Bellefonte, Pa., February 5, 1926.

Ordinary Oil Can Gave Edison Idea

The cover of the humble coal oil can supplied the idea for the first lectric lamp socket. Nearly 300,000,-000 standard-size lamps used in the United States last year were equipped with a uniform simple socket, the deign of which was evolved from the old tin screw-cover of the oil can.

Thomas Edison, in 1880, before the first electrical central station was started, experimenting with the earliest forms of incandescent electric lamp, was seeking some means to connect lamp and electrical circuit. The first socket, operated by a thumb screw, had no arrangement to prevent the lamp from falling out when the socket was held upside down. According to the story, one night in 1880, Mr. Edison was talking on this subject to some of his assistants. He noticed a kerosene can on a shelf near where he was sitting. Taking it up and inscrewing its cover, he studied it for a while and then exclaimed:

"This certainly would make a good socket for the lamp." After experiments, the lamp socket still in use was decided upon.

As Dad Sees It

"My boy," said the Billville father to his literary offspring, "this here socalled 'fire of genius,' is well enough in the lazy, dreamful summertime, but when the winter wind is rumbling in the hollows and cavortin' round the frosty hills, it can't hold a tallow candle to cordwood and hard coal. Here's a new ax that has never cut down a pine saplin', or a oak tree, and split 'em to kindling wood. Suppose you christen it, and make the chimney blaze? There's no better way to keep up your college athletic exercises. It beats an apple a day for downright good health and spirits. So roll up your sleeves and get busy."-Atlanta

Heavy Earthquake Loss

Constitution.

The most destructive Japanese earthquake occurred a few minutes after twelve o'clock, noon, September 1, 1923, the area comprising Tokyo, Yokohama, Yokosuka and other cities and villages. The first shock was followed by many others and by fire and tidal waves. The number of lives lost and the value of property destroyed will never be accurately known. Estimates made several weeks after the catastrophe placed the total number of known dead at 103,000, with 230,000 missing. Yokohama was almost completely destroyed. The number of foreigners who lost their lives was approximately 100, among whom were several Americans.

Teachers' Right to Wed

Woman teachers must not be dismissed merely because they are married." This is the gist of a decision recently rendered in a test case brought in an English court. The decision is of far-reaching importance. The plaintiff, Mrs. Ethel Short, has been an assistant mistress in a council school in Dorsetshire since 1914. She married in 1921, and in July, 1924, she and other married women employed as teachers by the same local education authority received notice terminating their engagements. The chancery court decided that the notice was invalid, and ordered the corporation to pay the costs.

Obstructionists Rebuked

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Wheeler of Pine Grove, Pa., were served with an injunction to prevent them from lying on a pavement used as a detour. Believing it to be their private property, they took for their motto, "They shall not pass," and stretching out on the street, placed themselves in danger of being run over, and got on the nerves of motorists who feared killing the couple.

Something to Drown It In

The young fellow from Kentucky walked into a studio the other day for vocal lessons. The folks down home thought he had a voice and all that he needed was training. The teacher asked him to sing.

Without accompaniment he started in on "Yes, We Have No Bananas." And the bananas were higher than nature or a musician intended them to be. The teacher giggled in spite of herself. "I need a piano to lead my voice," the youth suggested.

"Yes, or a bass drum to drown it," the teacher added, but to herself .- Indianapolis News.

Luxurious Modern Travel

The Flying Scotsman, one of the de luxe trains running out of London, England, now has an electric galley in its dining car. In this traveling kitchen there are an electric range and several other electric cooking appliances. The electricity utilized in this unique gallery is provided by a generator that is connected to the wheels beneath the dining car. Also there are storage batteries which provide electricity when the dining car is standing still.

Street for Heroes

After learning that three Winnipez men, who earned the Victoria cross during the World war, lived on the same street, within a block of each other, 'he city has decided 'o change the name of the street to Va. or road.

Frenchman First to

Use Gasoline Engine The first attempt to employ gasoline as a motive power was made by a Frenchman, Pierre Ravel, who patented "a steam generator heated by mineral oils, to be applied to steam locomotion on ordinary roads." Ravel's engine was fitted to a small carriage, and developed three horse power.

