technical character.

Maintenance, which will have charge of the filing and computing. It will also be responsible for the purchase of supplies and general care of the entire laboratory.

The class work in the laboratory may be separated into three lines, as follows:

1. The investigation of problems in experimental research.

2. Experimental work in cooperation with commercial plants to verify laboratory experiments on a commercial scale.

3. Co-operation with outside parties for the purpose of assisting them in applying principles and processes of recognized commercial value, with which the service is thoroughly familiar.

The work of the office of wood utilization at Chicago will consist of studies of the wood-using industries of various states, the study of woods in manufacture and of the methods of disposing of mill waste, the collection of statistics on the price of lumber at the mill and at the principal distributing markets of the country, and the study of specifications and grading rules. The office will also secure statistics of forest products of importance to the experimental work of the service and the study of the movements of lumber and of the conditions of the principal lumber markets.

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