

COL. ASTOR INVENTOR

Will Give to Public Method for Making Practical Use of Peat.

Colonel John Jacob Astor, who has appeared frequently on the Patent Office records as an inventor of practical devices, has applied for a patent for an invention which scientists and engineers expect will prove a means for successfully utilizing the vast deposits of peat found in the United States and other parts of the world.

Peat constitutes a fairly serviceable fertilizer, but because of the large amount of tannin, organic acids, iron salts and gases which it contains it is necessary to cure it by long exposure to the atmosphere before it can be used.

Efforts to manufacture producer gas from peat have been unsuccessful in this country, although, because it contains water and solid portions which are almost entirely carbonaceous, it is better adapted to the manufacture of producer gas in some respects than is bituminous coal.

The vibratory disintegrator which has been invented by Colonel Astor will, it is believed, solve the problem of the commercial manufacture of producer gas from peat. The disintegrator utilizes the expansive force of the air and gases within the porous peat to disrupt and disintegrate the latter, and to permit it to be thoroughly and uniformly heated.

The patent application is now pending, and it is allowed Colonel Astor intends to present it to the public in the hope that it may prove of general use.

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Flatbush property owners and real estate men are up in arms over the proposed extension of the fire limits in Brooklyn in the new building code.

Builders and home owners in that section believe that the type of detached frame house used extensively in Flatbush should be exempted from the fireproof provisions. They say that brick houses not only would cost so much that they would be difficult to sell, but that they would spoil what is now a beautiful home section, made up largely of detached wooden dwellings.

Some of the builders go so far as to say their confidence has been abused. Last year they succeeded in having the plans for extending the fire limits into the Flatbush section eliminated from the code at a hearing before the Board of Aldermen's committee, and were surprised to learn that they had been put back.

YONKERS MAN FINDS SON IN MORGUE.

Boy Took Paris Green When He Was Arrested by Pittsburg Police.

Pittsburg, May 20.—Victor Haber, of Yonkers, N. Y., arrived here this morning and found the body of his son, Harry Haber, aged twenty, at the Allegheny County Morgue. Haber was arrested yesterday, and took Paris green in a cell in the North Side station. He gave his name as Robert Wilson, of No. 200 West 28th street, New York, at the police station.

SUGAR CASE UP TO-DAY.

Demurrers to the indictments of former employes of the American Sugar Refining Company on a charge of tampering with the scales on the docks with the intention to defraud the government will be argued to-day before Judge Hough.

DINNER FOR NATHAN S. JONAS.

Over Five Hundred Friends Meet to Honor Former Member of Board of Education.

A dinner was given for Nathan S. Jonas last night at the Academy of Music in Brooklyn by more than five hundred men, most of whom were either prominent in the financial circles of the city or were connected with the Board of Education.

NEW CODE DEFENDED.

Hollow Tile Concern Demies Revisers Favored Them.

The National Fireproofing Company, whose hollow tiles will be used in larger volume than ever if the proposed new building code favored by the majority of the Code Revision Commission becomes a law, issued yesterday the following statement, signed by H. M. Keasbey, vice-president and general manager:

As far as the criticisms of the proposed building code concern this company's alleged attempt to obtain a monopoly, they are entirely incorrect. We have not sought any monopoly, and we certainly will not enjoy anything approaching one under the new code as now drafted.

In the first place, there are more than a dozen active competitors of this company in the manufacture and sale of hollow tile doing a successful business in New York. Our company has been in existence twenty years, and during all that time has been subjected to active competition.

The proposed code, moreover, does not put safe concrete construction at a disadvantage, as the hollow tile fireproofing, and we are now putting in the floors for the new Pennsylvania Railroad terminal, one of the largest concrete construction contracts ever undertaken. We do not oppose concrete construction of the kind that the leading engineering authorities have sanctioned.

The building code recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, drafted by insurance and engineering experts of the highest standing, specifies only stone concrete. It excludes cinder concrete from its specifications, defining as fireproofing construction, in both England and Germany the use of cinder concrete is forbidden in certain classes of buildings.

The demand from concrete concerns that cinders be put on the same basis as stone, in the proposed code, arises from the fact that cinders are relatively as well as cheap, and that this is the verdict of the highest authorities as proved by the forms of construction adopted for the newest and safest "skyscrapers" in lower Manhattan.

Those who are anxious for the recognition of cinder concrete allege that the new code gives undue advantages to hollow tile, but the facts do not bear this out. In the contrary, the specifications for the floors are made much more strict than they have been under the existing code.

Again, under the existing code a thickness of 4 inches for hollow concrete covering is deemed sufficient, but the proposed code will require a thickness of four inches. These are only two instances of the tendency to increase the requirements for fireproofing.

As to all other criticisms of the code—those relating to standards, tests, etc.—I know nothing, as these features do not concern our company, but I do know that the fireproofing provisions will not be the result of giving us any unfair advantage.

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Alexander

SIXTH AVENUE AND NINETEENTH STREET

NEW FOUNDATION BIDS.

Work on Municipal Building Will Be According to Amended Plans.

Bridge Commissioner Stevenson opened bids yesterday for the construction of foundations for the proposed Municipal Building at the Park Row end of the Brooklyn Bridge.

The Tribune sharply called attention to the manifest propriety of making the foundations deeper and stronger, and driving them down to rock. An injunction restraining the work was obtained.

Commissioner Stevenson rejected all the bids and readvertised. The John H. Gray Company was the lowest bidder on the first advertising.

