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Evidence in the rapid increase in the use of concrete in engineering and architectural work is to be found in the great demand for, and increasing value of crushed rock. There was a time, and not very long ago, when the hand hammer or the portable crushing machine of moderate capacity were equal to supply the demand; but of late years the call for this material has been so extensive as to warrant the construction of large plants equipped with machinery of special design and large power, capable of turning out several hundred tons of crushed rock per hour from each machine. In fact, it is likely that the production of crushed rock will become a specialized industry, with plants located conveniently to suitable quarries, and within reach of all rail or water transportation.

There is essentially no difference between the Pennsylvania railroad chief clerk who gathered in thousands of dollars from coal companies as a tip or price for steering the railroad company's orders in their direction and the coachman who pockets an occasional dollar in placing of orders for oats or the steward who profits in buying meats and other table requirements. And no better than this chief clerk are those high Pennsylvania officials who accepted gifts of stock in various companies and then favored them in the distribution of cars. They are all of the purchasable class, which is hardly more contemptible in the dollar tip grade than the \$1000 tip grade.

## IDLE EXCURS.

Portland Journal.

Railroad officials intimate that they may not comply with Governor Chamberlain's demand for an annual report of the business of the roads operating in this state. Various objections are put forth, particularly the argument that the law of 1885 is too vague in its requirements and that it would be impossible for the railroads to know just what sort of a report they are to make.

To all such objections it seems enough to reply that for more than a dozen years the railroads in Oregon did comply with the law and did file annual reports of their business. Not until 1898, when the railroad commissioner was abolished, did the railroads discontinue these reports. If they could comply with the law ten years ago it is idle to pretend that they cannot do so now.

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In demanding of the railroads that they resume the observance of the law of 1885, Governor Chamberlain has taken a step of vast importance to the people of the state. For years Oregon has suffered from the lack of adequate transportation facilities. The progress of the state has been retraded and its people have groaned under burdensome and excessive charges. Year after year there has been a shortage of cars and the evil has grown worse with each succeeding year. Vast areas of the state have been undeveloped because the railroads refused to build branch lines to meet the needs of growing population and traffic.

Experience has shown that it is hopeless to expect voluntary relief from the railroads. The people must help themselves. And the first step toward self help is to ascertain just what the railroads are doing in Oregon, their earnings, their expenses, their profits, their rates and all the other details enumerated in the law of 1885. When this information is obtained the people will be in a position to act intelligently.

## SCIENTIFIC RAILROAD WRECKS.

Exchange.

The German government has taken possession of a small tract of land near Berlin and is planning to execute a unique series of railroad accidents made to order. Every variety of misplaced switches will be tested, every possible defects in wheels, axles and car equipment will be tried out and the grand final is to be an immense head-on collision of locomotives. These spectacular exhibitions are not planned by the government as a national amusement. They are for the purpose of scientific experiment so that the engineers and railway experts may study ways and means to prevent accidents of all kinds in the future.

Railroad disasters have occurred with alarming frequency in the German empire. It is estimated that the German railways lose \$1,260,000 annually through damages. After the causes and effects of each variety of wrecks have been noted it will be the task of the government officials to devise safeguards. While it will of course be impossible to render railroad travel absolutely safe, there seems to be no question of the wisdom of such a proceeding. The results are certain to be beneficial and a practical step will have been taken which will undoubtedly lead to further research along this line. The practical results will not occur to Germany alone as all Europe and America may profit.

In the United States the Interstate Commerce Commission by constantly urging the universal installation of the block system is forwarding good work. But even the block system cannot prevent accidents. Collisions can be rendered practically impossible, but no system ever devised can prevent disastrous results when a sleepy employe places an improper signal at an open switch, or when a sleepy engineer fails to note the right signal.

## An Alarming Situation.

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## STIMULUS TO INDUSTRY.

Mexican Governor Offers Annual Cash Prize to Artisans Who Are Steady and Sober.

The governor of the state of Mexico has founded an annual prize of \$500 to be awarded to the artisan who during the year has most distinguished himself for his industry and sobriety and for the prompt and unvarying attendance at his daily tasks, especially on the mornings following Sundays and generally observed feast days. The initiative of Gov. Villada, says the Mexican Herald, will have a good effect in stimulating useful emulation among the working class of the state of Mexico, which has always been to the fore, especially during the regime of the present governor, in industrial and educational progress.

Not long ago the press noticed with merited commendation the establishment, under Gen. Villada's auspices, of a place of innocent recreation for the working class at Toluca. This is practical philanthropy. The working class, where it sees that an intelligent interest is being taken in its welfare, will demonstrate its appreciation by closer attention to work. The example of the public-spirited executive of the state of Mexico is worthy of imitation.

