

SEEKS CROESUS' WEALTH.

Professor Butler Will Dig For Treasure Buried in Sardinia.

Peekskill, N. Y.—Croesus, king of Lydia and the world's first great financier, escorted a committee of his subjects through his palace one afternoon in February, 17, and after the committee had looked at Croesus' heaps of gold one of the visitors, the first muckraker evidently, said it was wicked that any one should have so much wealth and that something was going to happen. It did. Half an hour later most of the big mountain overhanging Sardinia buried the city, and when the earthquake was over Croesus' wealth was buried below mining depth.

Professor Howard Butler of the department of art and archaeology in Princeton university announced that he was going over to Asia Minor very soon to resurrect the buried treasure. In 1909 Professor Butler headed an expedition to Sardinia, and though he found only bronze statues, his excavations were of great scientific worth. His decision to return was made following the receipt of a message at his home in Croton Falls sent by Consul George Horton at Smyrna, which asserted that Professor Butler's old excavations were unharmed notwithstanding war operations.

HE "MINES" MUSHROOMS.

Expert Uses Deserted Coal Mine as Farm With Success.

Morgantown, W. Va.—The queerer the place selected for a mushroom garden the finer, it seems, is the growth of this popular table delicacy. The last word in a mushroom farm, however, is such a garden placed in the depths of a deserted coal mine, hundreds of feet below the ground.

Not far from Morgantown there is located this old coal mine, known as the Pittsburgh coal seam, in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Theodore F. Imbach, an assistant in the state agricultural experimenting station at Morgantown, obtained a permit from the owners of the property. He encamped on the first level and made chemical analysis of the rocky soil. He found it was rich in moisture and its constituents exactly those needed by edible fungi for their quickest and most luxuriant growth. He therefore started a mushroom farm and found the spot was ideal for his purpose. This "mushroom mine" makes large shipments weekly to the city markets.

HELPING THE IMMIGRANT.

Los Angeles Plans Methods of Practical Assistance.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Fifty thousand clubwomen of Los Angeles are co-operating with the Federal Immigration Commission and the school board in initiating new standards of education for the foreign population. Instead of teaching the alien patriotic hymns he will be instructed how to call a doctor in an emergency, talk to the corner policeman and similar usages.

The first step will be the opening of eighteen night schools for the foreign population. The general movement is the outgrowth of a social survey made of the city under the direction of the State Commission on Immigration and Housing, the first scientific analysis of the kind made by a western city in this country. The new night schools will be maintained the year round.

WHITE MICE SET FIRE.

But Then They Give Alarm by Scampering Over Sleepers.

New York.—Some practical joker turned loose twelve white mice in a Brooklyn store. As a result there was a fire. Twelve families were hurried to the street, and one man was nearly suffocated.

The first floor is occupied by James Rigby, a cigar dealer. He slept in the rear of the store. When the mice scampering across beds, awoke sleeping women screamed and ran into the halls. Somebody outside heard the yelling and summoned a policeman. It was then the fire was discovered. Rigby was found unconscious. He was revived by Dr. Harper of the Brooklyn Hospital. The fire did \$500 damage. The police believe mice gnawed a box of matches in the cigar store.

COLONEL HAS A FIRE TRUCK.

New Apparatus Allays Oyster Bay's Fear of Incendiaries.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Fear of incendiarism which has filled the residents of this section for the last few months resulted in the putting into service by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and other wealthy men of a modern fire truck. The machine is guaranteed to make the steep run up Sagamore Hill in record time, and the new apparatus gives Oyster Bay the best fire protection on Long Island outside of Brooklyn.

There have been many disastrous fires on the estates of residents of the north shore recently. Among those who joined Colonel Roosevelt in contributing toward the new fire truck were W. R. Coe, C. K. G. Billings, J. Stuart Blackton, Colgate Hoyt and Mermier L. Schiff.

And Still Eggs Are High.

Charleston, W. Va.—Eloise is the name of a Rhode Island Red hen owned by L. P. White, a farmer of Birch Run, Kanawha county. She has laid an egg every day for two months, each of which is much larger than the ordinary egg. The last and largest of these measured eight and one-half inches in length and seven inches in the other largest circumference. Eloise is less than one year old.

