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FIRE ENGINES TO GO.

The Prediction of Chicago's Former Fire Chief.

WILL RELY ON HOSE COMPANIES

In the Near Future Cities Will Have Separate Pumping Stations and Water Mains With Which to Fight Flames, Says William H. Musham, Successor of Sprinkling System.

"Within fifteen years there probably will not be a fire engine in service in the United States. The method of fire fighting is being revolutionized, and the big, cumbersome fire engine will soon be relegated to the scrap heap."

The foregoing is the prediction of W. H. Musham, a former fire chief, while recently attending the annual convention of the National Firemen's association in Kansas City. Mr. Musham was chief of the Chicago fire department for four years and first assistant chief of that department for seventeen years. He was let out of the department last October for political reasons after being in the fire service for thirty years, says the Kansas City Star.

"In the future fires will be fought by hose companies," said Mr. Musham. "The best fire fighters in the United States have come to realize they cannot depend on the fire engine for the protection of property interests from fire."

"The change which is under way now is this: The big cities are preparing to install separate pumping stations for fire service whereby a high pressure supply can be instantly obtained in case of fires and maintained for any length of time. What the cities will do and must do is to lay separate fire mains and legislate to force owners of big buildings and factory plants to install water mains within the buildings. With high water pressure hose companies which can reach fires in almost half the time that a fire engine can are able to do better work and get quicker results. The hook and ladder companies, of course, will always be in service, and for reserve purposes the water towers will be utilized. But who can stop fires with water towers? The secret of successful fire fighting is to get at the flame from within the building, and this is why the light hose companies, quick in action, are to become chief reliance of the fire departments.

"Fire engines were never a success. They are too heavy, bulky and slow in action. They often fail to throw a strong stream of water, and the failure has never been more noticeable than in the history of Chicago. Many large fires in my city could have been prevented had we had hose companies which could have arrived at the scene of the fire in time to check the flames.

"There is no city in the United States which has more rapid progress in this movement than Kansas City. Here you have the high water pressure—without the separate water system, it is true—and twenty-one hose companies. I am told that the few engines in service are becoming rusty. You don't need them, for your hose companies prevent fires of consequence. In the future the aim of fire chiefs will be toward preventing fires by quick action and not by extinguishing them after great loss of property or life.

"There are few new devices for fire fighting excepting some patent. The newest feature is the sprinkling system, which has been generally adopted and is a success. The device has been the means of preventing many large fires."

Marmosets a Society Fad.

Marmosets may not be things of beauty, but society women must have them, it seems, particularly in Boston, says the New York Press. One matron from the Hub who was seen at the Woman's club in New York recently tucked one of these little animals under her sleeve. About its neck was a tiny jade circlet curiously carved and edged with gold. Of course the idea of a Boston club woman carrying a pet of this kind tickled the fancy of many and called forth some invidious comments from the cynics. The woman, however, seemed to enjoy the commotion she caused and exploited the charms of the treasured marmoset, dwelling on the intelligence behind his shining eyes. Since these animals have become popular their price has gone up, but many women say that a paltry few hundred dollars isn't too much to pay for a toy that gives them so much delight.

Novel Wooden Wedding Gift.

When Mr. and Mrs. William D. Green of East Orange, N. J., celebrated their wooden wedding a few weeks ago they received numerous gifts from their friends, says an East Orange special dispatch to the New York Times. There was some surprise when one of the guests made the announcement that he and several others had decided to present them with an automobile garage. Complications arose over the erection of the structure, inasmuch as the building code of East Orange prohibits a garage within thirty feet of a dwelling and the plans of the donors had not taken the law into consideration. New plans were drawn which came within the law, and now the garage is in use.

Whale Meat Instead of Beef.

Newfoundland is developing a new industry in the form of selling whale meat in place of beef, says the New York World. One of the dealers says that the new meat tastes more like venison than beef, and plans are already being made to ship some to England, where it is expected that it will sell for at least 12 cents a pound.

WILD BABOONS.

An Incident Which Illustrates the Caution of the Animals.

One of the farm boys drew our attention to what seemed little more than a couple of dark specks on the slope of the hills to the right, but we could soon see that they were moving, and when they came within half a mile of us we could distinctly recognize them as a herd of baboons.

The boy said that he was quite sure they were on their way to the water; but, to our surprise, they did not make any advance. A quarter of an hour elapsed, half an hour; still no sign of their approach. All at once, as if they had started from the earth by magic, at the open end of the pond, not sixty yards from our place of ambush, stood two huge males.

When or how they got there no one could tell. Probably they had come by a circuitous way through the valley, or it might be that they had crept straight down through the grass. They had certainly eluded our observation.

Being anxious to watch the movements of the animals and to ascertain whether they belonged to the herd playing under the mimosa, I refrained from firing and determined to see what would follow next. Both baboons sprang toward the water, and, leaning down, they drank till they were satisfied. Then, having gravely stretched themselves, they solemnly stalked away on all fours in the direction of the herd. There was little doubt, therefore, that they belonged to the herd and had been sent forward to reconnoiter, for as soon as they got back the entire herd put itself in motion toward the pond.

There were mothers taking care of their little ones; there were half grown animals, the boys and girls of the company. At first only one baboon at a time came to the water's edge and, having taken its draft, retired to the rest, but when about ten had thus ventured separately they began to come in small groups, leaving the others rolling and jumping on the sand.—Youth's Companion.

ODD FACTS ABOUT DEER.

Wonderful Jumpers, With a Marvelous Sense of Smell.

