

TRUE.

When he began it Many sneered But when he conquered Then they cheered. The quickest ones To give applause Are those who never Help the cause. Heed not the jeers, Be brave, be strong; Only the victor Draws the throng. What can be done Men never guess, Until it's proven By success. And those who sneer As you begin Will boldly cheer The day you win.

—Exchange.

ICE MINES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

The topographic and geologic survey of the State of Pennsylvania, through Dr. R. W. Stone, assistant geologist, has sent to Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, chairman of the State Historical Commission, the following: "In reply to a request in the Service letter of the Department of Forests and Waters of January 3, I am enclosing the following notes regarding so-called ice caves in Pennsylvania:

Aitch P. O. or Marklesburg, Huntingdon county.

Along former roadbeds of Juniata and Southern railroad is a cave near a picnic ground in State forest land. Recently reopened after being closed with cinders. Free to public. Contains ice, which some years remains all summer.

Coudersport ice mine, Potter county.

A shallow shaft in Sweden Valley about four miles east of Coudersport has been a commercial exhibit for several years. It is a 20-foot prospect shaft on a hillside, contains ice the year round, and is visited by thousands of people every summer.

Farrandsville ice mine, Clinton county.

On the side of the mountain at Riverview opposite Farrandsville and six miles west of Lock Haven a cave containing ice is reported.

Pine Grove Mills, Centre county. Ice cave close to road between Spruce Creek and Pine Grove Mills, near public camp ground in State forest.

Troutville ice mine, Clearfield county.

Two miles south of Troutville on farm of G. N. Rishell is an abandoned coal pit or drift in which ice has accumulated. Mentioned in press July 1923.

The few persons living near have been getting ice there for years. The locality is known as the "Wilderness."

Person Killed on Streets in United States Every 35 Minutes.

Every time the clock recorded 35 minutes last year a person was killed on the highways of the United States, and each minute approximately three persons injured, delegates to the convention of the American road builders were told, says Popular Mechanic.

In twelve months highway accidents claimed a total of 15,000 lives and caused 1,700,000 injuries, according to the figures given. Uniform traffic regulations established by all States, strict enforcement of these laws, systematic maintenance of roads and safety education in schools were urged to curb the ever-mounting number of fatalities.

In Wisconsin a survey of accidents the last two years was said to have proved that most of them occurred on straight roads, largely due to attempts of drivers to pass one another. Fallway grade crossings, however, were said to be the most dangerous.

1,000,000 Quit Farms in Year.

In the year ending March 1, over 1,000,000 people left the farms in this country and went to the cities, according to a report of the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. The Foundation points out that during the same period the population of this country increased 1,400,000. This means that there are 2,400,000 less producers than there were the year before. "This condition," declares the report, "warrants industrial and commercial leaders doing something definite and concrete to help the farmer get on his feet.

Suspicious.

Jack—"So your father demurred at first because he didn't want to lose you?" Ethel—"Yes, but I won his consent. I told him that he need not lose me; we could live with him, and so he would not only have me, but a son-in-law to boot." Jack—"Hm! I don't like that expression 'to boot.'"—Boston Transcript.

The Scarf Returns.

Scarfs, the vogue of which seemed to diminish last summer, but has a renewal now, are worn fitting well to the neck and not loose as last year. They may be tied in a knot, especially the handkerchiefs, or worn with two long ends falling in front, or with one end thrown over the shoulder, the other falling multicolored nosegay designs in vivid hues embroidered in wool on crepe de chine.

An Applicant.

A weary looking fellow who had opened all the doors looking for work happened to see a huge police advertisement headed: "Murderer wanted." "Well," he said, scratching his head, "it's better'n nothing, anyhow. I'm going in and ask for the job."—Houtson Post.

FOREST PROTECTION WEEK PROCLAIMED BY PRESIDENT.

Forest Protection week for 1924 has been designated by President Coolidge for April 21-27, inclusive, announces the forest service, United States Department of Agriculture.

In his proclamation, President Coolidge calls attention to the appalling losses that occur each year from forest fires, and urges all citizens, either in association or as individuals to protect all wooded areas from fire. Governors of many States will issue proclamations supplementing the one issued by the President, and Arbor day in several States will be observed during Forest Protection week.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and W. B. Greeley, chief of the forest service have many times emphasized the importance of preventing forest fires, about 36,000 of which every year sweep 11,000,000 acres of land.

Secretary Wallace has stated that eight out of every ten forest fires result from human carelessness and will not happen once the public is brought face to face with the serious losses these fires cause. These losses fall especially heavy on the American public since United States uses more saw timber than all other nations combined.

Chief forester Greeley says it is not difficult for every one to be careful with fire while in wooded areas. Here are simple rules which if observed will go far toward reducing the appalling number of man-caused forest fires reported every year: Be sure your match is out before throwing it away; don't throw cigars, cigarettes and pipe ashes along the roadside; build small camp fires away from brush and small trees; never leave your camp fires unwatched; make sure your camp fire is dead—then bury it; keep in touch with forest rangers and fire wardens and report all fires you may see, no matter how small; be as careful with fire while you are in wooded areas as you would be in your home.

Dug His Own Grave.

The body of Joseph Mawhiney, aged gravedigger of Susquehanna county, rests today in a grave which he dug years ago in the Montrose cemetery, beside that of his wife, whose last resting place he also made ready before she died.

"Joe" Mawhiney was known throughout the county where he had dug graves for many years—more graves perhaps than any man who ever lived in that section. Several years ago he turned over his pick and spade to his only son, William, but before he retired he went to the local cemetery and dug the graves where he and his wife were to be buried. The sides of the excavations were carefully laid with bricks and above them flagstones were placed as a protection.

Three years ago Mrs. Mawhiney died and her body was placed in the grave her husband had prepared. A few days ago the aged man followed her to the grave he had made ready for himself.

"Joe" was not a long-faced sexton. His occupation did not depress or trouble him. His favorite entertainment was a circus and he never missed any which came to the nearby cities. But he took pride in his occupation. He dug the graves broad and deep and spent hours caring for the sod that covered them after their occupants had been laid to rest.

Her Choice.

Old James Denn, who was head of the firm and a widower, had noticed for some time that his son seemed interested in the lady secretary. The young man had only recently joined the firm in order to learn the business, and so his father did not care for the prospect of an engagement so soon. He determined to speak to his son about the matter.

But he was forestalled by the young lady herself, who approached him timidly one morning and announced that his son had proposed to her, and that she had accepted him. "Well, I really do think that you might have seen me first," said old James Denn. "I did," she replied, "but I preferred your son."

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