

OREGON AGATE.

A Home Industry in Which We Can Excel but Which is Overlooked.

Walter H. Whitten of Newberg, speaking of the mineral resources of Oregon, said that the first agate in the world was found on the Oregon coast at Newberg.

Tree Life.

Brazilian coconut palms live from 600 to 700 years, and the Arabs assert that the date palm frequently reaches the age of 200 to 300 years.

Esperanto Societies.

A publication just issued by the central Esperanto office in Paris shows that there are 689 Esperanto societies throughout the world.

Production of Precious Metals.

Despite the great falling off in the gold product of Colorado during the year 1906 that State still holds the lead of all the States and Territories of this country.

Mr. and Mrs. LaFollette Lawyers. It is not generally known that the wife of Senator LaFollette took her university degree in the same class with her husband.

Freight by Rail or Water.

The cost of transporting freight by rail is 71-2 cents per ton-mile, while the cost of carriage by water is from .32 of a mill on the Great Lakes to 1. mill on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

Business With Cuba.

In 1906 we sold Cuba a million and a half more than we sold her in the previous fiscal year, and we bought \$12,500,000 more from her than in the previous fiscal year.

Government Employees.

The various States and other possessions of the government employ 33,847 persons in the civil service in the District of Columbia, to whom the annual payment in salaries aggregates \$311,544,225.

Ohioans Government Clerks.

Ohioans employed by the Government in the District of Columbia number 1,077, and they draw annually from the treasury the amount of \$1,326,296.

There's a Reason.

Rabbits, says a naturalist, have white tails so that the young may be able to distinguish their mother in case of pursuit. The color of the rabbit is so like that of the ground that this would otherwise be difficult if not impossible.

Moonlight and Accidents.

An examination of serious automobile accidents in the last year shows that over 100 happened at night, half of these when the moon was shining brightly. Of these probably 25 were caused by optical illusions caused by the moon's deceptive light.

Electric Funeral Car.

A funeral car operating on an electric railroad is something of an innovation, for all that surface lines have had such cars in service, and they have been put in use a number of times, and made it in some cases.

VEGETARIAN SETTLEMENT.

Nothing Remains But the Stream Where They Once Lived.

The faddists got to Kansas rather early. The first thing in that line seems to have been a vegetarian colony organized in the East for the purpose of establishing a settlement in Kansas Territory.

Divine Clamor Appreciated.

The family were gathered in the library admiring a splendid thunderstorm when the mother bethought her of Dorothy alone in the nursery.

Work of a Steam Plough.

The first steam plough in Saline County has just been sold to Will Johnson, who lives four miles west of Salina. The plough has twelve disks, which can be set so as to cut twelve furrows.

Pearl is Carbonate of Lime.

The pearl is nothing but carbonate of lime, and vinegar or any other acid will cut away the polished surface in a few moments.

Cap and Gown.

The new regulation at Bangor University College, ordering women students to wear cap and gown, has suddenly transformed the dingy streets of the town with the vision of dainty little girl graduates attired in their becoming robes.

Two-Mile Walk.

Suggesting a two-mile walk to and from one's office is not unreasonable, but it has been suggested by every family doctor from time immemorial, and usually has been systematically and conscientiously neglected.

Gigantic Silver Tray.

A gigantic tray of solid silver weighing more than 10,000 ounces, has just been made by a firm in London for an Oriental potentate.

Telephone Service in Alaska.

There are 136 camps and road houses in Alaska provided with telephones, in addition to many business houses, residences and cabins situated within the limits of the larger cities.

Oldest Scottish Peer.

The oldest of the Scottish peers is the Earl of Wemyss, who is now in his eighty-ninth year and who has lived in the reigns of five sovereigns.

Germany's Many Electrical Devices. In 1906 Germany took out 5,000 patents for electrical devices, more than twice as many as the United States did.

A census was taken recently of the St. John's Road Workhouse, London, which showed that the number of inmates was 1,613, and of these, 1,150 were over 60 years old.

Expensive Law.

New York's law department will cost the taxpayers \$2,149 a day during next year.

PRESENCE OF MIND.

Story by Eugene Cowles of the Sad- den Freezing of Water.

When Eugene Cowles was a boy in Chicago, he used to act in amateur theatricals, and he tells a good story of one of his young friends who appeared with him.

The Shopkeeping Kaiser.

The Kaiser has been extremely energetic in pushing the interests of his Berlin pottery shop as commercial traveller. Sometimes at court festivals, when he spies a wealthy man he approaches him and solicits orders for the Hohenzollern store.

The Child.

It is startling to realize that the organism of the child is physically and mentally superior to that of the adult. Stolidity, strength, and experience, of course, turn the balance, but in quality and type, the child has the advantage.

Steer's Strange Death.

Ernest A. Davis of South Montville recently lost one of a fine pair of steers. Death was caused by the animal having swallowed a spiral spring which was once a part of a curtain fixture.

Vanishing Diseases.

Typhus fever has practically been extinguished in this country, and is "tending" toward extinction in Ireland. Pathology is diminishing in Great Britain and elsewhere, but is increasing in Ireland, coupled with the relationship of famine to the spread of typhus, give the key to the problem.

Via Siberia.

