

WEALTH IN THE BLOWING WINDS

Machine Will Use Wind for Power in a Way That Will Be Profitable, Says Inventor.

ELMA, Aug. 1.—(Special).—The real wealth of the world is in the wind that blows above us. Windmills could supply the world with light, heat and power if properly developed. This is what Baldwin, a British scientist, says and what Charles H. Ford, of this place, declares is absolutely true and is able to prove it. Ford has invented a machine which he claims solves the problem of perpetual motion and will revolutionize the means of supplying or generating power for industrial plants, and motive power for every other requirement. Ford, who came here not long ago and found employment as a baker, is the genius who is demonstrating that power and great quantities of it can be supplied by air and that a system, which he has evidently perfected to a satisfactory degree, can be used as an air power device for running any sort of a machine from an auto to a war vessel. The creator of air power is very similar to a wooden 16-inch water main bound with wire and curved so as to be an endless tube or shaft. It is made of zinc, with a door at each end. In the inner space are a series of windmills mounted on a shaft with associated straighteners between each windmill. The straighteners are stationary pieces of metal which are supposed to divert the air currents. The windmills are started at present by electric motors which send the air circulating through the tube to the first windmill. This air is carried from one windmill to another round and round the endless shaft, providing a limitless amount of power and storing energy for future needs. The windmills can be increased indefinitely and of course the more windmills the more power. A small demonstration model which is operated in connection with the large machine is desired by Mr. Ford to upset all recognized laws of physics by reversing motion. With an electric fan, Mr. Ford is able to pull the small machine backward instead of forcing it forward, as wind naturally will do. Speaking of the systems of windmills used to create power, Mr. Ford says that while on a farm of his father 16 years ago a windmill which was used to pump water was being run so slow by a five-mile wind that it hardly moved at all. He then conceived the idea that if he had two windmills or three windmills in the same relative position they could be run by the same amount of wind and at the same time increase the power two and three or four times as much as one mill. This idea he worked into his model with gratifying and positive results. For many years he says many inventors have been trying to figure out how to make one windmill run behind another one with the same current of air and with the same rate of speed and this is what he has worked out. His patents are operated in a room on the second story of a building on Main street and as the interest in the invention extends large crowds are attracted daily. Mr. Ford will give a public exhibition of his creation next Saturday afternoon beginning at 4 o'clock each day on the main thoroughfare of the city.

Keen for Government Homes

LONDON, Aug. 1. (AP).—More than 15,000 applications have been made for use of the 10,000 houses which the government will build within the next few months.

The houses, which are being constructed under the scheme to stop the house shortage of England and Scotland, may be rented or purchased by the public and so great had been the demand that it has been necessary to refuse two thirds of the applications made since the war.

RALEIGH'S BRIAR CLAIMED BY TWO

(By I. N. S.)

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Where is Sir Walter Raleigh's pipe? And who owns it? That is a question engaging the attention of lovers of the briar here and, incidentally, is causing much controversy.

For some years Messrs. Dunhill known among pipe connoisseurs the world over, have claimed that the famous pipe is owned by them. But their claim is now disputed by one R. T. Spencer, of Bristol, who maintains that the pipe is really in his possession.

In support of this claim he puts forward interesting data in which he says that the pipe was presented early in the last century to his grandfather, then a young man, by an old soldier who had had the pipe in his possession for some time.

He describes the pipe in detail and illustrates its authenticity by describing the face at the base of

the bowl, which is of the "Red Indian" type known as used on the first pipes, and still bears traces of artificial coloring.

There the matter rests for the moment. But the Dunhills assert that they do not intend to have their historic heritage go by default so easily.

POSSE HUNTS APE; FOOTPRINTS CLUE

(By I. N. S.)

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Aug. 1.—Reports received here declare a mysterious ape is roaming the wilds of Tyler county, in the region of Muddy Creek.

G. C. Clarke and John Farrell, employees of the Manufacturers' Light and Heat company, witnessed a sight that made their hair stand on end—a mother ape and seven little cubs. They declare their story is gospel truth.

When he was rigging up a building machine at a well close to a thicket, they said. Suddenly their attention was attracted to the edge of a precipice by frenzied screams. They looked and saw a mother ape, with six little ones clinging to her side, while in her mouth was another, dangling over the edge of the cliff.

Dropping their tools, the men ran. They ran as they had never run before. They ran until they reached their foreman, M. G. Sherwood. With James F. Henderson, as leader, a posse was formed and went in search of the apes. No trace of the animals could be found, but peculiar footprints were in evidence on top of the cliff.

