

TRYING TO LOWER MINE ACCIDENTS

Government is Devoting Much Time to Study of Problem—Would Prevent All the Explosions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—The use of improper explosives, or the improper use of the safer explosives, are responsible for a considerable number of deaths in the coal mines, many of which are often credited to other sources.

This is the assertion of Director of the Geological Survey George Otis Smith, made after the results of the work of that branch of the survey which had charge of the work of experimentation in an effort to reduce the number of fatalities in American coal mines.

Vigorous objection is made to the use of black powder in any mine where there is danger of a gas or coal dust explosion. In such mines, the operators and miners are urged to use the explosives that have been tested at the mine accident station, at Pittsburg, Pa., as being much less dangerous in their action. Investigations at this station have proved that the flame from the explosion of black powder lasts from 1000 to 400 times as long as the flame from the newer explosives and is therefore more likely to ignite the dust or gas in these mines.

"The use of explosives is increasing both in quantity and in the variety of purposes to which they are applied," said Mr. Smith today. "They are now made at 150 plants in different parts of the country and the product of a single year now approaches 500,000,000 pounds. Of all this material, there is no such thing as a safe or safety explosive when in the hands of a careless or ignorant person. This statement is true whether considered in connection with the transportation or use of these explosives in mining. In addition to the large losses of life and property resulting from an improper use of explosives in mining, the recent statistics of the railway bureau for the safe transportation of explosives have shown more than 400 persons killed and injured and over \$3,000,000 worth of property destroyed from accidents from this source. The fact that through co-operative efforts under the wise supervision of this bureau during the three years of its existence these losses have been reduced to almost nothing, should encourage the hope that similar co-operative effort may likewise greatly reduce losses of life and property from the use of explosives in mining.

"The large death roll of American mines is an oft recurring appeal to the miner and the management that they co-operate in every possible effort for greater safety. It may never be possible under conditions such as exist today to prevent mine accidents. Little may be accomplished in that direction by either the operators or miners working alone, but experience in all countries shows that through hearty, determined co-operation of the two, these accidents may be greatly reduced. This will require wise laws and regulations based on fact and experience, and the strictest possible discipline."

HUBBY BEATS WIFE FOR TAKING BATH

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Nick Yokavish, who was admonished by Squire John O. Evans to take a bath, reported to Humane Agent Williams that she did so and received a beating from her husband. According to the wife, her husband pounded her with his fists, chairs and clubs. Yokavish was arraigned before Squire Evans ten days ago for not supporting his wife, and promised to do so if she would keep herself clean.

VOWS TO STARVE TILL GOD SPEAKS

ROME, Ga., Dec. 15.—Vowing that he would not allow food to pass his lips until God speaks to him and commands him to eat, William Tippen, a business man, interested in several industrial enterprises here, has fasted twenty-eight days. He has suffered from tuberculosis for several years, but believes that through faith and fasting he will be cured. Although his wife and friends beg him to eat, he declares he will not, until the voice of God commands him. Tippen is very weak and unable to leave his bed, and his death is expected.

In looking around for trees to plant that orchard of yours don't forget to see L. E. Hoyer. He has the goods as orders for over 200,000 trees for this season will prove. 228*

INDIANS AWAIT CHRISTMAS TIME

Uncle Sam Plans to Treat All of His Wards Splendidly This Year as in the Past.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Several thousand Indian children throughout this country are awaiting the coming of Christmas day with just as much eagerness and anticipation as the average American youngster.

For there is really a Santa Claus that brings joy to their hearts. The Indian children believe in Kris Kringle, but they do not know that he lives at the north pole. They think he lives in Washington, that he is in short, commissioner of Indian Affairs Valentine. And Commissioner Valentine does his best to live up to the reputation, backed up by a paternal government that wants the children of poor Lo to have all the advantages of civilization.

At all the Indian reservations Christmas day is observed faithfully. There is always a big holiday dinner to which the grownups are invited as well as the children. The invitations are supplemented with a cake of soap. In this topsy turvy land it is the parents who eat with their fingers and the children who are well behaved, so that the youngsters eat first and their seniors wait for second table. Some of them, preferring to eat at home, bring sacks into which they dump turkey, cranberry, rice and dessert. If there is coffee, they pour that in, too, on top of the other food.

When the weather is good the children who during the winter reside at the school are allowed to go home for a vacation after the dinner. If they are kept in school close watch is maintained, for of all things these children love their ponies, of all places their hills, and of all games "hooky." In this their parents aid them by hitching a pony near the schoolyard. Suddenly a pupil is missing. He has galloped off and a week's hunt will be necessary to locate the truant.

The Indians are fond of presenting. At the Tongue river reservation in Montana at one time a sister of Sitting Bull was the guest of honor. Desirous of showing their appreciation, the Indians, after many fine speeches brought in her present. It was a dog. That evening she entertained them at dinner, and they all said they greatly relished the canine stew.

