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OUR CLUB RATES FOR 1893.

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J. M. Stookey of Plymouth has sold his bottling establishment to Deiterich & Creasey of this town.

J. W. Mears & Co. recently shipped four hundred of their Perfect Washers to Omaha. They are sold in almost every state in the Union.

The lots of the Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company are selling right along. Ten have been disposed of since January 1st.

Col. Charles Duffy, proprietor of the Park Hotel at Williamsport, dropped dead on the street in that city, last Monday, from apoplexy. He was well known by all traveling men.

Found—the reason for the great popularity of Hood's Sarsaparilla—simply this: Hood's Cures. Be sure to get Hood's.

A party of sixteen young people drove to George M. Lockard's near Lightstreet Monday night, in Girton & Hilday's big sled. They had an elegant time.

The auditors of Schuylkill county held a meeting at Shenandoah on Sunday and decided to charge the county \$15 for each poll, for preparing and delivering the ballots.

The Susquehanna is gorged with ice from Pittston to Nanticoke. A sudden thaw will cause a flood and do much damage. At Plymouth on Sunday the water was 14 feet above low water mark, and a rise of only six feet more would flood the town.

The farm of Joseph Weidel in Fishingcreek township was sold at public sale last Saturday, to S. B. Crouse of Nescopeck for \$1685. J. S. Williams was the auctioneer.

The building designed for the use of the several departments of engineering at the Pennsylvania State College was formally opened on the 22nd inst.

Theta Castle No. 276, K. G. E., will hold a Smoker on next Monday evening Feb. 27, immediately after the close of the Castle. All of the members are requested to be present and bring a friend.

Hon. Cyrus L. Pershing, President Judge of Schuylkill County Courts, who was taken seriously on the 24th of last November, has fully recovered, and resumed his seat on the bench. A successor to the late Judge David B. Green has not yet been appointed.

Wm. E. Wilson, only son of J. D. Wilson, died last week Thursday at his father's home on Third street, from gangrene, resulting from the amputation of his left leg last July. He had partially regained his health, when gangrene set in. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon.

For instance, Mrs. Chas. Rogers, of Bay City, Mich., accidentally spilled scalding water over her little boy. She promptly applied De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, giving instant relief. It's a wonderfully good salve for burns, bruises, sores, and a sure cure for piles. W. S. Rishton, Druggist. 10-14 17.

The Reading Flurry.

There have been murmurs of a coming storm upon the Reading Railroad for some weeks, and they culminated in the fury of the hurricane on Friday and Saturday. The stock that sold up to \$34 soon after the announcement of the coal combine, fell below \$20 on Friday and was hammered down to around \$18 yesterday, with a corresponding decline in all the preference income securities. The loss in Reading shares and securities in a single day was over \$5,000,000.

The flurry in Reading is not a mere temporary raid of speculative "bears." It is deeper, broader and aims at the entire overthrow of the great system that President McLeod conceived and had well nigh consummated. That system with so slender a foundation of credit as the Reading corporation, means one of two things—either one of the most notable of modern railway achievements or a disastrous failure. There is no middle ground for such a far-reaching and in every way grand conception; and only a man of the broadest capabilities and courage could have given it the semblance of success. If it can pass the crucial test that now confronts it, its future will be assured; if it shall be unequal to this trial, the whole system must collapse and exist only in the original fragments.

A railway movement so comprehensive and far reaching as this system conceived and now nearly executed by President McLeod, could not fail to arouse positive and vindictive antagonisms. The prospect of a railway system embracing eighty per cent. of the anthracite coal trade, combining all rivals in coal production in a community of interest, and reaching from the heart of the anthracite beds to sea and commanding the chief trunk and tributary lines of New England, is a menace to the mastery of the great trunk lines of New York and Philadelphia, and the struggle for the New England lines aroused powerful financial interests to hostile action. It thus became a Reading battle against giants, and the problem to be solved is whether the Reading organization can cope with the combination that is assailing it in a life or death conflict.

There is no sentimentalism in the battles of millions. The Reading successful in the magnificent system its progressive President conceived, would be one of the grandest railway systems of the world; and when successful, it would be on the basis of sound and enduring credit. The scheme unsuccessful, would remand the Reading back to a receivership, and make it the dependent of the stronger railroad corporations around it and postpone its solvency indefinitely. This is the grave issue that is now on trial on the money markets of the country, and the Reading will be master or servant as it succeeds or fails.

