COAL STORAGE IS SUGGESTION

Bain Suggests Storage of Coal Underground for Reserve Accumulation.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Underground storage of coal at the mines is suggested by H. Foster Bain, director of the United States bureau of mines, as a practical step toward the accumulation of reserves of fuel necessary to stabilize industry and to protect the domestic consumer in periods of acute shortage.

The seasonal demand for coal can to some extent be met by storage, Director Bain said in a report to the United States coal commission, but this must be done by the consumer or by some distributing agency operating between him and the mine. At the mines the best place to store coal is in the ground, as with unimportant exceptions it is not feasible to provide more than a limited amount of storage above ground.

Anthracite companies established near points of consumption a system of great storage piles which were valuable balance wheels to the trade and have facilitated steadiness of operation which distinguishes anthracite from bituminous mining, Dr. Bain said. Large scale storage of bituminous coal has been less practicable because the uncertainty of future price has deterred companies and individuals from making the necessary investments. However, in certain periods as much as 60,000,000 tons of this coal have actually gone into storage, showing the feasibility of storing soft coal.

With proper selection of the coal and due attention to modern requirements as to methods, it is entirely practicable to store large quantities of most coal at moderate price, he continued. The risk is in the uncertainties of future price, as the mine and railway equipment of the country is extensive enough to allow the industry, except under unusual conditions to obtain adequate supplies direct from the mines. Coal shortage and car shortage is a local matter in normal years. The nation has put men and money into coal mining and the railways to meet peak loads rather than provide a less amount of capital for coal storage and so insure steady and economical operation.

The possibility of devising a "use" classification that will permit widespooling of coal is also suggested by the director. Such pooling would relieve the pressure on docks, terminals and railway equipment, he declared.

TROJAN COACH IS NOT HOPEFUL

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—All the students at the University of Southern California unite in declaring that the Trojan basketball team will rank well with any in the Pacific Coast conference this season, Les Turner, new coach of the cagemen, says they will not cause trouble for other conference teams.

"We will have had only three weeks of preliminary training when we meet California January 26 in our first conference contest," said Turner. "We will start the season with a great handicap—lack of training."

Coach Turner, who was basketball coach at the Broadway high school, of Seattle, Wash., when Head Coach Elmer C. Henderson, of U. S. C., was head coach at Broadway high, will build his 1923 team around Captain White, a forward, who is regarded as one of the fastest, most accurate basket shooters on the Pacific coast.

Basketball practice was to have started two months ago at U. S. C., but nearly all the men who signed up were also members of the football team which played the Penn State eleven at Pasadena, New Year's day. These men had to devote their time to football practice.

Football players who are now seeking new laurels include, Tony Wayahn, John Hawkins, Roy Baker, Leo Calland, Hayden Pythian, Winchell Boice, Wallace Newman, Gus Schabre, William Glenn and Norman Anderson.

The U. S. C. schedule follows:

Jan. 6—Y. M. C. A. at Los Angeles.
Jan. 10—Knights of St. Paul here.
Jan. 12—Los Angeles A. C. here.
Jan. 20—Hollywood A. C. here.
Jan. 26-27—University of California here.
Feb. 2-3—Stanford University at Palo Alto.
February 5-6—University of California at Berkeley.
Feb. 9-10—Stanford here.
Feb. 16-17—Arizona at Tuscon.
Feb. 23-24—Arizona here.

SHIPMENTS OF COAL DECREASE

SAULT ST. MARIE Mich., Jan. 13.—Coal shipments to the northwest this year were more than 5,000,000 tons lower than during 1921, despite the fact that 4,530 more boats passed through the American and Canadian canals than in 1921, according to a report of officials in charge of peratins.

Coal locked through here this year was 9,461,018 tons, against 14,763,166 tons for 1921. Hard coal totaled 670,447 tons against 2,258,128 tons last season.

Total freight shipments were 17,808,004 tons higher than in 1921. Total freight traffic this year was 66,067,258 tons. Iron ore tonnage in 1922 was 42,227,338 tons, compared with 22,595,323 tons in 1922. A substantial increase in grains other than wheat also was recorded.

HOTEL MANAGEMENT COURSE IS PLANNED BY HOTEL MANAGERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13. — A course in hotel management will soon be inaugurated at the University of California in Berkeley, it was announced here at a meeting of the Northern California Hotel association to honor Eugene Epley, head of the Epley chain of hotels, Omaha, Neb., and chairman of a campaign committee of the American Hotel association to raise $2,000,000 for the education of hotel men.

Aside from the following the regular curriculum for academic degrees, students in hotel management would be required to serve as bellboys, engineers, stewards, clerks, chambermaids and auditors. William C. Jurgens, manager of the Hotel Oakland, at Oakland, Calif., has offered his hostelry as a training station.

A course in hotel management, according to Epley, has been instituted at Cornell university, New York state, and a similar one is now being considered at Northwestern university, Chicago.

"The hotel business," he said, "is perhaps the only large business in the United States that does not provide a university training."

