

Montour American

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NO TROLLEYS FOR STANDARD OIL

Denying that it has anything to do with the proposed trolley merger in this section of the State, the great Standard Oil Co., of New Jersey, has taken the pains to write a letter to this paper telling of that fact. The writer declares that the Standard Oil company is satisfied with dealing in coal oil and its products and does not propose to go into the street car business.

Editor American,
Danville, Pa.

"Dear Sir:—Observing in a recent issue of your paper a statement to the effect that a proposed merger of trolley lines in your section the Standard Oil company was supposed to be back of the consolidation, I beg to state authoritatively that neither the Standard Oil company nor any combination representing what are loosely called "Standard Oil interests" has any direct or indirect part in the movement for acquiring either interest in or control of the trolley lines.

"It seems to be generally accepted by editors and often the public that whenever a proposed move in commercial industrial fields has anything of mystery in its make-up, it is safe to assume that the Standard Oil company is the hidden power. However flattering this may be to the company's means and influence, it will be seen at a glance that it gives opportunity to schemers to hide their identity behind the company's name. This course, when taken, may attract the capital of the credulous to doubtful enterprises or serve to divert blame and suspicion from real promoters, but it should not be tolerated in serious matters of business. The Standard Oil company is interested in the oil business and what directly pertains thereto, and editors and public are warned that reports, hints or insinuations of the company's interests in outside projects should be viewed with incredulity. It has recently been found necessary to contradict statements of the company being interested in mergers of ice, milk and cattle-feed companies, as well as combinations of banks. In none of these has it any interest. Even in petroleum and related subjects it has had within a short time to deny that it is exploiting a petroleum but-ter and to say that it is not promoting a portable gas-making plant widely attributed to it.

"Asking the courtesy of space in your paper for this respectful disclaimer, believe me,
Yours faithfully,
CHARLES T. WHITE,
Assistant Secretary, Standard Oil company, New Jersey."

COURSE IN FORESTRY.

United States Government to Hold Ranger School at Colorado Springs. Arrangements have been made by the United States government to cooperate with the Colorado College School of Forestry at Colorado Springs in giving a forest rangers' course during the winter. The course will be special, covering a period of ten weeks, from Jan. 11 to March 24, 1910, and is planned to meet the needs of forest rangers of District 2, including national forests in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, western Nebraska and western Kansas, timber cruisers, logging superintendents, owners of timberlands and any who wish to acquire a general knowledge of the principles of forestry and lumbering.

Men from the district office of the forest service at Denver will be detailed to assist the college faculty in the instruction. The first fifteen days of the course will be held at the college, and the remainder of the course will be given at Manitou park, within the Pike national forest, where practical demonstration will be given and actual work done along the lines of study. The Colorado School of Forestry owns a 18,000 acre tract of timberland there and is equipped with cabins to accommodate the students. A commissary will be conducted at the park, which will bring the cost of living within the means of all and encourage attendance of men whose financial condition might otherwise prevent their taking up the studies.

No tuition will be charged, and the course will be open to forest officers as well as men not in the service who desire to attend. To reward faithful service and encourage advancement among the forest officers each national forest will be entitled to send one ranger. The selection of the men will be left to the discretion of the supervisors, who are best fitted to judge of a ranger's qualifications for the detail.

This course will be supplemented by a course of study on the national forests during the winter, outlined and carried on by the supervisor, outlined and carried on by the supervisor, aided by the district office. Each forest office is equipped with a forest library, and text books will be selected from the library and circulated among the rangers, accompanied by digests. The circulation of the books will be systematically arranged and progress of the work checked by periodically reviewing the work.

The Only Exception.

The Suburbanite—I suppose the folks next door don't know we have a Christmas tree.
The Wife—What makes you think so?
The Suburbanite—Well, they haven't sent in to borrow it.—Brooklyn Life.

He Was a Good Mixer.

There used to be a popular minister in Indianapolis, who was well known in Louisville. He was pastor of one of the leading churches of the city. He was built on the plan of the late Henry George, whose motto was, "I am for men." This Indianapolis preacher was what is called a "good mixer." One day he stopped in a blacksmith shop to chat with the workmen. During the visit a florid faced man of prosperous appearance came into the shop. He and the minister began chatting, but neither knew the other's line of business. They became good friends in a few minutes. Finally the florid faced man produced his card, which announced that he was in the saloon business on West street.

