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## SCHOOL FOR BACKWARD CHILDREN.

Special Attention Given Dull Pupils Proves Advantageous to all Concerned.

There are many degrees of natural ability in children of any community. The tendency is to give attention to the average pupil and the dull or slow pupil is left behind. Now, this occurs not from desire or purpose on the part of teachers or school authorities, but from necessity, and further, it may be said that the dull or backward pupil in the schools gets much more of the teacher's time and attention than does any other pupil. But yet the deficient pupil receives either not the necessary time for his development or the instruction is not of the right kind. Realizing this, the city of Philadelphia has prepared schools for slow, dull or seemingly deficient children, and they are coming to see the wisdom of this kind of treatment. These school rooms are most finely equipped and the very best of teachers are placed in charge. The individual pupil is studied by the teacher and a diagnosis of his physical, moral and mental condition is made. With the data thus obtained each child is given that care and instruction suitable to his peculiar needs.

The world is thus saved from many otherwise vagabonds and criminals. They learn that they have powers which can be developed, and that later in life they become self-supporting. This is hardly practical for small towns, but when some plan can be evolved from our present system of schools by which all pupils shall receive sound pedagogical and rational treatment, then there will be less pauperism and adult idiocy in the community.

## LOCALS.

Dr. Dorworth was in town last week and purchased a horse from B. D. Brisbin.

Selinsgrove is to have an electric light plant. Mifflin county capital will be invested.

Mrs. Jewett Gorham, of Elbridge, New York, has been the guest of her son, Dr. W. E. Park, in this place, the past week.

Mrs. W. E. Park will leave tomorrow, Friday, for Millersburg, where she will spend a week with her sister, Mrs. C. H. Meyer.

John Hudson, of Phillipsburg, has been granted a pension of \$12 per month and Uriah Eby, of Pleasant Gap, has been given \$10.

The work of staking out the ground for the big steel works at Clearfield has already been begun and the erection of the plant is to be pushed as rapidly as possible. When completed it will give employment to 2500 men.

The Rebersburg water company sold its old pipes at almost their first cost. The pipes were bought when iron was at its lowest price and sold when at its highest. Rebersburg now has a good water system.

Mt. Carmel, Philadelphia and Pittsburg are discussing how to rid smallpox from their boundaries. It is feared that if the disease is not eradicated during the warm weather, the plague will become unmanageable next winter.

The associates of Hamill Boal, son of Rev. James W. Boal, when a boy in this place, will learn with pleasure that, after graduating from Lafayette college in June, he was given a position in New York by the Equitable Life Insurance Company.

A large grindstone weighing almost two tons, after having been put into one of the pits and in position for use, at the Mill Hill axe works, was found to have a crack in the face. Superintendent A. C. Mann ordered the stone to be taken out and condemned.

State College borough is talking about Pugh Street and Bellefonte is ventilating its water tax system. Centre Hall is content to look at the great over-flow pipe of the reservoir which is clogged full of water, and chuckle at the snap of the hydrant when water is tapped.

Officers of the Pennsylvania railroad announce that the enterprise and improvements to which that giant corporation is now committed will cost at least \$10,000,000. Such figures would have staggered belief in any generation before this one. No task, however vast, appears to be impossible in these days of colossal plans.

Christ Alexander, of Coburn, passed through Bellefonte on Wednesday morning on his way to Monessen, Pa., where he expected to join a large party of agents for the Page Fence Co., who are all being entertained for a week or more at a convention at the company's one plant, Adrian, Michigan, expects to be gone a month. While away he will visit some relatives in that section and he might accept a position that is offered him for the Page Co. establishing agencies.

## VAST CORN CROP.

The Present Estimate for This Year Is Two and One-Half Billion Bushels

Preliminary returns to the statistician of the department of agriculture on the acreage of corn planted indicate an increase of about 3,520,000 acres, or 3.9 per cent., on the area harvested last year. Of the twenty-five states and territories with 1,000,000 acres or upward in corn harvested last year Iowa, Nebraska and Michigan report an increase of 1 per cent.; Pennsylvania, Indiana, Virginia and Louisiana, 2 per cent.; Georgia, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Missouri 3 per cent.; Ohio, Illinois, Mississippi and Indian territory, 4 per cent.; Kansas, Kentucky and Tennessee, 5 per cent.; North Carolina, 6 per cent.; Texas, 7 per cent.; Alabama, 8 per cent.; Minnesota, 9 per cent., and South Dakota and Oklahoma, 11 per cent. The average condition of the growing crop on July 1st was 87.5, as compared with 81.3 on July 1, 1901; 89.5 at the corresponding date in 1900, and a ten-year average of 89.2. The condition in Illinois was 91; in Iowa, Nebraska and Indiana, 90; in Kansas and Oklahoma, 99; in Missouri 102; in Ohio, 87, and in Texas, 41. The crop this year will be enormous. The present estimate is 2,589,951,000 bushels.

