

WOOD IN USE HIS COUNTRY

States Most Lavish Employment of Wood as Fuel.

Washington Bureau. Billings, March 24.—The crackling of a fire, so closely associated with old childhood days, has a forgotten memory in the States, if one is to judge of the United States de- agriculture, just issued. It shows that, notwith- the advent of coal as a fuel, the use of firewood on farms in the States last year amount- 3,000 cords, valued at the sum of \$225,000,000. The re- Only six crops exceed this value—namely, corn, wheat, hay and cotton.

of the four states the value of wood used on farms last year was \$200,000, these four in their order being as follows: Texas, \$10,868,000; New York, \$10,530,000; number of other states the amount of wood consumed reached \$100,000. The state of small- wood is Nevada, where the value of firewood used on farms last year was \$118,000.

of the average consumption of wood per farm during the year was valued at \$4.50 per cord. The total number of cords consumed was 315,000 and was \$1,418,000. The largest use of firewood on farms in the southern states," says "and least in the western states. Thus Virginia and are each credited with 15 per farm, Kentucky and North Carolina, Mis- Louisiana 17 cords each, only 2 cords per farm- states, from Minnesota, estimates are mostly 12 or Illinois dropping to 8 and to 7 cords. Pennsylvania is supplied with wood, but sheep that it often does not. In West Virginia many natural gas almost ex-

of firewood last Decem- for the entire United at \$2.75 per solid cord, on state averages ranging from Kentucky to \$8.40 in North the price of firewood is af- by the supply of timber of wood (hard wood being than soft), by whether and by cost of labor. In Virginia and North Car- reporters state that the wood is 40 cents and cost of hauling to farmyard only and one correspondent in this reports that "often the wood away to get it in the prairie states an important source of Many farms use both coal. The inquiry upon which estimates were based did not use of wood for fuel other ms. From an inquiry and an estimated total consump- wood in the United States 900 cords, of which 70,000,000 is consumed on farms and not on farms. It is probable consumption not on farms is than then."

are eating less and sell- because of the war and high according to the depart- agriculture. and 1913 the United States 2.8 per cent more food than in 1915 and 1916 the states produced 1.2 per cent than it consumed. Amer- are eating less grain, meat, nuts, vegetables, sugar and drinking more coffee and more fruits and nuts, poultry. the two periods production increased 5.7 per cent and decreased 15 per cent. Con- increased only three-tenths and exports increased 76

two war years (edible grain was 5 per cent greater than years before the war. Con- of edible grain decreased 8 the war years. Edible grain increased 115 per cent and ex- 70 per cent between the production increased 5 per cent, on fell off 3.4 per cent, in- 37.5 per cent and ex- and egg supplies increased cent, imports decreased cent and exports increased 25

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Handicap Your Child. Brain strength and vital- dren, making them dull and Their power to resist more is reduced and energy in play are lacking. Kick- Killer is a mildly laxative candy tablet form that chil- take. It kills and removes and lets your child grow healthy like other children. your child be dressed down. Full directions on the box. Retail, 25 cents.—Adv.

FOOEY! of these boned geeks, makes me curse; asks twice before he speaks, says something worse.

MONTANA ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Huntley Postmaster Shoots and Kills Robber—Victim's Name Unknown.

Billings, March 24.—Postmaster Pickens at Huntley, 20 miles east of here, early yesterday morning shot and killed an unknown man who entered the postoffice. The mail has been robbed five times within the past few months. Mr. Pickens for weeks has been sleeping with a loaded shotgun by his side. He heard a noise down stairs and he saw an intruder. The postmaster ordered the man to stop, but the latter ran. Mr. Pickens shot three times. He heard a fall and when he arrived down stairs the man was dead. Efforts are being made to identify the deceased.

FATHER FILES SUIT. Billings, March 24.—The father of Amos Robinette, appearing as his son's guardian, started suit for divorce against the woman who was known as Louise Florence Stillman, now in the county jail awaiting trial on the charge of assisting in the holdup and shooting of Gus Pope last month. The father says his son was under age when he married. The couple lived together eight days.

FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. Helena, March 24.—Further instructions concerning the Montana regiment of national guards were received here yesterday by Adjutant General Phil Greenan. In case of war the Montana regiment will mobilize at Fort William Henry Harrison. Company commanders will be instructed to bring their companies to the full war strength of 150 men each and three commissioned officers.

