

AGE LIMIT IS SET IN ANDES

Race Dwelling High In Mountains Kills All Overstepping Who Linger On Earth Too Long.

(By Associated Press)
 BOSTON, Mass., Mar. 1.—High in the fastnesses of the Andes mountains of Peru there lives a race which sets an age limit and kills off all of its people who reach the fatal mark.

This is the statement of Dr. Joseph Bancroft, British scientist and author, who headed an expedition to Peru to study the effect of high altitudes on the oxygen content of the blood. The party spent practically all its time at Cerro de Pasco, a mining town of 10,000 inhabitants 14,200 feet above the sea level.

"In each village," said Dr. Bancroft, who is delivering a series of lectures at Lowell Institute, "an official is appointed to terminate the careers of persons who live too long."

"Different communities, however, seem to have different ideas as to what limit should be placed on human existence. In some places the only duty of the executioner appears to be to secure the presence of a man at his own funeral in the 'title role.' If a person becomes so ill that his funeral becomes a certainty in the near future, a date is fixed for the same and if the leading figure shows a disposition to be unpunctual the village executioner takes the matter in hand.

"Not far from a mine that yields a great part of the world's vanadium, there is, so we are told a settlement of 'Cholos' (the name by which the natives are designated) who treat this matter on purely economic and unsentimental grounds. When one of the inhabitants becomes too old he is eaten by the community and cheerfully acquiesces in the procedure."

Dr. Bancroft is a fellow and lecturer at King's College, Cambridge University, fellow of the Royal Society and the author of a widely used text on "The Respiratory Function of the Blood."

The Andes natives studied by the party of investigators are of Indian descent, possibly from the Quichua Indians, according to one of the scientists. They live in adobe huts and are said never to remove their clothing. The household furnishings are so meagre that the housewife puts them into a sack and carries them with her every time she goes shopping or visiting.

The natives are very shy and appear to have no diversions aside from chewing cocoa leaves, from which modern scientists extract cocaine.

The extremely high altitudes at which they live seem not to affect the natives except to furnish them with a barrel like formation of the chest. They are very strong, but move slowly.

SILVER TIDE RISES IN YUKON

(By Associated Press)
 DAWSON, Y. T., Mar. 1.—Yukon's great silver tide is steadily rising and the Klondike continues the banner gold producing camp of the entire northland, says a thirty-eight page special edition of the Dawson Daily News.

Silver mining has progressed at an astonishing rate in the last two years. Fifteen hundred mines, a large proportion of which are producing have been staked. The fields have been covered by companies that hold most of the big producing claims and are pushing their development. A year ago the Yukon Gold company was the only large organization engaged in quartz mining and exploration at Mayo, but since then two well known America companies have obtained control of many claims which large crews are now developing.

The most notable strike on Keno Hill was the finding of the lode on the west end, or McQuestion slope. The finding of this rich mine was accidental as in the case of a great many mineral discoveries. A buckboard carrying two men skidded down a slippery embankment and turned up a piece of float which told the story. The ore assays from 200 to 500 ounces to the ton.

LAND HOLDERS LOSE BIG SUIT

PENDLETON, Mar. 1.—The Northern Pacific Co. P. Smythe and other large land owners have lost a suit to the John Day irrigation district, according to a decision made recently by Judge Gilbert W. Phelps. The decision follows litigation which has been under way for more than a year in which the legality of the organization of the district as well as the constitutionality of the Oregon Irrigation law were questioned. The contract between the district

and John W. Lewis for engineering services was declared legal by the decision.

Mr. Lewis formerly was state engineer of Oregon and in co-operation with the United States reclamation service prepared a report on a project embracing only 120,000 acres of irrigable land. The project under investigation which resulted in this litigation was to irrigate 320,000 acres lying along the Solubia river between Arlington and Umatilla in Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla counties and extending 15 to 20 miles back from the river. It was proposed to cut the entire flow of the John Day river by direct diversion and by storage in three reservoirs, two of which are on the upper edge of the tract.

The large land owners interested with the Northern Pacific railway in opposing this investigation were sheep men. In the complaint they say these lands are principally valuable for sheep raising. About 30 per cent of the lands within the district are vacant government lands which have been thus grazed for years.

