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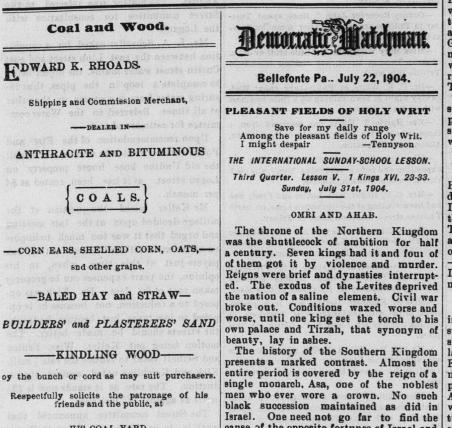
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cause of the opposite fortunes of Israel and Judah. The former drifted further and faster from that national rectitude which Telephone Calls {Central 1312. Commercial 682. alone brings national peace and joy. It has been aptly said that every age thinks itself a crisis, but no one can doubt but that the advent of Ahab brought a

surpreme issue in the history of Israel. The chronicler feels justified in giving all the balance of his book to the narration of these dark and stirring scenes. Abab's name means "Father's brother," the suggestion being that Ahab is Omri's other

self in impiety. Just at this juncture, Jezebel, a female

Just at this juncture, Jezebel, a female from Rome to Constantinople. The new was \$15,000. Partial reports are publish-Judas Iscariot, cast her black shadow on site was exceedingly advantageous—for ed in the annual report of the Department.

Hebrew history. She is another Irene of strength and heanty. The name is derived Thirty-one thousand six hundred copies of Constantinople, or Catharine de Medicis of France, or Shakespearian Lady Macbeth. She is the inventor of priestly inquisition price which is curiously a matter of record to this day. and first supporter of religious persecution. She was masterful, indomitable, and implacable. Her father had killed A stone cries ont in witness to the ac-curacy of Scripture. Thirty-six years ago a missionary in Syria found what is now his brother in order to get the Zidonian throne. Such was the fierce and fanatical

blood that flowed in her veins. It was an evil day for both Israel and Judah when Ahab took the woman to be his wife. The pains and penalties of that choice perpetuated themselves for a thous-and years. It was under her malign influence that positive idolatry was established. Calf-worship, had, it is true, been previously established and was unauthorizd and corrupt. The calf was, however, everywhere recognized as a symbol of Jehovah, and under this sign he was still worshiped. But with the advent of Jezebel, the Baals supplanted Jehovah. A great Baalite temple was built in Samaria with the evident purpose of surpass-ing that of Jerusalum. Eight hundred priests in gorgeous regalia served at the alters. The pomp of a sensuous cult was substituted for the simple and speaking rites of an elevated theistic religion. The essence of the faith of Israel found its expression in the simple creed "Jehovah, Israel's God; Israel, Jehovah's people." But in place of the revered name of Jeho vah it was deliberately proposed to substi-tute the name of the Baals. It was a blow at monotheism. In the place of the one God were to be substituted "gods many," namely, all the local deities of fertilitywith all their shameful and murderou? rites, including the burning of children. To such a foul depth had Israel fallen: The cumulative nature of sin has a startling illustration in that the same superlative terms are used to describe the sin of son as well as of father. Each did worse than all before him.

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN

With Ahab a new and vivid section of Hebrew history begins. It closes with the destruction of the house of Omri by Jehu. Its importance is indicated by the fact that its incidents are recorded at length. The advent of Elijah makes it an epoch of absorbing interest. It is the description of one of the dscisive bat les of the world -the battle between Jebovah and Baal. It is both the glory and the shame of the nation.

Ahab's foolish choice of a wife resulted

worse, until one king set the torch to his own palace and Tirzah, that synonym of beauty, lay in ashes. "In lasting dishonor. Companionship stamps character, "A companion of fools shall be destroyed." There was a general law against marriage with a heathen. presents a marked contrast. Almost the For a king to violate that law was all the more reprehensible because of the exemplary power of his high position. Yet Ahab considered it a light thing. He men who ever wore a crown. No such black succession maintained as did in Israel. One need not go far to find the tions-which were in vain as far as he was concerned.

Jezebel is odious in the last degree, but

she must be treated with historic fairness. She was a vigorous woman of a various race. Her name is linked with the classi names of Belus, Pygmalion, and Dido. * * * * * Samaria was a name destined to becom

familiar and significant. Its origin, as here given, is exceedingly interesting. Omri's removal of his capital from Tirzah to Samaria was like Constantine's removal from Rome to Constantinople. The new

known as the Moahite Stone, and which is said to read like a new chapter in the Book of Kings. It was made 850 B. C., bears the name of Jehovah and Omri, and confirms Bible history and geography.

