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APPEARANCES

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ASTORIA, OREGON

Sun's Heat Not Due to Radium

By Lord KELVIN, One of the World's Greatest Scientists

I WISH to remark that an isolated experimental discovery by Sir William Ramsay and Professor Soddy, brilliantly interesting as it is and solidly instructive as it is toward the theory of radium, suggests nothing more toward any modification of the ATOMIC DOCTRINE, proposed some 2,500 years ago by Democritus and universally adopted by chemists and other philosophers in the nineteenth century, than does Sir William Ramsay's original discovery of helium as an emanation from the mineral cleveite.

The obvious conclusion from the two discoveries is that cleveite and radium both contain helium. I cannot refer thus publicly to the discussions of radium in the British association meeting WITHOUT PROTESTING against the hypothesis that the heat of the sun, the earth or other bodies of the universe is due to radium.

I BELIEVE IT IS MAINLY DUE TO GRAVITATION AND BELIEVE THAT THE EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS ON WHICH THE RADIUM HYPOTHESIS HAS BEEN BUILT GIVE NO FOUNDATION UPON WHICH IT CAN REST.

City Dusts Cause Drinking

By Professor C. J. HOWARD of the Technical School, City of Mexico

UNTIL the time comes when streets and pavements and even the facades of buildings may be washed and flushed by water there is no chance of reducing the volume of DISEASE BREEDING DUST in the air. There are plenty of experts who advance arguments against the flushing and washing of streets, but it will be one of the greatest helps toward the reduction of INDIVIDUAL DRINKING that will be made in that direction.

The mineral dusts of the city in themselves are not necessarily dangerous, nor do they do any great harm to the nasal organs, but where they are mixed with the more GENERATIVE VEGETABLE DUSTS that come from the animals of the streets and from the tons and tons of fine powder of the interstices of buildings, added to the mass of insect laden mixtures made by the birds that use the cornices, windows and chimneys for homes, they make a mixture that, breathed into the nose, stomach and lungs, IS JUST LIKE THAT MUCH POISON, and it is no wonder that men will seek a drink with alcohol in it without knowing why they should be doing so.

TO PROTECT CARS.

Railway Association Will Make Lines Buy Cars.

purchase as much equipment as it needs and depends for handling its traffic upon securing enough cars from other lines at a per diem rate which is unprofitable to the owners.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—An effort will be made at the meeting of the American Railway Association which will begin in Chicago October 24, to secure the adoption of measures which will put railway leeches out of business and will impose such heavy penalties on "car thieves" as to make it profitable from them to quit their evil ways. A "car thief" is a railroad which gets possession of cars belonging to other roads, runs them away and uses them for its own purposes. A "railway leech" is a road which persistently refuses to

At present each road is charged 25 cents per day for the first 30 days during which it uses a freight car belonging to another line. Experience has shown that this per diem is unprofitable for the road owning the car and is insufficient to hasten its return by a line which may be making \$4 or \$5 a day clear on it. The roads which have been depending upon others to provide them with equipment are expected to fight the proposed changes but enough lines have signified that they favor them to indicate they will be adopted.

A Poem for Today

THE PILGRIM FATHERS

By John Pierpont



JOHN PIERPONT was born in 1755 and died in 1826. His native place was Litchfield, Conn. He was a spiritualist and advocated the cause, with his characteristic eloquence and zeal. He was employed a few years before his death in the treasury department at Washington. J. Pierpont Morgan is his grandson.

THE pilgrim fathers—where are they? The waves that brought them o'er Still roll in the bay and throw their spray As they break along the shore; Still roll in the bay as they rolled that day When the Mayflower moored below. When the sea around was black with storms And white the shore with snow.

The mists that wrapped the pilgrim's sleep Still brood upon the tide, And his rocks yet keep their watch by the deep To stay its waves of pride, But the snow white sail that he gave to the gale When the heavens looked dark is gone, As an angel's wing through an opening cloud Is seen and then withdrawn.

The pilgrim exile—sainted name! The hill whose icy brow Rejected when he came in the morning's flame In the morning's flame burns now, And the moon's cold light as it lay that night On the hillside and the sea Still lies where he laid his houseless head— But the pilgrim—where is he?

The pilgrim fathers are at rest. When summer's throned on high And the world's warm breast is in verdure dressed Go stand on the hill where they lie. The earliest ray of the golden day On that hallowed spot is cast, And the evening sun as he leaves the world Looks kindly on that spot last.

The pilgrim spirit has not fled; It walks in noon's broad light, And it watches the bed of the glorious dead With the holy stars by night; It watches the bed of the brave who have bled And shall guard this icebound shore Till the waves of the bay where the Mayflower lay Shall foam and freeze no more.

United Kingdom taxes art." But the truth is neither one should be taxed.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

An American consul writes that Germans manage 150 large business establishments in Brazil and that \$135,000,000 of German capital is invested in that country. The thorough system of commercial education carried on in Germany is at the bottom of its success in getting foreign trade and opportunities abroad for its trade representatives.

