

POTASH FIELDS AID SOUTHWEST

San Angelo, Tex. —(UP)— Potash, a mineral long obtained chiefly from Germany and France, now is being mined successfully for the first time in the recently discovered potash-bearing Permian basin of New Mexico and West Texas.

The largest of two companies now producing potash has an annual output of approximately 40,000 tons. A second shaft is being sunk, and is expected to double the output. The other company is operating on a smaller scale.

The Permian basin is 600 miles long and 300 miles wide, and lies in eastern New Mexico and West Texas.

J. F. Hinkle, New Mexico land commissioner, estimates that in Eddy county, N. M., alone there is a potential yield of 20 million tons of potash. Engineers believe there is sufficient quantity in the entire basin to present exhaustion within a century.

The United States now consumes about 400,000 tons annually. The current price is \$10 a ton.

Potash also is being produced from the saline beds in California and from the residue of molasses factories in Baltimore.

Business Man Was School's Godsend

Moscow, Idaho. —(UP)— If Moscow high school was to nominate anybody for patron saint of the institution, that person would undoubtedly be Jerry Gelwick, local business man.

Moscow had won its district basketball championship title, but was without funds to go to the state basketball meet at Pocatello, Idaho. So Gelwick scraped up \$200 and sent the lads to the tourney.

When they defeated Moreland, 43 to 32 in the finals, they won Gelwick's faith in them. And if it hadn't been for Gelwick, the lads wouldn't have been able to bring home the state hoop bacon.

Officer Has System To Still Rooster's Crow

Colorado Springs, Colo. —(UP)— An expert at making roosters keep quiet, during those early morning hours, is the qualification of Officer E. W. Teater.

Officer Teater has been called upon several times to still the voices of the barnyard alarm clocks and thereby enforce the anti-noise ordinance.

The system Officer Teater uses is to have the loud mouthed rooster placed on a perch near the top of the chicken house so he cannot straighten up. A rooster needs plenty of room in which to do his crowing, Officer Teater said.

Cheap at Any Price.

From Answers.
She: Penny for your thoughts, darling.

He: I was just thinking of going.

Father (yelling down from upstairs): Give him a dollar, Doris

Spring Ensemble



This neat Spring suit, worn by Muriel Evans, M-G-M player, has been favorably reported upon by the fashion arbiters of Hollywood. It features the longer length of jacket, and a novel tailored skirt. The white silk blouse tucks under the skirt.

Records Reveal That Puritans Had Bootleggers

Plymouth, Mass. —(UP)— The Puritans had their bootleggers. Yellowed court records on file in this ancient town so rich in Pilgrim history show that on September 14, 1638, Captain Myles Standish arrested one Stephen Hopkins, charged with selling wine, beer and spirituous liquors at excessive prices.

Governor William Bradford fined Hopkins five pounds.

Out Our Way



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By Williams

Roosevelt's New Conservation

From New York World-Telegram.

Muscle Shoals is the key to a new power policy in this country, a new idea of conservation, a new understanding of public resources and how they should be handled.

At all events that is the way President Roosevelt seems to think of it.

"If we are successful here," he says, "we can march on, step by step, in a like development of other great territorial units within our borders."

Muscle Shoals as it stands today symbolizes the old order of waste, exploitation and political pull.

It was not a private enterprise based on private investment or private property rights, yet private interests have been able to check its use for 15 years.

The theory back of this curious situation rests on the assumption that the people have no right to make use of what they own, lest by so doing they interfere with the right of great corporations to establish a virtual monopoly.

The people have been told that they ought to lose \$100,000,000 as well as abandon all their interests in the Tennessee and other great rivers, so that private industry can take charge.

Private industry presents individualism as sanctioning such a sacrifice, just as though a combine or trust should be regarded in the same light as the lamplighter or candle dipper of Thomas Jefferson's day.

We are no longer dealing with the individual when it comes to heat, light and power but with large and powerful groups, and we can no longer protect ourselves except by the mobilization of public resources through public capital.

As a matter of common sense Muscle Shoals, as President Roosevelt proposes to develop it, takes us back to the old idea of competition which big business is doing its best to kill, especially in the field of electric enterprise.

Muscle Shoals offers an opportunity to prove what the production of electricity costs and whether there is not an overabundance of water in the capital of some of the great concerns now producing it.

