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FIGURES ABOUT THE TIN PLATE TRADE

FORWARDED TO D. B. ATHERTON BY L. K. TORBET.

There Has Been a Wonderful Increase in the Price of Tin Plate Since July 1, 1898—Mr. Torbet Says That It Is Almost Impossible to Get the Necessary Machinery as the Total Output of the Factories Is Taken by the Trust and Will Be for the Next Five Years.

Secretary D. B. Atherton of the board of trade yesterday received a letter from L. K. Torbet, the Chicago man who wants to locate a tin plate factory here, in which he encloses some interesting data concerning the tin plate industry and a promise to further comply with the secretary's request by forwarding in the near future a detailed statement of the condition of the trade, the cost of a plant and other such information that the board would likely desire.

Among the data forwarded yesterday were some clippings from the Metal Workers, the recognized organ of the metal trade. They show that Scranton lost a good thing when it did not accept Mr. Torbet's offer made five years ago to establish a tin plate factory here.

July 1, 1898, tin plate sold for \$2.85 per hundred pounds; Jan. 1, 1899, it was selling for \$2.90. At present it sells for \$4.05, and it is hard to get at that.

Commenting on the remarkable increase in the selling price of tin and other metals, the article says that these conditions are brought about by the natural laws of supply and demand, and further on states: "Judging from present conditions, there is no likelihood of lower prices this year, while, on the other hand, they may get still higher as scarcity develops in other lines. There is no sign of any check in the consumption of products and stocks of both raw materials and manufactured goods are generally light throughout the country. The second half of 1899 promises to show

The man who has lost a leg on the field of battle may find a fairly serviceable substitute in a crutch or a wooden leg, but the man whose lungs have been invaded by the deadly germs of consumption must not attempt to give up all hope.

There is no substitute for a destroyed lung, and there is no hope for lungs that are crippled, save in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Although sweet to the taste it contains the strongest medicine that often disagrees with the dyspeptic stomach. It contains no alcohol to inebriate or create morbid craving for stimulants. It is the only known medicine that, acting through the blood, will build new and healthy lung tissues. It builds up the lungs because it builds up the whole body. It endows a man with the appetite of a football player. It puts strength and muscle into the stomach and intestines and causes the digestive juices to flow freely. It fills the blood with the elements that build up every organ and tissue of the body. It turns diseased lung tissue into healthy tissue by aiding nature in her own process of tearing down and rebuilding. It cures bronchitis, weak lungs, bleeding from lungs and lingering coughs. It prevents consumption by curing the weakness that leads up to it. Honest druggists do not offer substitutes, and urge them upon you as "just as good." Below is one of the thousands who have testified to these facts.

Abram Freer, Esq., of Rockbridge, Greene Co., Ill., writes: "My wife had a severe attack of pleurisy and lung trouble; the doctors gave her up to die. She commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and she began to improve from the first dose. By the time she had taken eight or ten bottles she was cured, and it was the cause of a large amount being sold here. I think the 'Golden Medical Discovery' is the best medicine in the world for lung trouble. My wife is now using the 'Favorite Prescription' for 'turn of life'.

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at least an equally large volume of business with the first half of the year." From another article in the same paper it is learned that there are 288 tin plate mills in active operation in this country, an increase of eight during the quarter ending June 30, 1899. Of these mills, 272, or nearly 95 per cent., are owned and operated by the American Tin Plate Company. These mills of the trust have a producing capacity of 10,000,000 boxes a year.

MACHINERY PROBLEM. Mr. Torbet says there is a serious question as to whether or not machinery can be secured for a new tin plate mill within a reasonable length of time, as the trust has secured control of the total output of all the manufacturers in the country, save one, for the next five years. As this one independent factory must supply the needs of all mills not in the trust and all mills that may be erected, it is apparent that there will be some difficulty in having an order filled out with any degree of despatch.

This question with the others will be answered by Mr. Torbet in the report which he has promised to prepare for the board of trade. He hopes to have it ready in time for the members to thoroughly digest it before the sessions of the board are resumed in September.

