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THE HONOR TEST.

Judge Evans Has Put Two Prisoners on Good Behavior.

Much interest has been aroused in an experiment tried by Judge Chas. C. Evans. He has suspended sentence on two chronic offenders, severely convicted of larceny, in order to give them a chance to live upright lives if it is in them to do so. If they fail to reform they are to serve six years each at hard labor and in solitary confinement.

The offenders are Charles Chamberlain who has served three terms for larceny and William Meredith who has served two terms. Each pleaded guilty a few days ago of larceny, on two counts.

In speaking of his experiment in their cases Judge Evans says:

"In suspending sentence upon Chamberlain and Meredith it occurred to me that perhaps the young men might do better in the future if they were given a chance. Sentences in the county jail and penitentiary have apparently done them no good.

"Chamberlain has served three terms and Meredith two for larceny of something worth but a few dollars. In the cases in which I suspended sentence, they pleaded guilty to stealing from refrigerators on rear porches of residences. When they were before me for sentence they were apparently frank and willing to tell about their experience in the criminal courts. They come from good families, their mothers being particularly estimable old ladies.

"It occurred to me that they might have a spark of manhood left in their make-up and I concluded to give them a chance. Heretofore they have perhaps received harsh treatment at the hands of the Court. I concluded to try kind treatment.

"I assured them that if they violated their promises, made upon honor, and in the presence of a large number of people, that I would issue a bench warrant for them and impose the maximum sentence of six years. They fully understand and realize that good behavior means liberty, wrong doing six years in the Penitentiary.

"In my judgment many of the defendants appearing in the criminal courts will, if given a chance, reform.

"My suspending sentence with these two men is only an experiment. If it permanently reforms them much good will have been accomplished. If they should only keep their promises for some considerable time, some good will have been accomplished. The day of punishment will have been postponed. They have an incentive—a strong one, to do what is right—to live upright lives.

"I would not suggest generally, that sentence should be suspended on old offenders. There are exceptional cases. The old offenders, as a rule, should be given the maximum sentence."

The outcome of the experiment is being awaited with a great deal of interest. The men are now free. They say they will do better and a number of people are showing a fine spirit in encouraging them and offer to help if they can do so.

Boil the Water.

State Health Commissioner Dixon has issued an urgent warning against the increased danger of typhoid fever that he declared must certainly follow the period of a heavy rain. "Boil all water," is Dr. Dixon's warning to the people.

William Beishline of Orangeville was a visitor in town on Saturday.

CASTORIA.
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Farmers' Week: State College.

I take this means of inviting the interested people of Columbia County to go with our party to State College during Farmers' Week. We leave on the Pennsylvania train passing through East Bloomsburg at 7:18 and Catawissa at 7:28, Wednesday evening, December 30. At Sunbury we take the Reading train to Lewisburg where we spend the night at the Baker House. Leaving early Thursday morning we arrive at the College at 9 o'clock. Those who desire to return Saturday will leave about 1 o'clock, arriving at East Bloomsburg about 6 o'clock p. m.

The actual expense for car fare from Bloomsburg and return is \$3.87, board and lodging at Lewisburg, \$1.00; at State College, \$3, total \$7.87.

In order that I may make all arrangements for hotel accommodations, extra cars, hacks, &c., it is very necessary that you send me your name. If you do this promptly, I will see that you are well cared for.

Ladies as well as gentlemen are invited. Many of the subjects are of special interest to them. Progressive farmers, school teachers, directors and pupils in the common or township high schools should avail themselves of this excellent opportunity if at all possible.

Farmers' Week affords a rare opportunity to see and hear many of the greatest specialists in the problems of rural improvement. There are forty-seven in all, several of whom are the greatest authorities in their lines. It is also a great treat to see the actual working of modern process and machinery to be found there, such as, for example, milking cows by machinery, making butter, cheese, &c. It is impossible to describe the great privileges of this excursion. One must go there to realize the benefits derived from this trip.

