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LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE.

Another old-time theory has been disproved through the investigations carried on by Fred C. Plummer of the forest service, who declares that a tree struck by lightning is liable to a second stroke. He says further that a tree that has been felled by a former stroke is more liable to a second attack because the dry, dead branches appear to be better conductors.

Another idea exploded is that most of the people who are killed by lightning have taken shelter under trees. Mr. Plummer says that more than one-half of these deaths have been in the open, and less than one-fourth under trees. Of further superstitions, he says:

"From early times there has been a belief that certain trees are more likely than other to be struck by lightning. The Elder Pliny said 'Lightning never strikes the laurel.' This tree was also called bay, and wreaths of its leaves were worn by ancient rulers, both as a symbol of victory and as a protection from the lightning of the gods. Seneca and Plutarch held similar beliefs, which may be traced down even to modern times; but the theory as now held includes a number of trees, differing in various countries. This belief was so firmly established that such trees as the beech and locust, supposed to be effective in warding off lightning, were planted near dwellings."

Mr. Plummer does not believe any of these theories, and he declares the national forest show that many trees have been struck a number of

times. During the past four years 76,301 trees have been struck, according to reports kept by the forest rangers.

Names of 5000 dead men have been found on the Philadelphia voting lists. It is hard to distinguish between the lives ones and the dead ones in that town.

An Englishman has invented a champagne pitcher. The sale will be limited, as nobody but the millionaire can afford to drink it out of a pitcher.

New York court has decided that moving pictures are not to be classed among the necessities. No, indeed, necessities are higher in price.

Four men were buried under two tons of dough, says an exchange. Baker's dough or United States treasury dough?

Still there is some money that the bank note laundry in the United States treasury can't possibly clean.

The strangest part of that Balkin war is that the allies are not trying to eat one another up.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

November 20.

1752—Thomas Chatterton, celebrated English literary genius, born. Died Aug. 24, 1770.

1777—British took possession of the defenses of the Delaware.

1804—New York Historical Society founded.

1806—Napoleon declared a blockade of the British Isles.

1852—Cleveland, Painesville and Ash-tabula railroad opened.

1863—Earl of Elgin, former governor general of Canada, died. Born July 20, 1811.

1866—First National encampment of the G. A. R. met at Indianapolis.

1909—United States Circuit court decreed a dissolution of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

1911—Texas militia sent to parole the Mexican border.

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of the city of La Grande, Oregon, for the construction of gravel bitulthic pavement together with excavation, curbing and drainage, as follows:

On Fourth street between the south line of "C" avenue, amounting to 16,091 square yards of paving, same to be constructed according to plans and specifications and estimates on file in this office. All bids to be in by 8 o'clock p. m., Nov. 20, 1912, and accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent of the whole amount of the bid. The council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

N. J. MANSAGER, City Recorder La Grande, Ore., Nov. 14, 1912.

Notice.

A communication from Turner Oil-

ver on the paving question, which was intended for today's paper is unavoidably crowded out, and will appear in tomorrow's Observer. Look for it tomorrow.

A Great Building Falls

when its foundation is undermined, and if the foundation of health—good digestion—is attacked, quick collapse follows. On the first signs of indigestion, Dr. King's New Life Pills should be taken to tone the stomach and regulate liver, kidney and bowels. Pleasant, easy, safe and only 25 cents at all druggists.

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