

State of Pennsylvania

Child Labor Law.

Shenandoah.—J. W. Cooper, superintendent of the public schools of this town, scored the new Child Labor Law, declaring that besides the excessive extra work it entails on the school district, it imposes unusual hardships on poor widows, crippled parents and orphan children.

He said it became his painful duty to send through a parentless boy of 15, strong and healthy, to the almshouse, as his boarding mistress would not permit him to stay with her until he could learn to read and write.

150-Foot Fall.

Pottsville.—Falling from the top of the Silverton Colliery breaker, S. Snyder, of Mifflinville, sustained probably fatal injuries. Stepping on a loose board, he dropped 150 feet and landed on a pile of rocks. He sustained many fractures and internal injuries.

Lehigh University.

South Bethlehem.—In memory of Eckley B. Cox, who was an active alumnus and valued trustee of Lehigh University from its early days, the Board of Trustees announced that they had decided to name the new \$30,000 mining laboratory now being erected on the campus, the Eckley B. Cox Laboratory.

Blaze in Pittsburg Hotel.

Pittsburg.—The Hotel Birmingham, South Side, was discovered ablaze. Twenty-six guests were forced to flee down the fire escapes in their night dresses. Clayton Williams, proprietor of the hotel, and his wife, were seriously burned in their efforts to quell the flames. The loss was slight.

Save Fourth For Berwick.

Berwick.—Burgess Hettler, of Berwick made announcement, in order that local dealers could not afterwards complain that they had not been properly warned, that Berwick would have a safe and sane celebration of the Fourth of July this year and that any dealer selling fireworks of any kind would be promptly fined.

Carlisle Y. M. C. A.

Carlisle.—Carlisle's Young Men's Christian Association, with a membership of 239, has inaugurated a novel campaign to secure 500 members. Marched by William Ogilby and Dr. Harvey Mentzer, the association has been divided into rival forces, known as the "Reds" and the "Blues."

Baseball Player A Benedict.

Shenandoah.—Thomas P. Carroll, one of the best semi-professional baseball players of this section, was married to Miss Minnie Fallon, by Rev. Joseph M. O'Hara, of the Anglican church. They are attended by Miss Anna Carroll, as maid of honor, and J. J. Carroll, as best man.

Drinks Poison For Medicine.

York.—Mistaking a bottle of poison for cough medicine, Mrs. William Beasly, of Whittsville, drank the contents and she now lies at her home in a critical condition.

Hoodooed Badge.

Phoenixville.—Convinced that fire police badge No. 12 of the Phoenix Hose, Hook and Ladder Company, is attended with a train of ill luck, Herbert Llewellyn, a member of the company recently elected as a fire policeman, has refused to serve if he is compelled to wear the hoodooed badge. Llewellyn contends that all his predecessors have met with misfortune, in some way or another. The company will get him another badge.

Arrested On Swindling Charge.

York.—After wandering about this country and Canada for over a year, dodging detectives, who were on his trail, George Barber, a former resident of this city, was arrested here. Barber is charged with false pretenses, having, it is said, secured \$250 from Mrs. Anna Branneman, a widow, promising to use the money to operate a barber shop for her. It is said he failed to keep his promise.

Tries To Murder His Family.

York.—Lewis Falkenstein, an aged farmer, near Paradise, this county, became violently insane and threatened to murder the members of his family and set fire to the house. With the assistance of neighbors Falkenstein was strapped to a chair to prevent him from carrying out his threats. He had been committed to the almshouse and will later be taken to the Harrisburg asylum.

Presents Hall To College.

Bethlehem.—James W. Beck, of New York City, formally presented to the Moravian College the new Students' Hall, his gift to the college in memory of his father. The presentation was purposely arranged to occur on Thursday, which was the seventieth birthday of Dr. Augustus Schultze, president of the institution.

Stole Two Miles Of Wire.

Phoenixville.—The biggest wire theft that has been committed in this section has been uncovered by local detectives of the telephone company, and three arrests, two men and one woman, have been made. The wire—nearly two miles of it—was found at the home of Mrs. Thomas Elvin, who with her son, Robert, and Mahlon Beard, was arrested.

Pastor's Salary \$10,000.

Pittsburg.—Because he refused a chair in the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary and a few weeks later refused the presidency of a Kentucky college, Rev. William L. McEwen, of the Third Presbyterian Church of this city, known as the Thaw church, has had \$3,500 a year added to his salary. Dr. McEwen will now receive \$10,000, making him the highest paid minister in western Pennsylvania. Mrs. Mary Corpey Thaw has been prominent in the support of the church.

Printers Bolt.

Pottsville.—The Schuylkill County Commissioners are in a quandary because of the fact that every Schuylkill County printing office has refused to print the ballots for the Spring election. There are 158 districts in the county and an entirely different ballot must be provided for each district. As a heavy bond is required for the performance of the work in the legal time allowance none of the local publishing houses would undertake the risk. It is feared that part of the county will have to go without an election unless the commissioners are able to make arrangements with outside printing houses.