Again extending a very cordial invitation to all who can to go with us, I am

Yours Sincerely,
WM. W. EVANS.

Work of Forest Fires.

An area of 850,000 acres was burned in the recent forest fires in Pennsylvania, entailing a money loss of 125,000, according to Robert S. Conklin, State Commissioner of Forestry, in a report which he made to the Pennsylvania Forestry Association at its annual meeting at Harrisburg Monday afternoon.

William S. Harvey, president of the American Forestry Association, declared that the protection of the heads of rivers by forestation is absolutely essential to the success of projects for inland and deeper water-ways.

"President-elect Taft and President Roosevelt have both given their approval," he said "to the issuance of bonds to establish forest reserves for this purpose in the White and Appalachian Mountains."

Underground Wireless.

Father Joseph Murgas, of Wilkes-Barre, who has invented an underground wireless telegraphy system, announces that plans have been perfected for establishing a service between Wilkes-Barre and Binghamton. The underground stations consist of two tubes, thirty feet long to be driven in the ground. One is of aluminum coated with silver and this is incased in a tube containing oil.

Father Murgas says he will be able to send a wireless underground message from New York to San Francisco with only three stations. He uses a Morse alphabet, but the dots and dashes are given by musical tones through finely adjusted receiving and sending instruments.

The Lutheran church was filled to the doors last Sunday evening to hear the Christmas program of the Sunday School. Many people were unable to get in the church.

State to Try New Road Method.

Cumberland County Selected as the Place For the Experiment.

The State highway department is about to experiment in Cumberland county with a stretch of road built after the manner of the New York State highways.

The road will be built partially within the borough of Camp Hill, just a few miles from the Susquehanna river.

The New York method of building roads is to plow, then dig, then narrow the existing roadbed, finally rolling it as compact as possible with a steam roller. Several coats of specially prepared oils are then put on the road and allowed to saturate it thoroughly. After another rolling a topping of fine crushed stone is given, which is then rolled as hard as possible.

The State highway department wishing to have a stretch of this New York road for experimental purposes, and obtained the consent of the Cumberland county commissioners to utilize the Trindle road for this purpose. The State will bear most of the expense. The stretch of highway to be treated is 3700 feet long.

This particular road was selected because it was desired to have the experiment made as near Harrisburg as possible.

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Predicts Mighty Hard Winter.

Farmer Eidel Says That There Will Be Blizzards A Plenty.

Oliver Eidel, of Berks county, who has been a truck farmer for thirty-four years, has during the past decade closely studied the geese, trying to predict future weather conditions according to their theory expounded by the late venerable Elias Hartz, the "peer" of Berks weather prophets. He has given out his readings for the benefit of the public, and predicts that weather conditions will be as follows:

"Winter will set in the middle of December. The month will go out with mild weather, to continue for the first fifteen days of the New Year, when snow storm blizzards and cold weather will develop. February will have several blizzards between the 5th and 10th of the month. March will open with severe cold weather, but will moderate towards the middle of the month and spring conditions will prevail after the 20th of that month."

Knox for Secretary of State.

President-elect Taft in making requisition on the tried Cabinet material of his predecessor could not have chosen a better man for Secretary of State than Senator Philander Chase Knox, of Pennsylvania.

Senator Knox is one of the ablest men in public life—one of the ablest the generation has produced. His mind is clear, comprehensive, vigorous, acute, logical and thoroughly trained. He will go into history as one of the greatest of Attorney-Generals. In the hands of the man who first demonstrated the validity of the Sherman Anti-Trust law against the power of the trusts, who brought the railroad giants and the Beef Trust magnates to terms and who framed an Anti-Trust law which worked, the standard of work in the State Department is not likely to fall below that established by Hay and Root.

And personally Mr. Knox's hands are clean. *New York World.*

Without Excuse.