50**2**3010203010 The inscription on the Moabite stone is in ancient Phoenician, and covers thirtyfour lines. It is an interesting incident that when the Arabs found the archæologists anxious to secure this stone, they became suspicious and broke it up into small pieces, to be used as amulets. Not understanding its historical value, they thought the reason is was wanted was that it possessed some magic spell. The infi-nite patience of the archæologist (a class of workmen not generally understood or appreciated) is illustrated in the recovery of the fragments, the restoration of the stone and its translation. It is in the Louvre in Paris. * *

Two golden calves seemed an incident is made an important feature by the state so small that it might be winked at. They director. were only graven reminders of the true God. They were far apart. One was at Two Firemen Killed in Head-on Colthe nothern and the other at the southern boundary. Their setting up was an insignificant affair, not worth making a fuss over. But no! That was the crevice in Through that small orifice came all dike. the putrid flood of idolism. The beginnings of evil should be resisted.

Farmers Institutes in Pennsylvania.

The report of the United States Depart sengers were more or less injured, but none ment of Agriculture on farmers' institute seriously, while all on the train were badwork, recently published over the signa-ture of John Hamilton, specialist in that Department, shows the following progress ly shaken up. By a blunder on the part of some one the freight train took the wrong track and as having been made in Pennsylvania : Population 6,302,115. Total number of while coming down the hill met the flyer head-on.

homes 1,320,025. Number of farm homes 225,565. Per cent of farm homes 17.1. Approximate population in farm homes 1,077,661.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Harris-

Secretary of Agriculture, who is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, is also director of farmers' institutes. He is required to "arrange them in such manner as to time and places of holding the same as to secure the greatest economy and efficiency of service, and to this end he shall, in each county where such institutes are to be held, confer and advise with the local member of the State Board of Agri appointed by each county agricultural, horticultural, and other like organizations, with reference to the appointment of

sisting of 831 sessions. Forty-nine of these institutes were one day, 277 two-day, and 1 three-day. There were 58 lecturers upon the state force. The amount appropriated for the support of the institutes

from that of the owner of the hill, Sher-mer, from whom it was purchased at a annually. The Pennsylvania State College and the Agricultural Experiment Station were represented on the institute lecture force by four members, who contributed in the aggregate 108 days of their time and attended 58 institutes. The local organization consists of a county chairman, who is usually the member of the State Board of Agriculture elected by the county agricultural society, and one representative from each of the other county agricultural organizations. All of the expenses of the institute work, including the local expenses in the several counties, are paid out of the state appropriation. The state di-rector fixes the dates and the county committees select the places and prepare the programmes. About 75 independent institutes were held last year by farmers' clubs, granges, and county agricultural societies. The State is divided into five sections for institute purposes, and the in-stitute purposes, and the institute directo-furnishes three lecturers for each section. A feature of the work in this State has been the prescribing of one or two important topics, requiring them to be placed upon every program for discussion through-out the State. The training of institute lecturers so as to increase the number of efficient instructors in the institute work

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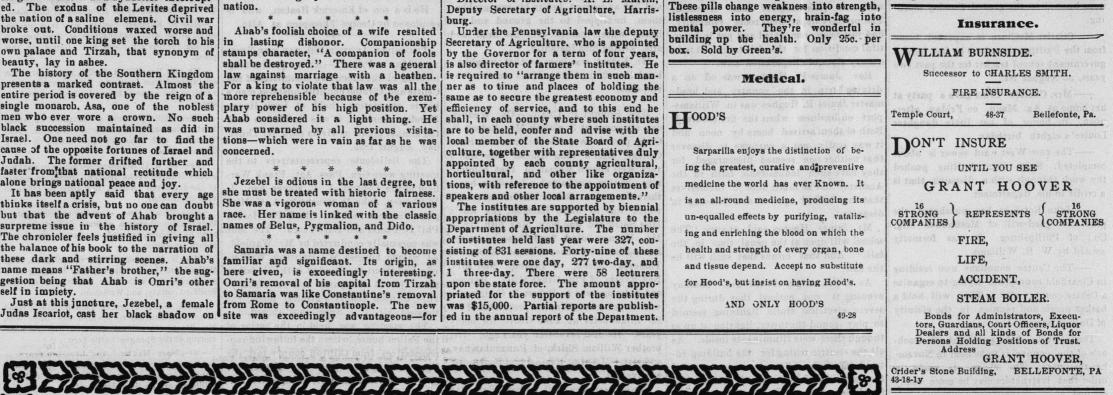
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and will remain during the encampment of the division of the Pennsylvania Na-tional Guard, which begins next Saturday. The men were on foot, and walked twenty two miles from Silver Run this morning. During the past week a force of men has been at work preparing the ground for the encampment, and the site is ready for the soldier.

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