"Come down to my place any time," he said, "and I'll show you a good time."
"All right," replied the minister, "and, by the way, I'm running a pretty good place myself. Come and see me, and I'll show you a good time."
"I'll sure do that," said the other. "But, by the way, where is your joint?"
"My joint," was the reply, "is the First Presbyterian church. Just inquire for Myron W. Weed, the pastor, and I'll be at your service."—Louisville Times.

The Military Salute.

All salutes, from taking off the hat to presenting arms, originally implied respect or submission. Of military salutes, raising the right hand to the head is generally believed to have originated from the days of the tournament, when the knights filed past the throne of the queen of beauty and by way of compliment raised their hands to their brows to imply that her beauty was too dazzling for unshaded eyes to gaze upon.

The officer's salute with the sword has a double meaning. The first position, with the hilt opposite the lips, is a repetition of the crusader's action in kissing the cross hilt of his sword in token of faith and fealty, while lowering the point afterward implies either submission or friendship, meaning in either case that it is no longer necessary to stand on guard. Raising the hand to the forehead has also been explained as a sign that the weapon hand is empty and in an inoffensive position, but this reason does not seem so convincing as the others.

A Toothsome Revenge.

During the reign of Charles II, the age of gallantry, it was the custom among gentlemen when they drank a lady's health in order that they might do her still more honor to destroy at the same time some part of their clothing.

Upon one occasion Sir Charles Sedley was dining in a tavern and had a particularly fine necktie on, whereupon one of his friends to play him a trick drank to the health of a certain lady, at the same time throwing his necktie in the fire. Of course Sir Charles had to do likewise, but he got even, for not long after that, dining with the same company, he drank the health of a fair one, at the same time ordering a dentist whom he had engaged to be present to pull out a refractory tooth which had been troubling him. Every one else was obliged in this manner to mourn a molar.

A Story of Gambetta.

It is told of Gambetta that once, when in the heyday of his power, when he went to some agricultural department to oust a reactionary candidate in favor of one of his friends, he inquired about the agriculturist's wants. "We are sadly in need of rain," came the answer. "I'll see about it when I get to Paris," promised Gambetta. And his listeners believed in his promise. The record runs that the rain came down in torrents a day or two after and that when the reactionary candidate presented himself he was hoisted at. "Let your party do as much for us as Gambetta, and we'll elect you," they said.

Anatomical Expert.

When a butcher answered the bell of his telephone instrument one day the shrill voice of a little girl greeted his ears. "Hello! Is that Mr. Wilson?" "Yes," he answered kindly.

"Well, can you tell us where grandpa's liver is? We've got to put a hot flannel on it, and we can't find it!"—London Telegraph.

Her Train.

"I shall miss my train," she said petulantly.

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His Share.

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Varied Formulas.

"Did he tell the whole truth?" "Practically. He told the truth with a hole just large enough for him to crawl out of it."—Puck.

Doing Very Well.

"How's your son making out in business?" asked the first capitalist.

"Very well, indeed," replied the other; "he's got a quarter of a million."
"Why, you started him with a million, didn't you?"
"Yes, and it's two months now since he started operations in Wall street."—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Choice of Calves.

The difficulties of the early Virginian colonists had with their live stock is curiously illustrated by the fact that in the colony of Massachusetts Bay a red calf was cheaper than a black one, experience having shown that the former was more likely to be attacked by wolves owing, it was thought, to the wolves mistaking it for a deer.

PETER DIETRICH FREE AGAIN

Peter Dietrich after standing trial four times for the killing of James A. Jones, serving a year's sentence in the Luzerne county jail and being deprived of his liberty for nearly four years, is again a free man.

Dietrich, it will be recalled, at his fourth trial, held in Luzerne county on a charge of venue, on September 26, 1908, was found guilty of "voluntary manslaughter" and later was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the Luzerne county jail.

Peter got full benefit of the law of commutation and his term was reduced two months. He was released from prison last Saturday and spent his first day of freedom in Wilkes-Barre. He came to Danville Monday, registering at the Baldy House.

He is looking well. He says he was kindly treated at the Luzerne county jail, for the greater part of the time having charge of a gang of prisoners who were working outside the jail.

He has planned to remain in Danville. He will embark in some kind of business, he says, and endeavor to begin life over again.

Curious Proposals.

Even the harmless necessary cat may be made the medium of a proposal. A modest swain went one evening to the cottage of his ladylove and found her seated by the fire knitting stockings, a large cat at her feet. After sitting some time in silence he took the cat on his knee and said, or rather stammered out, "Pussy, ask Lizzie if she'll marry me." Lizzie blushed and said, "Pussy, you can tell Jamie that I'll tak' him."