NO COMPASS NEEDED. Many Ways Which the Cardinal Points May Be Fixed. From Forest and Stream.

The many different methods to determine the cardinal points while on the mountains, in both heavy timber and small brush, or upon the featureless expanse of a great marsh, are exceedingly numerous and reliable enough for all practical purposes during an every-day life in the bush, unless a very long journey is to be made, which would make it necessary to hold on a very fine point while making a long distance.

We will first take notes on the coniferous trees—pines, firs, spruces, cedars, hemlocks, etc. The bark of these is always lighter in color, harder and dryer on the south side of the tree; while it is in color much darker, it is also damper and often covered with mold and moss on the north side. The sun that comes out from the wounds, knots, etc., is usually hard and often of beautiful amber color on the south side, while on the northern side it remains sticky longer and gets covered with insects and dirt, seldom drying out to more than a dirty gray in color.

On large trees that have rough bark, especially during the fall and winter months, the nets and webs of insects, spiders, etc., will always be found in the crevices on the south side. A preponderance of the large branches will also be found on the warmest or southern side of the tree. Also, the needles of all these, especially of firs, are shorter, dryer and of a yellowish green on the southern side, while they will be found longer, more slender and pliable, damper to the touch and darker green in color on the north side. The cedars and hemlocks, as if trying to outdo the others, always bend their slender tops of new growth toward a southern sky.

The hardwood trees are equally as communicative, and have all the characteristics, as far as regards their trunks, of the coniferous trees, except the absence of gums; but this is more than made up for by the fungus growth of mold and mosses that is very noticeable on the north side of these trees.

The edge of rocks, which may be part of stupendous mountains, or merely occasional cropping out here and there in the woods, or, perhaps, some great boulder alone by itself, a silent witness of the glacial period, all alike testify to the effect of the light and shade. The sunny side will usually be bare, or, at most, boast of a thin growth of harsh, dry kinds of mosses, and that will grow only when having the light, while the northern side will be found damp and moldy and often covered with a luxuriant growth of soft, damp mosses that love the shade, while every crevice will bear aloft beautiful and gracefully waving ferns.

The forest floor on the sunny side of hills, ridges, chains of trees, bushes, big rocks, etc., is more noisy under the footfall than on the northern side of such places, where the dead leaves and litter are soft and damp, holding more

moisture than in places exposed to the light of the sun.

In an open country nearly void of timber, clumps of small bushes during the summer will furnish all the conditions found to exist among the leaves of the trees, being equally sensitive to light and shade as are the mosses of the woods. The landscape, green with moving grasses and beautiful to the eye, which feasts on the countless number of wild flowers, representing every form and hue known in the flower kingdom, also furnishes a reliable guide for locating the cardinal points, as sunset wild flowers, especially the long-stemmed varieties, hide their faces from the north, and like the sunflower, turn toward a southern sky.

KNIFE DUELS IN SPAIN. From the Anglo-American Magazine.

The frequency of bloody knife duels in the cities of Southern Spain is something appalling to foreigners. Among the lower classes every man carries a murderous knife, the blade of which is usually twelve or fourteen inches long, and of razor-like sharpness. It is called a faja. The entire man's population carry whistles, pito de carretilla. These whistles are used for the purpose of announcing that a street fight with knives is about to begin. Everybody while hearing when a whistle blows rushes to the scene, and is sure to witness the serious fighting if not the killing of one or both combatants. Statistics indicate that for every 100,000 inhabitants there is an average of one death per day resulting from these knife duels.

I was about nine years old when I first witnessed a pito de faja fight. I had been to my father's place of business, and was returning home when I heard the shrill notes of a pito de carretilla—then another and another. I saw men and boys running toward the intersection of two streets, and I was quickly among the eager and rapidly gathering throng. Although I had never witnessed a knife duel, I was well aware of the meaning of the blast upon the whistles, and knew that two men were sure to engage in deadly combat. I was among the first to arrive upon the scene. This is what I saw: Two men of about equal age engaged in trying to kill each other at the ankles with their handkerchiefs, and they tied them most effectively. Each was bareheaded. I can remember even now the deadly hatred with which each scowled at the other. Each took off his coat and placed it carefully upon his left arm. There was a moment's pause—it was the suspense moment—and then both men drew their murderous knives from their sheaths and each began striking, plunging and slashing at his opponent, each parrying and guarding as much as possible, with the arm protected somewhat by the coat which hung upon it.

