

SEA WORM SAMOAN DELICACY

Its Infrequent Arrival Always Meets the Occasion for the Holding of a Great Festival.

Palolo, the most prized of all gustatory delicacies in Samoa, declared by Americans who have tried it to be superior to the lobster, is a marine worm, being rather mysterious in that it is never seen save on two or three nights in the entire year. Its appearance seems to be regulated by the moon.

The palolo chooses the time for its first appearance on the night when the moon rises the sea is seen to be alive with wriggling green and brown worms, some of them a yard or more in length. The natives make a festival of the occasion, going out with dip nets among the reefs and scooping up the worms by the bushel. They paddle around in every available boat with lighted torches waiting for the moon, and then the scene becomes one of great and joyous excitement.

The palolo comes once again when the November moon quarters, and is not seen again until the following year. It is said to live in crannies of the coral reefs, coming to the surface to spawn at these lunar periods. Some of the worms are eaten as they wiggle, but the bulk of the catch is reserved for a big feast on the following day, when they are wrapped in banana leaves and baked.

YEAR ONCE BEGAN IN MARCH

Change in Style May Be Said to Date From 1752—Great Militant Events in Month.

Few people know, or, if they do, have forgotten, that March, and not January, at one time was the first month of the year, remarks the Chicago Journal. For commencing the year with March there seems to be sufficient reason in the fact that it is the first season after the "dead year," in which decided symptoms of growth take place.

The name is derived from the Romans, among whom it was at an early period the first month of the year, and continued to be in several countries to a comparatively late period, the legal year beginning, even in England, on March 26, until the change of style in 1752. For the Romans to dedicate their first month to Mars and call it Martius seems equally natural, considering the importance they attached to war and the use they made of it.

In the history of our own country April appears to carry off the palm for the month in which great militant events occurred, yet in the world war a number of epoch-making incidents took place in March; for instance, the revolution in Russia in 1917, when Czar Nicholas abdicated on March 15. The big drive on the 50-mile front from Arras to La Feu began on the 21st, and Paris was in that month bombarded by "Big Bertha."

Strong Caps of Paper.

Astonishing strong paper caps, capable of withstanding powerful blows, though extremely light in weight, have been invented by a shipyard employee, and are intended to be worn by workmen whose duties expose them to danger from falling objects, says Popular Mechanics' Magazine.

The process by which the novel headgear is produced has not been divulged, but it is known that chemicals are employed to harden the material, without adding to its weight. Several styles have been made, the lightest weighing about seven ounces, and others slightly more. In a recent test, a 1-pound bolt was dropped on one of them from a height of forty feet, with the result that a barely perceptible dent was made in the paper. The novel head coverings are proof against water and acids, and are nonconductors of electricity.

Heat for Alaska.

The Pacific has its own "Gulf stream," which is called the Japan current, and it is formed in the same way.

The trade winds, blowing from the tropics, bank up the warmed ocean waters in the Yellow sea (corresponding to our Gulf of Mexico), and thence they pour out between Japan and Formosa, the stream thus formed passing south of the Aleutian chain, along the southern coast of Alaska, and down the west coast of North America.

Hence it comes about that the whole southern coast of Alaska has a temperate climate. It is warmed by the Japan current.

What Really Keeps Time.

As a measurer of time the pendulum ranks today as the most perfect of our instruments, says the Scientific American. It is the part of a clock that keeps time. All the rest of the mechanism is simply for the purpose of keeping up its vibration or to point on a dial the number of vibrations it has made. It swings back and forth in a complete arc 30 times each minute, but allows the escape-wheel to move a cog at each vibration, thus checking off on the dial, by means of the second hand, 60 seconds of time. In a similar way, minutes and hours are recorded, and by a like process a watch is guided.

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One thing that will be settled at San Francisco is just how much the Reds are worth to Palmer's campaign.

The Republican delegates at Chicago evidently thought they were dry enough without saving out any dry planks for their platform.

