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SCHOOL CHILDREN TO BE INSPECTED.

Nose, Eyes, Ears and Mouth to Be
Examined by State Inspector.

The medical inspection of the schools in the rural districts, which was decided upon by the advisory board of the State department of health, will provide for the examination of the nose, mouth, eyes and ears of every pupil attending the public schools of the Commonwealth that are located in the rural districts outside of the limits of cities, boroughs and townships of the first class.

The resolution adopted by the board was as follows:

"Resolved, Under and by authority of the act of assembly approved the twenty-seventh day of April, A. D., 1905, entitled, 'An act creating a department of health and defining its powers and duties, that the commissioner of health be authorized to make at least twice a year a medical inspection of schools which shall include the examination of the nose, mouth, eyes and ears of every pupil attending the public schools of the Commonwealth that are located in the rural districts outside of the limits of cities, boroughs and townships of the first class."

This inspection which will be done under the supervision of the department's medical inspector in each county, will include approximately 400,000 children. The State examination will be done in such a manner as not to conflict with the family physicians throughout the State.

The advisory board also decided to add hook worm, pellagra and infantile paralysis to the list of the diseases to be reported to the authorities by physicians throughout the State of Pennsylvania.

College President Inaugurated.

With Governor Edwin S. Stuart and George F. Baer, the latter president of the institution's Board of Trustees, as the most eminent speakers, Henry Harbaugh Apple was last Friday inaugurated as president of Franklin and Marshall College, of Lancaster, in the presence of representatives of the leading institutions of learning in the East, and an audience that taxed the capacity of the big Opera House. The most interested spectator was the venerable Mrs. Thomas G. Apple, 83 years old, widow of a former president of the institution, and mother of the incoming executive.

Are Doctors Any Good?

Foolish question! Yet some people act as if a medicine could take the place of a doctor! The best medicine in the world cannot do this. Have a family doctor, consult him frequently, trust him fully. If we did not believe doctors endorsed Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for coughs and colds, we would not offer it to you. Ask your doctor. No alcohol in this cough medicine. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

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WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10, 1910.

For the first year or two of a new Administration the wife of the President is the most observed, discussed and criticized person in Washington, scarcely excepting the Chief Executive himself. The First Lady of the Land as she is persistently and so snobbishly referred to is a staple drawing room subject and her appearance, peculiarities and innovations are known in the humblest homes and basement kitchens. Mrs. Taft having long resided in Washington is not exciting the eager interest that a new comer would have been awarded, but what she lacks in novel interest she is making up in the changes she has ordered in the White House and the social precedents she has chosen to disregard. For the present society chooses to reserve its judgment as to the advantages and superiorities of her innovations and criticizes or applauds half heartedly as yet. Tuesday evening the first reception of the season was given in the White House. This is the reception in honor of the Diplomats and is the most brilliant of the year. For many years past the great number of guests invited has made it possible to serve refreshments after the original fashion at these entertainments, and as a matter of fact the great crush of guests had made these affairs almost intolerable from the standpoint of dignity, social satisfaction or comfort. Mrs. Taft has announced in her decided, if somewhat querulous way that she will not have a mob fighting its way through the corridor and up the staircase to the receiving line and that while she may not have so many guests those who are invited shall be entertained after the fashion prevailing in splendid private homes. Consequently a much smaller number was invited for the Diplomatic reception and there was space for everyone to move about in the great East Room and the other apartments set aside for the entertainment of the guests. After having been received by the President, Mrs. Taft and the Cabinet ladies made their way informally and without question of precedence into the State Dining Room where a buffet luncheon of great variety and excellence was served. How does society like it? Well, there is a difference of opinion. Those who were there say it is a magnificent departure. Those who think they should have been there but were not because they were not invited are howling. They talk of the introduction of monarchical manners in place of the simple democratic fashion of the Roosevelts and their predecessors. Its all a question you see of a small square of pasteboard.

This is only one of many changes made by Mrs. Taft in White House affairs and others are promised. For example it gives one quite a start to go to the Executive Mansion and in place of the dignified policemen in uniform who used to look you over to find, instead, two of the handomest, blackest negro butlers that ever got into dress suits. Mrs. Taft doesn't like policemen at her front door and she says its more homelike to have butlers and more American to have them black. Then in place of the old time steward who was a kind of major domo or at least an understudy to the President himself, and who bought all the provisions for the White House, did the marketing, employed the servants and arranged the entertainments, ordered the decorations, etc., there is now a matronly looking housekeeper, who carries a basket of keys just like they do in the story book houses and who goes to Mrs. Taft every morning for her orders the same as if the White House were just a big home instead of a semi-public building. The capable person is known as Mrs. Jaffray and she is said to be giving eminent satisfaction both above and below stairs. Every morning she drives in one of the White House carriages to market and personally selects the perishable foods for the table. I have heard that she indulges in the reprehensible habit of American women of ordering groceries by phone, but then there is too much to be done in such an establishment to busy one self cheese paring. The bills for supplies in these days of dizzy prices are almost appalling for there are twenty-six servants to be fed after the elaborate luncheons and dinners for the President are served. These meals are much less expensive now though than in Rooseveltian days. In that strenuous time there were guests for breakfast, luncheon and dinner, a constant stream of rough-riders, diplomats, authors, reformers and personal friends from every walk of life. Mr. Roosevelt himself is an enormous eater, while Mr. Taft is on a diet which allows him no luncheon. Mrs. Taft is practically