WHERE MANKIND WAS REBORN

The Story of Florence Epitomizes the Story of Humanity.

The story of Florence is the story of humanity; the broad, deep, moving epic of the awakening of man to his own divine power; the story of wonderful self made men who had but one idea in common—the thirst for free activity of soul.

So the tale of the new birth, the renaissance, is the record of individual spirit so free, so subtle and elastic, so profoundly penetrating to the springs of human purpose, that it has furnished the motive power of the world ever since, and Florence, as its source and focus, because of the conditions then obtaining in the city and throughout Italy, was the one spot in the world capable of producing such an epoch making upheaval of human consciousness.

And all this astonishing genius grew directly out of—business! The city was peopled by men who manufactured the necessities of life, by merchants, speculators, bankers, tradesmen, artisans, handicraftsmen of every type. Business, work, was a condition of active participation in the life of the state, and because they did not work the nobles were debarred from this.

It was the burghers, the people, who ruled, and even when evil chance laid the state under the heavy hand of a despot he was forced to develop his own character to the uttermost, because his rule depended entirely upon his capacity as a man. The aristocracy accordingly was that of intelligence, of men who became eminent because, first of all, they were the best in their own individual work.

Under the practical inspiration of these mental giants Florence was recreated and learned to view life from within instead of superficially. She learned that the individual is the soul of the state and that the state can succeed only when it is true to the best interests of its individuals.—A. S. Riggs in National Geographic Magazine.

VINDICATED THE MULE.

A Legal Case Where the Honor of the Animal Was Involved.

One of the most famous cases reported in the Missouri Law Reports is that of Lyman versus Dale, known as the "celebrated mule case."

It seems that Dale's hired hand, Parker, after a day's work supplying water to a clover huller, was passing through the city of Springfield, riding one mule and leading another. He met Lyman just opposite a pile of bricks in the street, capped by a red lantern. The mule being led became frightened at the bricks and lantern and, jumping aside, broke a wheel out of Lyman's buggy.

This laid the foundation of the case. Lyman sued Dale for a damage of \$5, charging him with "negligence in handling a wild and unruly mule."

The case was first tried in a justice of the peace court at Springfield, Mo., and was appealed to the circuit court. From there it was taken to the court of appeals, which court, failing to agree, sent it to the supreme court of the state.

This court held that Lyman could not recover damages unless he proved that the mule was "wild and unruly."

Judge Henry Lamm said that, while the amount involved in the case was small, the value of the case was great for the sake of the doctrine and also because it involved the "honor of the Missouri mule."—Exchange.

Who Owns the Falkland Islands?

Few people are aware to this day that the Falkland Islands are marked in all Argentine maps and geographies as "unlawfully retained by Great Britain." The origin of the dispute was that England after abandoning the islands in 1774 resumed possession in 1820. The Argentine government protested and, as A. Stuart Pennington points out in his book on the country, is even today "careful to do nothing which could even apparently recognize the rights of the present possessors." It was for that reason that it declined a proposal a few years ago to run a line of Argentine ships to the islands.

Beautiful Bridges.

Popular love of art may be carried too far. The author of "Charles Bourbon, Constable of France," tells us that on the occasion of the sack of Rome the citizens refused to secure their safety by taking the advice of their captain, Renzo da Ceri, and cutting the bridges Ponte Quattro Capri and Ponte Sisto. The people declined on the ground that they were "too beautiful."

An Ox Hide.

"Thomas," said the professor to a pupil in the junior class in chemistry, "mention an oxide."

"Leather," replied Thomas.

"What is leather an oxide of?" asked the professor.

"An oxide of beef," answered the bright youngster.—Chicago News.

Was Coming Back.

"Seemed to sudden old Goldbox when his new son-in-law said goodbye after the wedding. Is he so fond of him?"

"Well, not exactly. You see, the new son-in-law didn't say goodbye; he said 'Au revoir.'—Browning's Magazine.

Felled.

