

TO PRESERVE WOOD IS AIM

GOVERNMENT EXPERTS STUDY
METHODS OF INCREASING SER-
VICE—CREOSOTE PRINCIPAL
SUBSTANCE USED.

PORTLAND, May 28.—The practice of wood preservation is spreading so rapidly throughout the northwest, that the state of Washington, alone, now uses approximately 4,000,000 gallons of coal tar creosote per annum, for this purpose.

The growth of timber preservation in Washington has been most phenomenal. Twelve years ago, there were only one-fourth of a million gallons of creosote used for the purpose of interesting the ravages of teredos, or ship worms, and wood destroying fungi. Today, however, most of the piles used in the docks upon Puget Sound are treated with creosote to prevent destruction by teredos. Untreated Douglas fir piling is destroyed by teredos in from six months to two years' time, but if properly injected with creosote, piles will last twenty years or more. Railroads and traction companies have joined in the good work, and are treating their cross ties with this oil to prevent early decay. Douglas fir railroad ties, untreated, must be replaced every five or six years, but when properly treated with creosote, they may be expected to last eighteen years. City engineers no longer think of putting in wood-block pavement unless the blocks have been carefully injected with a preservative.

The value of this work in wood preservation cannot be over-estimated, for it means a saving of thousands of dollars for the people who use large quantities of material, and a prolonging of the life of the country's rapidly diminishing timber supply. Because of the importance of the work, the government, through the United States Forest Service is doing everything in its power to show the economic advantages of treating timber, in order that its practice will continue to grow as it has in the past.

Because of the high freight charges on commodities shipped from the east local creosoting works have been purchasing their oil in England. The oil shipped from England comes in steel drums, containing 110 gallons each. These drums cannot be returned, and it is, therefore, necessary to sell them to local users at their own price, which is usually considerable below cost. In order to obtain oil more cheaply, one of the creosoting companies on Puget Sound is having a large tank steamer, with a capacity of 1,250,000 gallons, built for the sole purpose of bringing creosote from London. When this steamer is put into service, wood preservation in the northwest will no longer be hampered by the high price of oil, and the demand for treated timber will undoubtedly increase very rapidly.

In view of the excellent market for coal tar creosote in this vicinity, a Spokane concern is preparing to manufacture this oil. This firm obtains coal tar from local gas plants, and by redistilling it, produces creosote and pitch. The District Forester at Portland will be very glad to answer any requests for information on the subject of wood preservation. Publications of the Forest Service, dealing with this subject, may be obtained free, upon application to the Forester, at Washington, D. C.

PLAYS PIANO 28 HOURS.

Battle Creek Man Now World's Champion.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., May 28.—J. M. Waterbury of New York, is no longer the champion long-time piano player of the world. He lost that title in this city to Charles Wright, a local musician, who played for 27 hours and 45 minutes without cessation in a local theatre.

When Wright passed the record held by Waterbury by one minute, he was removed from the piano, placed in an automobile and hurried to a sanitarium, completely exhausted. He received nourishment through a straw during the hours of playing, while attendants rubbed his back and limbs and fanned him.

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May 21, 1909.

Simpson Lumber Co., to Bertha Wittick; deed. Lot 25, blk 29, North Bend. Consideration, \$5.00.

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COOK STAYS 50 YEARS.

No Servant Problem in the Price Family.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Fifty years ago, Mary Grogan began work in the family of Abail Price, of South River, N. J. Yesterday three generations of Grogans celebrated the anniversary because, wonderful to relate, Mary is still there as the family cook.

In the beginning she asked for \$100 a year and got it. She has never asked for a raise or a vacation.

No wonder that Abail Price sent to New York for champagne with which he and the relatives and friends might drink to the health of such a servant. No wonder that he engaged the Riverside orchestra, of South River, for the entire day to play whenever the folks had to stop praising Mary long enough to get their breath.

The old breadmaking pans with which Mary began her work for the Prices were used in the decorations of the house and all the old-fashioned furniture was brought down from the attic and arranged as nearly as they could remember, just as it was on the day when she arrived at the farm house with her three fatherless children and asked for work. The American flag was flying all day above the roof and two green flags with golden harps were within the circle of the fifty candles on the great cake. For if there is one place on earth that Mary Grogan is as loyal as she is to the Price acres it is Ireland, where she was born.

Mary danced a few steps of the old Irish jig with which she used to amuse her entertainers when they were babies, just to show them that she is able to go on making buckwheats for many years to come.

PREACHER IS WHISTLER.

Entertains Congregation By Whistling Hymn.

COLUMBUS, Ind., May 28.—The members of the First Methodist Episcopal church here are rubbing their eyes over the advanced methods taken by Harry L. Maxwell, a singing evangelist, to arouse interest in his revival meetings. One night he sang a stanza of a religious hymn. "The Fight is on." Then he whistled a stanza.

The audience picked up its ears, but he never seemed to notice. Then he requested that the audience whistle with him, and by the time the hymn was finished the church members were whistling as well and as loudly as they could.

SHE AWAKENS BLIND.

Thinks It Still Night at First, Never Having Had Trouble With Eyes.

REDDING, Cal., May 28.—Miss Clara Cooper, of Montour, Iowa, was suddenly stricken blind on the eve of her departure for Iowa after a visit to friends here. When called it was found impossible to awaken her. An hour later, she awoke naturally, but could not see. At first it seemed to her that it was still night, but soon it dawned upon the young woman that she was totally blind. She can now distinguish light from darkness and physicians hold some hope that she may recover her eyesight. Up to the time that she awakened to find that she was blind Miss Cooper had never had any trouble with her eyes.

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