BANKERS MAGAZINE HAS PRAISE FOR THE ROGUE

The Oregonian this week prints a fac simile of the check drawn on Treasurer Vincent of the Spokane apple show in payment of the \$1000 sweepstakes prize for the best car of apples at the fair and the \$100 prize for the three best boxes of Spitzenbergs exhibited. The check goes to the Rogue River valley firm of Tronson & Guthrie. These gentlemen also received credit for the best car of Spitzenbergs, but no prize, as this was included in the sweepstakes prize. This prize winning car as an added surprise to those who have supposed that the specialty of the Rogue River valley is the Yellow Newtown Pippin. Come in, Hood River—the water's fine.—Pacific Banker, Portland, December 4.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Nash—Geo. Copeland, Marion, Ohio; R. L. Delano, New Bedford, Ohio; W. P. Smith, Portland; Oliver S. Brown, Grants Pass; Ellen Fox, Lake Creek, H. Hall, Portland; T. D. Jones, Woodville; S. L. Sandry, Woodville; Mrs. Law, Woodville; T. V. Downing, Portland; J. E. Bland, Portland; Miss Mary Davis, Portland; F. J. Hutchings, San Francisco; M. H. Vance, San Francisco; C. H. Anderson, San Francisco; G. A. Laney, Chicago.

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WESTERN BEEF IN GREAT DEMAND

Eastern Buyers Finding That Western Cattle Are Much Better Than Those of East.

Western beef is coming into its own. Not over a decade ago eastern buyers purchased range bred steers only when they were unable to fill their feed pens from other sources, and usually offered a much lower price for this class of stock than they were willing to pay for that secured from other places.

Experience has taught these buyers, however, that western range bred steers are usually in the very best of health. They have a splendid frame upon which to build, are well muscled and boned, and being accustomed to the rigors of the western climate, continue to put on flesh in the eastern feed pens when cattle from other sections, being fed under identical conditions, are losing flesh on account of the inclement weather conditions. This western steer only demands that he be given plenty of good fresh water and sufficient feed so that he may never be hungry and he will always give a good account of himself and return many dollars in profits to the feeder when he is sold for the block in the spring.

These steers shed early under favorable conditions, and when they have reached the stockyards they show an exterior finish that other cattle, lacking the same health and ruggedness, fail to show. This makes the western steers ready sellers on the market, and after they have been butchered the percentage of the weight of the dressed carcass over that of other steers under the same conditions is so perceptible, as to immediately attract the attention of those keen, far-sighted men who handle the yard end of the business.

The settlement of the west is rapidly reducing the amount of available range and is forcing the cattle to go higher and higher into the hills in search of forage. This is greatly increasing the importance of freely utilizing the ranges within the national forests, and every endeavor is being made by the forest service to open hitherto inaccessible ranges by the construction of trails and bridges and unused arid ranges by the development of water. In these higher elevations the grass is usually much finer in quality and more nutritious, while the climate is much more rigorous; both of these conditions result in the animals being in better health and having more solid flesh when placed on the feeder markets in the fall. This fall has seen large numbers of range bred steers, most of which come from ranges within national forests, topping the feeder markets at all points where feeder steers are sold.

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NEEDFUL KNOWLEDGE

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The symptoms of kidney trouble are so unmistakable that they leave no ground for doubt. Sick kidneys excrete a thick, cloudy, offensive urine, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding. The back aches constantly, headaches and dizzy spells may occur and the victim is often weighed down by a feeling of languor and fatigue. Neglect these warnings and there is danger of dropsy, Bright's disease, or diabetes. Any one of these symptoms is warning enough to begin treating the kidneys at once. Delay often proves fatal.

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FEARFUL TANGLE IN DIVORCE SUIT

Man is Forced to Turn Double Somersault Backwards Into Arms of His First Wife.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 15.—By setting aside an order by Judge Clifford, which order set aside another order made by Judge Huston that in turn set aside a divorce decree issued by Judge Kean, Judge Shackelford has caused Francis M. Ryerson to turn a matrimonial double somersault on the floor of the divorce mill and land back an unwilling victim in the arms of his first wife. Incidentally the "setting aside" toboggan Ryerson has skated down robs Besse Brambaugh, who is Mrs. Ryerson No. 2, of her husband, Ryerson, because the court declares he belongs to Mrs. Ryerson No. 1. Miss Ryerson (nee Miss Brambaugh) will have to go into court to get a divorce from Ryerson if Mrs. Ryerson No. 1 insists on keeping him, which she seems more than willing to do. The case is the worst tangle of divorce complications this county has seen.

Henrietta Ryerson, who is wife No. 1, got a divorce from Ryerson about 14 years ago on the grounds of cruelty. After a few days Ryerson and Mrs. Ryerson talked their troubles over and concluded he had been crazy to act so. A physician they consulted believed the same. Judge Huston patched up matters by setting aside the decree of divorce. The Ryersons later had trouble, and Judge Clifford tangled matters up again by setting aside Huston's decree. Shackelford has now set aside this act, leaving Ryerson the husband of his first wife.

In one of his breathing spells while unmarried to Henrietta M. Ryerson he married Miss Brambaugh. Ryerson is the only man in the state, probably in the country, who has two legal wives. Being a bigamist by authority of the court, he declares he fears no punishment.

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HILL TO START WORK SOON ON NEW ROAD

VAUCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 15.—That James J. Hill intends immediately to prosecute the building of the Vancouver and Western railway connecting with Kootenay by a short line is shown by the calling for tenders today by the Great Northern for the construction of two sections of the line. These are 78 miles from Abbotsford, a point on the Fraser river to which the Great Northern now operates, to Hope and from Princeton west to Tulameen.

This does not include the section over the Hope mountains which contains the proposed eight-mile tunnel. Either this tunnel will be constructed or 25 miles of hill climbing line will be built to surmount the grade.

Several well known contractors are here figuring on the work. They include representatives of Guthrie and company of St. Paul and of Pat Welch and company of Spokane.

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