"Dearest, I ordered to be sent home today a most beautiful hat for only \$30. It's a perfect love!" "My darling, your love will be returned."—Puck.

Grumpies deserve to be operated upon surgically. Their trouble is usually chronic.—Douglas Jerrild.

WASHING THE DISHES.

Doing This Job Only Once a Day, It Is Said, Saves Time.

"The careful housekeeper will always resent the suggestion that once a day is often enough to wash dishes," writes Dr. H. Barnard in "Table Talk" in the National Food Magazine. "She cannot train herself to allow soiled plates and silverware to stack up from one meal to the next, for she has been taught that such actions are evidence of shiftless, slovenly housekeeping. As a matter of fact, along with many other notions which are fixed in the operation of the home, both time and energy are saved by cutting out two of the three daily dishwashing jobs."

Dr. Barnard goes on to recite the experience of one housekeeper who actually dared study the homely work of dishwashing. One week she washed dishes three times a day; the next week she washed each day's dishes altogether. She used the same number of dishes each day in both weeks. She found that it took her fifty-one minutes a day to wash dishes after each meal and forty-one minutes a day to wash them once a day.

This took account only of time, but there was a considerable additional saving in gas or fuel consumed by heating water once instead of three a day, to say nothing of the saving in soap.

SALT IN THE FOOD.

Why Its Flavor at Times Is Too Weak or Too Strong.

The average housewife wonders why she often over or under salts her dishes when she "knows" that she salted them just right, as she always did and as the recipes called for.

The reason is just this: The seasoning value of different brands of salt varies widely. This is easily proved. Take five slices of ripe tomatoes; apply equal parts of five makes of salt upon the separate pieces. Eat as soon as salted. The difference in flavor, permeation, rapidity and equality of dissolution and seasoning value are readily detected.

A table salt should be fine, the crystals of equal size, quickly soluble and free from ingredients which absorb moisture from the air. Large and small crystals will not dissolve uniformly; consequently the full salting effect is not obtained until the large crystals are dissolved. The quickly soluble salt diffuses itself through the food at once and gives an equality of savor. Sticky salt is an intrusive nuisance.

Failures in salting are largely due to changing from one make of salt to another. Get the best grade, grow accustomed to its use and stick to it.—San Francisco Chronicle.

ACTIVITIES OF OTHER COMMUNITIES TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS

WEST SIDE.

West Side, January 24.—Mr. W. W. Carney and family from Cedar Flat have rented and are occupying the place owned by H. E. Lee on Glenwood Ave.

Orville Collins has rented Mrs. C. E. Notts place on Glenwood Ave.

Miss Hazel Bailey is very sick at her home on Henderson Ave. The doctors have pronounced it diphtheria and the home is under quarantine.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Yates of Doty, Washington arrived last week to take charge of the store on the Pacific Highway owned by Mrs. Yates father, Mr. B. F. Collins.

Mr. Yates is putting in a new stock of goods.

Mr. B. F. Collins expects to leave soon for the Soldiers Home at Roseburg.

The Glenwood school house has been thoroughly fumigated by Mr. D. Spencer as a precaution against the spread of diphtheria in the school.

Miss Irene Maxwell and Mr. Henry Hancock of Eugene and a number of young people of West Side were entertained at the home of Reverend and Mrs. Childs Wednesday evening.

Mrs. E. M. Crawford is quite sick with La grippe.

Reverend and Mrs. Childs spent Wednesday with friends in Eugene.

Levi Neet narrowly escaped a very serious injury Monday afternoon at the Booth-Kelly lumber mill.

THURSTON

Thurston, January 23.—"Grandpa Danks" who has been quite ill, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Needham and daughter, Laura, motored to Pleasant Hill Sunday and visited friends.

When the sad news of the death of Admiral Dewey reached Thurston the school flags were lowered half mast.

Mrs. C. W. Yarnell enjoyed a visit from her brother, Fielding Crump, of Grant county recently.

Many people from here and Davis attended the funeral of Jesse McBride at the Walker chapel at Springfield last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lou Kennedy of Elmira arrived here today and will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Danks until Mr. Danks is quite well again. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Withers and

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