

PLEASANT GAP.

The Thanksgiving bazaar held by the ladies of the Lutheran church was a success, socially and financially.

Our public schools are all in successful operation and we are glad to report that the entire new teaching force is meeting with the approval of pupils and patrons. As a former pedagogue I notice with regret that one of the features of the old-time public school which seems rather neglected now is that of elocution-speaking and reciting. Elocution is the public expression of thought and feeling. It makes for better conversation, reading, acting, etc. It is a wonderful study to fit both boys and girls to measure up to the standards of future success, and should be made a part of every school curriculum.

It occurs to me that the young and rising generation are growing entirely too smart for their wearing apparel. Boys become men at a much earlier age than they did years ago. In the older time a young man was not considered old enough to leave home, go into business or go with the girls until he was twenty-one years of age. Today the youngsters do all these things and swear like a trooper while in their teens. The smartness which characterizes so many boys nowadays is largely the result of home training. Boys of sixteen talk politics as glibly as their grand-fathers did at twenty-one, and bet on most anything with the assurance of an Adams or Jefferson of the old school.

A delightful birthday party for their daughter Grace was given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Millward recently, it being her 15th anniversary. The guests included Dorothy Stytzer, Mary Shuey, Mame Griffith, Margaret Irvin, Margaret Evey, Lila Evey, Geraldine Deitrick, Kathryn Sampsell and Margaret Peters, of Pleasant Gap; Ruth Teaman, Sarah Miller, Margaret Smith, Elinor Yarnell, Miss Buck and Miss Neely, of Bellefonte; Eugene, Charles, Mack Mothersbaugh and John Shuey, of Boalsburg; Franklin Hoy, John Barnes Jr., Carl Gettes, Samuel Rumberger, Randall Keller, Charles Houser, Eugene Markle, Carl Zettler, Joe Sunday and Gerald Millward, of Pleasant Gap. The evening was spent in playing games and other diversions, including delicious refreshments. Miss Grace received many beautiful gifts and the well wishes of all her young friends.

U. S. Doctors Give Free Aid Worth \$135,000,000.

It has been estimated, says "The Medical Quarterly," that the members of the staffs of 107 of the 140 hospitals and dispensaries in New York City last year gave away, without any compensation, 5,020,502 free hospital days, valued at \$15,061,506. The campaign director of the endowment fund for the Home for Aged Physicians pertinently asks this question:

"With this situation well in mind, can there be any question as to why so many physicians eke out meager existences and that many—the majority—die without estate, and that many become public charges because of financial distress?"

Free medical service to persons capable of paying is at least part of the answer. The story of Dr. Oliver Goldsmith, England's medical bard, is indicative that the profession has ever been prone to extend charity. A woman with five children at her heels accosted him for aid. He took her to his lodging, gave her money and all his blankets. She went away and he went to bed. The air became chilly and Goldsmith shivered on his blanketless bed.

How like many of our present-day medical men, continues "The Quarterly," they do much needed charity work, for which they receive their reward in Heaven, but to the unworthy they are giving away the money and blankets that belong to the members of their families, and they are figuratively reclining on the bare mattress.

It is estimated that the physicians of this country are getting away, without the slightest hope of further compensation, free service to the value of \$135,000,000.

Leviathan Depends on 83 Electrical Systems on her over-seas trips.

Electricity plays an important part in the operation and lighting of the huge ocean liners that leave and arrive on schedules almost as fixed as those of express trains, remarks the Pennsylvania Public Service Information Committee.

Most important of all is the lighting. The Leviathan, for example, is a veritable floating palace of light. Eighteen thousand lamps, ranging in size from a tiny two-watt bulb on the switchboard to the 1500-watt lamp in the electric treatment room are needed to supply the ship's need.

Eighty-three electrical systems of communication and signaling are operated on the ship, the telephone alone requiring 625 extensions. Fire alarms operate on three separate systems. There are also 46 fire-alarm stations.

