

PEAKS RISE AND SINK

OFFICERS OF REVENUE CUTTER TELL OF SEA MARVEL.

Island in Bering Sea Changed Evidence of Mountain's Struggle for Life Seen on Every Side.

Washington.—Last July the start-up discovery was made by the officers of the revenue cutter McCulloch when an island had appeared over night in Bering sea, coughed up by a volcano in the vicinity of Unalaska.

Steam was issuing from every pore and fissure, and showers of lava dust and ash were being blown from the summit of the volcano.

It was October 15 when the McCulloch visited the scene again, and the remarkable transformation that had occurred in the eight weeks is best described in the words of Lieut. B. H. Cambra, whose report has reached the treasury department.

In his report he says: "Over the land there was no evidence of the cloud that had hitherto been visible for such a great distance, and it was evident that there was but little steam escaping from Perry and McCulloch peaks, from which dense volumes escaped at the time of the visit of this vessel in August.

"McCulloch peak, 395 feet high, with a base 1,700 by 2,000 feet, had entirely disappeared, leaving the half of Perry peak, with its perpendicular wall, standing in grim silence as a headstone at the grave of the departed peak.

"However, a nearer view disclosed the fact that McCulloch peak had not died without a struggle or without leaving some evidence of its short existence, for astonishing changes had occurred in the profiles of the peaks, the rugged outlines of each of which had been softened to a general symmetry by a padding of lava dust that almost disguised them beyond recognition, while the sand spit connecting the peaks had attained a height varying from 20 to 100 feet, as shown by the contour lines in the sketch.

"Incalculable tons of material, hundreds of feet in depth, had been deposited over the entire island. Fire Island and Perry peak now towered into the air with a gentle incline rising from the beach several hundred yards distant to their summits.

"At intervals a mass of lava dust would be jarred or blown from its bed high up among the rocks and come tumbling down the cliffs to the beach, raising a cloud of dust with it that is almost identical in appearance with the vapor rising nearby, and leaving its starting point bare and white in contrast with the color of the undisturbed dust covering the adjacent rocks."

"The officers decided not to land. But they sailed around the island and noticed that while there had been a disappearance of the peaks and transformation in topography, the island had actually widened.

"A deep bay more than half a mile in diameter had appeared since the last visit, and on one side of it a precipitous wall 100 feet high appeared. From the surface of the bay a dense cloud of steam and smoke arose. A thick deposit of sulphur was on the beach, and its fumes could be detected by the officers two miles away. The officers took final leave of their discovery, for they realized that it might disappear entirely before their next visit.

BALLOON CRAZE IN GOTHAM.

Comparatively Inexpensive Sport May Soon Supplant Autoing.

New York.—Balloons may soon be as common in the sky as clouds, even if the rest of the country does not follow the example of this city, which appears suddenly to have become balloon crazy.

The strength of this sudden craze for ballooning as a pastime is indicated sufficiently by the fact that at the "auto" show held here ten balloons were sold and many others offered.

Contrary to the general opinion, it is not necessary to be a millionaire to indulge in aeronautics in one's own balloon, as a good one, it is said, can be purchased for about \$90.

One of the more enthusiastic balloonists, or "balloonists," as they have been dubbed, is Rear Admiral Chester, who, having retired from the sea, has announced his intention of navigating the air in his own balloon as soon as he has served his apprenticeship.

BULLDOG HALTS THE DANCE.

Holds Up Soldiers Because Master Fails to Appear.

Beverly, N. J.—Bob, a bulldog belonging to Lieut. Frank J. Toner, held members of Company G, Third regiment, National guard, at bay and delayed a drill and dance which the soldier boys were to have had the other night.

After inspecting the military accoutrements and being apparently satisfied that his master was not there Bob conceived the idea of waiting at the head of the stairs until his master appeared.

BUILDS OWN LIGHTING PLANT.

St. Louis Man Illuminates Home and Runs Household Machines.

St. Louis.—In his leisure hours Fred Brendel, engineer of the Commercial building, has been constructing and just brought to completion an electric lighting plant, which he has installed in the yard back of his residence on Union boulevard.

With his home-made electric lighting plant he is able to illuminate his home and that of a tenant and furnish enough power to run a sewing machine and other small household machines, do the family ironing, run electric fans and proposes in the near future to be able to cook.

Mr. Brendel's plant is in a power house his friends constructed during the evenings and Sundays this fall.

In the house is a four-horse power engine and generator, with the necessary rheostats, and volt and ampere meters. The engine is run by gasoline and is managed by Mrs. Brendel, who has been appointed chief engineer, while Mrs. Louis Daniels, who occupies the upper part of his residence, is assistant engineer.

The plant cost about \$400 to construct and the cost of lighting the house is about ten cents a night for 40 lamps.