Begin 300-Foot Bridge.

Pottsville.—As a part of the \$1,000,000 railroad yards of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, stretching between Mill Creek and St. Clair, work was started on the foundation for a new lattice bridge to be erected at Dormers, a point midway between the two towns. It will be 300 feet long, and will be the largest structure of the kind in Schuylkill County. Another bridge will be built at Paterson to avoid a grade crossing.

Close Port Carbon Schools.

Port Carbon.—At a meeting of the School Board it was decided to close the schools for an indefinite period because of an epidemic of measles in the town, more than 100 cases being reported.

Crushed In The Machine.

Shenandoah.—Amandus Knecht, a prominent member of many secret societies, was caught in the machinery of the Locust Mountain Powder Company plant and instantly killed. He resided at Brandonville.

Save Entombed Man.

Girardville.—Robert Caton had a miraculous escape from death at DeTurke Colliery. He was robbing pillars when caught by a heavy rush of coal. He was entombed for five hours and was given up as dead, but a rescuing party finally took him out alive and practically unharmed.

Charles E. McCloskey Dies.

Manetta.—Charles E. McCloskey, one of Lancaster County's most prominent men, died, aged 46 years, after a brief illness. He was a graduate of several colleges, an Odd Fellow of note, a Mason and member of the Patriarch Militant.

Did Not Recognize Her Son.

York.—Having left his home here thirty-five years ago at the age of 18, P. Oliver Stambaugh returned for the first time. So great a change had been wrought in the years of absence that neither the son nor the mother when they met recognized each other. He has been in the West during his absence from York.

Homes Of Officials Burn.

Lewisburg.—The homes of Burgess George M. Wolfe and ex-Recorder William E. Housel were damaged by fire.

Killed Sitting On Rail.

Chester.—James Dawson, a signal man on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was struck by a passenger train, No. 51, near Highland Avenue Station. Dawson, who boarded at 703 Monroe Street, Wilmington, Del., and who is survived by a widow, was seated on the rail repairing a switch signal when struck.

Mad Bull Loses Fight.

Williamsport.—A mad bull on the farm of Elmer Edler, in Woodward Township, charged upon Edler while he and several assistants were trying to capture the animal. The bull, in its blind assault, ran into a wagon, locked its horns in the spokes of a wheel and was held a prisoner while shots were fired to end its life.

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Fall 3 Floors In Elevator.

Pittsburg.—Six workmen were injured, one fatally, when an elevator in an unfinished building in Allegheny fell eight stories landing a wrecked mass of timbers and bent iron, in the basement.

Baseball Star Marries.

Catsanqua.—In the Bridge Street Presbyterian Church Miss Mayme S. Wesley and R. P. Schneider, were married by Rev. H. W. Ewing. Mr. Schneider was last year captain of the Lafayette College baseball team and after leaving college created a sensation by his twirling for the Reading Tri-State League, playing under the name of Dank. The wedding trip will be to California where the bridegroom has signed with the Oakland baseball team of the Pacific League.

Monument For Ben Franklin.

Bethlehem.—Members of historical societies of the Lehigh Valley have started a movement to erect a memorial to Benjamin Franklin, near a fort which he built at Weisport, 154 years ago.

Family Claims Old Fortune.

New Castle.—Members of the Drake family in Western Pennsylvania have organized and on February 18 will meet in Niles, Ohio, where plans will be formulated by prominent attorneys to secure a fortune said to have been left by Sir Francis Drake and now in litigation in the British Chancery Courts. The fortune is estimated at \$200,000,000.

Women Climb Aloft.

Pittsburg.—Fourteen members of the crew of the sand boat Diamond, twelve men and two women, had narrow escapes from death when the craft sank in the Ohio River. When near Larles Head, the Diamond plunged her bow into the water, and before the sleeping crew could be aroused had sunk five feet below the surface. By climbing out on the superstructure the men and women managed to keep afloat until help arrived.

SYMPATHY FOR STRICKEN FRANCE.



—Cartoon by W. A. Rogers, in the New York Herald.

WHITE HOUSE "ISOLATION" A BORE; "NOBODY DROPS IN."

"Shaking Hands and Talking to People is Not Work," Says the President--Reveals Human Side in Talk to Newspaper Correspondents.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft stood before 150 newspaper correspondents at the Press Club by appointment and told of his experiences.

The President appeared incognito in often worn trousers and waistcoat; over the waistcoat a sweater (opened that he might put his hand in his pocket), and a sack coat over all; no top coat. He had started out for an automobile ride.

