

**A ROCK THAT GROWS.**

**Remarkable Petrification in a Pennsylvania Ravine.**

Dripping Water That Carries a Burden of Lime-Stone in Solution with It and Leaves No Wonders in Stalactites and Stalagmites.

In a deep, dark ravine a few miles from New Castle, Pa., in North Beaver township, Lawrence County, is a wonderful natural phenomenon in the shape of a veritable growing rock. Fifty years ago, when it was first noticed, an inverted wooden path almost covered it. To-day it is a great boulder, ten feet in height and fifteen feet or more in circumference, and weighing not less than fifty tons. During the summer months it is covered with a dense rich moss two or three inches deep, through which the waters from a little spring trickle continually.

The outer formation of this rock has a limestone appearance, but once removed the moss and chisel in the gritty surface and the real beauty and peculiarity of the rock are seen. A cellular formation like a mammoth sponge is discovered, and about the cells is stone as hard as adamant. On cutting further in, this cell-like substance is found to continue, but it seems to have been transformed into a translucent flint. There are tons of this flinty rock, for it is as heavy as granite, and every ounce of it is undoubtedly moss and other vegetable matter petrified.

This remarkable petrification has been wrought by the action of the water from the spring upon the moss. The water seems to have the singular property of turning into stone everything that is brought in contact with it for any length of time. It has an acid taste, and is undoubtedly heavily charged with mineral substances, although thus far it has never been analyzed.

The most remarkable fact about it is that it accomplishes so much in so short a time. The moss grows luxuriantly in the dark hollow, and the lapidescence quality of the water has operated year after year upon the layers of moss, turning them into a honeycomb of stone, and adding to what was first a small rock, until to-day there is this great boulder of petrified vegetation.

A short time after the moss begins to grow in the spring, it commences to solidify at the roots, and the petrification follows closely on the track of the growing moss, like the formation of coral on the work of the coral insects. As it progresses, the dark green of the vegetation becomes yellowish, then changes to brown and darkens as the rock grows older. The moss is not all that is perpetuated in stone by the action of the water. Plants, leaves, twigs, every vegetable substance that has fallen on the rock and lain there have been impregnated with and, as by the touch of an inexorable fate, been turned into stone by it. Stratum upon stratum of the moss stone has grown over them, many such objects are now to be found hermetically sealed deep in the heart of the rock.

**HYPNOTIZING A HEN.**

An Englishman's interesting Experiment with a Fowl.

Within the last month I have made an interesting experiment with a fowl, writes a correspondent of the London Spectator. Some choice eggs being sent me for hatching purposes (having no hen at that time broody and no incubator), I determined to set one of my hens on these eggs and keep her there by the force of mesmerism power. The eggs were not fresh when I received them, and to keep them with the uncertainty of a hen becoming broody might have been fatal to their hatching. I therefore went against nature and set my hen upon these eggs; she was in full lay at the time, and remained so throughout the three weeks that she was sitting, laying, according to her wont, two out of three days. Those who understand poultry will appreciate that no hen will do this, having become naturally broody, although for the first day or two after being set on eggs I have had her lay once, or even twice. Marking the eggs I set her upon, I was able to know and withdraw the eggs she kept laying.

The first day I placed her on the eggs it took me half an hour to bring her into a hypnotic condition, but each successive day, after having refused her to drink and eat, I was able to control her to do my bidding in much less time. She, however, was days, for which I could show no reason, when I had to go to her more than once in a day, she being in a constant restless state, trying to get out of her nest. The result has been that I have my own chickens, and that my hen has laid a large number of eggs.

**OFFICIAL CANVASS**

OF THE  
**VOTE CAST IN SIOUX COUNTY, NEBRASKA,**  
Nov. 4, 1890.

