

PASSING OF STEAM ENGINES.

The practical success which has followed the use of the internal combustion engine in large ships seems to spell the beginning of the end of steam vessels. Recently the head of a company owning and operating more than 70 steam vessels announced that his company would never again build a ship with steam as the motive power. The advantages of the internal combustion engine are many. They utilize a great per cent. of the energy of the fuel. They are economical in operation. As one man expressed it, all you have to do is to start the thing and then read a newspaper. The fuel can be conveniently carried, no stokers are required, and instead of the engines becoming overheated in tropical climates, trial seems to show that they work better the hotter the temperature. The present difficulty seems to be to get oil at a reasonable cost. Gasoline has been rising steadily in price for some time. The supply of crude oil is not limitless by any means. There remains, of course, denatured alcohol, which can be made from vegetable matter, and it may in time become the great fuel of the world. However that may be, it is reasonably certain that ship owners during the next decade will turn to the internal combustion engine to solve many of their difficulties.

A great many people, fearful of the ultimate swamping of this country by an influx of foreigners, look only at the statistics showing arrivals of immigrants, and forget that there is a reflux tide. During the fiscal year which ended with the month of June more than a million individuals from foreign ports landed in ports of the United States. Of these, however, 178,983 were classified as non-immigrants, which fact reveals the number of immigrants as 838,172, says the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin. But against this there was an offset. The alien departures from American ports in the fiscal year numbered 615,292, of whom 282,030 were non-immigrants. To find the extent of the immigrant addition to the population in the year 1911-12 it is necessary to subtract the 222,262 representing immigrants who departed from the 838,172 representing immigrants who arrived. The result shows the gain in population by immigration during the year to have been 401,863, which is not alarming.

The verbomaniac is one whose principal effort is not to make speeches but to refrain from making them. He feels the obsession upon him, and often fights it, but in vain, says the New York Post. Sooner or later the floods of talk will burst forth in spite of him. A leading French deputy once explained the impulse to our author is a "physical necessity." He had no desire to speak, no real reason for speaking; but the words rose to his lips and he could not keep them back.

Women are not breaking into farming in a way to cause a boom in the price of abandoned farm lands, but they are, according to scattered reports, taking a try at farming, and, according to the same report, they are generally making a success of it. Generally the woman who takes to farming goes in for something faddy—and makes it pay.

One of the inspiring things in life is the popularity of youth. Or perhaps it may better be called the aim of everybody to keep young. Old age has lost out to the modern idea, says Judge. Who nowadays sees old men or old women? Men who half a century ago would have been characterized as "stricken with years" are gay old boys today, and women have so mastered the art of perpetual youth that it takes a wise one to pick out the grandmothers.

A man in Minneapolis complained to the police that his eight-room house had been stolen, leaving no trace of its whereabouts. The next thing burglars will be running off in the silence of the night with skyscrapers.

Now horses are to have individual drinking cups. If the standard of drinking is to be raised among working animals, an effort might be made to do the same with the intelligence and humanity of drivers.

TY COBB AND WOODROW WILSON MEET



HERE are "Ty" Cobb of the Detroit American League team, and Woodrow Wilson, photographed in a hotel at Detroit. Governor Wilson expressed the desire to shake hands with the great ball player, and when they met, the governor said: "I haven't seen you since we were together in Georgia, except that I have seen you play ball many times since then." "Well, Governor, the next time I see you I hope it will be in the White House," replied Cobb, after which the nominee invited the ball player to have lunch with him. The latter bashfully declined. The governor lived and practiced law in the same section of Georgia in which Cobb lived.

KILLED THREE WITH BALL BAT

FAMILY ATTACKED IN TENT AT WELLINGTON, KAN.

Bodies Found by Neighbor—All Had Been Shot and Skulls Crushed.

Wellington, Kansas.—Theodore McKnelly and his daughter, Gretta, were found dead and Mrs. McKnelly fatally injured in a tent on the outskirts of this city whither they recently had moved for the daughter's health. Mrs. McKnelly died without recovering consciousness. All three had been shot and their skulls crushed. Robbery is believed to have been the motive. A ball bat and revolver were used and there are some indications of knife wounds. There is no clew to the murderer except bloody finger marks on the limbs of Mrs. McKnelly. These lead the physicians to believe that possibly a degenerate committed the crime.

A son, Otto McKnelly, who lived in another part of town, says there was some money in the tent which has not yet been found.

The two women were attacked in bed and when discovered by a neighbor after noon Mrs. McKnelly was still breathing although her skull was crushed. McKnelly evidently jumped out of bed when attacked. Apparently he was first shot in the head while in bed, as powder burns cover his pillow, and then killed with a ball bat. McKnelly was a railroad car repairer who has lived here five years, coming from Missouri. They had just moved to the tent the day of the murder.

