

BIG CUT OF LUMBER.

STATISTICS SHOW 5,820,909,000 FEET CUT IN 1905.

Figures Furnished by American Lumberman - Output of Northwest Territory for Last Year Proves Enormous.

Chicago.—The pine, hemlock and hardwood output of the northwest for 1905 is made the subject of a statistical review in the current issue of the American Lumberman.

The review shows that lumber manufacturers of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota in 1905 cut 5,820,909 feet of all kinds of lumber.

Pine production in 1905 fell 522,888, 500 feet below the amount reported to have been cut in 1904.

The shingle output was 1,465,069,000 pieces, the lightest recorded in 15 years.

With reference to the northern pine industry the American Lumberman says:

"To-day the northern pine industry is centered in the so-called west of Chicago district. The cut of that territory constitutes about six-sevenths of the entire pine production."

CURES DISEASE WITH LIGHT

Copenhagen Physician Remedies Afflictions of the Heart in a Unique Manner.

Copenhagen.—Dr. Hasselbach, though considering further disclosures on the Finzen ray treatment at the moment premature and untimely, admits striking out on new and independent lines.

Dr. Hasselbach, after experimenting on his own perfectly normal organs, next experimented on two doctors.

Both of these were complete invalids, one suffering from angina pectoris and the other from a nervous affection of the heart.

Dr. Hasselbach's treatment results in very materially increasing the temperature of the skin; but the taking of the exact measurements has not yet been concluded.

RATTLERS UNDER HEARTH.

Nest of Reptiles Unearthed—Woman Scalds Them to Death and Then Displays Them.

Munfordsville, Ky.—Forty-two rattlesnakes, ranging in size from six inches to five feet, were killed under an old-fashioned hearth at the farmhouse of Isaac Welborn, in the Roundtree neighborhood.

Mrs. Welborn scalded the reptiles, and, with a pair of tongs, lifted them up and placed them in a row for display.

Mrs. Welborn was on the verge of prostration when she persuaded her husband to remove the hearthstone.

Has Longest Legs in State. Charles Coy, of Navasink, N. J., has the longest legs of any person in the state.

How Far Does Decision Reach? A New Jersey court holds that a man is not responsible for beer bills incurred by his wife.

MAY NOT BE ELEMENTS.

Interesting Facts About the Origin of Two Most Precious Metals.

About two years ago Frederick Soddy, an English physicist, observed that a gas which proved to be helium was given off from radium under circumstances suggesting that it was generated by the disintegration of the latter element.

The first step in such an inquiry, of course, would be to accumulate a suitable amount of gold and confine it so that if gas were evolved the quantity and character could be determined.

Obviously, then, the more raw material Mr. Soddy is able to procure to begin with the sooner he may hope for appreciable results.

Mr. Soddy gives to the readers of Nature no hint of the element from which he fancies that gold has been derived.

Hence the only practical result of the inquiries which he now proposes, supposing them to be successful, would probably be to inform the world whether this metal is being manufactured in the crust of the earth as fast as it disintegrates.

The question whether or not silver also is a derivative has recently been under discussion by correspondents of nature.

Experiments relative to the origin and stability of gold are more interesting, if not more promising, than those concerning the nature of silver.

Very beautiful effects are now produced by engraving the surface of diamonds. A French jeweler, Bordinet, has invented tools for this purpose.

His Taste. "What is the real secret of the art of hanging pictures?" asked the lady with the lorgnette.

"The real secret," said the artist, "is to hang most of them in the garret, where they don't show."

Close Call. "You never bought a gold brick, did you?" asked the admiring friend.

"Not exactly," answered Mr. Cumrox. "But I once came mighty near buying a French count for a son-in-law."

ADULTERATED SEEDS

BLACK LIST PUBLISHED BY AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Four of America's Most Important Forage Plants Found to Be Chief Victims of the Fraud.

Seed testing by the department of agriculture, which was rendered mandatory by the appropriation act, has developed the remarkable fact that hundreds of thousands of seeds sold by supposedly reputable firms all over the country are purposely adulterated.

From the statistics compiled by the department it appears that the adulteration is practically confined to four of America's most important forage plants—red clover, alfalfa, orchard grass and Kentucky blue grass.

Since July 1, 1904, the department has obtained in the open market from seedsmen some 1,250 samples of these four kinds of seeds, which have been examined for the presence of adulterants.

Out of 65 samples of red clover and alfalfa seed examined prior to the present investigation, 24 firms were found to be adulterating seed and the names were all published by the department.

The officials of the department say in this connection: "The red clover has in all cases been adulterated with yellow trefoil. Yellow trefoil seed is quite similar in appearance to that of both red clover and alfalfa and is easily mistaken for either of these when not examined carefully."

"The bur clover, which is used as an adulterant of alfalfa seed, is all imported, being a by-product from the clearing of South American wool. A large proportion of low-grade alfalfa, which is constantly being imported from Germany, contains more or less of this bur clover seed obtained from wool."

"Of the 265 samples of orchard grass which have been examined 133 have been found to be adulterated. The seeds most commonly used as adulterants of orchard grass are English rye grass and meadow fescue, both of which average from one-third to one-half the price of orchard grass seed."