## Staggering Crop Figures.

Potatoes form the world's greatest single crop, 4,000,000,000 bushels being produced annually, equal in bulk to the entire wheat and corn crops.

## Ability-Luck.

"What is ability?"  
"Ability is that to which a man owes his own success."  
"And what is luck?"  
"Luck is that to which all others owe their success."—Chicago-Evening Post.

## Dollar For Each Hour.

J. R. Wood, general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, has authorized the statement that through passengers on the Pennsylvania limited, between New York and Chicago, will get a rebate on their fare if the train is an hour late or more. Passengers on this train are charged \$23.00 from New York to Chicago, which is \$8.00 more than the regular fare.

## Christian Science Treatment Fatal.

Mrs. Mary Baker, of Boston, sister-in-law of Mrs. Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, died a few weeks ago, but the fact that she was treated by a celebrated Science healer has just become known. If this relative of the founder of the belief could not be saved from death by her intervention, surely there is not much hope for those who have a little knowledge of that erroneous system. The words "I am not sick, I have no pain," never did cure and never will cure any person suffering from sickness or disease. The use of herbs and other natural drugs in the hands of skillful physicians is the proper treatment.

Another victim of Christian Science is Mrs. Pine, wife of George Pine, a well known farmer of West Bradford, who after an illness of over five weeks, died last week. The coroner and his physician visited her home, and stated that the woman died from an ordinary case of cholera morbus, which could have been cured by any physician.

## From Sugar Valley Journal.

Samuel Goodman, of Logan, raised a radish that measured twelve inches in length and eleven inches in circumference.

Three of the men working on Kleckner's saw mill and lumber job met with accidents last week, as follows: Samuel Shaffer cut off a toe, Lee Nicholson cut his left hand and John Kepler bruised one leg.

William Meyer & Son are making needed improvements to the Logan roller mill, among which is a new pen stock 36 feet deep by 4 feet square. They have also placed a new shopping machine in the mill. Miles E. Breop and Wm. G. Frankenberger are doing the carpenter work. [Mr. Meyer was formerly a miller at this place, and has a good reputation as a miller.]

A singular coincidence, worthy of special mention right here, took place in Lock Haven the other day. When the City School Board balloted for teachers they elected Sugar Valley instructors to the principalships for the four wards of the city, viz: D. M. Brungard, Isaac Rumberger, W. H. Kepler and T. M. Brungard. This speaks well for Sugar Valley and we refer to it with pardonable pride.

George Tibbings is in hard luck. Monday evening after he came in from Lock Haven one of his stage mules kicked the other and broke one of its hind legs, disabling the animal, so that Mr. Tibbings had to kill it.

Dorothy Dodd.

## BUSINESS MEN'S PICNIC.

Various Committees Appointed—Date August 21.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Business Men's Picnic Association was held at the Bush House, Bellefonte, last week, mention of which was made in last week's Reporter.

Changes were made in the executive committee as follows: D. H. Stoner, of Mill Hall, was chosen a member and the following substitutions ordered. C. H. Bressler for W. F. Elliot, of Lock Haven; Judge Wm. S. Harris for G. L. Morelock, of Lock Haven; Jas. A. Smythe for R. N. Roberts, of Renovo; A. J. Graham for the late T. L. Emerson, of Phillipsburg; S. W. Smith for Frank Crawford, of Centre Hall.

Committees for the picnic were chosen as follows:  
Speakers:—Hon. W. C. Heinle, Bellefonte; Hon. C. A. Mayer, Lock Haven.

Amusements:—John D. Sourbeck, Bellefonte; Torrence C. Shearer, Lock Haven.

Music:—O. E. Miles, Milesburg; P. P. Rittman, Lock Haven.

Finance:—T. J. Small, Mackeyville; H. Sechler, Bellefonte; G. W. Mason, Lock Haven.

Printing:—John I. Olewine, Bellefonte; G. W. Fredricks, Flemington.

Management:—J. C. Meyer, Bellefonte; J. Will Conley, Bellefonte; G. W. Mason, Lock Haven.