Political conventions come high, but we have the consolation of knowing that the country's saving money every day that Congress is not in session.

When it came to nominating Presidential candidates the doubtful States have a decided advantage. Pennsylvania is too strongly entrenched in the Republican column to succeed.

If the alcoholic content at Chicago was as low during the convention week, as some correspondents report, it must have been a dry proposition to pump out the prolonged cheers that had to be manufactured for the favorite sons.

In America we want the women to get the vote in time to share in the Presidential election, though they will divide on party lines just as the men do. Women are people, though they are not a peculiar people; and if we are to have government by the people we cannot deny half of them the right to which they are entitled.

Who is our neighbor? So far as we are personally concerned, our neighbor is the guy who borrows the wire stretcher, and lawn mower and doesn't seem to be able to remember where he borrowed it. Our neighbors the Noll Bros. purchased four wire stretchers in the past three years; and today they are minus all their stretchers, simply because they loaned them to "Tom, Dick and Harry," without keeping a record, hence they were swindled out of what justly belonged to them. The honesty of some people is questioned.

Should McAdoo be nominated at San Francisco, Republican campaign orators can use a great deal of the material which Senator Lodge embodied in his opening address at the Chicago convention. McAdoo as Wilson's son-in-law, will have to carry the sins of the present Administration if he runs for President. But a good many thoughtful members of the party think there is something more in Republicanism than opposition to a Democratic President. Is it a political strategy to attack Wilson? But his administration is about the only issue that has thus far been injected into the campaign.

General Pershing is seeking a bigger job, his request from active duty in the army is not surprising. The duties incumbent on him were the supervision of the army reorganization and when that is done his active military career will be finished. He spent thirty-eight years in the army; and such service might have been expected to unfit him for any other career. But his good work in France makes his present employment seem, by com-

parison, hardly worth while for a man who still looks forward for many years of activity. He wants more work. It is no reflection upon the peace-time Army, and it is distinctly to the credit of the General, that Pershing is not retiring for a rest but is retiring for a larger chance to work. He is looking forward to a life of more activity than he is at present enjoying.

BOALSBURG.

Henry Hosterman built a new garage last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer spent Friday in Williamsport.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reed transacted business in Centre Hall last week.

Misses Beulah Fortney and Rosalie McCormick are visiting relatives in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garbrick, of Bellefonte, were callers in town on Sunday.

G. E. Meyer is building an addition to his home on the corner of Church and Pine streets.

Dr. Miller, of Philipsburg, conducted services in the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mollie Hoffer, of State College, is spending some time at the home of Leonidas Mothersbaugh.

Miss Edith Sankey, of Potters Mills, called on friends in town while

her brother, M. A. Sankey, transacted business.

Mrs. Susan Keller, of Rockview, visited friends in town last week.

Quite a number of people from over the county attended the Sunday school conference in the Lutheran church on Wednesday.

Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Miss Mary J., of Crafton, are guests of Mrs. Irvin Johnson, at the home of Mrs. M. A. Woods.

William Rockey is building a concrete and tile garage, and also improving the appearance of his home by laying concrete walks.

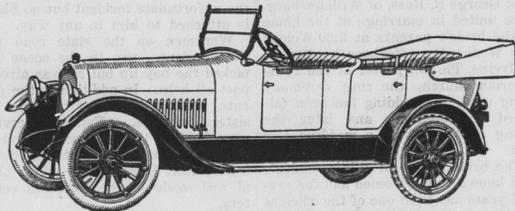
The first organized class of the Reformed Sunday school will have a strawberry festival on the church lawn on Saturday evening.

The Modern Woodmen of State College, decorated the graves of their departed members in the Boalsburg cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

Lieut. Pierre Boal and family, of Washington, D. C., arrived in town last week and for the present will live at the Boal home west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Tussey and son returned to their home in Sinking Valley on Monday, after a pleasant visit among friends in this vicinity.

Charles Hosterman and Russell Ishler, students at Penn State, went to Washington county last week, where they expect to be employed during the summer vacation.



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