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DEPTH OF THE SEA.

Navy Perfects Device for Finding Bottom of Oceans.

Explorers and geographers who have been sighing for new lands to conquer may find their best field of endeavor, paradoxically, in the sea. Now that the United States navy has perfected a device for measuring the depths of water by sound waves without going through the tedious process of lowering sounding lines it should be possible to add greatly to the relatively little we know about the under-water portion of the earth. The importance of this little explored region is brought out in the following bulletin issued by the National Geographic society:

"When it is realized that nearly three-fourths of the surface of the globe consists of water it is rather remarkable how little we know of the vast surface of the solid sphere which lies under this screen of liquid. The greater portions of our continents are mapped even to the smallest details, and our harbors and the shallow waters off shore are fairly well charted, but once the edges of the continental shelves are passed the features of the sea bottom are represented by only a few somewhat vague contour lines laid down between rather infrequent points of soundings.

"We know without doubt that the highest point on the earth is the peak of Mt. Everest which extends above sea level for 29,002 feet, or 38 feet less than 51-2 miles. On the other hand, we can only speak of the deepest abyss 'yet discovered,' for the one great pit hidden in the depths of the ocean, has scarcely established its title to first place in recent years when it has been surpassed by a deeper one; and it can hardly be believed that the deepest of all has yet been discovered.

"School children were taught a few years ago that the deepest depression in the earth's surface was near the Fiji islands and that it was 30,133 feet deep. Since then the 'deepest hole on earth' has been successively Kermadec deep, northeast of New Zealand, 30,930 feet; Nero deep, southeast of Guam, 31,616 feet; and the present holder of the record, Philippine deep, east of the Philippine islands, 32,089 feet. The greatest known depth therefore lies 6 miles and 409 feet below the surface of the sea.

"The greatest range vertically of the earth's surface is between the bottom of Philippine deep and the top of Mt. Everest, a distance of approximately 11.6 miles. This seems a tremendous distance until it is compared with the diameter of the earth, which, near the latitudes of these great physical features, is approximately 8,000 miles. On a globe with a diameter of eight inches, this maximum range of depressions and heights would be represented by a scratch little more than a hundredth of an inch deep. The smallest division on a household ruler is one-sixteenth of an inch. The scratch would be less than a fifth of such a division in depth. On a billiard ball one could hardly scratch lightly enough with a pin to represent the great Philippine deep, and a few grains of talcum powder would stand for Mt. Everest. The smoothest orange that grows has much greater irregularities on its skin in proportion to its size than those given to the earth by all its peaks and valleys.

"One who studies the earth comes to realize that in a sense the continents are subordinate to the great ocean basins. The total volume of these depressions below sea level is many times greater than the volume of the land that rises above the sea. If the entire land surface were leveled down and ocean nearly two miles deep would sweep over every square foot of the surface of the globe. The condition of the continents might at first glance be considered precarious, but dry land has formed a considerable part of the surface of the earth for thousands of years and will probably remain for a long time to come. It has been estimated that less than four cubic miles of solid material is carried into the sea by water

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS.

Baptists Soon to Hold Convention in Clover.

The 14th annual session of the York Baptist Sunday School convention will be held with the Baptist church at Clover, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 9 and 10. The convention will be composed of delegates from the Sunday schools in the York Baptist association, about 18 in all, and a full delegation is expected at the session. Dr. J. W. H. Dyches of Fort Mill is president of the convention and W. A. McAfee of York is vice president. The removal of W. G. Reynolds, formerly of Bowling Green, to North Carolina leaves the office of secretary and treasurer vacant. Besides the workers in the convention territory who will deliver addresses other speakers will be the Rev. G. C. Epps, the Rev. A. L. Pickens and Miss Elizabeth Nuekols, all of Statewide prominence. The program of the convention is as follows:

First Day.

10:30 A. M.—Opening exercises, Rev. N. A. Hemrick.

10:45 A. M.—Roll call of the churches, enrollment of delegates, etc.

11:00 A. M.—Address, "The Two Hemispheres of the Sunday School," Rev. A. L. Pickens.

11:30 A. M.—Addresses, "Why Some Superintendents Fail and Others Succeed," A. M. Grist, Rev. T. A. Snider.

12 M.—Discussion, "Solving Teacher Problems," Rev. J. D. Croft.

12:30 P. M.—Address, "Stewardship," Rev. G. C. Epps.

1:00 P. M.—Dinner.

2:00 P. M.—Session of devotion, H. D. Harkey.

2:15 P. M.—Discussion, "How to Have a Hundred Per Cent Teachers' Meeting," Rev. D. L. Hill.

