

## BEES STOP TRAIN

Professional Apiarist Is Quickly Put to Flight.

Well-Directed Stream of Water Finally Dislodges Little Stingers from Their Shelter in Spout of Standpipe at Tank.

Spokane, Wash.—While swarming bees are credited with doing all sorts of unusual things, probably this is the first time that a queen and her retinue and subjects completely tied up a steam railroad. It happened at Twin Falls, Idaho, the other day.

Tin dishpans, tom-toms, whistles and other recognized lures failed to dislodge the swarm, which had settled in the spout of the standpipe at the water tank, where a long train of freight cars stood on the main line without sufficient water in the boiler of the big mogul to pull out. The driver and coal heaver did excellent work in trying to reach the pipe, but the bees gave them short shift and the men refused to make a second attempt.

H. A. Swab, a local expert in bee matters, bore down upon the scene to capture the swarm. He was armed with a nail keg and two long sticks. He sent his helper to coax the bees into the keg, but in less than six seconds the assistant had a score of active bees up his sleeves, and he made a dash toward the railway station. Swab also remembered he had an important business engagement elsewhere.

The foreman and members of the section crew were next routed, and when the engineer appealed to Agent Sullivan that worthy declared it was a matter for the maintenance of way department. The conductor of the stalled train suggested sending for the sheriff, while the stoker insisted upon calling out the fire brigade. The brakeman on the front end offered no solution, as he was nursing a dozen or more knobs of the size of mature hickory nuts on face, hands and body.

Finally a bystander prescribed the water cure, adding: "If that doesn't drive 'em away nothing will." A well-directed stream from a garden hose seemed to have a quieting effect, and the pipe was lowered to the intake on the tender and the tank filled with bees and water.

While replacing the pipe the fireman was attacked by a few stragglers, and to protect himself from further onslaught he tied a red bandana handkerchief around his head. After raising the spout he tucked the handkerchief into his pocket and accepted the congratulations of the onlookers upon his escape, but while mopping his face a vagrant bee winged its way out of the folds of the bandana and stung him on the lip.

After the excitement with the bees, two small boys climbed to the roof of the water tank and with bare hands captured the queen, placing her in the bottom of the keg, into which the bees quickly swarmed. Swab bought the swarm, presenting the boys \$1.25 and the incident closed.

**Government Controls Oregon Caves.**  
Washington.—Oregon caves, "the marble halls of southern Oregon," are to be preserved by the government. President Taft has signed a proclamation making them a national monument. The government will improve the facilities for reaching them and protect the caves from vandalism.

## LAVENDER HARVEST BE GOOD

English Town Has Distilled Flowers and Sent Extract All Over World for Many Years.

London.—One of the minor harvests that promises well is that of the lavender fields. Some flourishing crops are to be seen in the Hitchin neighborhood.

Comparatively few know of this quaint Hertfordshire town as an important lavender growing center, yet it has grown the sweet old herb (which the Romans called lavandula when they used it to scent their baths), has distilled the flowers, and sent their extract into all parts of the world for more than a century.

The Hitchin district had less rain and more sunshine than the London area recently, and consequently the long, trim rows of lavender plants in their dusky green look strong and healthy. They are beginning to show their flower buds, and there is every likelihood of an abundant yield at cutting time.

Mr. Perks, the modern representative of the firm of Perks & Llewellyn, who in 1790 were the pioneers here of lavender farming and distilling, said that even this industry must be numbered among those which are suffering from foreign competition. It is almost entirely owing to the importation of cheap French oil of lavender that the area under the crop, at least in

## WIFE OF BLIND SENATOR.



Mrs. Thomas Pryor Gore, wife of the sightless senator from Oklahoma, is one of the most interesting of the women of the congressional circle at Washington. She is her husband's constant companion and, as a result, is well posted on political matters. Mrs. Gore devotes much of her time to reading papers and books on political economy to her husband. They have one child, a girl, six years old.

## MULE GETS PENSION

Animal First to Know of Impending Disaster Gives Alarm.

Runs Away a Few Seconds Before Serious Cave-In Occurs and Men Follow Him, Thereby Escaping Being Buried Alive.

St. Louis, Md.—Pete is a pensioner now.

Heroism and long service have at last won recognition. Pete saved the lives of ten men, and for the remainder of his life he will have nothing to do but eat and sleep and kick up his heels.

Pete is a little bay mule, who for many years has worked in the Summit coal mines, four miles west of Belleville. He was never idle a day, except Sundays, and most of the time he was far below the surface of the earth, pulling cars of coal through the narrow mine passages.

Unlike most animals of this service, Pete did not go blind. His eyes are still keen and he will have no difficulty finding choice tid-bits of thistle-down in the big pasture which in future will be his country estate.

Pete has been the pride of the mine since the day when he saved the lives of the shift with which he worked.

Pulling his little car of coal through one of the mine passages, Pete sud-

denly broke from the brisk walk which was his usual gait and started off down the dimly lighted corridor at a gallop.

The ten men behind him thought he was running away, and they started after him. Into the next chamber they followed him, and just as they reached it there was a rumble, a roar, and a crash behind them. The roof of the chamber they had just left had given way. Had they been there they would have been buried under tons of rock.

Pete's ears, keener than theirs, had heard the warning sound and he had led them to safety.

In the 25 years that Pete has worked in the mine he has been 6,250 days below ground. Fifty days in each year he worked on the surface, hauling timbers and rubbish.

While in the mine he traveled an average of four miles a day, the total distance which he covered being 25,000 miles. Had he stayed above ground and followed his nose he would have gone around the earth in that time.

He hauled an average of five tons of coal a day, a total of 31,250 tons, or 70,312,250 pounds. At the St. Louis market price of three dollars a ton this coal would bring \$93,750.

