

PHOSPHATE ROCK IN 1904.

"The year 1904 was a prosperous one for the producers of phosphate rock in the United States," says Dr. Edmond Otis Hovey of the United States Geological Survey in a report recently published on the production of phosphate rock in 1904.

The total quantity of phosphate rock marketed from the mines during 1904 amounted to 1,874,428 long tons valued at \$8,573,625, an increase in quantity over the output of 1903 292,852 long tons and \$1,554,331 in value.

The state of Florida continues to be the largest producer of phosphate rock in the United States, its output forming more than one-half the total production of the country.

In South Carolina the diminution in production which has been shown by the reports for the last five years has received a light check.

Tennessee showed in 1904 the largest marketed output since the beginning of the industry, 11 years ago.

"Uncle Henry" Returns. Editor Henry Watterson, who has just returned from an European trip, has lost none of his ability to say a great deal in a very few words.

"I observed European aristocracy pretty closely while I was over there, and I have arrived at the conclusion that foreign aristocracy is of a much better grade than the American article.

Mr. Watterson said that he had read the accounts of the scandals in the department of Agriculture, and added: "I have often wondered how so many scientific men connected with the government at comparatively small salaries could live so well.

"Save me from my friends!" once exclaimed a statesman who was a student of human nature. We hunger for enemies. They treat you better.

Calling a Governor Down.

The action of Governor Broward in appointing a county judge for Marion recently, came as such a surprise to our people that their breath seemed to have been cut off for the time being; then followed a feeling of indignation that has grown stronger the more this high handed undemocratic action of Governor Broward is thought over and discussed.

Marion county is now, and has been for some time, a unit of democracy and stood by Gov. Broward in his late canvass, thinking he was born and reared in the democratic party, (which stands for the will of the people in contradistinction to a one man or machine power) and would stand by the people.

Mr. Broward had not a single justifiable excuse for appointing a judge for Marion county before the democratic executive committee could be heard from and thus get the wishes of our people.

Some of Mr. Broward's friends say that the business of our county demands an immediate appointment. This is not the fact, but even had this appeared so, wasn't the county the sufferer and not the state?

Mr. Broward comes out in the Times-Union and tries to justify his action by saying that Mr. Bell had the best recommendation from the list of twelve aspirants.

Had the other candidates recognized the Czar occupying the gubernatorial chair they might have seen fit to have applied to him for the position and not cared a "cuss" for the wishes of our people.

What use have we in Marion county for our executive committee if it is not to hold our party together and look after its best interests?

How can this be done if our rights are to be trampled upon by the supposed head of our party?

Mr. Broward is the last man we would have thought would have yielded to improper influences in support of "independentism" over "organized democracy."

C. Y. ELLIS.

On Thursday last Gladys, eldest daughter of Thomas W. Lawson, celebrated her 22nd birthday, and in honor of the event Mr. and Mrs. Lawson announced the marriage of their daughter to Eben Blaine Stanwood, son of Francis M. Stanwood, of Boston, and a grandson of James G. Blaine.

About the Depew peach there is a suggestion of the Equitable great graft variety. However, the Depew is inferior to the Elberta.—N. Y. Produce News.

WHO CAN EXPLAIN IT?

Mr. Geo. T. Angell, who has spent the greater part of his life in an effort to create a humane sentiment towards the dumb animals, is responsible for the statement that at one time in an Unitarian church at Detroit, Mich., when he was putting up a plea for the dumb animals, a large, beautiful dog, owner unknown, came and stood in the middle of the aisle near him while he was making his plea.

The same thing occurred at another time in a Kansas town.

Mr. Angell advocated the starting of a paper similar to "Our Dumb Animals," in London, and when his advice was followed, and the paper started, and he was perusing its pages a little bird visited his window, caroled a song and departed.

When Mr. Angell visited Paris and took quarters near the Arc de Triomphe, a white dove flew in at the window, and made itself very much at home, much to the surprise of the owners of the house.

Who can explain the mysterious bond of sympathy existing between this good man and the lower animals and their love of him for his friendship toward them?

It may not be out of place in this connection to say that Mr. Angell believes in the immortality of animals and birds the same as human beings.

Banking Code Out West.

Appropos of the recent bank robbery at Cody, it may be of interest to know that most of the Wyoming banks display the following sign:

Member American Sharpshooting Association.

Patrons thinking an error has been made are requested not to shoot the cashier before investigation.

Strangers must enter the bank holding their hands above their heads or they will be fired on by the staff.

Deposits of persons killed on the premises remain the property of the bank.

The bank will not be responsible for lost guns or bowie-knives.

Patrons desirous of keeping in practice are requested to shoot the pens from the clerk's hands and to leave the cashier undisturbed.

Persons desirous of transacting business quickly will please remember that shooting out the lights tends to delay rather than hasten the work of the staff.

Undertakers—This bank will not be responsible for the funeral bills of persons killed by the staff in the course of business.—Portland Oregonian.

A Birthday Party.

Marean Bernard the handsome little son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Bernard, was four years old Saturday and his aunt Mrs. C. J. Owen gave him an "at home" at her residence, 16 East Belmont, last evening from 3 to 6.

Jolly games were played and the little man received a lot of cute little presents, and then came the refreshments.

The table was a picture in its dainty decorations of pink and white and in the center was a great big birthday cake with four pink and white candles. The young host lighted the candles as his guests watched with breathless interest the wonderful feat, and toward the close of the repast he cut his birthday cake and distributed the generous slices to his delighted and admiring guests.—Pensacola Journal.

Senator Depew is a little late in making that promised statement to the American people. They are a little anxious to know how even a brilliant, brainy man can defend the matter of receiving pay for meetings he did not attend; for legal services he did not perform, and for recommending loans on worthless property in which he was interested.

This is the "gamest" section of Florida. A bear was killed in Baker county last week and Sheriff Purvis captured two live tigers. Catching 'em some.—Lake City Index.

Wine Drinking at English Dinners.

In nothing have the habits of gentlemen more changed than in the use of wine. Time was when each plate and table was enflamed, almost surrounded, by an escort of wine glasses, ranging from sherry to champagne, and tapering thence to Madeira and brandy—port, claret, Burgundy, the red alternating with the white—and he was no good man and true who did not go through the list and survive it.

Governor Broward is going on making the best and most conservative governor it ever had, despite the fact that he is unable to please the esteemed Ocala Banner.—Tampa Herald.

The "esteemed Ocala Banner" is not saying a great deal about the governor not pleasing it; indeed, it is somewhat indifferent along that line. It did say, however, that the governor was not pleasing his friends and supporters in this county any too much to hurt.

Prof. G. F. Oliphant, who occupied the chair of mental and moral science in the East Florida Seminary last year has accepted the professorship of mathematics in Rollins College.

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