2:45 P. M.—Address, "Let the Children Grow," Miss Elizabeth Nuekols.

3:15 P. M.—Address, "The Sunday School Worker's Library," Miss Willie K. Barber.

3:30 P. M.—Discussion, "The Neglected Teen Age," Rev. A. L. Pickens.

4:00 P. M.—Miscellaneous business.

4:15 P. M.—Adjournment.

7:45 P. M.—Addresses, Miss Nuekols, Rev. G. C. Epps.

Second Day.

10:30 A. M.—Praise service, Rev. T. A. Snider.

10:45 A. M.—Address, "The Teacher Before the Class," Rev. J. R. Smith.

11:00 A. M.—"The Standard of Excellence," Rev. A. L. Pickens.

11:15 A. M.—"Avenues of Approach to the Child's Mind," Miss Elizabeth Nuekols.

11:45 A. M.—"Adult Department, the Keystone of the Sunday School," Rev. C. E. Thomas.

12 M.—Address, "Stewardship," Rev. G. C. Epps.

12:30 P. M.—Open conference, "Problems of Superintendents," Rev. A. L. Pickens.

1:00 P. M.—Dinner.

2:00 P. M.—Devotional service, Rev. Mr. Ledford.

2:15 P. M.—"A Successful Home Department in the Rural Sunday School," Miss Elizabeth Nuekols.

2:45 P. M.—"Saving Souls, the Supreme Test of the Sunday School," Rev. N. A. Hemrick, Prof. R. C. Burts.

3:15 P. M.—Reports of department superintendents.

3:45 P. M.—Election of officers, announcements, adjournment.

An entertainment will be given in the Fort Mill Baptist church next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock by 16 children from the Economy home at King's Creek, of which J. H. Spaulding is superintendent. A cordial invitation is extended the public to be present for the entertainment, which will be unique in character.

Many prospective heirs had rather have a deed than a will.

annually. At this rate, leaving out of consideration upheavals and subsidences due to earthquakes and other causes, it would require more than 6-million years for all the present land to be washed into the sea."

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Items of General Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

People of this part of the county are noticeably growing more careful in crossing railways in automobiles, which speaks well for the intelligence of the people of this county.

Former Supervisor Thos. W. Boyd of Lessie was among the visitors in Yorkville Monday. Mr. Boyd said that he had not decided whether or not he would be a candidate for county supervisor this year.

Governor Cooper has set aside April 25 as "Cooperation Day." He wants the farmers who have not yet signed the cooperative marketing contract to do so. And to the end that the matter may be intelligently presented he asks that farmers and business men devote the day to a general canvass of the entire field.

Mrs. Effie Huggins, under joint indictment with Alfred Zimmerman charged with the murder of Pink Huggins, her husband, November 7, last, gave birth to a baby boy at the county home Friday morning. Mrs. Huggins was up Saturday morning as usual. The case against the two was formally continued Monday until the next term of court, presumably on account of the birth of the child.

"One of the best kept cemeteries in the county," remarked a gentleman who is well acquainted with the subject, "is Laurelwood in Rock Hill. Some years ago the Yorkville cemetery rather had it on Laurelwood, but now there is noticeable some change in favor of Laurelwood. Of the country cemeteries perhaps Ebenezer leads the list. The graves are more generally marked with suitable stones and the whole place is pretty well looked after."

It takes the people a long time to realize the change in the law as to working the roads. For instance, the county board of commissioners no longer have anything to do with the main road from Chester to the Gaston county line or the main road from Catawba Junction to Yorkville. The same is also true of the Saluda road out of Rock Hill to the Chester line. All the roads are now under the maintenance of the State highway commission, but of course York county is still paying the expense of upkeep.

It is going to take a good many thousands of dollars in road work to make that Boyd's Ferry bridge on the Catawba accessible to travelers between York and Mecklenburg counties. There is practically no approach to the bridge from the York county side at the present time. There is a kind of a trail that might be followed on foot, or possibly with a strong two-horse wagon, running empty or practically so, but it is not safe for Ford cars, at least not until many of the ruts and holes are leveled up somewhat. If the bridge were completed at this time the traveler from Yorkville or Clover to Charlotte would fare better by Belmont or Fort Mill than by the new bridge. And to make the trip at all practicable it is going to be necessary to make a new road not only from the bridge site to the present ridge road, but the ridge road itself has got to be worked on considerably.