Closing:—Geo. Loder, P. P. Rittman, Lock Haven; J. A. Smythe, Renovo; Jerome Harper, H. E. Yeager, Bellefonte; A. J. Graham, Dr. F. K. White, Phillipsburg; I. C. Holmes, State College; Abe Weber, Howard; C. S. Whitman, Logan; N. H. Yearick, Walker; A. A. Frank, Millheim; W. H. Noll, Pleasant Gap; D. H. Stone, Mill Hall; A. A. Pletcher, Nittany; C. P. Long, Spring Mills; Frank Smith, Centre Hall.

## COMPARISON OF PRICES.

People of the United States Paying 40 Per Cent. and Upward More Than Foreigners.

Chairman Griggs, of the Democratic congressional committee, recently made public a list of American and European prices on American made goods, which an agent of the committee secured from certain New York exporting houses. This list is as follows:

| American                      | Foreign       |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Wire nails (keg).....         | \$ 25 \$ 1.30 |
| Wire rope (coil).....         | 12.00 5.00    |
| Lead (100 pounds).....        | 4.00 2.00     |
| Shovels (dozen).....          | 7.50 5.50     |
| Ashe grease (pound).....      | .58 .54       |
| Meat choppers.....            | 2.70 1.50     |
| Washboards (dozen).....       | 3.00 1.75     |
| Barbed wire (100 pounds)..... | 2.00 2.25     |
| Clock (alarm).....            | .60 .50       |
| Lawn mowers.....              | 4.25 2.75     |
| Fruit jars (dozen).....       | .50 .55       |
| Typewriters.....              | 100.00 55.00  |
| Sewing machines.....          | 60.00 30.00   |
| First-class pigpen.....       | 375.00 200.00 |
| Tin plates (100 pounds).....  | 4.19 3.19     |

"This," said Judge Griggs, "is the whole story in a nutshell. The people of the United States are paying 40 per cent. and upward more than the foreigner for the same American manufactured article. The question is, will they longer submit to it? I do not believe they will."

## Losses by Lightning.

The Grange fire insurance company has had a number of light losses by lightning this summer. The first loss was as early as February, and up to this time twelve or more losses have been reported. In each case the damage was light, summing up not over \$250.00.

## Bells of Antiquity.

The anthracite coal miners' strike is said to have cost \$50,000,000 and the expense account is far from being complete as yet. The most remarkable feature of the situation is the fact that the loss falls most heavily on the strikers themselves, and that they are willing to bear an intolerable burden without any probability of gaining their point by such methods. Strikes are a relic of antiquity which have no fitting place in modern industrial conditions.

## Keystone State in the Lead.

At the twentieth century convention of the Christian Endeavor societies in Pittsburgh last week State Secretary W. H. Keller reported that 481 new societies were added during the past year, making a total of 3,034 young people's societies, with a membership of 139,988; 199 intermeditates with 3,783 members, and 1,435 junior societies with a membership of 61,119. Besides there are nine senior societies, with 160 members, and eight mothers' societies, with 205,337 members. This gives Pennsylvania the lead among all the states, and Philadelphia has the banner union of the state with 529 societies. Allegheny county is second, with 372, and York third with 147. The total given to missions was \$20,931.99, and to other objects, \$55,807.16.

## DEATHS.

### ELLEN NEFF.

Ellen, daughter of James and Annie Neff died last Wednesday of measles at her parents' home at Hecla, aged two years. The funeral took place Friday morning, Rev. Crow, of Hubbersburg, officiating. Interment at Zion.

### MRS. ROBERT ROAN.

Margaret Rodgers, wife of Robert Roan, died at her home in Altoona Wednesday afternoon of last week, of consumption. She was a daughter of the late Geo. W. Rodgers, of Bellefonte, and was born in Philadelphia thirty-three years ago.

### SAMUEL PHILSON.

Samuel Philson, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Berlin, Somerset county, died at his home Friday morning. Mr. Philson was the father of Mrs. Fischer, wife of Rev. W. E. Fischer, D. D., of Shamokin and formerly pastor of the Lutheran church in this place. Mr. Philson was very prominent in business circles and had accumulated considerable wealth.

### ANNA ELIZA GREGG.

At the age of about seventy years, the death of Miss Anna Eliza Gregg took place in Milesburg, Saturday. Interment was made in Bellefonte Tuesday of this week.

Deceased was taken suddenly ill while performing household duties, and before professional aid could be secured, life had left her. She made her home with her two sisters—Julia and Susan. She was a sister of the late Andrew Gregg, of this place.