"Forty-one out of 251 samples of Kentucky blue grass were found to be adulterated with Canada blue grass. While Canada blue grass is imported from Canada in amounts varying from 600,000 to 700,000 pounds per year, it is used but sparingly in the United States, and it is evident that the bulk of the seed imported is sold sooner or later as Kentucky blue grass."

"Considerable attention has been called to the practice of adulterating seeds, and farmers and seedsmen are both scrutinizing much more closely the samples which are being offered them. This is seen from the increasing number of samples which are being submitted to us for examination, especially as to the presence of adulteration."

TRAFFIC IN HUMAN CUTICLE

Medical Students Said to Have Organized Partnership in Gross-Some Business.

San Francisco.—It has become known that several young men in this city have organized a partnership for dealing in human skin stripped from corpses in hospitals and colleges dissecting rooms, tanned and made into purses and articles of wearing apparel.

A day or two ago two men, who declined to tell their names, but who said they were medical students, living in San Francisco, called on the president of a tanning company of West Berkeley and asked him to prepare some human skin for commercial purposes.

Other tanners have also been approached by embryo physicians, who are engaged in the traffic. It is alleged that articles made from the skin of men and women have been carried from California to all portions of the union.

'All Conveniences of Home' in Perkins' Auto—Builds a \$23,000 Machine.

New York.—George W. Perkins, formerly vice president of the New York Life Insurance company and partner of J. Pierpont Morgan, is the possessor of one of the finest private automobiles in the world.

It has a limousine body, containing revolving chairs, a wash stand, toilet cases, mirrors, electric lights, patent heaters, hat cords, parcel nets, leather pockets, filled with various articles, a writing desk, and a cabinet containing smokers' articles.

At the rear of the dashboard in front of the chauffeur are several small electric lights. Over each is a silver mounted lamp.

Queer Check to Pneumonia Patient's Condition Bettered by Leap from Hospital Window to Portico in Pyjamas.

New York.—Theron Brown is better now. He was suffering from pneumonia in the city hospital at Newark and was delirious when the nurse left him for a moment to fill an ice bag.

He was severely cut and scratched by the glass he crashed through, but his general condition seemed to be bettered by his adventure and it is believed that he will recover from the attack of pneumonia.

FEARED TO TELL INCIDENT.

Robbed, Lew Wallace's Aged Cousin Walked One Hundred and Thirty Miles.

Iowa City, Ia.—Footsore and penniless, William Mories, of Bloomington, Ill., 95 years old and a first cousin of Gen. Lew Wallace, arrived here after walking the greater part of the 130 miles between Des Moines and Iowa City.

Liquifying Natural Gas. Wolanski, an Austrian experimenter, has recently patented a process of liquifying natural gas, which, it is reported, has been successfully employed in the Karpethian oil fields.

Trance Comes in Handy. The man who committed bigamy while "in a trance" can console himself by indulging in another trance during his prison term.

THE WEALTHIEST DUCHESS

Marriage of the Lady of Westminster Was the Result of a Love Match.

Riches and romance do not always go together, but in the case of the lovely young duchess of Westminster they share the honors, says the New York Sun.

The duchess was a daughter of Col. William Cornwallis West, and, consequently, a sister-in-law of the clever American who was once Lady Randolph Churchill.

But there is another story. And according to that, it was a boy and girl love match dating back to the time when young Lord Belgrave was wont to go down to Wales to be entertained in the nursery of the Cornwallis home.

The children fell fathoms in love with each other, says Munsey's Magazine, and when they were just old enough to feel the first pang of sorrow in love they went through the graceful old world ceremony of nursery betrothal.

The boy's father was dead, and his grandfather, to whose great title and splendid estates he was heir, frowned upon the childish romance.

The Boer war was nearing its end, though De Wet was still at large, when the young duke of Westminster, reputed to be the richest nobleman in the world, came home to take over his inheritance.

Hope is expressed that, for the relief not only of Massachusetts, but of other states concerned, congress will establish a national leprosy hospital at no distant day.

Falls from an Aeroplane. Test of California Machine Is Unsuccessful; Aeronaut Narrowly Escapes Death.

Oakland, Cal.—An unsuccessful trial was made by Prof. Montgomery's aeroplane at Idora park, and it almost resulted in serious injury to David Wilkie, the aeronaut.

For a single moment the aeroplane remained on even keel, then it swerved sharply, and began to fall in short circles. Clinging desperately to the framework of the airship, Wilkie could be seen making frantic efforts to regain control of the machine.

He was promptly at 1,000 dances. For 36 years Joe Place has prompted at dances in York county. He is known by every dancer in the county.

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ISLAND FOR LEPERS.

GOVERNMENT PURCHASES SITE FOR THE COLONY.

Five Victims of Awful Disease Will Occupy Quarters on Isle of Massachusetts Coast—Move to Protect Public.

Washington.—Leprosy seems to be almost as old as the human race. Egypt is called its cradle, and on papyrus found in the tombs of Egyptian kings descriptions of the disease are given.

Upon this island there have been erected at the present time four cottages, each 27 by 36 feet, one story high and containing four rooms, viz., a general sitting-room, two bedrooms and a kitchen, as well as a bathroom and closet—batter quarters than any of the five had probably ever occupied prior to that time.

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