

MEASURING A CITY'S SOOT.

Methods of Tons Deposited in a Year by Soft Coal Smoke.

Cincinnati—A scientific investigation of this city has been trying to arrive at a definite idea of the amount of soot deposited in the city in the course of a year.

Other cities that burn soft coal need not flatter themselves that they fare much better. A glance out at the windows tells the story.

PEDAGOGUE FOR HALF CENTURY

Oldest School Teacher in Pennsylvania Starts on New Term.

Hanover, Pa.—John M. Wolf, of this town, has entered his fifty-ninth year of service in the public schools of York and Adams counties.

CHICAGOANS BUY LARGE RANCH.

Will Build a Town on 45,000 Acre Tract of Land.

Farrar, Tex.—On a 45,000 acre tract situated near here, which was recently bought by H. B. Judd, of Chicago, and 17 other equally rich men, a city is to be built.

Is First Born in New Town.

Forker, Okla.—Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Falk, prominent residents of Forker, Okla., the distinction of being the parents of the first white child born in the town which was opened only a few months ago.

Gets \$10 for Saving Train.

New Concord, O.—George Patterson, a student in Muskingum college, saved a check for \$10 from the Baltimore & Ohio a few days ago.

Slaughter in the Ocean.

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FRANCE HAD FIRST NEWSPAPER

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To France belongs the credit of publishing the first regular newspaper. This paper, which was called "The Gazette of France," was founded in 1632 in the reign of Louis XIII.

QUEER TASTES IN EATING.

New York Waiter Shocked by Mixtures of Patrons.

"There are some queer tastes seen by waiters. You know the predilection of schoolgirls for cake and pickles. Well, I have seen that beaten often."

He Never Moves 'Gampy.'

"Gampy" Butterfield of East Vassalboro, Me., was a shrewd horse trader to the day of his death.

Wanted a Verdict.

A New York judge, who likes a pun, and also likes to "potter around the house," was busying himself with a bottle of gold paint and a brush.

Labrador Spruce.

In the vicinity of this camp we saw some of the largest spruce timber that we came upon in the whole journey across Labrador.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

She is a bride of six weeks. Tom, dear, do you love me as much as you did before we were married?

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TURN SOIL BY STEAM

Engines Now Used on Plows in Parts of Kansas.

As a Result Farmers Are Able to Plant More Wheat Than They Can Harvest—Work for Hundreds of Strangers.

Kansas City—The steam plow has become a familiar object in western Kansas. Managers of the big implement houses here say that about 250 outfits have been sold in the last 12 months.

Those outfits cost about \$1,900, but the expense of plowing averages only about 40 cents an acre.

Kansas City dealers say that about half the steam plows in the west are owned by large farmers.

The only objection to the steam plow is that it enables farmers to plant more wheat than they can harvest.

CHINA IS FIGHTING OPIUM.

Government Seeks to Reduce Imports and the Country's Product.

Washington—China has just revised and consolidated her native opium taxation. It amounts to 115 Peking taels a picul.

The better Chinese are reported to have a strong feeling against the enormous extension of the growth of the poppy throughout the empire.

MAN WITH TEN CHILDREN.

Rival Candidate Has to Yield to President's Choice.

Bloomington, Ill.—James M. Courtright, the newly appointed postmaster of Normal, the educational suburb of this city, is the father of ten children.

Need is related to the law partner of Vespasian Warner, United States commissioner of pensions.

There was great surprise, therefore, when the announcement was made that Courtright had been chosen.

The Normal office pays \$2,300 yearly. Postmaster Courtright is an intense admirer of President Roosevelt.

OLD SPANISH FORT BURNED.

Famous Report in Louisiana Had Historic Associations.

New Orleans—Spanish fort, on Lake Pontchartrain, between West End and Millburg is no more. Fire destroyed the casino and the old buildings which for the last century had withstood the assaults of the lake winds.

Fifteen years ago Spanish fort was a select summer resort. Here the old families of New Orleans loved to go.

Until the fire few went there except for a good gumbo or a crawfish bisque. Fewer still went there to study its history.

WOMAN CUTS TEETH AT 77.

Grandma Parsons of Portland, Ore., Having a Novel Experience.

Portland, Ore.—It is not every one who has lived the allotted three score and ten years who can boast of cutting teeth at that age.

Although 77 years of age Mrs. Parsons is as healthy and vigorous as though but 50.

DECLARE PAINTINGS ILLEGAL.

Pictures of Currency and Stamps Too Realistic for Government.

Dallas, Tex.—Government secret service men seized two pictures in the art loan exhibit in the exposition hall at the state fair.

Woman Finds Buried Trunk.

Tokyo, Wash.—A trunk was swept away by a flood and has for more than three years been buried in sand.

MONUMENT TO THIEF

Vermont Town Marks Grave of "Connecticut Billy."

Killed by Clerk While Burglarizing a Store—Dead Man Said to Have Been Member of Prominent Family.

St. Albans, Vt.—In the little cemetery in the neighboring town of Sheldon a gravestone has just been erected bearing this inscription:

This stone, which cost \$20, was erected by George E. Stebbins, frat selectman of the town.

No one appeared to claim the body or the money, and the town authorities are ignorant of the identity of the mysterious criminal.

He admits that the man's first name was Henry, that he was a member of a prominent and wealthy family.

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MAY BE "WILD MAN'S" BODY.

Skeleton Found in Michigan Woods Believed to Be That of a Lunatic.

L'Anse, Mich.—A human skeleton has been found in the woods near the cemetery at Herman.

Goatskin Imports Increase.

Washington—Goatskins to the value of \$22,000,000 were imported into the United States in the fiscal year 1906.

Better Clothes for Navy.

Washington—The secretary of the navy will ask congress at the next session for more money to clothe the bluejackets than they are now allowed.

FEEDING A RUBBER PLANT.

Woman Cares For Specimen in a Scientific Manner.

A woman who lives in a little flat on West 25th street has a rubber plant which she considers king of its kind.

"I never heard of any one else feeding a plant this way. The idea is all my own, and I'm proud of it."

LOVE REDUCED TO SCIENCE.

Mathematical Proposition, According to College Girl.

"Do you love me as much as I love you?" "The college girl smiled. "Do you wish me to prove it?" she said.

"I mean mathematically," she continued, drawing her face back.

At His Own Turkey. S and H were two farmers in the town of Adams. Their farms adjoined.

Two days later he called on H and said: "I had a fine large turkey that I had especially picked out for my Thanksgiving dinner."

Sure enough, there was the turkey with the red string tied to his leg.

A Football Enthusiast.

W. J. Clothier, the tennis champion of America, said at a dinner in Philadelphia:

"Tennis is all very well in its way, but what is the excitement, what is the enthusiasm of tennis compared to that of football?"

"Did we win, doctor?" "Yes, hands down," the physician answered.

An Eye to the Future.

Mrs. Plettton (to her coachman)—James, I trust that you are an attendant at religious exercises?

"Oh, yes, mem. I goes as often as I has the chance, mem."

"He Advantage. When the capitalist decided to embrace socialism he was welcomed with acclamations by the ranks."