Charge Son With the Crime. Wellington, Kansas.—Otto McKnelly, 21 years old, has been arrested on the charge of having murdered his father, Theodore McKnelly; his mother and sister, in a tent one mile east of this town Thesday night.

Got Canadian Bank Robber. St. Louis, Mo.—A year's chase following the \$320,000 bank robbery in New Westminster, B. C., September 19, 1911, has just ended in St. Louis in the arrest of J. C. Adams, leader of the robber gang. Adams was one of the two men who beat Lieut. Burns of the Chicago police department into insensibility in a saloon where he tried, single handed, to capture them.

Politics to be Barred. Indianapolis, Indiana.—With at least one presidential candidate on the program, all political discussions will be barred from the sessions of the National Conservation congress, which opens here October 1.

Initiative Law Upheld. Denver, Col.—The state supreme court gave a decision declaring the Colorado initiative and referendum law constitutional. The ruling of the court was written by Chief Justice Campbell, all the justices concurring. Twenty-seven initiated and referred measures are ready for submission at the general election in November under the upheld amendment.

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HELD COURT SESSION ON TRAIN

Three Men Convicted and Fined in Railroad Coach for Drinking Liquor.

Joplin, Missouri.—Arrested aboard a train operating between Joplin and Neosho, Mo., three men were given trials, convicted and fined on the morning train by officials of Newton county, Missouri.

I. H. Collier, sheriff, arrested the men for drinking liquor aboard the train. He escorted them to a rear coach where William Sexton, prosecuting attorney, and J. W. Wilson, a justice of the peace, sat. The coach was transformed into a courtroom and the prisoners presented to the justice. Each pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and "court" costs. They paid the assessments and were discharged. Few passengers were aware that a court hearing was taking place.

BACK TO PRIMITIVE METHODS

Kansas Who Lost Horses, Makes Yokes and Does Plowing With Ox Team.

Topeka, Kan.—Peter Jobes, a Rush county farmer, lost almost all his horses from the plague just when he started plowing his wheat fields. He had 600 acres of ground yet to be plowed. He had raised a big wheat crop and spent part of his money for a gas tractor engine and set it to work. Then he saw that the field would not be done in time so he picked four three-year-old steers. He cut down a tree, made two yokes and the bows from a couple of hedge saplings. The four steers were yoked and the next morning hitched to a gang plow and put to work. The field has been plowed and now the four steers are used in sowing the grain.

New Building Collapsed. Kansas City, Mo.—Two men were killed, two are missing, five were injured, and a score of others narrowly escaped serious injury when part of the roof of the new five-story hotel building, the Alameda, being constructed at the corner of Tenth and the Paseo, collapsed under the weight of 100 tons of cinders, and crashed through all of the floors to the basement, carrying the workmen with it.

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ARMOUR WHEAT CORNER FAILS

FIRM NOW OWNS 4,000,000 BUSHEL IN KANSAS CITY.

Bought at Higher Prices Than Those Now Prevailing, Big Concern Faces Heavy Loss.

Kansas City, Missouri.—The biggest wheat deal ever undertaken in the Kansas City market ended without any of the excitement that usually accompanies the culmination of such an operation. There were no "shorts" left to "squeeze" at the last moment, all contracts were filled and the Armour Grain company now owns about 4,000,000 bushels of wheat in elevators and on track in Kansas City.

Grain men say that practically all this wheat remains here, and no one knows what disposition will be made of it.

The Armours at one time held contracts for fully 6,000,000 bushels of wheat for September delivery with a purpose to corner the market and lay a heavy toll on short sellers who were unable to deliver.

The Armour Grain company is paying nearly \$1,000 a day for storage room. Grain men believe that Armour will not keep up the big expense long, but will seek to sell the wheat for shipment to Eastern mills or to foreign countries.

Practically all the wheat was bought at higher prices than those now prevailing and though the purchases were presumably protected by sales elsewhere, the opinion prevails here that Armour will have a rather heavy loss before the wheat is disposed of.

WILL INVESTIGATE SHOOTING

Militia Who Shot Citizens at Augusta, Ga., During Strike Face Trial.

Augusta, Georgia.—Investigation of the killing of three citizens by members of the state militia—an outgrowth of the strike of Augusta street railway employes—was started. The men killed trespassed on "dead line" territory established by the militia to protect the railway company's power plant.

Capt. Jowitz and Capt. Henderson, together with every man who guarded the "dead line," will face trial by a military court. It is expected the hearing will take place this week. The men killed were business men and their friends say that they were ignorant of the line established by the soldiers.

TOOK BITE FROM OFFICER'S A.F.M.