It is difficult to find any excuse for the president's ugliness in insinuating that congress's dislike of having the criminals of its membership shadowed by secret service men was the cause of limitations placed upon the employment of the force by the executive department. Any one familiar with the question understands that congress's motives were much broader and much more justifiable than the president concedes. The previous use of the secret service had passed lawful bounds by far, and the corps was rapidly developing a by-product of espionage, in the interests of the executive, from which even the legislative department was not wholly free. The question of the dimensions of a federal spy system should be seriously considered, and if Mr. Roosevelt's remarks force fresh attention to the matter his statement in the message may be passed over as relatively unimportant. *Springfield Republican.*

Three Churches Plan for Union.

Presbyterian, Scotch Presbyterian and German Reformed Denominations to Unite.

While the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which aims to bring the various Protestant denominations into closer relationship, was holding public sessions in Philadelphia, steps were taken at a private meeting to further the movement to unite three denominations.

These are the Presbyterian church in the United States with 1,300,000 communicants; Welsh Presbyterian Church, which has about 15,000 communicants, and the German Reformed Church in the United States, which has 275,000 members of whom 140,000 are in various regions east of Harrisburg.

As the result of the meeting it was said that the movement has taken encouraging shape. The movement was started in Charlotte, N. C., in the spring of 1906. The last General Synod of the Reformed Church appointed a committee, of which the Rev. J. S. Keiffer, of Hagerstown, Md., is chairman, to confer with the Presbyterian committee, of which Dr. William H. Roberts, of Philadelphia, is chairman. The committee appointed by the Welsh Presbyterian Church has as its chairman the Rev. R. T. Roberts, of Wilkes-Barre.

These three committees came together. Dr. William H. Roberts was chosen to preside and the Rev. George W. Richards, of Lancaster, Pa., of the Reformed Church, was made secretary. The whole subject of the relations of the three denominations was fully considered.

It was ascertained that in the Welsh Presbyterian Church the Presbyteries were engaged in voting on the subject of organic union and that thus far the vote has been a favorable one.

The representatives of the Reformed Church, while not prepared to commit their church to any fixed policy, individually gave it as their judgment that the only form of closer relations worth considering was that of organic union; that federalism had already been provided for by the Federal Council and that therefore it would be well to examine thoroughly the question of union.

It was voted at the close of the meeting to appoint a sub-committee of three from each of the general committees to investigate the whole subject of organic union and to report at a joint meeting to be called by the chairman.

Must Kissing Cease?

Dr. Shoemaker says that Kisses convey Disease Germs.

We are told that kissing is dangerous. In the paternal kiss, in the cousinly kiss, in the "best girl" kiss and in the woman to woman kiss, germs abound, practically all infectious diseases can be contracted by kissing, and in some this is the most prolific cause of infection. Kissing the cheek may not be satisfactory, but it is safe. Look out for the strange kiss or you may be sorry.

These danger signals on kissing have been flashed in an editorial by Dr. J. V. Shoemaker, of Philadelphia, in the "Monthly Cyclopedia and Medical Bulletin."

Dr. Shoemaker, who wrote the article in question, gives his motives as follows:

"After seeing a whole family wiped out by a loathsome disease contracted by kissing, I resolved to do what little lay in my power to protest against this needless exposure that threatens us all. Next to the indiscriminate kissing of persons the kissing of pet animals is almost as dangerous. Although it is not generally known, all pet animals can have most human infectious diseases, and these maladies can and are transmitted from the animal to the owner or the owner's friends through kissing.

Typhoid fever can be transmitted through the mouth, and I had a case not long ago that proved it. In a student's boarding house in West Philadelphia an epidemic of typhoid fever appeared which in a short time put 22 students on the sick list. The water was all right, so I tried the milk. This is what I discovered. On the farm where the milking was done one of the hands had walking typhoid. The milk was siphoned into bottles, and this man would start the flow by sucking on the pipe. After he had done this I took a bottle, carefully wrapped it up and carried it home for examination. I found typhoid germs present in great quantities."