If the project is properly carried out and if the Tennessee river is brought under anything like scientific control we shall learn what can be done not only in the production of electricity but in flood prevention and afforestation through a well-planned hydrographic system.

We are really going to school when we tackle Muscle Shoals—a school that should teach us much about some of the bigger things which our national resources, technical knowledge and surplus wealth make it possible for us to do.

We are going to begin a new adventure in the hinterland, a new struggle to harness nature, a new type of undertaking which may lead to a new type of life for many people.

If the rehabilitation of Muscle Shoals and the development of the Tennessee river prove successful they may well change the general direction of our economic and social ideals by introducing us to the possibilities of a land which we still know little about.

Evening Novelty



This charming evening ensemble is of celanese lacquered chiffon, a new crepe fabric printed in a floral design. It is one of the new Spring models exhibited at a recent fashion show in New York. Note the novel arrangement of the shoulder sleeves and the train-like skirts. A caplet of celanese taffeta accompanies the gown.

Mississippi Town

Has Monthly Barter Day

Starkville, Miss. —(UP)— "Barter Day," will be observed in Starkville on the first Monday in every month, at which time citizens of this section are invited to bring to the city anything they may have to swap.

The first "Barter Day," proclaimed by Mayor E. R. Lord, was observed on April 10.

Motorists Are Warned Of "Traffic Ostriches"

Harrisburg. —(UP)— Spring showers bring "traffic ostriches," declares Walter M. Mathews,

chief of the safety division, Pennsylvania department of revenue.

"Traffic ostriches," Mathews explains, "are pedestrians with heads buried in umbrellas and view blocked who calmly make their way through traffic possessed of a strong faith in the motor driver and his brakes. Such pedestrians are accident hazards on the sidewalks as well as on the street," Mathews says.

Account Book Lists 1726 Funeral Charges

Middleboro, Mass. —(UP)— Mourners who attended a certain funeral here back in the early 18th century must have absorbed the full spirit of the solemn occasion.

A family account book kept by one Jacob Thomson in 1726 lists these funeral charges, the amounts being in pounds, shillings and pence:

To Thomas Tomson for 4 gallons of wine and six pounds of sugar procured by him for the funeral — 2-1-6.

To Deacon Bosworth for making the coffin 0-8-0.

To James Bryant for 3 gallons of rum for funeral—1-4-0.

To William Thomas for digging the grave—0-3-0.

Paid for a pair of gravestones—4-3-0.

Total—7-19-6.

500,000-Year-Old Crab Is Displayed

Philadelphia —(UP)— A crab 500,000 years old is now on display in the Academy of Natural Science on the Parkway.

The fossilized crab, embedded in a stone, was picked up on the beach at Beach Haven, N. J., near the spot where the navy blimp—3 crashed while searching for the Naval aircraft carrier Akron.

Dr. Henry A. Pilsbry, curator of the museum, said the fossil is one of the finest ever seen.

According to Dr. Pilsbry the crab was deposited in a warm stage of the Pleistocene age during the days when the saber-toothed tiger, the mammoth and other huge animals roamed the earth.

Famous Painter's Birthplace Restored

North Kingston, R. I. —(UP)— The birthplace of Gilbert Stuart, the famed portrait painter of Colonial times, has been restored by the Rhode Island Historical Society.

Norman M. Isham, who directed the work, made researches in England and America to secure accurate information concerning the old snuff mill at the Stuart birthplace.

The mill has been restored as it

Nobel Winner Back



Dr. Irving Langmuir, American winner of the 1932 Nobel Prize for chemistry, pictured as he arrived at New York on the liner Rex after an extended stay abroad. Dr. Langmuir was the guest of King Gustav of Sweden during his stay in that country.

was in Stuart's time and snuff has actually been ground in it.

All to His Credit.

From Answers.
Sandy seemed worried. There was obviously something on his mind.

"What is it?" asked his friend.

"I want your help," replied Sandy quietly. "In fact, I want you to come and choose a suit for me."

His friend smiled modestly.

"But I don't think my taste is any better than yours," he replied.

"Na, perhaps not," said the Scot, "but I'm thinking your credit is."

In the News.

From Humorist.
Wife: God heavens! It says in my paper that a young film actress is going to make a parachute descent in mid-Atlantic. Where does she hope to land?

Husband: On the front page tomorrow. I expect!

