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PROXIMITY OF MARS INTERESTS SCIENCE

PROFESSOR FOX EXPLAINS

Conditions of Near Approach of Red Planet Made Clear; What It Is Hoped to Find

The following statement relating to the interesting approach of Mars to our own earth was prepared by Professor Philip Fox, professor of astronomy at Northwestern university and director of Dearborn observatory on that campus:

Period of Revolution

The period of revolution of Mars about the sun is 687 days. The period of the earth's revolution about the sun is 365-¼ days. Therefore at intervals of 780 days they come together on the same side of the sun and Mars is said to come into opposition, the sun and Mars being on opposite sides of the earth. At such times Mars makes its nearest approach to the earth.

The distances at opposition are not, however, always equal on account of the eccentricity of the orbits of Mars and the earth, principally the former. Favorable oppositions are those which occur in the latter part of August and these occur at intervals of about fifteen years. The opposition of Mars which occurs on the 23rd of August is then one which brings Mars in closest approach to the earth and therefore in most favorable position for observation.

Away to South

Unfortunately for northern observers the planet at this opposition is south of the equator, being at declination 17 degrees 35 minutes. This entails a much longer path of light through the earth's atmosphere than would be the case were it transmitting nearer the zenith. The earth's atmosphere is always more or less unsteady tending to distort and blur the image, and the less nearly vertical and longer path increases this disturbing factor. The observatories farther south, especially those in the southern hemisphere, have the more advantageous position for observation at this opposition.

Stage of Seasons

There is another fact, however, of very great importance in the observation of Mars and that is the stage of the seasons on the planet. The 22nd of August corresponds roughly to the latter part of May of the Martian season. The conspicuousness of surface markings reaches its maximum in the Martian mid-summer. The sequence of changes can be roughly outlined as follows: in the Martian winter a larger polar snow cap is deposited even as on the earth and with the coming of spring the polar cap shrinks and certain markings begin to appear in that hemisphere. The date at which certain markings will be visible may be predicted almost to a day.

Show More Contrast

As the cap continues to shrink the markings show more and more contrast against the ruddy surface and are more and more sharply defined. It is only at this time that the so-called canals can be seen. The Martian season of mid-summer will come late in our fall, and although Mars will have receded somewhat from us, still the greater contrast of the markings will more than compensate for the increased distance. The time for the most favorable observation of Mars is not therefore at the time of nearest approach but will come some weeks thereafter."

GRAPHITE MINING GAINS IN THE U. S.

Considerable Progress in 1923, According to Report of Interior Department

The graphite mining industry in the United States made considerable progress in 1923 according to a report prepared in the department of the interior by the United States geological survey in cooperation with the geological surveys of Alabama, Michigan, and New York. During the world war this inductry flourished, for graphite is an essential war mineral, and large stocks of it, both domestic and foreign, were accumulated. Consequently in the years immediately after the war the industry languished. In 1923, however, there was an increase in the quantity sold and imported, as well as in value, the sales amounting to 4,056 tons of amorphous graphite and 3,964,900 pounds of crystalline graphite, compared with 2,200 tons of amorphous graphite and 1,849,766 pounds of crystalline graphite in 1922. The manufacture of artificial graphite at Niagara Falls, N. Y., reached the high mark of 26,761,015 pounds more than twice the output there in 1922. The quantity of graphite imported for consumption rose from 12,488 short tons in 1922 to 19,434 tons in 1923, an increase of 56 per cent.

"A republican is a person who thinks a democratic administration is bad for business; a democrat is a person who thinks a republican administration is bad for business; both are right."— Prize-winning definition in a competition held by the Baltimore Sun.

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BUSINESS IMPROVING

Business generally, which means banking, manufacturing, farming, exporting and importing, mining, lumbering, power development and transportation, has no fears of radicalism and is improving. There is no real fear of a Third party or any ripping up of the Constitution in states or nation, and the political system of our country that has stood a century and a half will stand in 1924.

Disappearance in business of political radicalism is a change which ought to stimulate enterprise, and help revival in trade. Stock prices habitually advance when general trade is improving; and both stocks and bonds are advancing.

The third party furor looks overdone if the sane and sensible every day American will get out and vote instead of trusting the other fellow to vote and save him.

THE GARDEN HARVEST

Many people consider gardening a toilsome occupation, but real enthusiasts feel amply rewarded about this time, when their little patch begins to yield its trophies. There is a fine flavor in a vegetable picked in your own little plot and eaten on the same day, that does not attach to the products that were a long time getting to you. There is a sense of triumph, when these gifts of nature reach the dinner table, that you were able to produce them yourself, thereby triumphing over adverse forces of soil and climate and pests.

Nature seems to want to make such outdoor pursuits attractive. So she endows her products, not merely with healthful qualities and succulent taste, but with a wide range of brilliant color, from the golden yellow of corn to the deep red of beets. A garden basket filled with such trophies is a little symphony of color, celebrating the achievement of their producer.

LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE

If we as a people can learn from experience, without having to be hit on the head with a panic and hard times, the recent slight depression in this country should have taught its lesson.

When industry slowed up, jobs became scarcer—just enough scarcer so that no one was really hurt but enough to make a sensible man think and realize that any movement or any agitation which interferes with normal industrial activity strikes first hand and hardest at the working man.

As farm prosperity returns more men have jobs not only on the farms but in all lines of industry.

A man who works in a sawmill or a mine should realize that his job depends on prosperity in other lines of business which use the product he produces.

The brakeman or engineer on a freight train should realize that his job depends on "the other fellow" who makes an article for transportation.

If we pull together as a nation success awaits us. If we fight among ourselves we court hard times and failure.

The work of the Dawes' committee of experts to formulate a business-like program for settlement of the Allied Reparations tangle, further emphasizes the value of team work along constructive lines.

This committee figured out such a practical plan that it will be adopted on account of its sanity and simplicity. After five years of European intrigue and jealousy, plain every day business sense and honesty had to win over political inefficiency.

The people of Europe have suffered five long years to learn their lesson—namely—that one nation cannot profit at the expense of another.

Thus do we see intelligence finally conquering ignorance. How long individuals or nations suffer during the "process of education" depends upon their ability to learn from observation and escape the severe lessons which experience gives those who refuse to learn otherwise.

The American people have only a bright future before them if they stand for the square deal policy which will assure continued agricultural and industrial activity.

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