an invalid this winter, and none of the children are at the White House except during the school holidays. Mrs. Taft having been a poor girl and the wife of a poor man has learned economy and it is believed that she will manage to save a good part of the President's salary. The regular White House expenses do not come out of the President's pocket. That is to say while he pays the grocery and marketing bills out of his salary the general upkeep of the house is paid by allowance of twenty-five thousand dollars a year. If Mrs. Taft desires new curtains, a new rug or furniture she has simply to make requisition for it and it is delivered at once. There is an appropriation for the President's stables and Congress last session voted a liberal amount for the purchase of two fine automobiles. The President keeps two riding horses and there is a pony for Charlie, the youngest son and several carriage horses. While Mr. Roosevelt was in the White House sixteen horses were kept constantly in the stables.

The President's wife of late year, has been assisted by a private Secretary and Miss Hagner who was Mrs. Roosevelt's aide, won almost national fame so completely did she dominate the social life at the White House. People who desired attention at the Executive Mansion if sufficiently astute courted Miss Hagner first. Mrs. Taft declared that this state of affairs shall not be repeated while she is in power. Her Secretary, Miss Blech, it was given out would be kept in the background writing letters, issuing invitations, etc. But fate had other things in store for Miss Blech, for before the end of the Inauguration season she had become engaged to a young naval officer, a most desirable parti in the smart set and before next year Mrs. Taft will have to look for another young woman who is fitted to discharge the delicate and complex duties of a social secretary who must be at once social arbiter and upper servant.

WHY MEAT IS HIGH.

Too Many People Want the Choice
Cuts, Packer Swift Says.

Commenting on the increased cost of meat, one of the questions which Senator Elkins proposes to investigate, John F. Swift, president of Swift & Co., said:—"I feel that some of the talk about the high price of beef is due to the great demand for the rib and loin cuts, of which there is only about 26 per cent. of the total. The proper preparation and cooking of the cheaper cuts (or 74 per cent. of the beef) is being given considerable attention by domestic science authorities, with a view of increasing the use of cheaper cuts, which are just as nutritious as the rib and loin cuts, thereby effecting a saving in the cost of living. This work is commendable and should be continued."

Mr. Swift would not go into the matter more thoroughly. Nor would he discuss the large profits of his company during the past year, as shown in its annual report. It had cleared a net profit of 14 per cent. on the \$60,000,000 of stock, on a business of \$250,000,000 for 1909. Besides this large net profit, \$4,000,000 was added to the surplus and many more millions to the funds or depreciation, maintenance and interest on bonds.

NORMAL HILL IS SLIPPERY.

For the past week Normal Hill has been a popular place for coasters, particularly in the evenings. Sleds, big and little, have been scooting down at a great rate, and continuing in their slide below Iron Street, while some have been going as far as the Court House. It has been many years since such conditions have existed, and many have been taking advantage of the good coasting.

Downstairs With Bombs.

William Dimmick met with a peculiar accident at his home in Wilkes-Barre on Sunday. He was descending the stairs when he slipped and fell. Two dynamite cartridges, such as are used by miners to discharge powder, exploded in his pocket from concussion.

Dimmick's left hand was blown off and he sustained other injuries. In making up his estimates of Pittsburgh's finances for the coming year, Controller E. S. Morrow forgot, at first, to include his own \$5000 salary.

A Philadelphia paper made note of this fact as though it were surprised at such an occurrence.

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Natural Mink, priced \$17.00, now \$12.50.
Japan Mink Shawl, was \$15.00, now \$11.50.
Jap Mink Novelty Scarf, was \$18.00, now \$13.75.
Jap Mink Fancy Scarf, was \$13.50, now \$9.50.
Jap Mink Throw, was \$9.00, now \$6.50.
Black Fox Shawls, were \$15.00, now \$11.00.
Sable Fox Fancy Scarf, was \$20.00, now \$14.50.
Isabella Fox Animal Scarf, was \$15.00, now \$11.00.
Russian Mink Throws, were \$5.00, now \$3.85.
Isabella Opossum Animal Scarfs, were \$9.00, now \$6.75.
Many other neck pieces, were \$1.00 to \$20.00, now 85 cents to \$14.50.

MUFFS TO MATCH ALL NECK PIECES.

National Mink Muff with heads was \$30.00 now \$24.00
Black Lynx Pillow Muff, was \$50.00, now \$40.00.
Jap Mink Pillow Muff with heads, was \$10, now \$7.75.
Russian Mink Rug Muff, was \$9.00, now \$6.75.
Sable Fox Rug Muff, was \$15.00, now \$11.00.
Isabella Fox Rug Muff, was \$11.00, now \$8.25.

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