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Life can be made a success. It is not a question of climbing above poverty. It is a question of understanding life. So many of us have been lured away and fascinated by what turns out to be phantoms and false gods. We have to wheel back and begin over again and fight along again tremendous odds, and yet with all that life can be made a success; for success consists in doing right, in doing the best you can with what you have, of years of experience, of sorrows, of chances of joys and of hope. Fight until the end.

The farmer who orders a man off his premises is considered the meanest man on earth; yet it is strange how so many consider themselves privileged to roam over his lands, gathering nuts and such fruits as they wish, under the plea that it is plentiful and he has more than he needs himself. It is in very few cases where a farmer would refuse to grant one the privilege of strolling over his farm and picking up a few nuts, and helping themselves to some of his fruits, if they would only ask permission to do so; but they seem to think the asking not at all necessary if he is a generous man. It is the same in respect to gunning, and the farmer must go to the trouble and expense of posting notices in order to prevent gunners from almost taking possession of his premises and often destroying his property.

**Bad Money in Circulation.**

The Hazleton *Sentinel* says bad money in silver pieces, nickels, dimes and quarters, with an occasional half dollar, is being circulated in that region. In this busy season when conductors of trolley cars are worked almost beyond their limit of endurance the counterfeiters and shovers of the queer find it comparatively easy to work off their accumulated stock of bad money.

There is no other time of the year when the capacity of the cars is taxed as at present and evidently for that reason the queer shovers have availed themselves of the opportunity to bestow upon the conductors many half dollars which fall far short of being a good facsimile of the true coin.

That they were being worked by a band of these men was discovered on Friday in Wilkes-Barre, by a few of the conductors who, when they attempted to make change, found they had received bogus coin. The counterfeit was stored away in a separate pocket and it became the duty of the conductors to make up the deficit.

Some of the worthless coins were shoved off on Bloomsburgers Saturday and it was no doubt done by the party that operated in Wilkes-Barre. Our merchants should exercise care in dealing with strangers. The money which has been received is made of very light materials noticeable when compared with ordinary coin. The ring of the bogus piece is flat and dull and it takes but a slight examination to detect the difference in the true and untrue pieces.

In Spain a field laborer receives on an average of 28 cents a day as wages, and this is without board.

**FOR REPRESENTATIVES.**

Prospect of a Hot Fight for the Legislature on the South Side—Four Candidates in the Field.

The following dispatch from Bloomsburg appeared in the Philadelphia *Press* of Monday:

"Ex-State Chairman William T. Creasy, of Catawissa, announces that he will be a candidate for the legislative nomination at the Democratic primaries next June. Under a rule of the Columbia County Democracy the south side of the county is entitled to one legislative nominee, and for several years Mr. Creasy has had a comparatively easy thing of it, no one apparently being willing to make a contest against him. Next year, however, there promises to be a change, and already three aspirants from Creasy's own town have announced their willingness to fill the position, which they maintain Creasy has held a sufficient length of time.

The candidates are Charles E. Randall, editor of the *Catawissa News Item*; ex-County Chairman C. A. Small and P. W. Gordon, a railroad conductor. All three men have taken active part in local politics, and the June primaries on the south side promise to be the liveliest on record.

On the north side four candidates are already in the field for legislative honors to fill the place of Fred T. Ikeler, who will not again be a candidate. They are ex-District Attorney John G. Harman, ex-Representative William Chrisman, ex-Superintendent of Schools William C. Johnston, of Bloomsburg, and George B. Hummer, a lumber dealer of Elk Grove.

Mr. Johnston has announced that he will not be a candidate."

**Suggestions For Better Jurors.**

The Allentown *Morning Call* has entered the very general discussion now going on in the State regarding the average character of names placed in the jury wheel. Our contemporary sees that the trouble is that most citizens who would make the best jurymen resort to all sorts of devices to avoid the service.

It asserts that the laws regulating the selection of names for the jury wheel are in need of revision, and advances the suggestion that it should be made a misdemeanor for any man to try to influence a jury commissioner to omit his name. There is a great deal of force in that proposition. It is worthy of discussion and intelligent consideration, and it is well to have a free interchange of views on all features of the present system, since the attention now being given the subject all over the commonwealth indicates that it is pretty certain to be forced upon the next Legislature for some action.

Some of the present difficulty could be removed by the courts in many cases. It is not so in all districts, but it is the fact in many that men of more or less prominence in a community who are drawn for jury service are able to get excused on one pretext or another. The men who have the influence to secure this exemption—and too generally it is merely influence that gets them off—are just the citizens who are most needed on juries. They are men who would be likely to act with intelligence if they had the public spirit to serve or the courts would insist that they do their duty in their turn.

No doubt jury commissioners in many instances have much to answer for. They do not always measure up to their really grave responsibilities, but they are not to be held accountable for all that is wrong.—Philadelphia *Press*.