WOMEN ARE READY. Billings, March 24.—Elizabeth Drischmann and Catherine Calk, stenographers, yesterday wrote to the local recruiting station announcing their willingness to enlist for shore duty in the United States navy. The young women are the first in Montana to volunteer their services.

WANT PUBLICITY. Missoula, March 24.—The clerk of the school board here yesterday received instructions from the trustees to fully advertise all meetings of the board and to invite the public to attend. The school board also favored a plan to reduce the cost of living by allowing school grounds to be used as gardens.

BRITISH MUNITIONS OUTPUT COLOSSAL. "In England something like 3,500,000 people, of whom more than 1,000,000 are women, are employed in munition-making," says Sydney Brooks in the March number of National Service magazine. "We are now turning out in eight days as much 18-pounder ammunition, in six days as much field howitzer ammunition, in a week as many medium-sized shells, and in four days as many heavy shells as we were turning out in the whole of the first year of the war. The enormous British armies overseas up to last August—and it may be the same today—had been equipped with rifles and machine guns solely from domestic sources. Every month we are manufacturing twice as many heavy guns as the entire army possessed in May, 1915, the production have multiplied six-fold in the past year and being still rapidly on the increase. For every machine gun we were making 20 months ago we now make 17; for every 18-pounder we now make 43; for every pound of high explosives we now make 66; for every bomb we now make 40."

Cut This Out—It is Worth Money. DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2525 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds, and croup; Foley's Kidney Pills, for pain in sides and back, rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley's Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, for constipation, biliousness, headache and sluggish bowels. New- bro Drug Co.—Adv.

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SQUIRREL FOOD



NEW YORK - BUMPED BY BOSS, WAITER FELL DOWN STAIRS IN A BROADWAY CAFE WITH LOAD OF DISHES AND HAS SUED FOR \$1500. DAMAGES TO HIS DIGNITY -

ARIZONA - BECAUSE SCHOOL TEACHERS GET MARRIED TOO QUICKLY SOME OF THE TOWNS PAY \$5 MONTHLY BONUS TO GIRLS WHO STICK TILL END OF TERM -



WEST CARROLLTON (O) IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY WAS BEING HELD BY THE PRETZEL BENDERS UNION WHILE UNVEILING A STATUE OF CHAUNCEY M.T. KNOB ORIGINAL PRETZEL SALT SPOTTER UNTIL A FLOCK OF HUNGRY SQUIRRELS GOT WIND OF IT AND BROKE UP THE CEREMONY -

LONG ISLAND (NY) DRY GOODS MAN GIVES A POTATO WITH EVERY 25¢ PURCHASE AND AN ONION WITH A 50¢ ONE -

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THE BUTTE DAILY POST DEER LODGE BUREAU

OFFICERS INVESTIGATE DEATH OF PROSPECTOR

C. Strauss, Aged 70 Years, is Found Dead in Chair in Little Cabin.

Deer Lodge, March 24.—Coroner Dan Osmer and Undertaker R. W. Ross went to Jefferson Gulch Thursday evening to investigate the sudden death of C. Strauss, whose body was found in his cabin earlier in the day. The body was found in a chair near a table by Gus Carleson. Early reports sent out intimated that the man met with foul play, but these were discredited by authorities who were acquainted with the deceased. Strauss was about 70 years of age and in poor circumstances. He was an old prospector and had lived for many years by himself in a little cabin at Jefferson Gulch.

COLLEGE PICTURE IS SHOWN TO SELECT FEW

Film is Success—First Public Appearance Will Be at Banquet on April 3.