## HOT-WATER FISH.

Curious Species Found in the Boiling Lake of Amatitlan in Guatemala.

M. Marcellin Fellet, a French writer, who has recently returned from Guatemala, describes a curious species of fish, the Pacilla dorri, which he found in the boiling lake of Amatitlan. It passes its days literally "in continual hot water." So hot is the water of this lake that it is said to thrust one's hand in it means scalded fingers. Ebullition is, however, somewhat tempered, says the New York Herald, as the really boiling water rises to the surface, leaving a temperature of 35 degrees centigrade at the level, where the fish are found, which is even then sufficiently warm for cold-blooded creatures like fish.

Frank Buckland states in one of his works that the naturalist Brossonnet found by experiments that some fresh water fish would live several days in water so hot that a human being could not keep his hand in it for a minute. Dr. Saussure, the Swiss scientist, discovered living eels in the hot springs of Aix, the temperature of which averages 113 degrees Fahrenheit. Humboldt also saw living fish thrown up in a volcano in South America.

## THE LARGEST BRICKFIELD.

British Center Makes Enough Bricks Every Year to Circle the Earth Four Times.

Peterborough, England, makes enough bricks in the course of a year to put a girdle four times around the earth, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. It is estimated that the busy brickmaking yards, which have grown up in great number round the ancient city in the last 20 years, turn out 800,000,000 bricks annually. As the length of a brick is about eight inches, then, if Peterborough's annual output were laid out in a single line, it would stretch over 100,000 miles.

The brick industry has revolutionized the trade of Peterborough. Such is the wealth of clay and the profit to be drawn from it, that one part of the brickmaking district has been fitly named "Klondike." It lies in beds of enormous area and depth, and some of the experts say they could go on taking out the easily accessible clay for the next century without taking thought as to where the next supply of the material is to come from.

## THE CITY OF THE DEAD.

They do neither plight nor wed In the city of the dead.

But they lie, while o'er them range Winter blight and summer change, And a hundred happy whisperings of flowers.

No, they neither wed nor plight, And the day is like the night, For their vision is of other kind than ours.

They do neither sing nor sigh In that burgh of by and by, Where the streets have grasses growing cool and long;

But they rest within their bed, Leaving all their thoughts unsaid, Deeming silence better far than sob or song.

Though the robin be a-wing, Though the leaves of autumn march a million strong.

There is only rest and peace In the City of Surcease From the fallings and the wallings 'neath the sun.

And the wings of the swift years Beat but gently o'er the biers, Making music to the sleepers every one. There is only peace and rest; But to them it seemeth best, For they lie at ease and know that life is done.

Richard Burton, in Atlanta Constitution.

## Reduced Rates.

The O. R. & N. company announces reduced rates for the Pendleton fair to be held on September 24 to 29 inclusive, and for the Spokane Interstate fair, September 23 to October 3, inclusive, as follows: For the Pendleton fair, one and one-third fare for round trip; for the Spokane fair one fare plus 50 cents for round trip.

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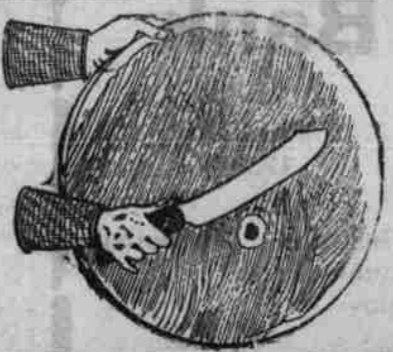
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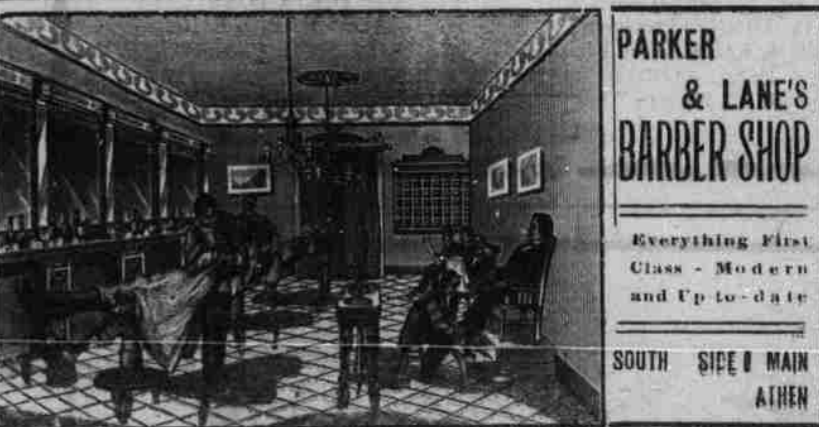
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