"Deer are wonderful jumpers, as may be imagined," says a writer. "I have seen a hind clear fifteen feet or so and buck as high as a tall man merely to avoid a small drain, and also, at a drive, I have seen a stag jump clear over one of the beaters, taking a fence at the same time. There is still extant the record of a famous leap made by a stag down on the borders of Etlick during a hunt by one of the old Scottish kings. The place is known as 'the Hart's Leap,' and is commemorated by two stones, which the monarch had erected to mark the spot. They measure twenty-eight feet apart.

"Deer have a marvelous sense of smell. With a strong wind blowing they will scent a man a mile off. Yet, though their powers of scent are marvelous, I confess to having had one illusion quickly dispelled. From reading various old books on the subject I had come to regard their sight as something quite abnormal and fondly imagined that, on spying deer, say, a mile or so away, a cautious advance was necessitated, after the manner of our ancient enemy, the serpent.

"Now, though deer do have good sight, they are certainly inferior, in this respect to the roe, and so long as you keep perfectly still, will have great difficulty in detecting you. I proved this again and again one July when trying to obtain photographs of wild deer. I did not get any photographs, though plenty of experience, but I was often lying within fifteen yards of deer without their being conscious of my presence."

Perpetual Noon.

One of the oddities of our system of reckoning time is exemplified in the question as to what time the north pole keeps. In theory all places on one meridian of longitude keep the same time; therefore the north pole, being the central point of all meridians, must necessarily have all times. Should the pole ever become habitable the resident would be able to have day or night at any hour (in theory) by electing to take his time from a meridian to correspond. Should such an unexpected event ever occur there would have to be made some readjustment of our present system of reckoning time to suit the arctic regions.

Photographing Lightning.

An English writer tells how lightning "sits" for its photograph: "Lightning can only be photographed at night. It is also impossible to use any cap or shutter for this work, inasmuch as the eyes do not observe a flash of lightning till at least a tenth of a second after it has passed. So that, having focused your camera beforehand, draw the shutter and hold the camera in the direction you think the flash will take and you must trust to the courtesy of the lightning to be there on time."

Bespoken.

"I can attend to that divorce case for you, if you like," suggested his friend, the lawyer.

"I'm sorry, old man," replied the western Benedict, "but the fact is I promised the case to a friend of mine before I was married."—New York Press.

Building Rome.

Teacher—Tommy, when was Rome built? Tommy—in the night. Teacher—How came you to make such a mistake? Tommy—You said yesterday Rome wasn't built in a day.—School Board Journal.

All other knowledge is hurtful to him who has not honesty and good nature.—Montaigne.

Real Estate Filings.
The following real estate filings have been made in the county clerk's office since last Thursday evening:

J. Hansen to T. W. Short, wd to sw qr 33-2-26	\$1,400 00
Mary A. Funk to J. W. Arbogast wd to sw qr 8-4-26	2,500 00
G. W. Jones to R. F. Fischer wd to lot 13, blk 54, Bartley	50 00
W. Porter to S. C. Dracoo wd to sw qr 9 and sw qr sw qr 10 and whf lot 15-2-27	1,600 00
H. A. Talcott to F. Fritz wd to sw qr 2-3-27	1,800 00
H. A. Talcott to F. Fritz wd to sw qr 2-3-27	1,700 00
H. C. Rider to D. H. McMurrin wd to lot 8, blk 37, Riverview	15 00
United States to Lucinda Piper pat to ne qr 3-4-29	
United States to E. L. Cox pat to sw qr 33-2-26	
United States to H. Beattie pat to se qr 8-4-26	
F. Vering to H. Reimers wd to sw qr 34-3-28	2,000 00
E. M. Clark to A. T. Williamson wd to whf ne qr 3-3-28	400 00
W. H. Smith to F. Troester wd to ne qr 21 and whf nw qr 2-2-29	3,600 00
Anna F. Farnsworth to C. M. Lofton deed to nw qr 21-1-29	1,050 00
A. L. Royal to J. G. Avery wd to nw qr 30-1-29	1,600 00
Sarah E. Emery to H. Gaudreault wd to whf 20-3-30	8,500 00
A. C. Sealey to J. J. Carter wd to sw qr 2-2-28	800 00
E. Ervin to N. Axtell wd to sw qr 15-2-27	1,200 00
Lincoln Land Co. to Rebecca Rogers wd to lot 6, blk 6, Danbury	175 00
J. A. Huber to Mary E. Huber wd to lot 6, blk 6, McCook	1,000 00
Lincoln Land Co. to Con. Krieger wd to nw qr 30-3-28	
H. C. Rider to H. Winans wd to pt lot 8 and 9, blk 19 McCook	500 00
J. N. Clarke to T. J. Bugles deed to whf sw qr 12-3-29	400 00
United States to M. Stadler pat to lot 1, se qr ne qr and e hf se qr 2-2-27	
United States to A. E. Boyer pat to nw qr 33-1-28	
W. Stimmel to E. M. Stimmel wd to lot 1, blk 7, 1st McCook	225 00
Bank of Bartley to J. Hoover wd to lots 14 to 23, blk 70, Bartley	110 00
F. J. Schumacher to E. L. Means whf 13-4-30	1,600 00
Julia Dutcher to J. Carmichael wd to lots 21 to 24, blk 24, Indianola	600 00
W. H. Carnahan, Rec. to F. T. Walker deed to ne qr 21-2-27	1,200 00
W. Dowler to W. A. Stone, wd to lots 5 and 6, blk 2, Danbury	700 00
United States to J. A. Hays pat to e hf nw qr 5-1-27	

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