SEEK SANDS.
 (By Associated Press)
 LOS ANGELES, Mar. 1.—A concentration of police efforts to find Edward F. Sands, missing former butler-secretary to William Desmond Taylor, was announced Sunday by detectives attempting to solve the mystery of the murder of the film director here the night of February 1.

TRAIL PROVED OF MUCH HELP

(By Associated Press)
 KANSAS CITY, Kansas, Mar. 1.—A cartographical trail blazed through the Bopi and Beni river country of South America forty-two years ago by Doctor Edwin R. Heath of this city, famous South American explorer, proved of vital assistance in taking Frederick J. Hoffman of Newark, New Jersey, widely known botanist, on an exploring trip through the same country several months ago, according to a letter Doctor Heath has received from Mr. Hoffman.

The maps and other geographical data on the dangerous country as prepared by Doctor Heath and published in scientific journals a few years ago were so accurate as to excite the admiration of Mr. Hoffman, the letter said.

"No geographical matter I had with me served a better purpose, no observations were more accurate, no conclusions more impartial and no visions no more prophetic than yours," the botanist wrote. "I followed as nearly as possible your methods, keeping account of my journey from hour to hour but making the trip down the river (Bopi) while your journey was made in the reverse direction. I found a number of minor omissions, misspelling, etc., but the little map appended to your paper in the Geographical Journal was priceless and literally worn to shreds by the time I reached Riberaita."

The letter mentioned visits to many places Doctor Heath recalled having seen on his trips.

Although 82 years old, Doctor Heath retains intense interest in scientific investigation of South America. He is at present consul in the United States for Guatemala, Honduras and Bolivia and Nicaragua.

A fellow in the Royal Geographic Society and the recipient of honors from many scientific organizations, Doctor Heath is perhaps most proud of the fact that one of the great rivers in South America bears his name. It is a tributary of the Madre De Dios. Doctor Heath discovered the Madre De Dios river on his trip in 1880. The river Heath forms part of the boundary between Bolivia and Peru.



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GOVERNOR AIDS SCHOOL KIDS

BATH, Maine, Mar. 1.—Six Morae high school pupils set an example that their comrades will find to be hard to follow when they recently presented to their principal an excuse for tardiness signed by Governor Percival P. Baxter, State Superintendent of Schools Augustus O. Thomas and Adjutant General John A. Hadley.

The note, "by order of the State of Maine," gave to the pupils permission to sleep late, the morning after they had assisted in entertaining the

Edison Invented a Snow Brick Making Machine Years Ago

NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—A briquetting machine, invented 40 years ago by Thomas A. Edison, to solve the problem of snow removal from city streets has been turned over to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for further development, and soon may be seen on New York's streets, it is declared by members of the society.

The invention calls for an automotive briquetting machine to run along snow-covered streets, scoop up snow and turn it out in compressed blocks which could be stacked on the side of the street for removal or until warm weather came.

Mr. Edison tried out his invention years ago, and found that it worked successfully. Owing to his many other activities, however, he never found time to develop his scheme, and for this reason has turned his invention over to the Engineers' Society.

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ACTRESS BETTER.
 (By Associated Press)
 LOS ANGELES, Mar. 1.—Mabel Normand, film actress, who has been ill from influenza and nervous breakdown, was said by her physician today to be well on the way to complete recovery.

COOKED FOOD SALE.
 The Westminster Guild will hold a Cooked Food Sale at Pattison's Grocery, Saturday, March 4th. 2-28-4t

RAGS Wanted at The Observer.

LAMBING SEASON ON.
 PENDLETON, Mar. 1.—Lambs at the rate of approximately 600 head a day are being born now in the different camps of the Cunningham Sheep Co., according to the records in possession of Mac Hoke, secretary of the company.

Three camps are now welcoming the young woolies for this company. At Stanfield ewes to the number of 12,000 head are being wintered and are now lambing. The Pine Rock bands total 6,500 head, and 7,000 head

being wintered in Wallowa county have just started to lamb. At Ontario there are 3,000 additional ewes, but lambing operations in that camp have not yet started.



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