

**SMOKERS BLAMED FOR FIRE INCREASE**

**Officials Find Carelessness Doubled Forest Blazes.**

Olympia, Wash.—In one respect the destruction wrought by forest fires in 1924 is worse than the murky summer of 1922, when the landscape was obscured weeks at a time by a pall of smoke. The regrettable feature of this season's record is the increased number of fires caused by the careless disposal of lighted cigars and cigarettes. To date this year the state supervisor of forestry has recorded 730 fires. A total of 102,003 acres have been burned over. Nearly one-third of this area lies in a single county.

Careless smokers caused 105 fires this season, against 73 last year. This year 86 fires had their beginnings in camps, while last season campers and tourists were held responsible for 98. Lightning started 32 forest fires this summer, while last year only one fire was attributed to that cause.

The state was better protected this summer and hundreds of fires were checked before serious damage resulted. Next year a better supervision is planned.

The present season has been remarkable for its low humidity record. Easterly winds have dried the forest floors into favorable combustibles. The number of tourists, campers, fishermen and holiday picknickers was twice as large this summer as formerly.

The campaign of education which this season aided in keeping down the fire losses will be continued.

**Negro, Old and Blind, Still Is Capable Guide**

Washington—A piece of kindling and tobacco chewing brought John Wesley Matthews—very black—into prominence in the western shore district of Maryland.

The fragment of wood, flying from the blade of an ax, cost his sight, and a penchant for chewing tobacco in class resulted in his withdrawal—by request—from a trade school for the blind.

Thus, balked in his effort to acquire a new means of livelihood, Wes returned to the only thing he knew, the water, and in the more than thirty years that have elapsed, the "Blind Man," as he is known all along the upper Chesapeake and its tributaries, has become a source of wonderment for his uncanny skill in piloting fishing parties to the most fruitful grounds for the sport.

Day after day the little old negro, in nondescript garb, is out on a flat-bottomed skiff, his most prized possession, with a group of anglers in tow. He also transports hunters out to duck blinds that dot the waters in that vicinity.

**Electric Mat Kills Town's Stray Dogs**

Albany, Ga.—No longer are doomed dogs in Albany compelled to face the firing squad and meet death in this fashion. Instead, they are disposed of in a more modern way, that is, by the electric chair route. Only in their case they are placed on an electric floor instead, and begin their journey to the "happy hunting ground" in this manner.

During the last month more than 200 members of the canine family have met death here in this fashion. They go six at a time by standing on an electric-charged metal floor and wearing a copper collar, causing the circuit to be completed by a slender wire attached to the neckpiece.

When the sextette is placed on the floor the executioner turns on the current and it is all over.

This new means of doing away with dogs resulted from a city ordinance requiring that owners of each animal have it inoculated against rabies and place a city tag on its collar to that effect.

**68 Minerals Found in Black Hills Mine**

Sioux Falls, S. D.—Perhaps the greatest freak mine of the United States is the Ingersoll mine, in the Keystone district of the Black Hills, from which 68 different minerals have been taken. The mine formerly was owned by the Harney Peak Tin Mining company.

The minerals were classified by attaches of the South Dakota School of Mines and by mineralogists who have inspected the Ingersoll and other mines of the Keystone district. In addition to ambylonite, one of the rare minerals, which is among the commercial ores, the Ingersoll contains a good deposit of beryl.

As a matter of fact, one of the largest crystals of beryl ever found in the Black Hills was discovered in this mine, and the crystal is one of the attractions for mining students and mining men. Extensive uses for beryl have been found.

Numerous other minerals with unique names have been found in the Ingersoll mine. The price commanded by ambylonite is \$80 a ton. Lepidolite varies according to quantity shipped. Beryl is held at present at between \$50 and \$60 the ton.

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**Huge Quantities of Flowers Used in Perfume.**

New York.—While the chemist today is able, by analyzing odor-giving elements in flowers, to produce artificial perfume, this process has not, and it is predicted, never will replace perfume-making from fresh flowers, an industry dating back almost before the dawn of history. For centuries, ceaseless experiments have developed two chief ways of obtaining sweet perfume from flowers.