Another bashful lover presented a prayer book to the object of his preference with the words, "Will you have this man to be thy wedded husband?" underlined. The book was returned with the momentous words, "I will," underlined.

Dr. Thomas Dawson, who was celebrated in the last century, did not propose himself by a book, but was proposed to in this way: One day he found an admiring patient alone, sitting with the family Bible before her. The physician read the words to which her forefinger pointed, the words of Nathan to David, "Thou art the man." He took the hint and married the lady.—London Standard.

Work of restoring the ancient, tumbledown building at old Fort Lyons, Colo., now the United States naval sanitarium, where Kit Carson, greatest of western scouts, died, has been commenced, and within the next few months it will be turned over to the Daughters of the American Revolution of Colorado for a museum.

The restoration will bring it back to its original condition in practically every detail and give to the state one of the most historic landmarks which it possesses.

It is an old stone house, warped and weather beaten, but in such condition that it can easily be restored. It stands almost in the center of the big group of buildings at the naval sanitarium.

It is quite likely that when the restoration is completed it will be dedicated with appropriate ceremony by the Daughters. Already an effort is on foot to collect relics of Carson's day, particularly articles belonging to him personally, and a pistol and inkstand have been secured as a nucleus.

Originally the little old stone building was the medical headquarters of the fort, and Carson had been taken there from his home at Boggsville, some miles from Lyons, a very sick man. The only persons with him when he died were Dr. Tilton, medical officer of the post; First Sergeant Luke Cahill and a hospital steward whose name is now forgotten, and of this trio the only one living is Luke Cahill, a resident of Las Animas, Colo.

Overjoyed.

"How did papa act when you asked him for my hand?"
"I could see that he was trying to control himself, but he presented all the symptoms of a man who has drawn a straight flush."—Houston Post.

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It was the custom in medieval times to serve round meat on a spit and to pass it round the table for each guest to cut off what he liked. In France one still finds chicken livers and bacon served on small spits.

It is probable that many people continue to prefer fingers to table utensils even after these were perfected and in general use, for knives were certainly invented at the period when Charles XII. chose to butter his bread with his royal thumb.

LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR LICENSE IN MONTOUR COUNTY AT JANUARY SESSION 1910.

At License Court to be held January 21st, 1910 at 10 o'clock a. m., for Hotel, Wholesale Liquor Stores, Distillers, Brewers and Bottlers, with names, places of residence, location, &c., of each.

NAMES OF APPLICANTS.

Ernest N. Smith, 1st ward, Danville, Hotel

Frank G. Peters, 1st ward, Danville, Hotel

James C. Heddens, 1st ward, Danville, Hotel

S. M. Dietz, 1st ward, Danville, Hotel

J. B. Karlson, 1st ward, Danville, Hotel

Daniel B. Heddens, 1st ward, Danville, Hotel

Daniel Marks, 1st ward, Danville, Hotel

Emil Gaertner, 1st ward, Brewery

William C. Williams, 1st ward, Danville, Hotel

Joseph Smith, 1st ward, Danville, Hotel

Albert Kemmer, 2nd ward, Danville, Hotel

W. H. N. Walker, 2nd ward, Danville, Hotel

Elias Maier, 3rd ward, Danville, Restaurant

Wm. E. Schuck, 3rd ward, Danville, Restaurant

Paul P. Swentek, 3rd ward, Danville, Hotel

James Tooley, 3rd ward, Danville, Hotel

David Steiner, 3rd ward, Danville, Wholesale Liquor Store

Augustus Treas, 3rd ward, Danville, Restaurant

Peter Treas, 3rd ward, Danville, Hotel

Clarence E. Peifer, 3rd ward, Danville, Hotel

John C. Peifer, 3rd ward, Danville, Wholesale Liquor Store

George A. Meyers, 3rd ward, Danville, Hotel

Thomas Buck, 3rd ward, Danville, Hotel

James Ryan, 3rd ward, Danville, Hotel

Elizabeth Moyer, 3rd ward, Danville, Hotel

John Kranack, 3rd ward, Danville, Hotel

John Tooley, 3rd ward, Danville, Hotel

Harry W. Fields, 3rd ward, Danville, Restaurant

Hanover Brewing Company, 4th ward, Danville, Brewery

M. M. Houghton, Exchange, Anthony township, Hotel

Lucretia Beaver, Derry township, Hotel

Clarence Frazier, Derry township, Hotel

Joseph Hilkert, Liberty township, Hotel

W. D. Wise, Valley township, Hotel

Francis Sheatler, Valley township, Hotel

Fanny Heddens, Washingtonville, Hotel

Amandus L. Heddens, Washingtonville, Hotel

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing named persons have filed with the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Montour County, their Petitions for License, which will be presented to the said Court on Friday, the 21st day of January, A. D., 1910 at 10 o'clock a. m.