	Andrew	Antelope	Bureau	Butte	DeWitt	Franklin	Grant	Lincoln	Logan	Madison	McPherson	Rock	Sioux	Union	Ward	Washington	York
<b>Governor,</b>																	
L. D. Richards, rep.	44	14	6	4	10	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
J. E. Boyd, dem.	18	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
J. H. Powers, ind.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
B. L. Paine, pro.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Lieut. Governor,</b>																	
T. J. Majors, rep.	43	16	6	4	10	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Alex. Bear, dem.	18	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wm. H. Deeb, ind.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
G. W. Woodley, pro.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Sec. of State,</b>																	
J. C. Allen, rep.	40	16	6	4	10	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
F. W. Sprague, dem.	18	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
C. H. Mayberry, ind.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Charles Watts, pro.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>State Treasurer,</b>																	
J. E. Hill, rep.	42	16	6	4	10	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Wm. H. Cushing, dem.	18	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
J. V. Wolfe, ind.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
H. W. Hardy, pro.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Auditor,</b>																	
T. H. Benton, rep.	41	17	6	4	10	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
E. B. Wahlquist, dem.	18	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
John Beatty, ind.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
A. Fitch, Jr., pro.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Attorney General,</b>																	
G. H. Hastings, rep.	43	17	6	4	10	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
J. G. Higgins, dem.	17	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
G. W. Edgerly, ind.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
F. W. Wilson, pro.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Com'r. Pub. Lands and Bldgs.,</b>																	
A. B. Humphrey, rep.	43	17	6	4	10	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Jacob Bigler, dem.	17	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
W. F. Wright, ind.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
C. Oleson, pro.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Supt. Instruction,</b>																	
A. K. Conroy, rep.	43	16	6	4	10	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
C. D. Rakestraw, dem.	17	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
A. D'Almeida, ind.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Mrs. Mary E. Morgan, pro.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Congressman, 3d dist.,</b>																	
G. W. E. Dorsey, rep.	36	16	6	4	10	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
W. H. Thompson, dem.	17	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
O. M. Kern, ind.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
W. L. Pierce, pro.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Senator, 14th district,</b>																	
Wallace Wilson, rep.	27	16	6	4	10	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
H. G. Stewart, ind.	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
<b>Representative, 3d dist.,</b>																	
E. L. Heath, rep.	27	12	6	4	10	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
C. W. Allen, dem.	7	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Geo. L. Flagg, ind.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
<b>Commissioner, 1st dist.,</b>																	
E. J. Wilcox, rep.	20	7	6	4	10	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
F. L. Simons, dem.	17	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
H. Konrath, ind.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
F. W. Knott, pro.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>County Attorney,</b>																	
H. T. Conley, rep.	11	24	16	7	6	14	20	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
D. P. Smith, dem.	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
L. O. Hull, dem.	7	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>For Bonds,</b>																	
Against Bonds	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
<b>For Probts. Amdnt.</b>																	
Against Probts. Amdnt.	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>For License Amdnt.</b>																	
Against License Amdnt.	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
<b>For More Sup. Judges.</b>																	
Against More Sup. Judges.	10	37	12	6	9	12	3	12	17	16	9	8	8	8	8	8	8
<b>For Increased Salary.</b>																	
Against Increased Salary.	8	7	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

In the recent contest for the county seat of Box Butte county, Hemingford won the prize by a small majority.

It is about settled that President Harrison will call an extra session of congress. There are a vast number of bills ready for consideration or partially considered, and it is deemed necessary that work on national legislation be commenced prior to the beginning of the regular session.

The latest returns from the state election are that the republican ticket is elected by a plurality of from 3,000 to 5,000, except the governor who is defeated. Boyd and Powers are very close, and the independents say they will contest Boyd's election. Prohibition is snowed under while both the other amendments carried.

A number of railroad officials passed up the road last Monday morning. It is likely that through trains will soon be run over the Cheyenne & Northern to Denver. As soon as that line is opened this locality will be apt to have additional train service.

To those who have promised to bring us wood, we would suggest that this is the time of year when it would be highly appreciated. Don't be at all backward about it, we have plenty of room on which to pile all that may be brought.

Stock owners in the south part of the county have been suffering a good deal of loss from the ravages of wolves and mountain lions, and have organized an association with a view to petting a stop to such loss. They will pay a reward of eight dollars for each wolf or mountain lion killed in that locality. That offer ought to prove an inducement to hunters and trappers, and the organization will prove a benefit to all.

Now that election is over it would be in order for the committee who had charge of the exhibit from Sioux county at the state fair to take up the matter of the organization of a county agricultural society. It is time some action was taken in that line. The people are waiting for that committee to take the lead, and the sooner they start the better.

John Finckel is the happy father of a new girl baby which arrived at his home on last Saturday. His family possessed fine olive branches prior to that but they were all of the male persuasion and now that he has a daughter he is highly elated.

The winter term of school began on Monday and for the first time in the history of Sioux county there is a graded school. It will not be long before we will have a high school. It is time some action was taken in that line. The people are waiting for that committee to take the lead, and the