One sees five times as much wheat and oats and rye and clover growing in the fields along the road between King's Mountain and Shelby as one would see on any road in York county for a similar distance. There are hundreds of acres of it, looking healthy and green, and folks familiar with all sections of the county say it is that way all over. In fact, such a little bit of feedstuffs for animals is shipped into Cleveland county, N. C., that few if any folks get rich out of it up there. In the barnyard at every farm house there are not a few chickens walking about the yard, but scores and scores of them—purebred chickens, mostly Buff Orpingtons and White Leghorns and Rhode Island Reds. There are large orchards, the trees luxuriant in foliage and there is a general atmosphere of prosperity and every indication of successful life.

SOUTH PULLING FOR FORD.

Wants Muscle Shoals Turned Over to Detroit Man.

If anyone north of the Mason and Dixon line is of the opinion that anyone but Henry Ford would be welcome at Muscle Shoals as operator of the government's huge waterpower and nitrate plants there it would not require more than 15 minutes in any community in the nearby States to convince him that he was wrong, says an Atlanta press dispatch.

Sentiment in favor of the Detroit manufacturer has taken place, it is asserted by those interested in the efforts being put forth in his behalf, for several reasons, among which are:

Ford's known ability to get the utmost from a working man and pay him exceptionally good wages, and his known inclination to sell his products at a low market price.

Farmers, business men and just ordinary citizens believe that unless Ford gets the nitrate plant and electric plant on the Tennessee river the South is going to lose the greatest opportunity for advancement it has ever seen. They believe that if anyone else gets the plant possible failure faces the enterprise.

The average man knows little of Muscle Shoals. He hears that Henry Ford wants it, that the Alabama Power company also is after it, and that several other bids have been made for the property. But he does not know that at Sheffield and Florence, Ala., on the Tennessee river, which lies south of the supposed industrial center of the United States, there exists the greatest waterpower project in the world. It ranks greater than Niagara itself in potential power and dwarfs all other enterprises.

Those in the South who know about the river realize that their bread and butter depend in the future mainly upon such developments. The South is a network of high tension electricity transmission cables. The mountains of Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas abound in excellent waterpower sites, and the electricity developed from them serves the South, but not as it should be served. To add to this service the South wants Henry Ford to get hold of Muscle Shoals. It has faith in Henry Ford, because of his success in other enterprises.

Therefore the South has enlisted in the Ford cause, and in Georgia and Alabama at least politicians are being told that they needn't come round next election day unless they are doing their best to hand over Muscle Shoals to Henry Ford. There isn't any mistake about where the South stands, and, what's more, the South wants the world to know where it stands. Unless Mr. Ford gets control of Muscle Shoals the South is very likely to vent its wrath somewhere in the neighborhood of a good sized bunch of congressmen. The fact that the Ford offer contains some features that some congressmen do not like doesn't influence the folks of the South.

Outwitting the Boll Weevil.

John W. Elms, Pleasant Valley farmer, does not suppose that the boll weevil get the upper hand of him as it has many farmers in the sections of the State where it apparently has taken up a permanent residence. Realizing that sooner or later the weevil would become active in destroying the cotton crop of his neighborhood, Mr. Elms has turned his attention from cotton growing to dairying and now has a herd of 25 good cows, from which he delivers daily about 75 gallons of milk in Charlotte. The milk is sold in the main in quart bottles at 15 cents each and is delivered at the doorstep of his customers.

Another Pleasant Valley farmer who also is operating a dairy and like Mr. Elms finds his customers in Charlotte is Arthur Hall. The milk from both dairies is delivered by motor truck and notwithstanding the distance of about 20 miles to Charlotte, good roads to that city insure prompt deliveries, regardless of weather conditions.

WOULD FOOL FARMERS.

Republican Tariff Bill Drawn in the Interest of Profiteers.

It should be understood in advance that the Democrats in Congress have had no hand or part in the framing of the tariff bill recently reported in the senate, says a Washington dispatch to The Times. They were not called in until the tinkering on the bill had been completed, and were then permitted to cast a vote on reporting the bill, but having had no opportunity to see it or study it they naturally voted against it.

It is a profiteers' tariff from start to finish and if enacted in its present form will greatly increase the high cost of living. It displays throughout an ignorance of even the elementary principles of economics. The rates of the bill are higher than under the Payne-Aldrich act against which the people revolted in 1910 and elected Democratic congresses for the following eight years.

In this bill, as in the emergency tariff act, passed by the Republicans last year, another effort is made to fool the farmer by placing high duties on agricultural products, but the opponents of the bill contend that the experience of the farmer following the passage of the emergency tariff act was that prices of all his products declined to a point at which it was unprofitable to ship them and compelled him to burn his corn while millions were starving in Europe for lack of his unsaleable products, which has taught him for all time that what he needs is not tariffs but markets.