THOS. G. VINCENT, Clerk of Q. S., Danville, Pa., January 6th, 1910.

Edward D. Rhoades, charged with passing forged checks, is said to have admitted his guilt at Easton. He pleaded for mercy on the ground that he is a morphia fiend. His excuse did not appeal to Judge Scott and the fellow got four years. He is said to have deserted his wife and children, who are in Philadelphia.

The Packer collieries, near Shenandoah, were forced to close down on account of lack of water. The Girard reservoirs, which supply the mines, are almost dry and Girardville and a half dozen villages, supplied from the reservoirs, were put on a two hour basis out of the twenty-four hours.

The bond measures necessary to enable the administration to begin the big improvement work authorized by the vote of the people on the \$6,775,000 bond issue, passed the Pittsburg council. There were two ordinances, one authorizing the sale of bonds aggregating \$3,420,000 and the other specifically appropriating the money for various improvements.

Worrying over his failure to return to health, it is thought, caused Rev. Paul Axtell, aged 28, to take his life in the home of his father at Lebanon, by shooting himself through the heart. He was pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Sewickley, and was away on a leave of absence.

The Elephant's Revenge.

In the autobiography of Mr. Lindley Murray a passage occurs from which it appears that one of the clearest heads that ever engaged in the business of analysis was well high cracked by a simple agent for a small offense. In the year 1771 he visited the elephants at the queen's palace and, from whatever motive, ventured to withdraw a portion of the hay which one of them had been collecting with his proboscis on the floor. The little affront offended the sagacious animal highly. The keeper remarked that he would never forget, and it was obvious from the rapid convulsions of his trunk that he only wanted an opportunity to avenge the misappropriation of his property on the spot. The grammarian, however, kept out of his way, probably thinking no more of the matter, until he chanced to revisit the same place after an interval of several weeks. On this occasion a number of other persons were present, but of the whole the elephant singled out his enemy and aimed a desperate blow at his head, which, fortunately, neither proved fatal nor took effect.

Made His Ideas Flow. I used to write for a medical periodical. On returning home one day after a very heavy day's work at the hospital and feeling completely exhausted I found a note from the editor. "Please let me have an article on such and such a subject tonight." I sat down with pen and paper before me, but not a word could I write. Then I lay back lazily and began to speculate as to the cause of my want of ideas. I thought: "The brain is the same as it was yesterday, but yesterday I was not tired. Perhaps it is the feeble circulation that prevents the brain from acting. If the blood does not go up to the brain I may bring the brain down to the blood." I therefore placed my head flat on the table, looking sideways at the paper, and began to write easily. On raising my head again every idea fled, so I placed my head again down on the table and finished the article with my head in that position.—Sir T. Lauder Brunton in Practitioner.

Work of the Earthworm. When we behold a wide, turf covered expanse we should remember that its smoothness, on which so much of its beauty depends, is mainly due to all the inequalities having been slowly leveled by worms. It is a marvelous reflection that the whole of the superficial mold over any such expanse has passed and will pass again every few years through the bodies of worms. The plow is one of the most ancient and most valuable of man's inventions, but long before he existed the land was, in fact, regularly plowed by earthworms. It may be doubted whether there are many other animals which have played so important a part in the history of the world as have these little organized creatures. Some old animals, however, still more lowly organized—namely, corals—have done more conspicuous work in having constructed innumerable reefs and islets in the great oceans, but these are most confined to the tropical zones.

A Stage Manager's Ruse. The house bill of the Imperial theater of La Roche-sur-Yon announced for the evening performance "La Tour de Nesle," a five act melodrama, and "La Soeur de Joerisse," a one act farce. The drama had been disposed of, but the low comedian was missing and could not be found. What was to be done? A luminous idea finally entered the manager's mind. The orchestra played an overture, then another then a third, then a polka and finally a quadrille. At last, when the audience had grown quite obstreperous, the stage manager appeared. He addressed the three conventional bows to the spectators and said: "Ladies and gentlemen, you are anxious, I know, to listen to 'La Soeur de Joerisse.' The piece has just been acted, but through an unaccountable oversight on the part of the stage hands they forgot to raise the curtain."