Kindly endorse your envelope 'Via Siberia.' Such is the request made by people in the Far East to their correspondents here, and there is no doubt that the trans-Siberian route has proved most regular and satisfactory since it got into proper working order.

Japan's Mining Production.

Japan's mining production last year, according to returns from the Japanese Department of Agriculture and Commerce, amounted to \$52,130,884. In 1886 the corresponding value was \$5,000,000.

Southern Chivalry.

Thomas Nelson Page, the literary Virginian, always addresses the President as "his excellency." This term is rarely used at the White House offices, except when a foreigner or a Southerner, tenacious of the old idea, calls to see Mr. Roosevelt.

Roses Made of Butter.

A basket of roses, made completely of butter, basket and all, is being exhibited through England by the Government of Victoria, one of the States in Australia to remind the mother country of her great agricultural wealth.

Cuba Railroad Earnings.

The annual gross earnings of the Cuba Railroad for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907, were \$1,953,309, and net \$653,424; \$153,738 was expended for roadbed improvements. The earnings show an increase of 270 per cent in three years.

Auto a Traveling Camp.

Roy Faye, a Boston autist, has converted his car into a traveling camp for hunting in the Maine woods. He has built an extension top of heavy waterproof canvas and fitted up the rear end of the interior with bunks for sleeping.

Concrete Arches in Mines.

Arches of concrete to support mine roof are being used in Pennsylvania collieries as substitute for timber supports, always breakable, and now very expensive owing to the growing scarcity of timber.

Surprised When Money Falls.

An aged man, familiar with the people of the metropolis, says that nothing seems to astonish a New York man as much as to find some desired purpose which cannot be accomplished by money.

MAN AT HIS BEST

Dr. Guthrie at the Royal College of Physicians Says It's at 46.

At what age is man at his best and most likely to achieve his life work? The Rev. F. B. Meyer once put the question at 46. That seemed late to a critic, but Dr. Leonard Guthrie at the Royal College of physicians, supports the statement.

Women's Slave. Men may be "spoiled" as well as children, and if too much be done for them by their wives or daughters, or even female servants, they will lose their respect for the sex.

The Maine.

The Maine, upon starting upon her first cruise from the Brooklyn Navy Yard, did not set level with her waterline. She was "down by the head," which was regarded as an unlucky omen.

Dress Made of Stamps.

At a ball in Bermuda a wonderful dress was worn, and in the making of it over thirty thousand stamps were used. Years were spent in the collecting of the stamps and three weeks in the making of the dress, which was of the finest muslin.

Birds in Family Escutcheons.

Baron Peckover, one of the new peers, who has decided to incorporate the woodpecker in his armorial bearings, adds another to the long list of members of the upper house who have laid ornithology under tribute in the composition of their family escutcheons.

Cotton Mill in Egypt.

There is only one cotton mill in Egypt, which in this respect is behind all other cotton-raising countries, where the tendency is for the cotton mills to go to the cotton fields. The anomaly is due to taxes and to the inefficiency of efficient help.

Dress of Madagascar Women.

Women of Madagascar drape their shawls as the old Roman Senators did their togas. The Roman custom was to wear the toga wrapped around the body and across one shoulder, leaving the other uncovered.

Expensive to Run New York.

It costs nearly as much to pay the salaries of the municipal servants of New York City as it does to support the entire army of the United States. The salaries amount close to seventy million dollars annually.

Got Rich Quick.

Jesse L. Livermore, the plunger who cleaned up \$3,000,000 in Wall street, and now has 300,000 bales of cotton is only 28. Ten years ago he was marking prices on the board of a Boston broker's office.

Silk Hat Caused Riot.

The first silk hat was worn in the streets of London by John Hetherington, a haberdasher, on January 5, 1797. He was arrested for inciting a riot, but was dismissed with a reprimand.

Cathedral Damaged by Smoke.

The great cathedral at Cologne, although completed but a few years ago, has so deteriorated from factory smoke that the body of the church will have to be renovated throughout.

Bread From Peanut Meal.

They have made bread from peanut meal for many years in Spain. The bread is light and porous, but rather unpalatable, and it is eaten only by the lower classes.

Lawyers Out of Practice.

It is estimated that in New York City that are 12,300 men who were educated for the bar who are in various employments outside of law offices.

Constantinople Dentists Dear. In Constantinople it is nothing unusual to be charged \$5 for dentistry for which one would pay \$1 in the United States.

Egg-Distributing Stations.

Ireland maintains nearly 400 egg-distributing stations for the purpose of bettering the poultry of the country.

The Flansans of Madagascar.

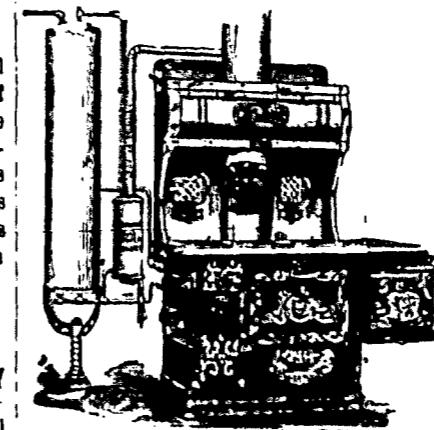
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