As the men were tied together it was impossible for the fight to be long continued, and in a very few moments both combatants had fallen. It was found that one had received seventeen wounds and the other fourteen; both were lying on their backs. They were brought from the hospital Noble, which was near at hand, and the wounded men were carried there. The sequel of this pelea was unique in the particular that the combatants were placed upon cots which brought them near each other, and the result was that as soon as they revived sufficiently they renewed their fight and both were killed.

UNNECESSARY EXPLANATION. From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He was describing a hole-up in which he had played the star part.

"Yes," he said, "the biggest ruffian held me so tightly against the brick wall that I could feel the mortar scratching my backbone. 'Gimme your watch!' he growled. 'I gave it to him immediately.' There was a pause.

"'Give it right up, eh?' said a breathless listener.

"'Yes,' said the victim. 'I did.' Then he dramatically added: 'You see, I was pressed for time!'

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OUTLINE OF PLAN FOR NEW Y. M. C. A.

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New Building Will Be Erected on the Blair Property at Washington Avenue and Mulberry Street—Prospectus of Instructions to Architects Will Be Issued on Saturday. Competition on Plans Will Close on September 15—Department the Building Will Contain.

The exclusive announcement made in The Tribune of last Wednesday that the new Young Men's Christian association building will be erected on the Blair property at Washington avenue and Mulberry street, was confirmed yesterday by an official announcement made by the officers of the association that the Blair property had been secured in exchange for the old Young Men's Christian association site on Wyoming avenue and that the bonus of \$10,000 referred to in The Tribune has been guaranteed by the property owners of Washington avenue, who feel that the erection of a handsome association building in their locality will be a great benefit to them.

The trustees and directors refused to make any final decision until unanimous action can be had. Several propositions were entertained, but the present transaction is the only one which seemed to command universal support from all concerned.

A SPLENDID SITE. That the present site will be a splendid one for the purpose is evident. Bein a corner lot, it will give what the association must have for the proposed new building, with its dormitory features so permanent as a source of revenue and means of usefulness to many young men.

The copy for the prospectus of instructions to architects who propose to compete for the new building will be issued Saturday and will contain the list of requirements for the building—cave, drug store, barber shop and doctors' offices will occupy a part of the first floor. The rest of the space being taken for well-arranged rooms for a work for boys.

The association officers reception rooms, etc., will be on the second floor. The third floor of both front and rear buildings will be occupied by the class rooms of the John Raymond institute of Manual Training. The upper floors will contain 100 rooms for men.

THE HALL AND GYM. Both the hall and the gymnasium will be on the ground floor and will be two stories in height. A splendid natatorium, baths, bowling alley, etc., will occupy the basement. The building will be equipped with elevator and will possess, among other interesting features, a roof garden which will, no doubt, be a popular summer evening resort with the members. It is understood that a great canvass for the balance of funds needed will be conducted through the summer and vigorously pushed during the early fall.

The competition of architects will close on Sept. 15, and it is hoped that contracts can be let by Oct. 15 at latest.

The Blair property measures 290 feet on Mulberry street and 160 on Washington avenue. The Y. M. C. A. purchase is 290 feet on Mulberry street and 90 feet on Washington avenue. The Blair estate still retaining a lot 70 feet on Washington avenue and 290 feet deep adjoining the site of the new building.

What He Would Like to Know. "Hullo, Tipples, where have you been to?" "I wish what—hic—can't make out—hic—what you've said, but I—hic—remember, 'Can't recall whether—whether—hic—whether I've been to twenty push—hic—or—or— tone—one—hic—should say.'—PICK-UP-IT.

Good for a Starter. "I say, I've an offer to go to work for a West End wholesale house. What would you do if you were in my shoes?" "After a careful inspection: 'I think I would black 'em.'"

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