

Oil in North America

Oil was known to the Indians and used by them for medicinal purposes. It was first obtained from the surface of creeks and as a product of salt wells. Edwin L. Drake drilled the first oil well in the United States in August, 1859, near Oil City, Pa. The first discovery of oil in Canada was made in 1857 near Petrobr, Ont.

Tuberculosis and Stomach.

Tuberculosis rarely attacks the stomach, and the reason for this is explained by Dr. Wilhelm Baetner of Berlin in describing one case in Berliner Klinische Wochenschrift. He says the gastric juice, aided by the active movements of the stomach, kill the germs of tuberculosis before they get a chance to take hold.

Holy Ones, Please Read.

The attention merely to attract public attention does not in itself make for more happiness on the part of the person concerned.

A Case in Point.

From a literary article: "Nothing is so suggestive of a faulty education than lack of grammar."—Boston Transcript.

Smell but Don't Taste.

Myrror or violetwood of Australia, the product of two species of Acacia, has the delightful scent of violets which becomes very pronounced when being worked, says the American Forestry Magazine. If one wishes to retain this high opinion of violetwood it is well not to taste it.

Removing Paint From Wood.

To rid room of bad odor give it a coat of paint or varnish. If a head rat or mouse causes the trouble the odor will not until the little creature is entirely dried up. Lye will take off paint but would injure the wood for applying paint later. Use a paint remover bought at a paint shop. —Housewife.

Health in White Cedar.

Water pails and other vessels made of southern white cedar were long held to have a wholesome effect on the contents because of supposed medicinal properties of the wood, says the American Forestry Magazine. It was even believed that water issuing from a white cedar spigot had its healthfulness increased.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

"SPIRIT OF THE BOY SCOUT"

More and more is scouting inspiring painters, sculptors and sculptors to put into permanent form their conception of the practical service of the boy scouts and especially their conception of the idealism, the spirit, of the movement. In bronze and marble in a number of cities, boy scout tablets and statues of various kinds grace homes, private parks and public places. One of the most notable works of art of this nature is the beautiful Roosevelt memorial boy scout fountain erected in its grounds at Golf, Ill., by the Glen View club. The latest endeavor of this kind is the inspiring statuette modeled by Robert Tait McKenzie, famous physician and sculptor of Philadelphia, which he has named "The Spirit of the Boy Scout" and has dedicated it to the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. McKenzie has been professor and director of the department of physical education in the University of Pennsylvania since 1904. As a sculptor he has exhibited at the Royal Academy and elsewhere in Europe and is the



"The Spirit of the Boy Scout" is the title given to this conception of the idealism of the movement, executed by Dr. Robert Tait McKenzie of the University of Pennsylvania.

creator of such notable statues as the Sprinter, Athlete, Competitor and the heroic figure of the Youthful Franklin on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania.

Replens of his "The Spirit of the Boy Scout" are eagerly sought by scouts for their troop rooms and other meeting places. The headlines of the twelve points of the scout law are lettered on the base of the statue.

NEW YORK SCOUTS CHASE DIRT.

The boy scouts of Greater New York have undertaken one big job—making and keeping the largest city in the world cleaner. Feeling urgent need of adding materially to its force of 800 volunteer "block captains," the Anti-Litter Bureau of the Merchants' Association of New York recently sought the aid of the boy scouts' organization as the largest single force prepared for voluntary civic service, and the chief scout executive gave enthusiastic support to the plan, saying:

"Many propositions soliciting the co-operation of boy scouts in seemingly well-intentioned movements are declined almost weekly for one reason or another because they conflict with the fundamental principles of scouting, so it is indeed refreshing to have your clean-cut plan for city betterment presented to us and through us to the more than 17,000 Boy Scouts of America in Greater New York, who are the life blood of the local movement, as are the 851,000 registered scouts throughout the country the life blood of the national organization."

"The objects sought are for scouts to do all they can to free the streets, sidewalks, arcways and vacant lots of unsightly litter and dangerous and unsanitary conditions; and also to familiarize themselves with the laws regulating streets and to call attention to infractions of the laws."

BOY SCOUT NOTES.

Scout troops in all parts of the country made house-to-house canvasses for broken toys, repaired them, and distributed them among the poor children of their towns.

What is claimed to be the first carrier pigeon patrol in boy scout work has been organized at the Atlantic (Mont.) Scout headquarters. Pigeons will be bred and trained for carrying messages and emergency work for which they are fitted.

Indications of a Water. It might be interesting to the average person who carries a watch as a matter of fact to know that it comprises 115 different pieces, the manufacture of which requires about 2,000 different operations.

FORUM

TAKES UTILITY'S SIDE

Whenever any quality comes, two sides develop and just now when public utilities in Oregon are being graded, the Observer receives the following communication, supporting the corporations' position. Doubtless this "citizen" is in a minority class, but he nevertheless wishes to have his say:

Utility rates—water, electricity, gas, transportation and phone—always were and still are the cheapest household necessity that the family pays for. Also it requires a greater investment per family to furnish this service and this investment brings a smaller return and requires a longer length of time to be returned, than anything else entering into modern living.

The convenience of utility service has been made so great that the average consumer is apt to forget the intricate and magnitude of the business that enables him to push a button and get light, heat or power; to turn a pet cock and get gas for heat or light; to turn a faucet and get water; to take down a telephone receiver in his home and talk to virtually any part of the United States, or to step on a street car and ride for miles for a few cents.

Twenty years ago all these conveniences were luxuries. Today when the service and usefulness of these conveniences has been in creased tenfold, they have become necessities. They are no longer novelties.

There is nothing which the average citizen pays for more grudgingly than he does for this service and there is nothing except food which it would be more difficult for him to do without.

The mutual view point of the public has been warped by the fact that

rates for utility service have always been low and the total bill a small sum. The average citizen uses a greater amount of utility service of various kinds than ever before and he demands a class of service that it would have been impossible to have received ten years ago.

Too many of us overlook these details and the fact that increases in utility rates are still the smallest proportionate of any of our household living expenses.

Let us get a correct mental view point before we kick about something to our own detriment.

A. CITRON.

Fox Eats Entrapped Foot.

When caught in a trap by one of its feet, a fox has actually been known to bite off and swallow the entrapped foot in order to free itself.

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