The engine has a heavy foundation of concrete under it which Mr. Brendel amused himself by putting in with the assistance of his friends.

Pays Own Salary by Prayer.

New Britain, Conn.—Rev. J. E. Klingberg, pastor of the Swedish Baptist church, has been raising his salary by prayer for a year.

London.—An anchor, supposed to have belonged to one of the vessels of the Spanish Armada, was recently recovered from Rye harbor by a fisherman.

"IN GOD WE TRUST" OMITTED.

"Secular League" Wins Concession Regarding New Coins.

Washington.—The first of the new coins designed by the late Augustus Saint Gaudens under the general direction of President Roosevelt has reached the treasury department from the United States mint in Philadelphia.

It could not be learned at the treasury department who was responsible for the omission of the words "In God We Trust," but the department officers have had nothing to do with the change in the coin designs except to carry out the orders of the president.

The Secular League of the District of Columbia and other organizations of the same kind have been making an intermittent campaign for years against the use of the name of the Deity in Thanksgiving proclamations and various official documents, and especially against the use of the motto "In God We Trust" on the coins of the nation.

The new gold coin issued from the mint bears on one side a spread eagle holding a number of arrows in its talons and on the other side the head of an Indian in full war dress.

GIRL WANTS JOB SWITCHING.

Young Woman Astonishes Southern Pacific by Request for Place.

San Francisco.—Helen Meyer, a pretty young woman of 22, Lyell street, wants to be a switchman. She applied for such a position at the office of E. P. Anthony, assistant superintendent of the Southern Pacific railroad.

"I want a position as switchman for the Southern Pacific company," she said to Mr. Anthony, and superintendent, clerks and office boys alike stared in mute surprise.

Miss Meyer looked sad for a moment. Then, "I wish Mr. Harriman would come to town," she burst out. "I'd ask him and I wager I'd get the job."

Assistant Superintendent Anthony said that the girl would get some position.

IMBEDDED IN TREE 183 YEARS.

Mountain Sheep's Horn Taken from a Giant Oregon Trunk.

Redding, Cal.—A sheep's horn that was imbedded in a tree 183 years ago is the curiosity that John Elder, a forest ranger, living at Paisley, Ore., has delivered to his superior, Supervisor Ingram, at Lakeview.

The horn was a little to one side of the center of the tree and ran in a circular direction. It was not curled, as are the horns of mountain sheep at this day, but was almost straight.

Counting the rings of growth, the tree was shown to be 213 years old. Outside the horn had 183 rings, indicating the number of years that had elapsed since the mountain sheep was caught and held fast by the yellow pine. The horn was soaked with pitch.

Takes First Ride at Forty-Four.

Madison, Wis.—At the age of 44, P. G. Stanton, a farmer living near Platteville, Wis., took his first ride on a railroad train.

Monster Carp is Caught.

Medina, O.—A monster carp three feet long and weighing 27½ pounds, was caught by the workmen cleaning the Granger ditch east of Weymouth.

NEW PRODUCTS OF FARM.

Profitable Use for Much That Has Been Thought Valueless.

While nearly every product of the farm can be and is distilled for special purposes, the French farmer is chiefly interested in the utilization of the residue resulting from wine and cider manufacture, and in the south of France and aromatic plants.

All of these distilling processes are within the easy grasp of men of ordinary intelligence, and offer new sources of revenue to the farmer, particularly in the fruit-growing regions, where thousands of bushels of wine and cider residue are returned to the soil or burned, and where inferior apples are at times not even gathered for lack of remunerative market.

ONE SONG BROUGHT FAME.

Dr. Cowen's Beautiful Ballad, "The Better Land."

Dr. F. H. Cowen, the famous composer, was a young man of only 25 when he wrote the music of "The Better Land," he is now over 50.

Where He Got It.

Arkansas' Great Peach Crop.

The Captain's Answer.

Frenzied Finance.

Doubtful Comfort.

An Infallible Symptom.

WON MEMBER FOR HIS CHURCH.

Preacher's Skill at Quills Was Put to Good Service.

The Rev. J. H. Royer, pastor of the Oxford (Pa.) Methodist church, has been found gambling. The discovery has not made him any the less popular with his congregation, as the stakes he played for were whether or not his opponent would attend a series of special meetings.

The minister took up the proposition and within a short time a hard-fought game was in progress.

CRITICISM OF AMERICAN COOKS.

Famous German Chef Found But One Dish Worthy of Imitation.

Albert Neumann, chef to her imperial highness the Prussian Crown Princess Cecile, has returned from a tour in America a disappointed man.

Combs Made of Old Shoes.

Affected by Breweries.

Illiteracy.

Queen Has Vast Wealth.

Women Are Good Explorers.

A Bum Affinity.

FELLOW HE WAS LOOKING FOR.

Reuben Willing to Be Bunkoed, But Wanted Run for His Money.

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