

ENGLISH INN SIGNS.

One That Cast a Reflection on King George III.

One of the last stopping places of the London and Weymouth coach was at a little Dorset village, whose principal hostelry was known as the Ass' Head.

DISCOVERY OF COAL.

Mentioned by a Jesuit in 1679 and Mined First in 1749.

So far as known the first mention of the occurrence of coal in the United States is contained in the journal of Father Hennepin, a Jesuit missionary, who in 1679 recorded a "cole mine" on Illinois river near the present city of Ottawa, Ill.

Coal was first mined in the Richmond basin, Virginia, about seventy years after Father Hennepin's discovery in Illinois, but the first records of production from the Virginia mines were for the year 1822, when, according to one authority, 54,000 tons were mined.

Ohio probably ranks second in priority of production, as coal was discovered there in 1755, but the records of production date back only to 1838.

The mining of anthracite in Pennsylvania began about 1790, and it is said that fifty-five tons were shipped to Columbia, Pa., in 1807.

She Wasn't Much of a Politician, but She Was Truthful.

Mrs. Elliot sighed so deeply as she took out her hatpins that her husband looked up from the evening paper. "I don't believe I've any bent for politics," she said in response to his inquiring glance.

"You see, Harry," she continued confidently, "I don't really care a fig who is in office so long as I'm not. I like the members very well, and I'd as lief have one as another president or secretary or on committees.

"I have no favorites, I'm truly impartial. But that won't work. If you belong to a woman's club you are forced to sweat and agonize over candidates. You must be partisan or be out with both sides.

"You know Mrs. George has been president for five years, and every year Mrs. Tufts has tried to get Mrs. George out and herself in. About a week ago she came to me and said she was sure of the nomination if I would vote for her.

"Today, just before balloting, Edith Reynolds came to me and said I must vote for Mrs. George. Edith said I owed it to her—you know she helped me make over my blue foulard and canned all those peaches for me when cook burned her hand.

"Everybody wanted Mrs. George, Edith said, and if I voted for her she would get the nomination. I thought it over and said I would vote for her. I admire and respect her very much. She is so witty and forcible when she presides, and she speaks French beautifully and I thought if everybody wanted her it was only proper that I should.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE DANVILLE AND MAHONING POOR DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1, 1900.

J. P. BARE, Treasurer, in account with the Directors of the Danville and Mahoning Poor District.

To balance due Directors at last settlement..... \$ 540.49

To cash received from returns taxes..... 16.48

To cash received from M. J. Bare on account of the year 1899..... 25.00

To cash from of er districts..... 188.26

To cash received from J. P. Bare, Mahoning..... 6.00

To cash received from Gregory dowery..... 110.00

To cash received from J. P. Bare, Mahoning on duplicate for 1899..... 570.00

To cash received from J. P. Bare on duplicate for 1900..... 756.15

Stock Raised. 100 Chickens..... \$ 37.00, 2 Calves..... 14.00, 2 Pigs..... 12.00, 6 Turkeys..... 12.00, \$175.00

Papers admitted during the year 1897..... 14, Left..... 6, Died..... 6, Number in House Jan. 1st, 1897..... 17, Tramps Relieved during the year 1897..... 11, Night lodgings furnished Tramps..... 217, Meals furnished Tramps..... 69

DESIRE OF DISTINCTION.

Quaint illustration of a Peculiar Phase of Human Nature.

In "Doc Gordon," by Mary E. Wilkins-Freeman, is a quaint illustration of a peculiar phase of human nature. It develops with the visits of the two doctors to their poorer patients:

James drove all the morning with Dr. Gordon about the New Jersey country. The country people were either sturmiest with an odd shyness, which had something almost hostile in it, or they were effusively hospitable, forcing apple jack upon the two doctors.

James when he and the doctor were again in the buggy. "They are," said Dr. Gordon; "even the old woman herself, who knows well enough that she has not long to live. Did you ever think that the desire of distinction was one of the most, perhaps the most, intense purely spiritual emotions of the human soul? Look at the way these people live here, grubbing away at the soil like ants. The most of them have in their lives just three ways of attracting notice, the momentary consideration of their kind—birth, marriage, sickness and death. With the first they are hardly actively concerned; even with the second many have nothing to do. There are more women than men, as usual, and although the women want to marry, all the men do not. There remains only sickness and death for a standby, so to speak. If one of them is really sick and dies, the people are aroused to take notice. The sick person and the corpse have a certain state and dignity which they have never attained before.

Why, bless you, man, I have one patient, a middle aged woman, who has been laid up for years with rheumatism, and she is fairly vainglorious, and so is her mother. She brags of her invalid daughter. If she had been merely an old maid on her hands, she would have been ashamed of her, and the woman herself would have been sour and discontented. But she has fairly married rheumatism. It has been to her as a husband, and in return, I tell you, young man, one thing, I have his little footstool of elevation among his fellows, even if it is a mighty queer one, or he loses his self respect, and self respect is the best jewel we have."

Beat Club on a University Campus. President Judson of Chicago university met with twenty or thirty of the university's alumni the other night at the Harvard club in New York. He told them about the present condition of the institution and about the plans for the future based on John D. Rockefeller's munificent gifts of the last two years, says the New York Times. He told the alumni that some day Chicago university could have its boat club on the campus. Plans now being carried out contemplate bringing water from Lake Michigan right up to the front steps of the university. In reporting informally on the condition of the university the president said that because of recent gifts there was no need to pursue a policy of retrenchment at Chicago; that the salaries of the instructors, indeed, were being raised.

"When a lion eats an antelope it is only devouring glorified grass," was the comforting reflection delivered by Dr. Andrew Wilson at Bristol the other day. We see now that the king of beasts is apt to regard the average wayfarer as merely a man of straw—London Globe.

Receipts and Expenditures of Montour County, Penn'a.

For the Year Ending January 6th., A. D., 1908.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE TAX ACCOUNTS OF THE SEVERAL COLLECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1907. TABLE WITH COLUMNS FOR DISTRICTS, COLLECTORS, COUNTY TAX, STATE TAX, and DOG TAX.

S. K. HOFFMAN, TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH MONTOUR COUNTY.

DR. TO CASH RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES: Balance on hand at last settlement, County tax received for 1907, County tax received for prior years, State tax received for 1907, etc.

S. K. HOFFMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH LICENSES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 1907. Amount of wholesale and retail mercantile licenses, Amount of pool licenses, Amount of eating house licenses, etc.

CLASSIFIED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES. COURT EXPENSES AND COMMONWEALTH COSTS: Grand jurors, Travelling jurors, Constables making quarterly returns and tipstaves, etc.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AUDITORS, ETC.: Charles W. Cook, yearly salary, George M. Leighow, yearly salary, George R. Seehler, yearly salary, etc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF MONTOUR COUNTY. To amount of bonded indebtedness, To amount due Commonwealth for taxes on County indebtedness, etc.

S. K. HOFFMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS FOR TAXES ARISING FROM UNSEATED LANDS. TABLE WITH COLUMNS FOR DISTRICTS and TAXES RECEIVED IN 1907.

LECTORS RETURNS. TABLE WITH COLUMNS FOR DISTRICTS and TAXES RECEIVED IN 1907.

We, the undersigned Commissioners of Montour County, Pa., do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of receipts and expenditures of said county for the year ending January 6th., A. D., 1908 is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal of office this 11th day of January, A. D., 1908.

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