

NEW GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO.



George R. Colton, who has been selected by President Taft as governor of Porto Rico to succeed Regis Post, is, according to his friends, well fitted for the office of chief executive of the island.

GATHERING OF GUM

Maine Yields One-Half of the Total Production.

Only Five Tons of the Genuine Commodity Are Consumed Annually in This Country—Balance Is Exported.

Bangor, Me.—The woods of Maine yield more than one-half of the five tons of genuine spruce chewing gum consumed in this country every year.

Before the pulp mills came to Maine crystal pure gum was sold by the jobbers for from 40 to 60 cents a pound.

The demand continuing constant, prices doubled in a few years, giving birth to a new industry, which gives profitable employment to more than 100 men a month in every year.

The men who engage in the business have regular routes, which they travel for year after year. The territory is leased from the land owners.

Persons who visit the backwoods towns of Maine hear many stories about enterprising citizens who have gained sudden wealth by cornering the gum supply.

He bought nearly two tons, which he packed in boxes and stored away to await the opening of the river so that it could be taken to Boston by boat.

Paris.—An engineer named Spiese has offered the French government a dirigible balloon of the rigid type, his own invention, with a capacity of 7,000 cubic metres.

BIG LOGGING SEASON IS ON

Operations on a Larger Scale Than for Several Years Past to Be Conducted in Northern Maine.

Hundreds of logging camps are now in operation in upper Maine. It is estimated that the logging industry for the winter season will employ a number of thousands of men.

Another new logging railroad is about to go into commission in the district. More construction of this kind has been accomplished in the peninsula this season than for a number of years.

The roadbed of the Van's Harbor branch of the Soo line has been completed, and already all but four miles of this new railroad has been trowed.

England Visited by Pernicious Insects and Organized Campaign Instituted to Exterminate Them.

London Farmers, fruit growers and gardeners all over the country are congratulating themselves on the approach of winter, because it will free them from the wasp pest.

Other countries apparently are no better off, judging from the case of the crown prince of Germany, who has just been so badly stung.

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LOCUSTS EXPECTED

Destructive and Dreaded Insects Looked for in 1914.

How Species, Sometimes Called "Pharaoh's Locusts," Differs from Common Variety—Supplies of Cotton Believe Presages War.

The bare Pat-Marys, the whole known world is infested in this by a species of insect known as the locust, or locust.

In certain sections of the United States there is what is known as the seventeen-year locust. It makes its appearance every 17 years.

The last locust year was 1897, and the next appearance will be in 1914. In 1890 the insects were more plentiful than in 1897, but several severe storms swept the country, killing many before they had time to deposit their eggs in the branches of the trees.

Every season there are a few locusts, and the theory of many persons is that they are stragglers, or some that have fallen behind, by oversleeping, or have awakened a year or two too soon.

York, Pa.—A remarkable underground fire in the neighborhood of West's dam, several miles west of the city, which is causing some uneasiness among residents in that section, but which is generally supposed to be a burning peat bed, is resisting all efforts to extinguish it.

The fire was first discovered about two weeks ago by a farmer, who noticed a vapor rising from his cornfield. On closer examination he found thin smoke coming from the ground.

NEWS ABLE HELP TO HEALTH Unique Service is Installed in California Hospital to Care for Patients in Hospital.

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POLISHING UP THE JANITOR

Purpose of Unique School at New York With View to Graduates of '21, '22 to Graduates.

New York, N.Y.—The idea of a small school to train janitors is not new, but it is being carried out for the first time in this city.

The school will be a part of the unique technical institute which has for its purpose to give to the trainees a more complete education than the average janitor would receive.

There will be no honorary degrees, and the graduate will be put through a course which will instruct him in all the details of the janitorial profession, from repairing a broken elevator to plugging a leak in a kitchen boiler.

One feature of the new school which will be a most grateful innovation to New Yorkers is that in which janitorial etiquette is to be taught.

After having received his diploma the janitor of the future will have many more accomplishments of the kind that are sure to be appreciated by tenants in trouble.

OLD TONGUES ARE REVIVED

Chaldean, Arabic and Assyrian Languages Taught St. Louis Children—Study Ancient Customs, Too.

St. Louis.—In the downtown section of St. Louis languages and customs, ages old, that have lasted through centuries, to invade the intense modernism of a busy city, are being taught.

The school, opened a short time ago, has become firmly established and is gradually widening its scope. The school originated in the desire of the parents to instill into their children pride and patriotism in the ancient lands of their forefathers.

UNIQUE SKULL OF CAT FOUND

Remarkable Specimen Discovered in California Will Be Classified by Geologists—Larger Than Lion.

Berkeley, Cal.—A remarkable specimen of an animal, believed to belong to the cat family and not known to this continent, has been unearthed from the famous asphalt beds of the Rancho la Brea, near Los Angeles.

The species represented by the skull obtained by Dr. Hebb corresponds in character to the great cat described as fells atrox by Prof. Leidy in 1853 from a part of a lower jaw found near Natchez, Miss.

Slump in American Fiction. London.—An English publisher who has returned from America says that there has been almost as great a slump in fiction in the United States as in England.

BUG-PROOF POTATO

Massachusetts Man Produces Tubers of Great Superiority.

Months Years in Experimenting With Various Vegetable and Fruit Plants—His Cultivations Are Fine.

Montclair, N. J.—Edwin Marlon of Forest street, a clerk of the Wells-Fargo Express Company here, who was spending his vacation at Greenwood lake, was compelled to return home, having lost the little toe of his right foot in a peculiar accident.

Mr. Somers tells his story by saying that the potato rarely matures a seed and notes that the great potato raising companies in Maine offer large sums for small measure of seed.

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The vine of my potato has a peculiar odor and is offensive to the potato bug, for it never goes near them. I have taken bugs from plants of the usual type in the next row in my potato patch and put them on the new vines and in half an hour I can't find one, and I really feel I have got hold of a bug-proof potato.

This is a summary of my discoveries and results of methods used by me in the preparation of new varieties of food plants, especially new species of potatoes by graft-hybridization.

LOSES TOE SAVING COMPANION

New Jersey Man Catches Foot in Machinery While Laying Alongside Engine to Dry Out.

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Farmer Falls on Snake. Evansville, Ind.—While crossing a log over a small ditch, George Hollingsworth, 67 farmer near Decker, Ind., saw a large viper beneath him. He was so frightened that he fell on the log on top of the reptile. He killed the snake by the fall and at the same time fractured his own collarbone.