

All is Not Gold That Glitters.

NORTH LUBEC, Me., July 29, 1898.—This place is greatly excited over the disappearance of the Rev. P. F. Jernegan and the troubles attending the progress of the Electrolytic Marine Salts Company, whose plant is situated here, and whose new plant, recently in process of construction, turned a heretofore quiet hamlet into a hive of industry and activity.

Work has been suspended here, pending further investigations at the Boston office. The crew of nearly 700 men has been paid in full, and no serious trouble has attended the suspension, but there is apparently no end to the anxious excitement which the circumstances has aroused.

The Electrolytic Marine Salts Company has been a great benefit to Lubec, beginning with the first appearance in the town of the Rev. Mr. Jernegan, about a year ago, and his subsequent experiments, the wild rumors which accompanied them, and the building of the plant where the work of extracting gold from sea water has since been carried on.

At first incredulity met every step of the founders of the strange and almost unheard of industry, but the promptness with which every bill for material or labor was paid, the good wages and the apparent good faith of every local transaction, soon began to chase away the clouds of doubt, and it was not long before nearly everybody in town firmly believed in the sincerity and reliability of the undertaking, or, if they did not believe, they liked the money and the patronage of the promoters so well that they were content.

Several local men of some means have become investors in the stock of the company, and the immense enterprise which the company was undertaking in town had begun to give new life to this village, which, since the burning, 20 years ago, of the plaster mills located here, has been very quiet and unambitious. For some time a large crew, numbering about 700 men, has been at work upon the new plant of the company, which was designed to contain about 5000 of the spectators, or accumulators, used in the process. A large shipment of these machines for the plant was received here several days ago.

The site of the new plant has been the busiest scene of activity in Maine. The basin of the inlet, or canal, where the plant was to be located swarmed with workmen driving piles and laying the foundation of the immense building which was to be erected. It has been estimated that several acres of flooring would be laid, below which the water was to be carried in sluiceways to feed the 5000 machines.

Two immense dams, one at either end of the canal which stretches completely across the neck of land upon which North Lubec is situated, where in process of construction, and were intended to retain the water which would flow into the canal at each flood tide.

A portable sawmill, blacksmith shops and supply stores have been erected on the site of the building to facilitate the work of construction, and at times six or seven vessels have been unloading or waiting a chance to unload supplies and material for the carrying on of the big enterprise. It is said that \$10,000 was paid out to the workmen and supply contractors on one recent pay day.

People who visited the scene of operations came away believers in the scheme, because everything in connection with the factory appeared to be carried on in a businesslike and substantial manner. A Bangor business man who was at the factory last week came away enthusiastic. He said: "Why, at the construction of their new mill at Lubec the other day I noticed them putting in sluices of great, heavy timber, such as will wear many years without replacing, and which had to be purchased at a high cost. All that work will be out of sight, under water."

Stock in the company is owned generally in this vicinity in small lots. People here call the plant "The Klondike," and that is now a common phrase in Washington county. One man who visited the plant some time ago, a commercial traveller, said yesterday, when talking of the latest developments of the case: "I believe it is all right yet. If not, it is the biggest and best bluff of the century."

Several commercial travellers and others who have visited Lubec during the past few months have invested in the stock of the company, one drummer recently purchased \$500 worth. It is said here tonight that there will be money enough to pay all creditors, excepting, of course, the shareholders. The working men have received their pay in full.

The citizens of Lubec are anxiously awaiting further developments.—Ex.

Grand Trunk Engineer Swears by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Mr. Geo. Cummings, for over 20 years engineer Grand Trunk running between Toronto and Allandale, says:—"The constant duty with my work gave me excessive pains in my back, racking my kidneys. I tried several remedies until I was recommended by my fireman, Mr. Dave Conley, to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Two boxes have completely cured me and I feel today a better man than ever. I recommend them to all my friends."

Manufacture of Wood Novelties in Maine.

The manufacture of wood novelties in Maine, according to the Industrial Journal, of Bangor, has become one of the important industries of the state. The growth of the industry covers a period extending back as far as 1857, and it has now assumed very large proportions. In the term "wood-novelties" is included a large variety of small articles turned from wood. Closely allied to the wood-novelty industry, and often included under that head, is the production of fruit

boxes and veneers. The average annual output of wood novelties in Maine, including these allied industries, has a value of over a million dollars, and the number of firms in the state engaged in the business proper is seventeen, in orange-box making four, and in veneer manufacture one.

One of the most interesting branches of the industry is the manufacture of wood rims for bicycles. The Maine plant is one of but three factories of this kind in the country. The average daily output is 1,800 rims, and the value of the yearly product is about \$120,000. The rims are made of rock maple, and each is composed of three pieces, glued and pressed together with such force and nicety that the rim appears like one piece, and only the most searching examination can detect the joint.

