

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

Paragraphs of News Taken from the Files of the Reporter of 1887.

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James Coldren is getting his foundation ready for a house.

Dr. M. Radcliffe and wife, of Philadelphia, have been rusticated in this section the past week.

Andrew Horner, while driving a team at Huyett's lumber job, near Linden Hall, accidentally fell and the wheel of the wagon passed over his left arm, causing a fracture of the bone near the elbow.

John Odenkirk is having the Old Fort remodeled; among the changes will be a gable roof for a front. This is an old landmark, and still a substantial stone building which shows no signs of decay. The present hotel was erected in 1825 by J. and J. Potter, when the turnpike was being made. Its first landlord was George Withington. The hotel is now 62 years old, and its stone walls are good enough for another 62 years.

Prof. A. N. Beirly, who has been located at Tusseyville the last few months, at work on a new song book, left on Tuesday for Chicago. The Prof., we are told, received a position as conductor of a large choir of over one hundred voices in a Methodist church.

J. Will Dinges arrived home on last Thursday from the Annapolis Naval Academy, to which place he received an appointment a year ago. He expects to remain several weeks, when he will return to begin his second year.

Rev. Dornblazer, of Kansas City, is visiting at Jacob Harpster's, in this place.

General Irvin Gregg, of Washington, D. C., is visiting his brother, Andrew Gregg, of near this place.

Work on the foundation for the new Presbyterian church, in this place, began on Monday, and will be pushed right along with all possible speed. We notice that James Ruble has the bossing of this part of the work, and the general superintendence is in the hands of B. D. Brisbin, who is a member of the building committee, which is composed of the following: J. C. Boal, Wm. Goodhart, Rev. Kerr, Josiah Dale, Joseph Gilliland, G. L. Goodhart and David Brisbin. The selection of a new location produced entire harmony and is commended by citizens generally.

BURROWED BY PRAIRIE DOG

"Devil's Corkscrews" Found in Western Mountains and Plains Are No Longer a Mystery.

Of the many fossils which have come out of the mountains and plains of the West, few have excited wider interest than the "devil's corkscrews," found, in rocks of the Miocene period, in northwestern Nebraska. They are usually white, and stand out clearly against the buff background of the rock which incloses them, often attaining a length of 15 feet, with many twists and turns, ending at times in a large bulb, with occasional side passages.

When first discovered it was thought that these gigantic "corkscrews" were huge petrified vines or roots of some strange plant. Study of the "corkscrews," however, failed to reveal any traces of plant structure. Later the skeleton of an animal like the badger was found in a large bulb near the end of the "corkscrew," and bones of a small camel and small deer were found in others. After that it was discovered that many of them contained bones of a small burrowing animal about the size of the western prairie dog. Excavation of actual recent prairie-dog burrows, after filling them with thin plaster of paris, showed an interesting fact: the burrows of the prairie dog and the prehistoric "corkscrews" were closely similar. The mystery is considered solved.

SHOWED SKILL AS ENGINEERS

Ancients Did Remarkable Work Considering the Limited Mechanical Means at Hand.

That ancient Greek and Roman engineers were ingenious as well as skillful is proved by the works that are still extant, for instance when the Eupalinos, island of Samos, water-works mentioned by Herodotus were constructed in the middle of the Sixth century B. C., a tunnel about one mile long was driven through the Kastro mountain, certainly a respectable achievement when one considers the limited mechanical means at the disposal of the builders. From the books of the Alexandrian mathematician Heron, one sees that ancient engineers knew how to figure beforehand the direction of a tunnel. The fine medical instruments, of which many have been excavated, give evidence of high mechanical skill. Ancient instrument makers manufactured clepsydras (water clocks) that could be carried in pockets and devices used by Herophilos to measure the temperature of patients. The present-day stethoscope and sphygmometer are imitations of similar ancient inventions. Even to ballistic war machines ancient people applied ideas which play an important part in modern warfare—the "poly-bomb" being in a certain meaning, the predecessor of our repeating arms, and the "monankon," of the mine thrower.