The Franco-German war put an end to Ravel's experiments for a time, but years later be built a motor car in which petroleum was used for the direct generation of motive power. In 1876 Lentz invented a burner by which a mixture of gasoline and other naphthas, called massout, was used as fuel on steamships.

About the same time gasoline was used as an illuminant in street lamps, and later a new use was found for it in the manufacture of varnish and oilcloth. Gasoline, amounting to 8 per cent of the distilled product of the crude petroleum, continued to be a drug on the market until the invention of the gasoline motor, and its application to automobiles, boats, airplanes, and hundreds of industrial

Several inventors nelped to inaugurate the "Age of Gasoline," but the chief of them was George L. Selden of Rochester (N. Y.), the father of the automobile.-Chicago Journal.

Equinox Affected by

Heating Power of Sun

The autumnal equinox is warmer, not colder, than the vernal in practically all of the continental United States and other places of middle to high latitudes. The reason for this is that the temperature conditions at locality always lag behind the changing amounts of heat received by the locality from the sun in the course of its annual journey from winter solstice and return. In New Jersey, for example, the heating effect of the sunshine is at a minimum on December 22 of each year, but the lowest temperature of the winter occurs fully a month later, on January 25. The greatest solar heating occurs at the summer solstice, June 22, but the highest average temperatures fall about the end of July. The autumnal equinox, September 21, occurs, therefore, only about five days after the highest temperatures of the year, whereas the vernal equinox, March 21, is separated from the time of highest by fully 130 days, and is separated only about 50 days from the coldest period of the

Aerial Supports

The Loomis Radio college says that, while it is generally believed that iron in the vicinity of an aerial absorbs some of the energy, iron supports are frequently employed for this purpose on account of their mechanical advantages. Observe the latticed steel towers used by all the large broadcasting stations, where receivers are also installed as required by law. The aerial should be well insulated from the iron pole and swung a few feet away from it by a stout rope. The other aerials should run as nearly as possible at right angles to each other. If they are one above the other in the same direction they will rob each other quite noticeably.

Not Qualified

Willie, who was nearly five, and his mother were sitting at home one night. At the table his sister, aged seven, was doing her home work. Suddenly mother looked up and saw Willie watching his sister. "Well, Willie," she said, "it will not

be long before you will have to go to school. "Oh," said Willie, "it's no use send-

ng me to school!" "How is that?" asked his mother.

"What's the use of sending me to school?" exclaimed Willie. "I don't know anything and I can't read or

Life of a Sponge

The separate existence of a sponge begins with the breaking away from the parent of a tiny particle. The latter, after being whipped about for a time by tides and currents, eventually attaches itself to a piece of rock, and from that home it seeks its own livelihood, says Natural Science. The food of infant sponges consists of yolk cells, which contain a form of nourishment. Later, as the sponge grows, it requires something more solid, and this is brought by the currents, which sweep into a bag-half mouth, half stomach-minute particles of the new food.

First Iron Vessels It is not recorded who first discoveasily as a wooden one. It is recorded that an iron boat was built and launched on the River Foss, in York- fourths of an acre. The boiler is shire, England, as early as 1777, but the date of the invention of iron as a dinary system of rating, but is capable recognized materiai for ship construction is often given as 1818, when the lighter Vulcan was built on the Monkland canal, near Glasgow, Scotland.

California's Capital

Before being admitted as a state che capital of California was Monterey, alternately with Los Angeles. Monterey was the capital from 1840 to 1845, Los Angeles from 1845 to 1847. hill country of western South Caro-Monterey was again the capital from lina. Last year's attendance included 1847 until California was admitted as 300 preachers and 180 teachers, and a new state. In 1849 Sacramento of they spent four days in intensive subfered \$1,000,000 for the honor of be- jects, under the leadership of Dr.

Has Complete History of Spanish Mantilla

At last I have found the trail, Francis Miltoun exclaims, in exultant mood, in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Some years ago browsing in the archives of Palma in the Island of Majorca I came across a document which professed to give the history of the Spanish mantilla. Lately it turned up again among a mass of notes. The Spanish mantilla was originally a mark of shame for the femininity of loose morals of the day, a day away back before Goya and the Spanish painters took it out of its class and made it an appurtenance of the dress

of the ladies of the court. Originally the mantilla crossed its rather straggly ends of the time down over the breast in the form of a letter These bretelles were red. One wonders if Hawthorne ever knew this. There's the plot ready made. One and another of most modern and ancient writers went and took what they wanted where they found it, a procedure which is ethically legitimate up to a certain point.