On the bridge are 60 lamps set in panels to show when doors of the water-tight compartments are open or closed. In the engine room among the 46 boilers are other systems of electric machinery inspection and lubrication. A total of 50,000 kilowatt hours is consumed in lighting alone for one round trip of this great ship.

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CARRARA MARBLE TO MARK GRAVES.

Washington—White Carrara marble is reported chosen for the permanent crosses to mark the graves of American soldiers in France.

"Civilizations stretching back to the centuries before the birth of Christ used this marble," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society from its headquarters in Washington, D. C. "Carrara marble served to honor pagan gods before the Christian deity. As the deeds of American legions will be 'written' in Carrara, so were the deeds of Rome's legions.

"It is rare that a geographical description can be used 2,000 years after it was written, but here is one of the Carrara that stands the test:

"Of these Luna is a city and harbor; it is named by the Greeks the harbor and city of Selene (modern Marina di Carrara, port of Carrara). The city is not large, but the harbor is very fine and spacious, containing in itself numerous harbors, all of them deep near the shore; it is, in fact, an arsenal worthy of a nation holding dominion for a long time over so vast a sea. The harbor is surrounded by lofty mountains, from whence you may view the sea and Sardinia and a great part of the coast on either side. Here are quarries of marble, both white and marked with green, so numerous and large as to furnish tablets and columns of one block; and most of the material for the fine works, both in Rome and other cities, is furnished from here. The transport of the marble is easy, as the quarries lie near the sea."

"That was written by Strabo, Greek historian, a few years before the birth of Christ.

"Ships will call at the same harbor to bring away the white marble crosses for the American graves in France. The marble will come down from the lavender-tinted Carrara mountains, scalloped against a blue Italian sky, via the leveled course of the Strada Ferrata. It will be cut out of quarries (there are more than 600 in the district) that probably served the Romans and the Medici and the Venetians before America was discovered. Indeed, the method of cutting marble in the quarries is supposed to have originated with Leonardo da Vinci.

"Little needs to be added to Strabo's description. The visitor first sees the great mounds of marble chips as dust-like whitewash smears on the sides of the steep ravines. The three ravines holding most of the quarries are tributary to Carrara, a city of 25,000 quarrymen's wives and children, and crippled quarrymen. Carrara is dusty with dust of precious marble. It hums to the tune of 75 marble-cutting fac-

ories. The noise of chip, chip, chip is ever in the air. In Carrara even the poorest houses have chaste white-marble lintels and steps. The marble railways take passengers free up the ravines where great white gashes memorialize marble even as marble statues later memorialize men. Somewhere a whistle blows. A pause. Then a dull explosion. Great blocks are swung out by booms to waiting wooden skids for a ride down the railroad, and down to the sea.

"Carrara came near being the site of an enormous carving similar in concept to the Stone Mountain memorial in Georgia, which will carry the figures of Lee, Jackson, and other southern leaders. The sculptor who planned a gigantic statue overlooking the sea, to be carved out of the Carrara marble mountains was Michelangelo. He may have had his inspiration from the plan of Dinocrates to fashion Mt. Athos into a gigantic figure of Alexander looking out over the Aegean sea. Neither plan was carried out.

"Michelangelo's 'David' at Florence, as well as his 'Moses' and his 'Day and Night, Evening and Dawn,' are all of Carrara marble selected 'on location,' as it were. Canova's statue of Napoleon I was carved out of a block of flawless Carrara as large as the body of the largest type of modern motor furniture van."

Annual Egg Show to be Held in Harrisburg in January.

That the egg exhibits at the 11th annual State Farm Products Show in Harrisburg, January 17 to 21, 1927, will be bigger and better than in previous years, is the prediction of J. C.

Taylor, poultry extension specialist of the Pennsylvania State College, who is in charge of this part of the State-wide exposition.

He announces that boys and girls between 16 and 20 years of age; residents of towns, villages, and cities; farmers with less than 500 birds; and commercial poultrymen, including farmers and hatcherymen with flocks of more than 500 birds, will have classes for their entries. Brown and white eggs may be shown, the first two groups exhibiting only single dozen displays and the last two having both one-dozen display classes.

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