Girl Kept Three Policemen Busy Making Arrest—Danced in Front of Church.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—Violet Monroe of New York was fined \$10 for dancing the turkey trot with George Miller in front of the Catholic church. Miller was out joyriding with a party and when they reached Tarrytown at 7 o'clock Miller and Miss Monroe started turkey trotting on John D. Archbold's sidewalk in front of the church. Three policemen were hustled to the scene and when the Monroe girl bit a piece out of policeman Briggs' arm, the pair was arrested. Miller was not fined.

Deserters Escaped.

Leavenworth, Kan.—Privates Sanford E. Perry and Vincent T. Adams both awaiting trial for desertion, escaped from the sentry. They were sent in charge of a private to the central heating plant, but they told the guard they had orders to go to the crematory, where they crawled through a window. The guard started to follow, but was seized and securely tied. An hour or so later he managed to free himself and notified headquarters.

Tulsa to Keep Gas.

Tulsa, Oklahoma.—Tulsa business men will organize a holding company capitalized for \$1,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring all the natural gas supply in Tulsa district in order to preserve for this city the great production of natural gas recently uncovered. Tulsa aspires to become the chief manufacturing city in Oklahoma and needs the cheap fuel to attain the ambition.

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BACKACHE A SIGNAL OF DISTRESS



Pain in the back is the kidney's signal of distress. If this timely warning is ignored, there is grave danger of dropsy, gravel, uric poisoning, or Bright's disease.

When you have reason to suspect your kidneys, use a special kidney medicine.

Doan's Kidney Pills relieve weak, congested kidneys—cure backache—regulate the urine. Good proof in the following statement.

CONVINCING TESTIMONY

James E. Poyner, Thompson Ave., Rossville, Ill., says: "I was laid up with kidney trouble. The pain in my back was so bad that I couldn't move. The kidney secretions were in a terrible condition. An acquaintance advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I did so. They made me well and during the past four years I have had no further trouble." Get Doan's at Any Drug Store, 50c a Box. DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS. FOSTER-MILBURN CO., Buffalo, New York.

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ARRESTING FLIGHT OF TIME

German Scientists Advise the Eating of Egg Shells by Those Who Approach Old Age.

Two Germans, deep thinkers—Professors Emmerich and Loewe—state that egg shells eaten increase the power of resistance against "the withering blight of time," add weight to the body, activity to the brain and strength to the heart; that they destroy injurious bacilli, prevent inflammation and disease and lend courage and energy. This reminds me, Philip Hale writes in the Boston Herald, of the preparation advertised in London thirty or more years ago as removing superfluous hair, being an excellent substitute for table butter, none genuine unless stamped on the blade. Eustace Miles, the English court tennis player and vegetarian, says he had an old nurse who used to eat egg shells and crunch them joyfully between the teeth that happened to meet, and she said she ate the shells because they "shaved the hair off inside of the throat." The discovery of the German scientist is peculiarly welcome to dwellers by the ocean, for it is a well known fact that if you do not break egg shells the witches will put out to sea in them to wreck vessels, and if you burn the shells the hens will cease to lay. Furthermore, as eggs are now absurdly high—even case eggs—in the neighborhood it seems a pity to waste any part of them.

Almost Entirely. "Dick" Quay, at the Congress hotel in Chicago, was talking about a notorious politician.

"And he's worth eleven millions," Mr. Quay ended.

"And is an entirely self-made man, too, I believe," said a correspondent.

"Entirely so," Mr. Quay answered, "except for nine thick coats of white-wash that have been applied to him by various investigating committees."

Rudely Interrupted. "This is the parting of the ways—'Who left the switch open?'"

It is easier to go broke in a hurry than it is to get rich quick.

HARD TO SEE. Even When the Facts About Coffee are Plain.

It is curious how people will refuse to believe what one can clearly see. Tell the average man or woman that the slow but cumulative poisonous effect of caffeine—the alkaloid in tea and coffee—tends to weaken the heart, upset the nervous system and cause indigestion, and they may laugh at you if they don't know the facts.

Prove it by science or by practical demonstration in the recovery of coffee drinkers from the above conditions, and a large per cent of the human family will shrug their shoulders, take some drugs and—keep on drinking coffee or tea.

"Coffee never agreed with me nor with several members of our household," writes a lady. "It enervates, depresses and creates a feeling of languor and heaviness. It was only by leaving off coffee and using Postum that we discovered the cause and way out of these ills."

"The only reason, I am sure, why Postum is not used altogether to the exclusion of ordinary coffee is, many persons do not know and do not seem willing to learn the facts and how to prepare this nutritious beverage. There's only one way—according to directions—boil it fully 15 minutes. Then it is delicious." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pigs. "There's a reason."

Have you read the above article? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest. Ask.