The process of greatest general use in unlocking the fragrant cells of flowers to take their perfume is called *enfleurage*. A housewife, who understands how butter or lard left in the *feebbox* will sometimes absorb odors, can readily see how this process is used to extract odor from flowers. The blossoms from which the odorless parts are removed are mixed slowly in huge vats of melted beef or pork suet. More and more blossoms are mixed in until the fat has the odor of the required strength, and then the fat is thoroughly washed with alcohol. Then a very strange thing happens. The fragrance has passed from the flowers into the fat and now shows a remarkable affinity for the alcohol. In this way the essence or attar is created.

**Use Absorption.**

The other system adopted after centuries of experiment is by absorption. The flower blossoms are sprinkled face down in air-tight chambers, in which glass walls are covered with fat. Twice a day the flower supply is renewed. This process is repeated twice daily for many months until the fat absorbs the odor in sufficient strength. The fat is then melted in glass and the essence is obtained from it by washing with alcohol.

Some idea of the enormous amount of flowers required for perfume making may be gained by realizing that to make one pound of attar of roses requires eleven tons of roses, or about three million blossoms. The principal perfume center of the world lies between the Bay of Cannes and the mountains beyond Grasse in southern France, though flowers for perfume do come from every country and climate. The flower farms in Alpine villages are the mecca of lovers of perfume. From December until March fragrance is extracted from rosewood, sandalwood and other herbs, and in March work begins on fresh flowers, including the violet, and then the jonquil, orange blossom, rose, mignonette, jasmine, tuberose and cassia buds.

A curious fact is that the flowers are picked in the fields at the hour when their scent is known to be strongest. The rose is gathered as soon as it is open. The carnation must have three hours' exposure to the sun before it is picked. The late carnations of all the Russias is said to have preferred toilet water made of violets picked at twilight near Grasse.

**Veiled in Mystery.**

From earliest days the making of perfume has been veiled with the great shroud of secrecy, because the perfumers did not want their trade secret known. Around the making of perfumes were woven fearful tales by the Savaens of Sheba, who said that cinnamon was gathered from the nest of the phoenix and that it was collected by that bird in some strange manner unknown to them. They also told stories about how they found the perfume attar guarded by ferocious winged serpents that dwelt in marshes. Another queer tale was that bats flew at the eyes of all who tried to gather cassia. As time passed, though, men learned how to gather flowers to make perfumes. On through the Middle Ages the process became more widely known throughout the world, though the Romans, in their love of luxury, are thought to have known facts about perfume making that even today men of science do not know.

**Elephant Sale Fails**

Little Rock, Ark.—Probably the first real elephant market in the United States was established here when two trained beasts of a defunct circus were put on the block and offered to a number of municipalities that were seeking additions to their zoos. The receiver offered the elephants at \$2,000, with no takers.

**New York Preserves Types of Other Times**

New York.—The facade of the old United States Assay Office building, which formerly stood at 15 Wall street, has been reassembled stone by stone as the front of the new American wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Central park.

The new wing will be devoted entirely to American art of the colonial, revolutionary and republican periods, and will be formally thrown open to the public November 10.

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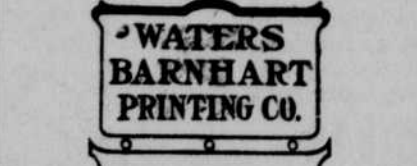
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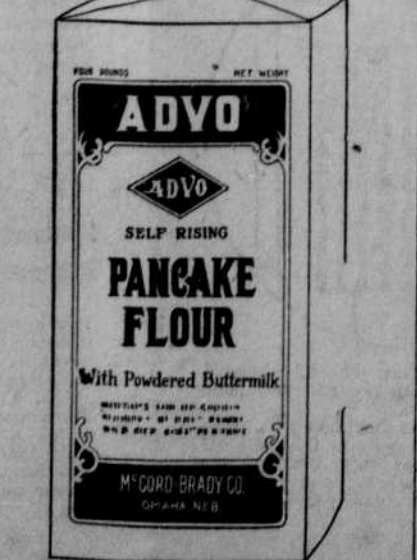
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