William Edwin, manager of the mine, issued an order by which Pete is forever relieved of doing his humble share in adding to the wealth of nations.

just disposed of the cases of two well-known citizens for speeding, when his own name was called. In vain the magistrate's eye scanned the courtroom for another Adolphus Williams.

"Does that charge refer to me?" asked the magistrate, rather meekly, of Crown Prosecutor Kennedy.

"Yes," said Kennedy, "I think you have a right to try it yourself. It is not worth while making a written request to another magistrate."

His honor found that he had been going 19 miles an hour when the law allows only eight.

"Williams is ordered to pay five dollars and costs," said the court.

### Woman Slaps Burglar.

St. Louis.—Mrs. Albert Rexford, 624 East Second street, Alton, Ill., awakened just at daybreak to see a man in his stocking feet crouching toward her bed.

He had a knife in his hand and was reaching for Mr. Rexford's trousers. Mrs. Rexford gave a scream and leaped at the burglar, striking him fairly in the face.

This so frightened the man that he almost took the sash with him as he dived through the window. This commotion awakened Mr. Rexford, who obtained his pistol, but the burglar had vanished.

Mrs. Rexford says she was so frightened she did not know what she was doing.

### FINES HIMSELF FOR SPEEDING

British Columbia Magistrate Hears His Own Case and Imposes Penalty of \$5.

Vancouver, B. C.—Police Magistrate Adolphus Williams sat on his own case in police court and fined himself five dollars and costs for over speeding his automobile. His honor had

## TARIFF AS REVISED

Many Changes Have Been Made in the Existing Schedules.

### VICTORY FOR PUBLISHERS.

Secure Lower Duties on Wood Pulp—Hides to Be Admitted Free—Slight Increase in Rates on Hosiery.

Washington.—Revision of the tariff as provided for by the new measure is substantially as follows:

Beginning with a decrease in the rate on iron ore from 40 to 15 cents a ton, there is a general reduction throughout that part of the bill, pig iron going down from \$4 to \$2.50 a ton and scrap iron from four to one dollar.

Rough lumber goes down from \$2 to \$1.25 per 1,000 feet, with corresponding reductions in the differential on dressed lumber.

Sugar and tobacco duties remain substantially as they are under the Dingley law.

Structural steel, fitted for use, comes in the basket clause at 45 per cent. ad valorem.

In the lumber schedule the only increases were those on shingles, from 30 cents to 50 cents a thousand, and on briar wood and laurel wood for the use of pipe makers, from the free list to 15 per cent. ad valorem. The rate on sawed lumber was decreased from \$2 a thousand to \$1.25 a thousand feet.

In other agricultural products broom corn was taken from the free list and made dutiable at \$3 a ton. Hops are increased from 12 to 16 cents a pound.

Cotton hosiery, valued at not more than \$1 a dozen pairs, is increased from 50 to 70 cents a dozen pairs; that worth more than \$1 and less than \$1.50 a dozen pairs from 60 to 85 cents a dozen pairs, that valued above \$1.50 and not above \$2, from 70 to 90 cents a dozen pairs. The remaining rates on stockings are the same as under the present law.

Hemp is increased from \$20 to \$22.50 per ton and heckle hemp from \$40 to \$45 a ton.

There was a general reduction in carpets and mats. A reduction from 20 to 15 cents is made in hydraulic hose. Oil cloth, including linoleum, was reduced about a third.

Mechanically ground wool pulp was exempted from duty and placed on the free list, with a provision for countervailing duty against Canada. The lower grade of printing paper was reduced from \$6 to \$3.75 a ton and the higher grade from \$8 to \$3.75.

Bituminous coal goes from 67 to 45 cents a ton and there are reductions on gunpowder, matches and cartridges. Agricultural implements are cut from 20 to 15 per cent. ad valorem.

Every corporation, joint stock company or association organized for profit and every insurance company is required to pay annually an excise tax of one per cent. upon its entire net income over and above \$5,000. It is estimated that from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 a year will be collected under this new form of federal taxation.

The secretary of the treasury is authorized to issue Panama canal bonds to the amount of \$290,569,000, which sum, together with that already expended, equals the estimated cost of the Panama canal. It is not intended that the bonds shall be issued except as needed to provide money to carry on the construction. The bonds are to be payable 50 years from the date of issue, and will bear interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent.

Hides were placed on the free list, while the rate on hand and sole leather is reduced from 20 per cent. to five per cent. ad valorem, that on dressed leather from 20 to 10 per cent. and boots and shoes from 25 to 10 per cent.

Petroleum, crude and refined, including kerosene, gasoline, naphtha, benzine and similar products, is made free of duty and left even without a countervailing duty.

The Dingley rates on women's and children's gloves are allowed to stand. The only change is a reduction on "schmashesen" gloves not over 14 inches long on which the rate is made \$1.25 a dozen pairs instead of \$1.75.

The maximum and minimum provision prescribes duties in accordance with the rates named in the dutiable list until March 31, 1910, when 25 per cent. ad valorem is to be added automatically as the maximum duty. The president is authorized to apply the minimum rates, however, to imports from a country which gives its best rates to the products of the United States and is made the judge as to whether a foreign country accords to the United States treatment which is reciprocal and equivalent.

The president is empowered also to abrogate reciprocity treaties which can be terminated by diplomatic action.



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### A City Clerk's Garden.

A city clerk never misses a chance of expatiating on his garden to his colleagues, who, however, were never taken home to see it, but were under the impression it was of enormous size. Five of them resolved to have a look at it, discovered his address, and called one Saturday afternoon to see the hundreds of roses all agrowing and a-blooming. On being taken to the rear of the house, judge of their surprise on seeing a back yard about 12 feet by ten feet. One bold spirit ventured that it was not very big.

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