Saw It in a Dream. For many years ivory manufacturers were trying to devise a machine for turning out a billiard ball as nearly perfect as possible and at the same time avoiding waste. Among those who strove to perfect such a machine was Mr. John Carter of the firm of John Carter & Son, well known ivory manufacturers. One night, after Mr. Carter had been striving to solve the problem for some time, he suddenly awoke his wife by shouting out, "I have got it," and rushed downstairs into his study, where he made a drawing of the last knife for the want of which he had been so long waiting in order to complete his machine. It appears that he had fallen asleep and dreamed about the machine, and in the dream the solution of the difficulty was revealed to him.—London Answers.

Pillsbury's Wonderful Memory. Harry N. Pillsbury, the chess player, offered one day in South Bethlehem, Pa., to memorize thirty words, no matter how hard they might be, the selections to be read to him only once.

Professor Merriman of Lehigh university and Dr. Threlkeld-Edwards of Bethlehem picked out most of the following words: Antiplogistine, peristomium, takinastane, plasmasin, ambrosia, Threlkeld, streptococcus, staphylococcus, micrococcus, plasmodium, Mississippi, Frelheit, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, athletics, no, Eichenburg, American, Russia, philosopher, Pict-Potgieters-Rost, Salmagundi, Omsellicooost, Bangmamvato, Schlochter's Nek, Manzingama, theosophy, catechism, Madjesoomslopa.

Mr. Pillsbury immediately repeated these words in the order given and to the reverse order.

Settled the Difficulty. An insurance agent had vainly tried to persuade a man to insure his valuables against burglary. "A safe's all very well," he admitted, "but look at the constant trouble of locking up and unlocking to see if your things are all right."

"I've got over that difficulty," declared the weary listener.

"Indeed!" said the agent incredulously.

"How?"

"I've had a window put in the safe," growled the other.

THE PRESENCE OF CHEMICALS

Dr. P. C. Newbaker, president of the local board of health, yesterday stated that in view of the epidemic of intestinal disorder he thought it would be advisable for all people who use hydrant water to boil the same before drinking it. An order requiring that the water be boiled has been issued by the school board and has gone into effect at the various school buildings. Dr. Newbaker is of the opinion that it is just as important that the water used for drinking purposes be boiled in the dwelling houses as in the school buildings of town.

He is not positively convinced that the epidemic can be traced to the water supply, but at the same time he says the latter is not above suspicion. He cites the fact that the water periodically throws off the odor of chemicals and becomes highly offensive when it is boiled. The theory entertained by the board of health is that the chemicals are introduced into the sewage during the process of purification at the disposal plant at the hospital for the insane.

A MENACE.

Dr. Newbaker admits that the effluent from the disposal plant as discharged into the river may be relatively free from sewage, but questions whether the presence of chemicals in it does not make it as great a menace to our water supply as the untreated sewage.

Especial emphasis is placed on the fact that before the purification plant was installed the sewage was carried by the pipe a considerable distance out in the river where it was caught up by the current and carried down in midstream, beyond the intake of the water works; whereas since the installation of the disposal plant the heavy volume of effluent, carried to the river through the big surface sewer, drops into the stream close to the shore where the current is scarcely perceptible. As viewed by the board of health in this way our water supply takes in relatively a greater amount of impurity than before.

An Ingenious Device. When Sir Robert Perks' school days were over he entered the office of a firm of lawyers and worked very hard. It was no uncommon thing to find him reading law at 5 in the morning, and this often after he had been working late on the previous night. As a matter of fact, he made it an inflexible rule never to be in bed of a morning after 5. To enforce this rule he invented an ingenious device. This consisted of a long glass tube filled with water nicely balanced over his head and attached by a string to an alarm.

At the desired hour the bell rang and awakened the sleeper. If within a few seconds he did not leap from his bed and avert the calamity the descending weight of the clock destroyed the balance of the tube, and down poured the water on his guilty head.—From "The Life Story of Sir Robert W. Perks, Bart. M. P.," by Dennis Crane.

His Specialty. "That clerk of yours seems to be a hard worker." "Yes, that's his specialty." "What—working?" "No. Seeming to."—Boston Transcript.

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