President McLeod may be unable to maintain his system in the unequal struggle that has been precipitated so unexpectedly upon him; but he has conceived and attempted the creation of the only system that can make Reading successful in the future. As a local coal line it is entirely unable to bear its present load of debt, and only as the controlling centre of a great system such as President McLeod formulated can it be brought within sight of solvency; and whether he shall have success or failure as his reward, he is fairly entitled to credit for a clear conception of the necessities which environ his corporation and for a most heroic effort to win success for it in face of obstacles which were little less than appalling. A few days at the most will solve the problem, and either a quick and healthy rebound in Reading values or a bottom drop-out is inevitable.—Times.

CHINESE LILIES.

The bulb from which grows the Chinese sacred lily has become a common house plant. Many windows in this town have been decorated with them during the present winter. They grow rapidly, and ought to produce a beautiful flower. In many instances, however they have failed, no blossoms appearing, or if they appeared they dried up without opening.

Phoebe Wolcott Humphreys gives some interesting information concerning the culture of these bulbs, in the Philadelphia Sunday Times, from which we extract a few suggestions. She says:

"The various winter blooming bulbs are becoming more popular for conservatory culture with each succeeding year, yet we do not notice the beautiful Chinese sacred lily brought into prominence, as it certainly deserves to be. Any one who has once cultivated this 'Flower of the Gods,' as the Chinese delight in calling it, will be enthusiastic over its surprisingly rapid growth and its exquisite beauty and fragrance, and will acknowledge that it takes the lead among winter blooming bulbs. Many hesitate about attempting this culture, because they imagine that it is difficult to make them bloom, when, in fact, nothing could be more simple. From various correspondents come inquiries in regard to the proper method of growing these lilies in water. Whether sand or soil of any kind should be used, or simply pebbles and water; whether the water should touch the bulb, or entirely cover it, etc., etc.

I enjoyed experimenting with these

curious and very satisfactory bulbs last winter, and after the blooming period had passed, mentioned the results of these experiments in answer to several inquiries, giving an account of all the methods tried, successful and otherwise, and since these facts seem to be just what these correspondents need, I will again describe them.

I have always noticed from my own experience and that of friends that the best way of growing the Chinese sacred lily is simply on, not under the pebbles, with the water just touching the bulb; but I had read and heard of so many different ways that I resolved to experiment last year; so I purchased eight bulbs, and after giving three to friends proceeded to test different methods with the other five.

One friend told me that after setting the bulb in the pebbles and water she placed it in a dark closet for a week or two to form roots. Another informed me that she always used at least half sand, instead of filling the dish with pebbles. And still another, that she set the bulb rather deep, nearly covered it with the pebbles and then covered the whole with water. I tried all these (to me) new plans, also arranged one in the old way and planted one in a pot of soil, as often recommended.

This was the result: The one planted in the pot of soil developed very slowly, and it was nearly two months after planting before it bloomed. The one set deep in the dish of pebbles with the water covering it died outright in about two weeks. The two placed in the dark to form roots (one with only pebbles in the dish of water and one with half pebbles and half sand) both did well, and I could not notice any difference in them, either in rapidity of growth or quantity of bloom, but they did not bloom until over a month after planting, while the one treated by the same methods I had always used (before these experiments) surpassed them all. This was "set" as follows:

In a large jardiniere I placed a quart of smooth, clean pebbles without sand or soil of any kind, only pieces of charcoal mixed through to keep the water pure. The quart filled the jardiniere within two inches of the top; on these pebbles I set the bulb, heaping a few of them around it to keep it in position, and filled the jardiniere with water until it just touched the bottom of the bulb, and set it directly in a sunny window. Well, we could almost see it grow! The first bud opened twenty-four days after starting, a week earlier than those placed in the dark. I shall be satisfied to follow this plan without further experiments.

In supplying fresh water do not attempt to pour out what is in the dish, but instead carefully pour a small stream of water into the dish, allowing it to flow so gently that the pebbles and roots will not be displaced. As it overflows, continue to pour in fresh water until it replaces the stale. If several pieces of charcoal have been placed with the pebbles or shells it is seldom necessary to supply fresh water except the little that must be allowed for evaporation.

A tickling sensation of throat, a piping voice and a disposition to expectorate frequently, are the forerunners of a dangerous throat affection. The bronchial trouble often develops into consumption, unless checked by the timely use of Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup. Beware.

Fiftieth Anniversary.

A large number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Jeremiah Hess on East street, Wednesday, February 22nd to celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hess. A general good time was experienced among children and grandchildren, all wishing the couple a still longer lease of life.

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