Deer Lodge, March 24.—The movie picture, "Proper Preparation," which has been in preparation for a month past, was today shown at the Orpheum theater to trustees of the college and a few of their friends. Two thousand five hundred feet of film visualizing the story of a boy and a girl student at the college from their registration to their graduation was shown upon the screen. Features of college life in the dining room, in the dormitory, in the class room, in the chapel, in the gymnasium and on the campus are depicted in the picture. The social side of college life, its recreations and its discipline, are illustrated. Over 100 actors, students, faculty and friends appear. Every one whose face appeared wanted to be at the first run of the picture. President Harris Pillsbury was deluged with letters and telephone calls for permission to be present, but all were barred but a favored dozen. The first public appearance of the picture will be at the banquet April 3 at the college refectory, after which it will be shown in every theater in Montana. Lieutenant Governor McDowell has accepted an invitation to speak at the banquet and will be the capitol's representative on the executive side. The judicial branch will be represented by Chief Justice Brantly and wife. E. C. Day of Helena, C. B. Leonard, Dr. E. J. Groeneveld, Rev. L. A. Wilson and Clinton H. Moore of Butte will also speak.

BUCKET BRIGADE PUTS OUT BLAZE

Deer Lodge, March 24.—A small blaze in a shed adjoining the house occupied by the F. A. Laing family at the corner of Second street and Missouri avenue brought out the fire department yesterday afternoon. The fire was discovered in the roof of the building a few minutes after the stove had been fired up. A few buckets of water extinguished the blaze before the arrival of the fire department. There was no loss.

DEER LODGE BRIEFS.

Deer Lodge, March 24.—Attorney S. P. Wilson was called to Missoula yesterday on legal business. E. M. Oehler of Spokane visited friends in the city yesterday. Will Albee came down from Butte Thursday to visit home folks. Ludwig Muehlbrod of Garnet transacted business in the city yesterday. Francis E. Heller of Helena was a Deer Lodge visitor yesterday. Charles Rice of Avon was in town yesterday. A few of the friends of Mrs. F. B. Hall surprised her at her home Thursday evening. A pleasant evening at cards was enjoyed, after which refreshments were served. H. M. Hansen was a passenger on the stub train to Garrison Thursday night. All eastbound trains have been running into Deer Lodge several hours late the past two days on account of heavy snows in the Cascades.

CHURCH NOTES.

Deer Lodge, March 24.—At the Methodist church Rev. H. P. Nelson will have for his morning subject, "Hand-Picked Fruit in the Basket," and for his evening subject, "Lesson From Botany." The services in St. James' Episcopal church will be morning prayer and litany at 11 o'clock and evening prayer at 7:30 o'clock.

FILES PETITION.

Deer Lodge, March 24.—Peter A. Pierce yesterday filed his petition for letters of administration in the estate of the late Charles F. Pierce.

WOULD TRAIN THE SOX ON PANAMA CANAL ZONE

Comiskey, Pioneer of Baseball Tourists, Comes Forth With New One. Mineral Wells, Tex., March 24.—Charles Comiskey, the real Yankee tourist of baseball, has the bug again. Commy was one of the first men to tour around the world with a baseball club, he led the first team that ever played in the city of Mexico, he was the first owner to take the club to the Pacific coast to train and was always a prima mover in long tours for so-called all-star teams. Commy's latest bug is Panama and unless something unforeseen happens it is likely the White Sox will train on the isthmus next spring. Business men of the Panamanian republic have tried to interest a number of magnates in that locality for training purposes and advance the delightful late winter climate and absence of winds as their main arguments. Commy has taken in spite of high cable tolls which may keep his team out of the newspapers and the heavy expense of the trip. In fact, he is already planning a baseball tour which he believes will practically pay the expenses of his team. Commy would train in Panama the latter part of February, play exhibition games at Colon, Panama City, Guan and other points, then go to Havana for a few games and land in Jacksonville in time for games with the teams training in Florida and tour west to Mineral Wells for two weeks at the baths.

Up and Down the State

A brass band has been organized at Polson and George Harris, an experienced bandman, has been selected as leader. It is the first organization of its kind in the town.

The organization of a student court to be composed of five judges, three seniors and two juniors, whose duty it will be to adjudicate cases of undergraduate delinquency, is proposed by a committee appointed by the executive committee of the state university associated students.

The Great Northern railroad has purchased a 40-acre tract of land to the south of its depot on which to build a freight terminal.

Lewistown's new fire truck is expected to be on the ground in the course of a few days, having been shipped March 12. Upon its arrival there will be two high grade fire trucks in service in the city.

Harland is to have a new store and office building to be erected by the Baird-Harper Lumber company. It will have an up-to-date heating system installed in the basement. Plans are also being made for a new hotel to be built at Harland this summer.