The tooth-pick industry in the state was established in 1857. There are two plants now in operation, one producing 525,000,000 tooth-picks per year, and the other about six billion. The annual product of these two mills has an average value of about \$40,000. Another mill is to be opened soon, and operated by a newly-formed company in Androscoggin county.

A large plant in South Paris is devoted to the manufacture of children's carts, waggon and wheelbarrows, school desks, sleds, swings and similar articles. The name "wood novelty" is, in short, a very inclusive term, and the articles embraced are practically without end. Almost all kinds of wood found in the state are utilized in these plants in one way or another. In the orange-box factories, yellow birch, maple and beech woods are used.

The real benefit of the wood-working industries to Maine can be appreciated when it is remembered that before spool and wood-novelty making, and orange-box and wood veneer manufacture were introduced into the state the raw material they now use was considered worthless except as fuel. This wood has now become a product of great value, and the sale of the articles manufactured in these mills brings into the state each year a large amount of money.

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Are Summers Now Colder?

The opinion which one has often heard expressed by old people that in the days of their youth the winters were colder and the summers warmer than they are now is subjected to the test of carefully examined statistics of temperature by Dr. Buchan in a paper which is published in the Scottish Meteorological Journal for the present year.

Comparison is made between the average temperatures of each month for the last forty years, and the average for a longer period for which statistics are available, ranging from 134 years at Greenwich and 133 years at Edinburgh to seventy years at Oxford, sixty-five at Dublin, fifty-five at Gournsey and sixty at Aberdeen.

The result of the comparison of the longer period of observations with the shorter seems to show that long ago the fluctuations of temperature were more marked than they are now, but though in some places the summers are colder now than they were at the end of the last century in others it is just the opposite. Thus, comparing the observations at Greenwich with those taken at Edinburgh, and they extend nearly over the same time, January is 1.4 degrees warmer on the short average of 40 years than on the long average of 133 years at Edinburgh, but it is only 0.3 of a degree warmer at Greenwich over the average of 134 years. June is colder by 0.4 of a degree on the long average, November is colder by 0.6 and December colder by 0.8 on the long average at Greenwich.

There are, therefore, measureable changes in the course of years, but they do not seem to point to a general cooling down of our summers and a getting warmer in the winter. They are more likely to be explained by local peculiarities.

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Yucatan is a compound Indian word meaning "What do you say?" which was the only answer the Spaniards could obtain from the natives concerning their country.

JACK IS SUPERSTITIOUS.

The Number 13 is Held in Awe by Sailors and Marines.

Sailors are proverbially superstitious, says the Baltimore Sun, and there are also hosts of landmen who regard with terror that sinister combination of figures which, written numerically, appears as "13." There is many a man who never went to sea who would not embark on any enterprise on the 13th day of the month, or sit down to a banquet at which there were only thirteen guests. All skippers are not superstitious, however, and the "13 hoodoo" has no terror for some of them. The captains of twenty of the transports which the government sent to Santiago refused to accept "No. 13" as the designation of their vessels, the government numbering the transports instead of retaining the names by which they had been known hitherto. The expedition sailed at daybreak from Tampa on June 13, and it is significant that the twenty transports were numbered consecutively up to 12, when "13" was "skipped," and the next ship, the Concho, having on board 1300 troops, was designated No. 14. One bold captain was found, however, who belonged to a "Thirteen Club," and whose ship arrived at Tampa on the day the expedition sailed, the 13th. He applied for the unlucky number in defiance of the superstition. His ship reached Santiago without mishap, as far as known, and he demonstrated conclusively that "13" is neither any better nor any worse, as far as the sailor is concerned, than any other combination of figures. Notwithstanding this fact, he will probably be looked upon for the rest of his career at sea as a skipper who recklessly tempted fate, and superstitious jack tars will regard him as one who cannot escape Davy Jones' locker.

While the merchant marine may, with a few exceptions, succumb to a sinister potency of the "13" fetic, the navy, on the other hand, may be expected to find that number both a charm and an inspiration. Our warships carry guns of various calibres, all of them effective, but the place of honor is reserved for the 13-inch rifle, which, with its thirty-six feet of length and its projectile weighing 1250 pounds, is the pet and admiration of naval artillerists. The defences which the Spaniards had constructed to repel the American invaders at Santiago were demolished by these mighty engines of destruction, and the sailors on the warships pay them a measure of homage which they would not accord to old Neptune himself. Only the unfortunate Spaniards who lost thirteen vessels at Manila, and who have to face the terrors of the 13-inch rifle, regard it with horror, and the feeling which it inspires in them is quite natural. As far as ordnance goes, "13" stands for all that is best and most impressive in the American navy, and instead of being a "hoodoo," it is an emblem of victory as the most potent instrument in achieving it. The merchant marine may continue to regard "13" with superstitious dread, but to the men on the warships it will, when it designates the calibre of heavy ordnance, be "a thing of beauty and a joy forever"—something to swear by when there is an enemy's ship to be sunk or a fortification to be destroyed.

The letters in a code book are printed in ink that fades when it comes in contact with water.

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