In the editorial in the Medical Bulletin Dr. Shoemaker referred to a number of instances where kissing was the means of transmitting disease.

Drug Firm Caused Aphthous Fever

Michigan Men Tell Secretary Wilson Secret of Cattle Plague.

The secret of the presence in this country of the foot and mouth disease has been discovered. Information imparted to Secretary of Agriculture at Washington, by a party of Michigan men has enabled the government to trace the latest outbreak of the disease to its source.

According to the statement of H. G. Morgan of Pittsburg, ex-president of the National Hay association, a large wholesale drug firm of Detroit, desirous of obtaining a lot of aphthous fever serum, bought a quantity in Germany, and conceived the idea of making its own. A number of cattle were borrowed from Wayne county, Michigan farmers, and about 100 head were inoculated.

After the serum had been drawn off and the cattle returned to the owners, it was found that the serum bought in Germany was impure and that all the cattle inoculated had been infected with the foot and mouth disease.

Efforts were made to gather in all the borrowed beasts, but most of them had been shipped. Within a short time thereafter the disease broke out in Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania.

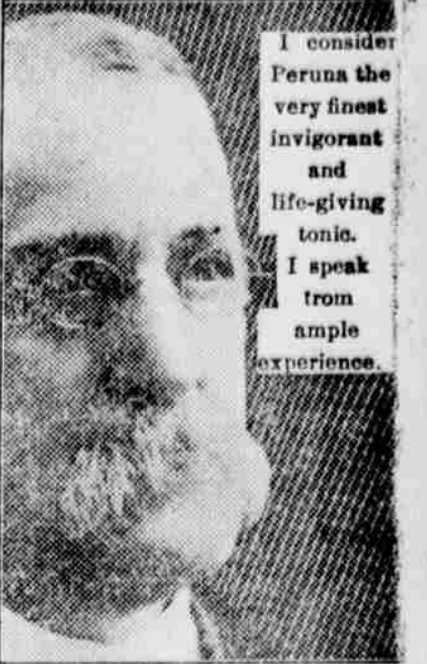
Oldest Human Remains.

Man's Bones Said to Date Back 170,000 Years Discovered.

Abbes Bouysson and Bardon, who are conducting excavations at Chapelle-aux-Saints, France, have discovered what are believed to be the oldest human remains, dating back 170,000 years to the middle of the pleistocene age, the latest period of geological history.

The skull presents a strong resemblance to that of a monkey, having a long jaw and being devoid of canine teeth. The other bones are arched showing that man then walked on all fours.

STATE ATTORNEY OF TENNESSEE.



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Hon. R. S. Ryan, now residing in Nome, Alaska, was formerly a member of the English House of Commons and Secretary to the late Irish patriot Charles Stewart Parnell. His Washington address is, New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C. He writes: "I have used Peruna and can recommend your remedy as a very effective cure for colds and catarrhal complaints."—R. S. Ryan.

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Bulletin.

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The Pennsylvania Railroad now has in operation on its lines east of Pittsburgh over two hundred passenger coaches, dining cars, baggage cars, and mail cars of the new all-steel type.

The solid steel framework of these cars, designed to resist shock and minimize the dangers of collision, is further strengthened by the steel sheathing enclosing the body of the car. In fact, everything about the coach is steel, save the window frames, the cushions of the seats and the flooring. Such little woodwork as enters into the make-up of the coach, the plush with which the car seats are covered and the hair with which they are stuffed is treated to a fireproofing process, whilst the floors are cement, thus rendering the coach at once practically indestructible and thoroughly fireproof. It is built like a battleship.

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Steel cars are now in use on the principal trains between New York, Philadelphia, Washington, and on the Main Line between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. The number of cars is constantly being increased as the finished product comes from the shops.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's equipment is recognized as the Standard of America.