### WM. BERRY.

William Berry died at his home in Millinburg, Sunday evening a week, at the age of eighty and one-half years. He was a native of Clinton county, but in 1847 moved to Millinburg and engaged in blacksmithing, and later in carriage building. He made many trips through Centre and Clinton counties with his finished work and usually sold out before returning. He is survived by two sons, Hebron and Fletcher, who succeeded him in business, and one daughter, Miss Edie.

### JAMES RAY.

James Ray, a well known citizen of College township, died quite suddenly Thursday afternoon of last week, at his home at Houersville. He had just finished his dinner and was sitting on the front porch when he suddenly dropped to the porch floor and when his family reached him he was dead. Heart failure is given as the cause of death.

Deceased was a native of Centre county and was seventy-seven years of age. He was a veteran of the civil war having served in Co. C, 145th Pennsylvania Volunteers. For many years he served as constable of College township. He was a member of the Methodist church and was a highly respected citizen. Surviving him are his wife and three children.

### RICHARD YOUNG.

Richard Young died at his home, near Irving, Ill., after an illness extending over a year, on Friday, July 11th, at the age of seventy-six years, six months and six days.

Mr. Young was born at Centre Hill, Pa., Jan. 5, 1826, was married to Miss Nancy, eldest daughter of Wm. and Jane Reed Milligan at Centre Hill, in 1852, the late Dr. Hamill officiating.

To this union were born one son and four daughters, all of whom with their mother survive him. In March of 1896, Mr. Young with the Milligans moved to Illinois, and settled on a farm in Montgomery county, near Irving, where he continued to reside until his death. He was among the oldest settlers in that locality, industrious and domestic in habits, and respected by all who knew him.

## LOCALS.

Hogs are very scarce, and are commanding high prices.

A number of pleasure riders were caught in the rain Sunday.

The General Conference of the United Evangelical church will be held in Williamsport in October.

Mrs. J. E. Ward, of Bellefonte, spent several days this week with her sister, Miss Maggie Silver, in this place.

Mrs. Lucy Henney returned home Saturday after spending three weeks with friends at Pittsburg, Latrobe and Altoona.

Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Porter Odenkirk, and Miss Aida Sankey attended the funeral of Miss Annie Gregg, at Milesburg, Tuesday.

Dorothy Dodd.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

Brief Discussion of Political and Other Matters of Public Interest.

Vermont is to enjoy the political diversions of a regular Republican Prohibition State ticket and a bolting Republican High License ticket. It is a question with the Vermont farmers whether they shall drink their hard cider under high license or prohibition.

The cry for annexation has as few echoes in the United States as in China. In the conservative opinion of Senator Cokrell, of Missouri, the premature annexation propaganda is calculated only to injuriously affect the relations of Cuba with the United States.

A late study of census figures shows that of the native American population of Pennsylvania 61,922 were born in Maryland, 54,250 Virginians, 25,774 born in Delaware, 19,329 born in West Virginia, 6,741 born in North Carolina, 4,694 born in the District of Columbia. There are 36,664 native Pennsylvanians in New York city, 23,862 in Chicago and 18,027 in Camden.

Having found by experience that American mules and horses are the hardest for veldt work, the British authorities will continue the shipments from Port Chalmette to South Africa, in order the better to carry out the promise of restoring the Boers' ruined farms. Thus does alien officialism pay a deserved compliment to the American mule—first in peace as well as in war.

"A warship costs as much as a university, and the expense of maintaining it and its crew equals the aggregate salaries of a whole faculty." These were the words of Miss Jane Adams at Chautauqua on "The Newer Ideals of Peace." This is a forcible way of putting this truth. Longfellow expressed the same thought in his poem "The Arsenal at Springfield" when he says:

Were half the power that fills the world with terror,  
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts  
Given to redeem the mind from error,  
There were no need for arsenals and forts.

Congressman Newlands, of Nevada, takes the generally accepted view of the President's anti-trust blast. He urges that it comes a little late, after Congress had just finished a seven months' session, in which a number of anti-trust bills were introduced and rejected by the Republican party without a word of protest from the president. Further, says Mr. Newlands: "The President did not become imbued with this trust-hunting idea until the Democrats had adopted it as their leading issue. After seven months of silence on the subject he has suddenly discovered that it is a burning question and at the outset of a congressional campaign he proposes that something shall be done."

A sturdy Bradford county farmer, having been asked his opinion of the selection of Judge Pennypacker as the machine candidate for Governor of the state, said:

"The game is too apparent. There are not enough Pennypackers in the running."