The Northwestern Trustee company proposes to build an apartment house at Great Falls. It will be two stories with a basement. The plans have been accepted and the building will be 18 by 140 feet in dimensions. Light pressed brick and terra cotta are to be used on the exterior.

Two-thirds of the eighth grade students in Montana schools are able to write a paragraph of 100 words grammatically perfect in sentence structure, sentence punctuation and capitals, according to a test upon which Miss Lucy H. Carson reported to the state English council at its semi-annual meeting in Bozeman.

Over 8,000 persons are engaged in writing insurance of various kinds in Montana, according to figures compiled by State Auditor William Kenting. This is an increase of three times the number in the business in 1905.

Bankers of Montana will meet in Great Falls on July 27-28 for the annual meeting of the Montana State Bankers' association. The dates for the meeting have heretofore been set in August and September.

Winter and starvation are taking toll of the elk herds in the lower Gallatin country, where animals are said to be dying every day.

SHAD, ROE, BACON, MEET IN CAPITAL

A Society Item From Washington—Short Hair in Style.

The Post's Washington Bureau. Washington, March 24.—Mrs. Shad, Mrs. Roe and Mrs. Bacon met at a reception in the national capital the other evening. The gentle reader should not jump at the conclusion that this is a culinary item. It has nothing to do with gustatory revels. It is a society item that is about to be related. Mrs. Warren G. Harding, the accomplished wife of Senator Harding, was a guest of honor. The lady who was introducing the guests as they passed down the receiving line announced: "Mrs. Shad."

"I'm glad to meet you, Mrs. Shad," said Mrs. Harding, and they shook hands cordially. "I would have you meet Mrs. Roe," said the mistress of ceremonies, in introducing the very next lady in line. By this time Mrs. Harding was becoming interested.

"I wonder where Mrs. Bacon is?" she whispered to a companion. Several more women of the fashionable set passed by and the announcer in introducing the next woman said: "Mrs. Harding, permit me to present to you Mrs. Bacon."

"Mrs. Harding has not yet entirely recovered. A crimp was put in the high cost of banqueting when the seniors of one of the educational institutions in Washington a few nights ago dined the commissioners of the District of Columbia and half a hundred others prominent in social life at a cost of 77 cents a plate. Following is the menu: Hors d'oeuvre, American butterfly, cream of cheese soup, fillet sole, string beans, biscuit, chicken timbale, macédoine, vegetable, roast ham, dandelion greens, dasherens, romaine salad, apricot cream, coffee and wafers.

Among the invited guests were the three District of Columbia commissioners and their wives, Commissioner of Education Philander P. Claxton and Mrs. Claxton, Senator and Mrs. Reed Smoot, Representative and Mrs. Albert Johnson of Washington state, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vanderlip of New York, Mrs. F. C. Lydinger of Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Harvey W. Wiley.

STUFF TO LOSE SLEEP OVER. THE TEETH OF A CARP ARE IN ITS THROAT. THE IDEA! "Would you care to express an opinion on this matter?" asked the Reporter. "Express it!" exclaimed the Postoffice Official. "I should say not. I'll send it by parcel post."

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

Handicapped men in a room. "DAD, I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU ALL THE HIGHSPTS TONIGHT, IF WE CAN ONLY GET OUT OF THE HOUSE WITHOUT THE WOMEN FOLKS SEEING US IN THESE TOGS." "I'M ALL SET FER A LITTLE EXCITEMENT - WE'LL PUT OUR OVERCOAT COLLARS UP AND THEY WON'T SUSPECT NOTHIN'." "HIRAM! BEFORE YOU GO, LET ME FEEL IN YOUR POCKET AND SEE IF YOU MAILED THAT POST CARD I GIVE YOU THIS MORNIN'."

THEY SPENT THEIR NIGHT OUT IN THE HOUSE.

Handicapped men in a room. "OH, HO, YOU GAY DECEIVER! OFF FER A JAMBOREE? WELL YOU KIN JUST DECORATE THAT ARM CHAIR IN FRONT OF THE FIRE PLACE WITH THOSE FANCY CLOTHES." "WELL, DAD, I GUESS IT'S A CASE OF ALL DRESSED UP AND NO PLACE TO GO." "WE MIGHT RETIRE TO THE BAWL ROOM."