The bids opened yesterday are for work divided into three classes: Work in construction exclusive of caisson work, all caisson work from surface down to a horizontal plane ninety-six feet below high water, and additional caisson work below a horizontal plane ninety-six feet below high water.

The Foundation Company, \$1,443,141; John C. Rodgers, \$1,780,550; P. J. Carlin Construction Company, \$1,820,000; Bradley Contracting Company, \$1,868,000; Luke A. Burke & Sons Company, \$2,045,000; J. H. Gray Company, \$2,248,000; O'Rourke Engineering Construction Company, \$2,269,000.

HITS GIRL AND ESCAPES.

Auto Hurls Child Under Horses' Hoofs—Mob Threatens Occupants.

Lillian Brady, five years old, who lives with her parents at No. 201 Eighth avenue, was struck by an automobile at Eighth avenue and 144th street yesterday and thrown under the hoofs of a team of horses.

The little girl had been playing with a hoop, running first from one side and then to the other of the avenue, and did not see the big machine as it came down the street with great speed.

Like a flash, the automobile had thrown her in the pathway of a team of horses which Daniel Leary, of No. 319 Avenue A, was driving. She escaped the horses' hoofs, but the wagon wheels struck her and she was carried to the sidewalk.

The man at the wheel of the machine, when he saw what had happened, started the car up again, but before he could get under headway the friends of the injured child swarmed about the machine and hurled stones at the occupants.

They ducked under the seats and stayed there until the chauffeur had speeded the machine out of danger. It was a large, black "touring car," and the police are looking for it and the occupants.

PARALYSIS GRIPS LAWYER IN COURT.

Collapses While Summing Up to Jury, and Is Thought To Be Dying.

While he was summing up to a jury in the Supreme Court, presided over by Justice Mills, at White Plains, yesterday, Edward T. Lovett, a lawyer of Rockland County, was stricken with paralysis and is now thought to be dying.

Mr. Lovett, who weighs three hundred and five pounds, had been working hard for weeks trying cases against the Ontario & Western Railroad Company.

The case in which Mr. Lovett was summing up is that of Warren Palmer, who is said to be suffering from a permanent spinal disease as a result of the accident.

Mr. Lovett was stricken with paralysis at a dramatic point in his address. Mr. Lovett suddenly collapsed, his head dropped to his breast and he staggered to a chair. A physician was called and found that the lawyer's left side was paralyzed.

He was taken to a private hospital at White Plains. Justice Mills adjourned the trial until next week.

NEW DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Bryant Willard Appointed—Mr. Parsons's Campaign Plans Not Developed.

After a brief meeting of the Republican County Committee last night, at which no business was transacted, President Parsons was asked when some action would be taken looking forward to the coming municipal campaign.

Bryant Willard, secretary of the Republican organization club in the 2nd District, of which Moses McKee is leader, has been appointed a Deputy Attorney General by Attorney General O'Malley.

WESTCHESTER DIRECT PRIMARY BODY. Under the auspices of the Direct Primary Association of the State of New York Republicans of Westchester County last night organized at the City Club a county organization to assist the work of the state organization in furthering direct primaries in New York State.

VETERAN OF WATERLOO DEAD. (By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Smyrna, Del., May 20.—Thomas Lamb, 96 years old, believed to have been the oldest man in Delaware, is dead at his home here. He was a native of Ireland, and remembered the battle of Waterloo, having had charge of horses in that conflict.

CHARLES S. WHITMAN TO SPEAK. Charles S. Whitman, regarded in Republican circles as an eligible man for the Republican nomination for Mayor, will be the principal speaker to-night at the smoker and entertainment of the 29th Assembly District Republican Club, at 39th street and Madison avenue.

WEST SIDE REPUBLICANS DINE. The last smoker of the season was given by the West Side Republican Club at No. 237 Broadway last night. The entertainment, which included vaudeville and refreshments, was much enjoyed by the two hundred members.

DOG EATS MEAT AND THEN THE "COP". But Policeman Finally Gets Woman to Station Because Pet Robbed Butcher. Patrolman James Benfer, of the West 152d street station, got mixed up with a dog and a woman and a piece of meat yesterday. The dog was Rush, and the woman was Mrs. Walter Doane, of No. 28 McCormick Place, and the meat belonged to a butcher at 152d street and Eighth avenue—that is, until the dog jerked it from a hook on the outside of the shop.

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The Pianoforte Salon's Anniversary Event. MID so much to choose from, in seasonable Furnishings that are cloistered in over forty cool, artistically furnished specimen rooms—in addition to the "House Palatial"—or that border a labyrinth of aisles and sections in eight Galleries, bounded by a city block, each exhibiting a bewildering variety of new invoices, it is difficult to decide what to chronicle first in these columns of Gallery-attractions.

A Special Country House Occasion In Decorative DOULTON POTTERY And Cottage and Bungalow LAMPS. Our foreign buyer has brought with him a collection of the most delightfully quaint pieces in Doulton Porcelain we have ever seen.

"Dickens scenes"—in a whitey-brown color, with curious scenes and characters from Dickens; illustrated in tints. "Shakespeare Pottery"—of the same character, attractively decorated with incidents from Shakespeare's plays.

Cool, Shady AWNINGS At Wanamaker Low Prices. In a little while everybody will be clamoring for awnings, but the trouble is everybody wants Wanamaker Awnings, when they see this year's attractive, picturesque stripes and especially the new broad stripe known as "CROWN B."

Persian CARPETS for Summer Homes. At the Very Low Price of 65c to \$1 a square foot. There are no Carpets in the world to equal good Orientals for the rough usage they have to encounter in seashore or country houses.

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