Credited With the Word Bohemia.

The novelist to whom nature owes the word bohemia—not in the geographical sense, but a moral condition—was perhaps Henri Murger, if the word can be ascribed to any one writer.

Henri Murger, novelist and poet, was born March 24, 1822, in Paris. He made attractive to his readers the irresponsible life of artists and students in Paris, and left some classic tales and songs of dissolute thriftlessness and literary impecuniosity. Murger was trained for the profession of law, became for a time secretary of Count Leo Tolstoy, but, like that earlier bohemian, Villen, he chose dissipation rather than decency. He died in a charity hospital in Paris in 1861. A monument has been erected to his memory, but not without protest. Several of Murger's songs have been translated by Andrew Lang in "Ballads and Lyrics of Old France," published in 1872.

Printing Stamps by Millions.

Few labor-saving machines are more ingenious in combining a number of operations, or more impressive in the amount of work they do, than the new stamp-printing presses of the United States bureau of printing and engraving. Each press, with two operators, moistens, prints, gums and rolls a total of 4,000,000 postage stamps in an eight-hour day, states an article in Popular Mechanics. The perforations are made both lengthwise and across, both the roll and the punches being adjustable for position. One operator, in front, takes care of the unwinding roll and adjusts its path to the perforators by means of a screw. The other operator, at the rear, regulates the speed of the machine and inspects the finished work. Finally, the roll is cut into sheets of 400 stamps each.

Keep Pace With the Child.

When the child is a tiny creature, the parent must exercise self-control, gentleness, tact—never allowing her temper to interfere with judgment or to cause her to speak harshly or in anger, says Mothers' Magazine. As years go on, the most loving child is also a critic. "Mother's way" has heretofore seemed to him the best way. It rests with the mother to make it seem so always. To this end she must keep pace with her boys and girls in thought, in education, in new ideas. Parents cannot go to school again, but they can have their minds alert and open for all new facts. And they can watch their own manners and language so that the children can continue to use these as models.

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President Pals with Famous Trio in Mountain Camp Where Recreation Renews the Vigor of their Minds



Upper picture: Seated, left to right—Henry Ford, Thomas A. Edison, President Harding, H. S. Firestone, Bishop William F. Anderson. Standing, left to right—George B. Christian, Jr., Secretary to the President; Russell Firestone, H. S. Firestone, Jr., Edsel Ford. Left: President Harding and Mr. Firestone horseback riding. Right: The presidential smile leaves no doubt as to the bracing effects of the mountain air. At the table, left to right: Mr. Edison, Mrs. Ford, President Harding, Mrs. Firestone and Mr. Ford.

A TYPICAL day in camp is depicted in the scenes above, taken during the recent camping tour of President Harding, H. S. Firestone, the tire manufacturer; Henry Ford, Detroit manufacturer, and Thomas A. Edison, the inventive genius.

Cares of state, financial worries and new inventions were dismissed from mind. Three important daily

functions were breakfast, luncheon and dinner, their appetites whetted by the keen mountain air, while the president enjoyed several horseback rides on Mr. Firestone's favorite horse.

In many respects the camping trip was the most unique of its kind, notable alike for the brilliance of mind and prominent position of its principals. It is doubtful if four men

could be brought together who would attract the attention that came to the president, Mr. Edison, Mr. Firestone and Mr. Ford. Nevertheless, they managed successfully to elude the crowds, which seemed to respect their desire for privacy.

The little log hut at the left of the picture was the only building near the camp, and it was not inhabited. The campers slept in in-

dividual tents, one of which was assigned the president.

After the president left the party, being called back to Washington, the others continued on through the Maryland mountains, coming out in West Virginia, making several one-night stands before they abandoned their "back to nature" outing. Mrs. Edison, Mrs. Firestone and Mrs. Ford accompanied their husbands.

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