Although the bill itself has not been published and only its most glaring defects are yet apparent, it is already manifest that opposition to the bill is not to be confined to Democrats, but that the Republicans themselves are divided and opposition to it may be expected not only from Republican senators but from a large section of the Republican press.

Many Hear Noted Speakers.

The meeting at the Fort Mill Baptist church last Friday morning in the interest of the 75 million campaign was well attended, not only by local members of the church but by a number from Flint Hill and other churches. Inspiring addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. H. A. Bagby of Greenwood, former pastor of the First Baptist church of Chester, and Dr. J. W. McGlothlin, president of Furman university, who is also president of the Baptist General Board of South Carolina.

Before the hour for the service at the church Dr. McGlothlin spoke briefly to the Fort Mill graded school. He stressed the cultivation of brain power and urged the pupils to hang on to every problem confronting them like a dog to a snake till all the resistance was shaken out of it. Dr. McGlothlin closed his helpful address to the children by saying that character was the main thing and that this could and should be developed by pupils while in school; that while intellectual training is very important, the final test of a man is whether he is good or bad.

"Sally" Season Opens.

The 1922 season of the South Atlantic league opened Monday with Charlotte winning over Charleston, Columbia over Augusta and Spartanburg over Greenville. This year as usual many Fort Mill citizens follow with interest the fortunes of the various clubs composing the league and at the opening game in Charlotte a number of local fans were present, among them E. Springs Parks, who said the game was about the poorest exhibition of professional baseball he had ever seen, the score being 17 to 16 in favor of the North Carolina club.

Arbuckle Contracts Canceled.

Will H. Hays, head of the Motion Picture Producers' association, announced in New York Tuesday that all contracts for the showing of films in which "Fatty" Arbuckle appears had been canceled. This action, Hays said, affected nearly 10,000 contracts

CALL TO WOMEN.

Mrs. Williams Urges That They Attend Club Meetings.

The Times is requested to print the following communication, addressed to the women of York county, from Mrs. Annie Gaines Williams of Greenwood, chairman of the South Carolina League of Women Voters:

"Please allow me to call your attention to the fact that the various Democratic clubs are to meet on the fourth Saturday of this month for reorganization and to elect delegates to the county convention, which will be held on Monday, May 1. Since the average voter comes into direct contact with the management of her party only at the club meetings it is urged that every woman who has attained her majority, or who will become 21 years of age before the general election in November, attend the meeting which will be held in her precinct on Saturday, April 22.

"Of course it is taken for granted that each club in electing delegates to the county convention will provide for a fair representation of women, but since time immemorial it has been the custom to select men only, this provision may be overlooked unless women are present as a reminder that they also are citizens. Then, too, the delegation chosen by the county convention to the State convention should be composed of both men and women, and a woman as well as a man should be selected to represent the county on the State Democratic executive committee. The Democratic party now requires that the national executive committee shall comprise two members, a man and a woman, from each State. Mrs. Julian B. Salley of Aiken being our representative.

"In conclusion let me say that the 19th amendment gives the vote alike to the woman who wanted it and the woman who thought she did not want it. Neither has the right to neglect it. It now becomes just as much the duty of every woman in South Carolina to use her ballot for the public welfare as it has for generations been the duty of our men to employ the franchise for the best interest of the State. Shall we prove less mindful and worthy of the trust than they?"

Lawlessness Due to War.

The marked prevalence of lawlessness throughout the country during the last few years is part of the war's aftermath in the opinion expressed by Judge Bowman of Orangeburg Monday morning at the opening of the April term of court in York. Judge Bowman said that the history of wars was that they left demoralization in their train and that the recent conflict had proved no exception to the rule. In his charge to the grand jury, Judge Bowman urged that the grand jurors use their influence to bring about a sentiment opposed to lawlessness.

Court faced a congested docket when it opened Monday morning, but so large was the number of defendants pleading guilty that all cases ready for trial will be disposed of before the end of the week.

New Church for Rev. Mr. Bailes.

Fort Mill friends of the Rev. Porter M. Bailes, pastor of the First Baptist church of Greer, who was reared in the upper section of Fort Mill township, will learn with interest that at a congregational meeting of his church held a few days ago it was decided to build a new church to cost \$50,000. Sunday the canvassing committee visited the homes of the members and \$35,000 was reported as the amount of subscriptions secured. The congregation voted to go into the building and loan association to take care of the payments of those who are not in position to make their payments at once.

Forty-seven dollars was contributed last Sunday by the Fort Mill Baptist Sunday school to the Near East relief fund. Smaller sums given by the Senior B. Y. P. U., the Junior B. Y. P. U. and the Y. W. A. brought the total up to \$54.55 for the week.