Mr. Bryan's advice is "Let the Cubans rule." Oh, certainly. "Let the Russians be quiet," and "Let the sultan pay his debts." These generalizations, are a great comfort to a statesman out of a job.

The French have never proposed to make a president of Count Boni, though he was elected to the assembly, where he set an example to Congressman Hearst by answering roll call occasionally.

The Republican candidate for governor of New York will not receive much help from the insurance trust or other big corporations, but he ought to draw heavily from the great body of voters.

Perhaps the Cuban insurgents who have not disbanded are waiting for another cash distribution of \$31,000,000 in fighting and bleeding for Cuba. The nature of the bleeding is manifest.

In the legal investigation of trusts and monopolies, a system of rebates is almost invariably uncovered. And yet giving rebates is a crime clearly defined by the laws of the country.

A man in New York who pulled one of his own teeth with a pair of pliers has died from the effects of the operation. The pliers of self-treatment should not be allowed to spread.

In the appendix of a patient a Colorado surgeon found a gold nugget. In some appendicitis cases in New York, surgeons have been known to find a regular gold mine.

A bronze St. Louis in armor, riding a blooded horse in armor, is a fine figure of a figurehead. No American city can produce its equal except the city of Washington.

Judge Alton B. Parker of New York declares it to be a public duty to put a crimp in the ambition of William R. Hearst. The crimp will be duty affixed in November.

On account of the heavy odds being offered on Hughes in New York, it is suggested that newspapers transfer the campaign news to their sporting pages.

Chicago is breaking away from Philadelphia example: It is equipping banks with sleeping quarters, instead of sleeping quarters with banks.

This is the message of the corn-husks, the squirrel and the bee: A long cold winter, heaps of snow and a late spring in the East.

It takes the world a long time to learn that the vapor of benzine and gasoline is as dangerous and deadly as gunpowder.

In the pure food hearing it developed that people tasted with their eyes, also. They can now feast on correct labels.

New York never could have become the Empire State by preferring its Hearsts to its Hughes.

The Democratic party feels worse off than Job since the Hearst eruption has fully developed.

It is the opinion of experts that Cuba will have to be renovated at least once in each decade.

London uses only one-fifth as much water as New York (exclusive of Wall street).

How will the rise in Cuban tobacco affect the price of our cabbage crop?

Cuban sugar is only a crop, not a national disposition.

Oyster Bay is again as quiet as a clam.

A BADLY BURNED GIRL

or boy, man or woman, is quickly out of pain if Bucklen's Arnica Salve is applied promptly. G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich., says: "I use it in my family for cuts, sores and all skin injuries, and find it perfect." Quickest Pile cure known. Best healing salve made. 25c at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

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WEATHER.

Western Oregon, Western Washington—Fair, except near coast. Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, Idaho—Fair.

STATE OWNERSHIP SAMPLE.

Here are some municipal ownership, or rather management, figures, which are instructive. In Bismarck, N. D., the State owned an electric car line. Under State management it did not pay, and it has just been leased for two years to a private company, headed by a Mr. Hughes "will run it upon a continuous service, thus shortening the present running time over one-half. The rental is understood to be but nominal, as the State is glad to be rid of the octopus, the line having been a heavy loser. It is estimated the lease will make a saving of nearly \$4,000 a year to the State. The Hughes company will also furnish the light for the capitol building. It can do it much cheaper than the State can with its own plant." Again, from Alexandria, Va., comes word that after a trial of many years with a municipally-owned plant, that city has leased its electric works to a private corporation for a period of thirty years. The plant cost the city \$17,000. The lessee gets it for \$3,500. These facts and figures speak volumes.

TO TEST THE MORALE.

There are so many money-making schemes that come so near the line denominated as "graft," without obviously crossing it, that it would seem that some other standard than mere condemnation by public opinion should be adopted for testing the essential morality of such practices. The use of personal influence for a consideration, especially where that influence is insidiously employed by teachers to govern the college destination of young pupils, is one of the latest threats of evil. The president of a college offers a bonus of \$50 to school principals for each pupil whom they may induce to enter his institution, and in his offer he states that one gentleman who took up with it influenced in the space of six weeks, some nine students to enter his college. Of course, the institution and its head are likely to get much free advertising from this "graft" scheme. But what about the doubting parents who have taken teachers' advice as to the college destination of their sons and daughters? What, too, about the lowered status of all colleges of its class by these practices of one?

"HARK! FROM THE TOMB!"

Senator and ex-Secretary of War Alger admits that when we took over Porto Rico, he was in favor of including Cuba, but President McKinley and some others in the cabinet did not agree with him, and it was not done. This is another proof of McKinley's long-headedness. Mr. Alger now realizes that we "have enough to do" without annexing Cuba, and the people say "Amen."

EXTREMES MEET.

The Providence "Journal" thinks it would be logical for Germany to tax learning, that is by putting a sort of high protective tariff on all foreign students who come to German universities, and it so reasons because "the