Poacers Menace Fox Farming in Alaska

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 13.—Poachers have become a serious menace to fox farming in Alaska, according to Dr. R. C. Mathias, of Petersburg, an officer of the Blue Fox Farmers' association of Southeastern Alaska, who was here recently on matters connected with the association.

Skins of blue foxes are so valuable, he said, that the poacher, in a few days' trapping on some isolated farm, is able to make considerable money. The next territorial legislature will consider a bill making it unlawful to sell a blue or silver fox skin that has not been properly registered and stamped by a territorial inspector, Dr. Mathias said.

The quarrelsome nature of the silver fox is a serious obstacle to silver fox farming in the territory, according to Dr. Mathias, who said the blue foxes were more peaceable and therefore easier to raise. Most of the farms are on small, isolated islands, and the foxes are permitted to live under as nearly natural conditions as possible. The foxes, unable to "rustle" enough food for themselves, are fed on cooked and smoked fish, breakfast foods and other cereals. Dr. Mathias expressed the belief that the blue foxes ultimately would become completly domesticated.

FREE USE OF KNIFE URGED

Governor Davis, of Kansas, Will Advocate the Cutting of Many State Boards.

(By Associated Press)

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 13.—Numerous state boards and commissions will be eliminated or consolidated, state salaries will be cut and state appropriations will be slashed, if the Kansas legislature, which convenes tomorrow, carries out the main part of the program to be outlined by the new governor, Jonathan M. Davis, Bourbon county farmer, in his opening message.

During his campaign and since election, Governor Davis vigorously has proclaimed high taxes a chief bane of agriculture in Kansas. It is on lower taxes that the democratic governor and the republican legislature doubtless can accomplish something. On other issues, however, there is strong indication that the governor and legislature may be wide apart.

The governor, in keeping with the democratic platform, declares for the abolishment of the industrial court. The republican platform endorses the court and the legislature is republican. Changes in the law are favored by many republican legislators, however.

Three constitutional amendments are subject for discussion. They are: Reclassification of property for taxation purposes with a view to including intangible property and giving lower rate on some tangible property, especially homes and household goods.

State highway system, to be constructed by state with $50,000,000 raised by bond issue, bonds to be paid off by proceeds from automobile licenses.

State revolving fund to be loaned to farm home buyers at low rate of interest, to overcome tenantry. This amendment was adopted by voters in 1920, but 1921 legislature did not carry it out.

Three commissions will report to the legislature on codes of laws legislature. They are:

Revision of state statutes. First revision since 1868.

Codification of school laws for enactment.

Codification of proposed laws for welfare of children.

Indications point strongly towards efforts to modify the state-wide prohibitory.

Sex Laws in Savage Lands.

The segregation of the sexes among barbarian peoples goes so far in many cases that each sex has a different language, one used by men and by women when speaking to men; the other by women when speaking to each other.

SIX INDICTMENTS FOUND IN BAKER

BAKER, Jan. 13.—The grand jury for the February term of circuit court yesterday afternoon reported to Circuit Judge Gustav Anderson, before recessing that it has returned six true bills of indictment. Those indicted were:

C. W. Johnson, three charges of forgery; J. E. Rogers, obtaining money under a false pretense; Joe Dunn and John Bond, burglary not in a dwelling, and Robert Rixor, taking an automobile and using it without intent to steal.

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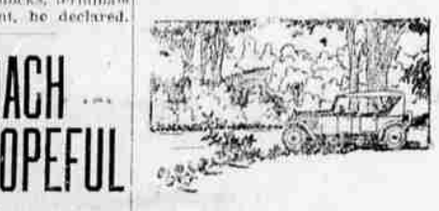

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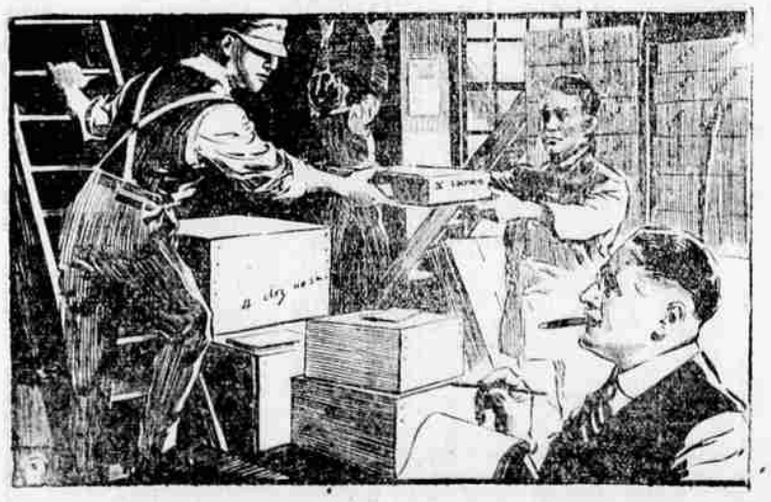

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