Latest report from the posse is that the ape is still ahead of the pursuers.

The ape was seen on the farm of Abendego Weekly, one of the earliest settlers of the county.

PAPER USED IN FIG SHIPMENTS

(By Associated Press)

FRESNO, Calif., Aug. 1.—Paper mache is now being used instead of ice to ship fresh figs to outside markets, according to P. B. Scott of Lone Star, Calif., discoverer of the new shipping method. Figs are now being shipped to Pacific Coast cities and to the east without the use of ice or refrigeration, Mr. Scott says.

The paper mache containers, placed in ordinary wooden boxes, are in layer form, and indented in shape of figs. When a layer is filled, a cover of paper mache is placed on top, forming a perfect fit and placing each fig in an individual compartment.

Mr. Scott declares the iceless shipments are a success. He says he is now shipping 210 boxes of fresh figs a day without refrigeration, and, he adds, they are reaching the markets of the south, north and east in perfect condition.

This method of shipment, fruit growers here state, will open unlimited markets for fresh figs. By eliminating the cost of icing or refrigeration, growers state, fig men will be able to place their product in the eastern markets at a profit.

MYTH ACCEPTED BY U. S. HEAD

(By Associated Press)

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 1.—President Harding's apparent acceptance, in his address at the opening of the Oregon Trail Highway at Mencham, of the discredited legend of Marcus Whitman's "Saving Oregon" is likely to damage the historical long fight against the acceptance of this myth as the truth, in the opinion of Dr. Joseph Schafer, superintendent of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, who for twenty years was head of the history department of the University of Oregon.

Dr. Schafer, who is the author of several books on Northwestern and Pacific Coast history, and has conducted researches into the history of the Oregon boundary dispute between the United States and Great Britain, said:

"The thoughtful citizen will not be disposed to find fault with the president for utilizing in his Mencham address the beautiful and dramatic legend of how Whitman 'saved Oregon.' To criticize him for doing so as on historical grounds one would be to misapprehend the conditions under which such incidental addresses necessarily made by the president, whose time on the trip is engrossed with a multitude of duties that rigorously exclude the preparation of speeches. Addresses on questions of policy, of course, are prepared by him in advance. For such others as seem to be called for by local situations, like the one at Mencham, he is compelled to depend upon others."

In the present case it is clear that someone who was interested in exploiting as if it were historical the long-exploited myth about Whitman saving Oregon, obtained the president's ear and probably placed the typed manuscript of the address in his hand. By doing this, and persuading the president to read it, that person assuredly scored the season's greatest feat in advertising. For, notwithstanding the president's oral

statement that some doubted the truth of his story he was about to present, he did in fact present it as history, and his speech printed because it was his, will pass with millions of people as a fully authenticated historical narrative. In all probability a new brood of books on western history, carrying the president's Mencham speech by way of restoring in new form the long-discredited Whitman myth, will be one result, inasmuch as it has required half a century of controversy and a vast expenditure of effort on the part of defenders and opponents alike, to eradicate the legend from the histories, this, if it should happen, would be an unfortunate circumstance. For it goes without saying that historically-minded men and women will not accept fiction for fact, though all love the memory of Doctor Whitman for his splendid Christian character and for the achievements which resulted in Oregon and

be rightly credited to him.

"The incident suggests that if the president is likely to require other addresses of a local or regional character, the managers of his progress ought to single out, for the responsibility of historical adviser, that one of his literary entourage who is best equipped with historical scholarship and who is familiar with the literature of American history. Anyone who has seen the late Edward Gaylord Bourne's 'The Legend of Marcus Whitman' would undoubtedly have advised against the acceptance by the president of the paper supplied to him for the Mencham occasion."

Mexican Crops Increase

MEVICALI, LOWER CALIFORNIA, August 1. (A.P.).—A better crop year than in several seasons is indicated for the achievements which resulted in Oregon and

Mexico by shipments arriving from Guaymas and other west coast points on steamers plying the Gulf of California with supplies for Lower California, most of which are trucked from Port La Bamba to this city. Grains, beans, potatoes, and tomatoes have furnished the bulk of several recent large cargoes, the balance being made up of flours.

The only slump these two sections received this year, farmers state, was in connection with the cantaloupe crop, upon which the aphid pest descended suddenly when the crop was about ready to be shipped. The entire crop was wiped out in less than forty-eight hours, the growers report, or was eaten ready to be shipped, less than 20 was saved.

General farming activities in the civil states said to be seventy-five per cent in excess of last year's operations.

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