The new pipe organ for St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, one-half of the cost of which was paid by Andrew Carnegie, is expected to arrive some time in January. A description of the instrument has already been given in these columns.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF HORTICULTURE**

The committee of Horticulture of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held at St. Louis next year, has appointed Cyrus T. Fox of Reading as Superintendent of Horticulture for Pennsylvania. Mr. Fox has many friends and acquaintances and also some relatives, living in his county, who will be pleased to hear of his appointment. He is undoubtedly well qualified for the position as he has devoted nearly his whole life to the study of horticulture, and is an authority on the subject.

The *Lehigh Register* published at Allentown speaks of him as follows: Mr. Fox will make the arrangements for the representation of this State in the Horticultural Department of the World's Fair, to be held next year in St. Louis, opening on April 30 and continuing six months.

Exhibits of fruit, vegetables, flowers, plants and shrubbery will be solicited from now until the opening of the exposition, and provision will be made for collecting the same and forwarding them to their destination. Exhibits will also be assembled at different points in the State while the Exposition is in progress. Winter varieties of fruit of this year's crop will be got together and put in cold storage at different places, to be drawn as needed.

For many years Mr. Fox has devoted much time and attention to the horticultural interests of the State, especially the pomological and has worked unselfishly for their protection and advancement. He has been the State Pomologist ever since the organization of the State Board of Agriculture in 1877, rendering valuable service, and serving all this time without pay, as there is no salary attached to the office. A report prepared by him and presented to the State Board of Agriculture on the first of January, 1895, was the first official notice that was given of the appearance in Pennsylvania of that dreaded and most destructive insect, the San Jose scale. This report was widely distributed among the fruit growers of the State and a copy was sent to every newspaper in Pennsylvania with a request to publish the remedies to be used in fighting the scale. Had the warning which was then given been generally heeded, many thousands of dollars would have been saved in the last nine years to the fruit growers of Pennsylvania. By the end of 1895 the San Jose scale had extended its depredations to twelve counties, and now, in the last month of 1903, there is not a county in the State in which it cannot be found.

It may be expected that Mr. Fox will do good work for the State in the matter of the horticultural display at St. Louis, in giving the Pennsylvania Commission the benefit of his more than thirty years' experience in the management of agricultural and horticultural exhibitions. His recent notable success as manager of the industrial and agricultural exposition held in the city of Roanoke, Va., may be regarded as pointing unerringly to what may be accomplished for Pennsylvania's honor and fame at St. Louis."

**PRICE OF COAL MUST STAY UP.**

Several Big Companies Will Shut Down During Holidays.

An Associated Press despatch of Dec. 19 says: The Lehigh Valley Coal Company and the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company announce a suspension of work from December 24 to January 4 and it is likely that this move will be followed by others. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Company seem to favor this period of suspension and restriction.

Those familiar with the coal trade say there is a brisk demand for coal at present, and restriction

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is more to keep up prices for the Winter than because of overproduction. The prospects for a good Winter's work are bright as there is a brisk demand for coal at all the distributing points.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Company will pay its employees 7 per cent. advance on the sliding scale for December. This company computes the wage rate in advance of the official figures of Charles P. Neill, and pays the men the increase during the month it is earned. The other companies pay the increase in the following month. The December rate is the same as the official rate for November, although the Lackawanna's November rate was but 6 per cent. over the scale.

**Pomona Grange Meeting.**  
 The first quarterly meeting of Grange No. 5, of the subordinate granges of Columbia and Lower Luzerne Counties, will be held in the hall of Rohrsburg Grange No. 108 on the first Friday of January, 1904, at ten o'clock sharp.

The forenoon session will be devoted to the transaction of the ordinary routine business. In the afternoon the following program will be the order unless changed by the Grange:

**PROGRAM.**  
 The Welcome Address, Worthy Master Bro. Geo. B. Patterson, of Rohrsburg Grange.  
 Responded to by Bro. Russell Karns, of Benton Grange.  
 Music, Benton Grange Quartet.  
 Installation of officers for the Next Biennium, by Worthy State Lecturer Bro. Cornell.  
 Music, Columbia Grange.  
 Recitation, Sister Lizzie Heacock, Benton.  
 Select Reading, Bro. O. J. Hess, Col. Grange.  
 Music.  
 Address, by State Lecturer Bro. Cornell, Along Educational Lines.  
 Music.  
 A talk on the Good of the Order, W. S. Laubach.  
 The evening meeting will be devoted to the conferring of the degree of Pomona, if there be applicants for the same. Patrons from adjoining counties have a cordial invitation to attend and enjoy the day with us. W. J. BIDDLEMAN, Worthy Lecturer.

**Thirty-five Years a Judge!**  
 The Hon. C. A. Mayer, of Lock Haven, has been on the bench longer than any judge in Pennsylvania. In speaking of his unequalled term of services the *Democrat* of Lock Haven, speaks as follows:  
 "Today, December 15th, he could be seen sitting upon the bench in the court house in this city, disposing of legal points with his usual dispatch and quietly celebrating the 73rd anniversary of his birth and at the same time celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary of his service on the bench. This is the longest consecutive term any judge in any district in the State has served. Judge Mayer has five years of his present term yet to serve and judging from his appearance he will serve out that time and have several years to spare to caper with the young fellows after he has rounded out his forty years on the bench.

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