After a moment's reflection, he added:

"It reminds me of the case of the Pet Lamb and Simple Simon. A farmer who had two sons, the younger one being under-witted, died, leaving his estate to be divided between them. The elder son was rather unscrupulous and disposed to take undue advantage of his brother's simplicity. So when he came to divide the flock of sheep he selected all the old and unsalable ewes and withers, but was careful to put among them a pet lamb belonging to his brother of which he was extremely fond. Having thus evenly apportioned in two lots the best sheep and the poorest he asked his brother to take his choice. The simple brother looked over the flock and going up to his pet lamb patted its head and fondled it. He then said: 'My pet, I have fed you and played with you, and you know I love you, but you have got in such damned bad company I shall have to give you up!'"

"This is the case of Pennypacker. He is the sort of man the voters like. They have nothing against him personally; but he is in such damned bad company that they will have to support the opposing ticket."

### Three Aged Ladies Ill.

Three aged ladies, living at Potters Mills, are ill. They are Eliza McCloskey, aged eighty years; Nancy Pierce, aged near ninety years, and Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, aged seventy-four years.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Williams re-union will be held at Martha, August 16.

Between showers on Sunday, thirty-eight persons visited Penns Cave.

Progress Grange at its Saturday evening meeting elected three new members.

A large number of salesmen have been visiting merchants in Penns Valley during the past month.

George H. Emerick Tuesday started on a threshing tour. From reports received wheat is yielding well.

Rev. and Mrs. James W. Boal, of Port Carbon, are guests at the home of J. Shannon Boal, in this place.

The thing farmers now like to speak of best, is how that miserable oats did grow, and what a nice crop it is.

Miss Sallie Lee, daughter of Jacob Lee, of Boalsburg, last week was the guest of the family of Mrs. Mary McClenahan.

There is nothing to indicate that anyone in Centre Hall or community has changed his or her religious faith within the past two weeks.

Six prisoners escaped from the Clearfield county jail last week and five of them are still at large. The sixth, an Italian, fell from the rope used in reaching the ground and broke a leg.

Adam Heckman, of Lamar, father-in-law of Mrs. H. S. Heckman, was in town Thursday of last week returning next day. Mr. Heckman while here was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kreamer.

Mrs. William Druckenmiller forty years old died at her home near Paintersville, Mifflin county, Thursday of last week as the direct result of a snake bite sustained more than two weeks previous.

The first question W. J. Mitterling puts to a man is have you any cows, cattle, hogs or sheep to sell? Mitterling is like a hound, he's always on the track of some salable animal, but when he finds one he never bays.

H. O. Shaffer, of Williamsport, was arrested by the Sun of that city for giving that journal a marriage notice of a young lady when no wedding had taken place. The information was voluntarily given by Shaffer as a "joke." Shaffer was fined.

Rev. D. M. Wolf, of Spring Mills, was a brief caller Saturday, on his way to Zion to attend a reunion of the Nittany Valley residents held on that day. He was accompanied by Wells Evans, and when Centre Hall was reached a brisk shower set in which for a brief time obliged them to seek shelter.

The dwelling house of Mrs. Emma J. Hines, near Heidler, was struck by lightning last week, doing light damage. The chimney was knocked off, rafter split, etc., doing damage to the extent of six dollars, which was promptly paid by the secretary, James A. Keller of Grange Fire Insurance Company.

At a recent meeting of the Reformed and Lutheran cemetery association, the trustees organized by electing D. A. Boozer, president; John T. Lee, vice president; Samuel S. Kreamer, secretary; H. G. Strohmeier, treasurer. The organization has a cash fund of over \$200.00, one hundred of which is available, besides the sums due for burial lots.

The rains during the past three or four weeks have been exceedingly hard on the roads. Great damage has been done on all roads. If there are any taxpayers in Potter township who would favor vacating the turnpike from Centre Hall to Bellefonte, let them observe the present condition of that important road and calculate the expense to again put it into its former condition. The pike company, as soon as practicable, will restore the road to its splendid former condition, but if it depends on the township to be repaired it would never be brought back to a road that could be pointed to with pride.

Mrs. Sadie (Mitchell) Smith and daughter Julia, of Indianapolis, Indiana, are east and at present are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smith, at Centre Hill. They are the wife and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith's son, Dr. Calvin S. Smith, who has been located in Indianapolis for six or eight years. Part of the time he was connected with a large hospital as operating surgeon, but of late years he has been relying on his own practice for a livelihood. He has been remarkably successful in his profession and has built up for himself a practice which would be a credit to any young man. Some time during August he will take his first vacation since going west from Howard, and will come east for two weeks.