Such Dumbness!

From Tit-Bits.
Laura (who has just heard of her rival's engagement): I—I didn't quite get your intended's name.

Norm: No, my dear, but you tried hard enough, didn't you?

An Angry Lamb.

From Tit-Bits.
First Clerk: How did you make out with the boss about a raise?

Second: Oh, he was like a lamb.

"What did he say?"

"Baa!"

French Dirigible Wrecked on Test Flight



On the very day that the U. S. S. Akron crashed off the New Jersey coast, the French dirigible, E-9, crashed near Guerande, France, as shown here, injuring two of its crew of twelve. The airship was on a test flight when engine trouble forced her down.

Autoist Asked Charity

Office for Gas and Oil

Texarkana, Ark. —(UP)— Mrs. Z. B. Hicks, secretary of the United Charities, has had several exasperating demands made upon her by persons seeking charity, but a recent one was almost too much for her, she said.

She declared a man drove up in front of the charities office in a rickety car, and insisted upon being supplied with gas and oil to complete a journey from New York to Houston. She said his car

contained a \$100 radio. In it he was traveling with his wife, who was wearing several diamond rings, a son and three grandchildren, according to Mrs. Hicks.

The family left Texarkana without receiving aid from charities here.

Buyers Avoid

New York Tobacco

Elmira, N. Y. —(UP)— One hundred thousand dollars worth of leaf tobacco is hanging in the warehouses of tobacco growers in

Big Flats, near here, with no takers, even at the cut price of three cents a pound.

Last year nine cents was the average price, but so far no buyers have been interested in the local crop, which is usually sold in December or January. Tobacco is one of the Chemung county's biggest money crops, and the county ranks second in New York State in production.

The Pribilof Islands seal herd, new rated the most valuable in the world, increased 8.24 per cent in numbers the last year.

Jig-Saw Puzzles

Aid German Teacher

Redwood City, Cal. —(UP)— Miss Juliette Wolters, teacher in the Sequoia Union High School, near here, has discovered that jig-saw puzzles aid the teaching of German to her students.

Miss Wolters had a large map of Germany made into a 300-piece jig-saw puzzle. Each day her pupils get better acquainted with Germany by putting the puzzle together.

"By the time the class assembles the puzzle two or three times, the students will have a comprehensive idea of Germany's geography," she explained.

Shamrocks Reflect

Love of Flier's Mother

Reno, Nev. —(UP)— Each St. Patrick's day for the past 10 years, sprigs of shamrock from Ireland, reflecting a mother's love, have been placed on the grave

here of William Blanchfield, Reno aviator.

Blanchfield lost his life in 1924 while flying his plane to drop a wreath of flowers upon the grave of a friend. The plane crashed, and Blanchfield was killed.

Each year since, his mother, who resides in Ireland, has sent shamrocks for her son's grave. But the mother died, and now her daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Deasy, County Cork, Ireland, will continue the custom.

A Perfect Match.

From Tit-Bits.
Old Tom's going to marry Miss Flighty. She can ride, swim, sing, dance, drive a racing car, and pilot an airplane. Real all-rounder.

"They ought to get on fine. Old Tom's quite a cook."

Turned Tables.

From The Wheel.
Reporter: I've got a perfect story.

City Editor: Did the man bite the dog?

Reporter: Naw, a bull threw a congressman.

Farewell Crime—Hello Beer!



Ending more than thirty-seven years on the force, Edward P. Mulrooney is pictured as he handed his resignation as Police Commissioner of New York to Mayor John P. O'Brien. Mulrooney resigned the post in order to become State beer czar. He goes from a salary of \$13,300 to \$12,000.

Language Professor

Met Student Demands

Austin, Tex. —(UP)— Miss Lila Casis, professor of romance languages at the University of Texas, has seen in her 40 years at the school the "craze" for different foreign language learning and has been able to teach them all.

Her father was the son of a French woman and a Spaniard, her mother a German, and the teacher was born and reared on the Island of Jamaica, British West Indies. Miss Casis has taught

French, German and Spanish, and she remembers when French was in demand because it was a "society asset," when young men wanted it because they anticipated service overseas during the World war.

Doesn't Know Now.

From Humorist.
Smith (to beauty parlor proprietress): Has my wife been here?

Proprietress: What is she like, sir?

Smith: Well, I can tell you what she was like when she went in.