It should be remembered that the mantilla of today resembles very little that of the fairylike Island of Majorca, where the sun ever shines and the thermometer never falls very low. By a process of development it came to be what it is, but it was always a headdress. I put it that way, not being a fashion writer, but I vouch for the rest of the statement as supported by documentary evidence and only recount it here by the possibility of being able to drag in Hawthorne. That happens to be vivid in my mind because in my youth I once lived across the street from the House of Seven Gables. How the circles do cut in on one another, like those of the planetary system!

Herring Is Bread

What is to become of the people who live on the islands of the Zuyder zee in Holland when that sea becomes dry land? Pierre Van Paassen asks, in the Atlanta Constitution. As far back as human memory goes these people have been fishers. The sea is in their blood. "Herring is bread," as they say themselves. From their very youth their whole life is directed toward the sea. "Only idiots and fools stay on dry land," a wrinkled old skipper told us once. The little gamins in their wide trousers can hardly walk when they fashion a ship out of an old wooden shoe, fix it up with rudder and sail and float it on the ditch. When they come from school they first must see the harbor. Is there a trawler running in or a tugboat they shout: "Did you see father?" and "How much of a catch did he have?" Fish and the Calvinist sermons of the pastor are their life and breath. The Dutch government, it is said, will compensate them. Nevtheless it all means the end of a picturesque race. And it will be just as hard to make landlubbers out of these children of the sea as it is for Russia to make Jewish merchants into farmers in Crimea.

College for Engineers

To supply trained engineers, especially for the automobile, motorcycle and bicycle industries, a technical college will be established at Wolverhampton, England. The total cost of construction will be about \$600,000, of which one-third is to be paid by the county of Stafford and the remaining two-thirds by the city of Wolverhamp-

The buildings will be divided into dve sections: (1) general and administrative, (2) biology, (3) commercial, (4) domestic, and (5) technical, comprising engineering production with workshops and drawing offices, material section, including chemistry, metallurgy, and general science subjects, mechanical and electrical engineering, and building construction.

It is intended to make provision for evening as well as day students.

Bromine From Sea Water

The strangest ship that ever sailed the seas left Wilmington, Del., recently on one of the strangest voyages that ever a ship sailed. This ship, called the Ethyl, is in reality a great floating chemical laboratory, equipped to extract the element bromine from sea

Bromine is a raw material useful in medicine, in photography and motion pictures, and in the manufacture of the ethyl fluid used in motor fuel. Through the last use of the world's supply the chemical has become greatly depleted, and the voyage of the Ethyl is the first step in an elaborate plan to find other sources of supply.

Monster Steam Boiler

The largest steam boiler in the world is being put in in Pittsburgh, Pa., by a heating company. There are six ered that an iron vessel would float as miles of four-inch steel tubing in the heating and condensing apparatus, with a heating surface of about threerated at 3,000 horse-power by the orof operating continuously at three times this capacity and for short periods at four times this rate. When at full load it evaporates 200 tons of water an hour.

Trains Negro Preachers

Each summer for seven years a negro preachers' institute has been held at Bettis academy, in the sand coming the state capital, and became officially recognized as such in 1854

James H. Dillard, president of the Jeanes and Slater funds.

CENTRE HALL.

Received too late for last week Mrs. Samuel Shoop spent last week with her sister in McVeytown.

Mrs. Wetzel spent Saturday and Sunday with her husband at the H. E. Prof. Wetzel was forced to take a

short vacation from his school work because of illness. Mr. and Mrs. "Jack" Smith moved

into the McClenahan property on Church St., on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman L. Smith went future for their advance. to Florida last week. They will prob-

ably remain there until late Spring. A daughter weighing seven and one half pounds came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Potter on Mon-

Mrs. D. K. Keller went to Lewistown, on Tuesday evening, with John Lucas and family, where she will visit for several days. Mrs. P. R. Campbell, who is spending several weeks in Florida with her

ing a fine time in the sunny South. Some of those on the sick list are Mrs. Margaret Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James Runkle, Mrs. L. J. Burris, and Mrs. Jerry Stump, Miss Emma Mc-

The Rebekahs had an evening of entertainment and refreshments for the members of the lodge and their families on Tuesday evening. Everybody reported a good time.

When the news reached here that a fire had occurred at the Methodist home for the aged at Tyrone, on Monday night, every one was greatly concerned—especially for the safety of Auntie Shoop. All the guests were rescued, however, and taken into private homes in Tyrone.

strenuously to break a road from his house to the main road. Soon after his return home, he passed away.

OAK HALL.

Received too late for last week. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zong, of Pleasant Gap, were week-end visitors at the Edward Zong home in this place. Miss Ruth Martz, who is engaged

in nursing at the Penn State hospital, spent Saturday night at her parental home here. Among those who have been on the

sick list the past week were Misses Leon Ferree, Margaret Dale and Billie Ferree. Mr. and Mrs. George Burwell, of Pine Grove Mills, were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Burwell's moth-

Sections of Alaska Now in Full Boom.

er, Mrs. Mary Houser.

In the resumption of volcanic activity in the northwestern part of North America brought a very radical change in the temperature of part of Alaska at Anchorage. Mt. Mc-Kinley, 20,300 foot peak, has been very active of late and in connection with Mt. Shishaldin's eruption in fonte Folks Have Done. November that region of the territory has been experiencing a spring like weather and flowers are in bloom and the usual snowbound landscape has given way to green vegetation. The given way to green vegetation. temperature has been hovering about 28 above zero when at this time of the year it is usually far below zero.

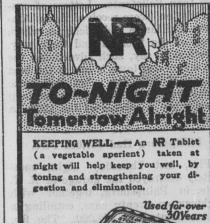
This change is due to the heat which has been generated by the activity of the volcanoes and residents of that part of the country look toward the continuance of the temperature for an indefinite length of time. It is also due to subterof the past through the recent activity of the volcanoes.-Exchange.

Stack 'em With "Juice."

Brick stacking by electricity is now an accomplished fact, a machine having been devised which will perform the work of 20 men in picking the bricks from conveyor belts and automatically assembling them on dryer trucks. This is done by mechanical fingers electrically operated.

-Perhaps there is, as former Vice-President Marshall says, "more good than bad in the world," but it doesn't get on the first page so often.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Hunting Accidents Increased Last Year.

Preliminary figures announced by the State Game Commission show 45 fatal and about 200 non-fatal accidents during the hunting season just past. This is an increase of 7 fatal and 69 non-fatal accidents over the season of 1924, but then there was a corresponding increase in the number of hunting licenses issued for the past season. There are, however, too many accidents, which will no doubt call for proper legislation within the

The game killed this year was below the figure set last year, which would indicate that it is decreasing at an alarming rate because of the increase in the number of hunters. The number of deer killed legally in the last season was 7,280, and 586 illegal; 6 legal elk and 4 illegal; 470

legal bears and 5 illegal. Comment from various sportsmen's organizations since the hunting season has come to a close indicates that quite a number of them favor the open season for doe deer because of father, Rev. Wm. Picken, reports havthe scarcity of food and the damage that they cause to property. F. A. Myers, superintendent for the game commission, asserts that no one familiar with the deer situation in the State would condemn the doe deer shooting. He says it is necessary if there are to be any deer left in the State. In 1925 during the open season for doe deer there were 972 legally killed and 20 illegally killed .- Ex.

> Birth Rate is Lowest in History of Nation.

New York .- The birth rate in America is now lower than at any other period of her history and, due to the increasing practice of birth control, the finest qualities of the died very suddenly on Tuesday evening, while seated in a chair. He had made a trip to Centre Hall in the afternoon and had worked rather strenuously to break a road from his the only encouragement he finds is that the death rate is the lowest ever known, with one exception. He places the annual number of births in this country at about 2,600,000 and the deaths as 1,300,000.

"The question of birth control would admit of no discussion," he says in his report, "if the decrease in the birth rate affected exclusively the undesirable elements of the population. However, the reduction in birth applies largely to those who are intellectually as well as morally and eco-nomically of the superior type.

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