"I have to apologize for appearing before you in a garb that I have found convenient to wear when walking through the streets of Washington. There are, I suppose, some limitations upon Presidential pedestrianism, but I have not found them as yet, except in tired muscles. It is a very great pleasure to me to walk along the street, look into the windows and pass by a great many people who don't know who I am, and at times to meet a fellow who looks once at me and then passes on without any further curiosity, and another fellow who looks twice, nudges his friend and then, with that degree of reverence that we all feel for high officials, says, 'Hello! Taft!'"

"But there is in the White House a sense of isolation due to the fact that, generally, nobody drops in. Everybody comes by engagement, and you don't have that pleasant surprise that comes from having neighbors look in on you at odd times and with a feeling that they have a right to come. I don't know that that feature of the White House life can be changed. Perhaps it ought not to be. Perhaps if we changed the system

we would long to return to the system of engagements—for the engagements are many, times passes rapidly and business is active.

"People say to me, 'You must be tired—you are working very hard.' I suppose that they say it true and is founded on fact. But my education on the bench has made me feel that there was no real work which was not sustained intellectual work—in writing out opinions; and, viewed from that standpoint, I have not had any work in the White House, except occasionally when I have dictated messages. Shaking hands and talking with people has seemed to me to be always a preliminary until I could get to work, and I suppose I shall never settle down to a philosophical consideration of what is labor in the White House until I realize that three or four hours is taken up each morning in discussing—not the qualifications of collectors and district attorneys and other appointees, but the claims of those who recommend that such gentlemen be appointed.

"The truth is that Executive work is work not because of sustained mental effort, but it is work that arises from the consumption of nervous energy and vitality in the rubbing up against one's fellow-man. That is work you don't have on the bench, and it is a little difficult for one who has had so long an experience as I have had to realize that it is work, and who does not feel it until he gets to bed or until he finds himself in some way or other exhausted, without any sufficient excuse for the exhaustion."

NO WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC, GOVERNMENT AGENTS FIND

Innocent Women Not Enticed Here From Abroad, They Say--Those Already Victimized to Treaty Protecting Alien Girls.

Washington, D. C.—That the treaty ratified on March 1, 1905, for the repression of the "traffic in white women" is practically worthless to the Government in preventing the migration of alien procurers and prostitutes, is the conclusion of Commissioner-General Keefe, of the Bureau of Immigration, in a report transmitted to the Senate by President Taft.

Mr. Keefe not only takes the position that the treaty is worthless, but he adds that practically no co-operation at present can be expected of the signatory Powers as regards the enforcement of the immigration laws with which some of the Powers are found to be out of sympathy.

The bureau made an effort to ascertain the degree of co-operation to be expected of the signatories. The following Powers were communicated with: England, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Spain, Russia, Portugal, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Canada, Bermuda and Brazil. Replies were received from the majority of those countries. The replies disclosed that no steps could be expected to prevent the free passage from their country to this side of the professional prostitute or procurer who constitutes the bulk of white slave traffic in this country.

"The procuring of innocent women and girls for purposes of debauchery," he said, "has seldom if ever come to the attention of the bureau, and as it is the purpose of the treaty to prevent such procurement the treaty's usefulness ends there.

"The present immigration law is not extensive and drastic enough in addition to the already large numbers of alien prostitutes and procurers in this country, and does not provide adequate means to rid the country at large of those aliens who are here unlawfully, and in particular does not reach what is the very root of the evil, the free passage to and fro of those engaged in it."

The investigations of a special officer, whose name is not given, confirmed the conclusions reached in this country that there is no such thing as an international organization having for its object the exploitation of women in your countries by means of the practice of prostitution. The report says:

"Innocent women and girls are rarely imported into this country for purposes of prostitution, the great bulk of such women coming in as mistresses of various individuals and subsequently adopting or being forced into a life of shame, and the procurer selecting their innocent victims in this country."

Discussions of conditions he found in Europe, the United States agent says the large cities "were found to be so infested with women of immoral tendencies, living in poverty and dire squalor, that they were only too eager to embrace the opportunity of living comfortably in an improper life in this country. Consequently, persons who desire to get fresh supplies of women for their resorts in the United States are not forced to seek innocent women, when with much less exertion, expense and danger numbers of women can be found ready to accept their terms.

"The dance, concert and music halls and the drinking places of the Continental cities were found to be fertile fields for the operations of the cadets, with their numerous groups of women, not so openly immoral as to be under police control, but who make it a practice to add to their incomes by immorality.

"In many of these cities it was found that certain cafes and resorts are habitually frequented by persons seeking fresh supplies of women, not so much because such resorts are 'clearing houses,' but because women of the type desired are to be found and kindred spirits are always congregated there."

Tales of easy life and riches awaiting alien women in the United States have much to do with the great increase of immoral women and attendant evils in this country, says the report.

Poultry for Profit

Fix up all the leaks in the roof, if too far gone to mend with a few boards or shingles, nail roofing paper over the old roof. If given a coat of tar and then sanded, such a roof will be weather proof for years.

Tar and sand make a fine lining for the poultry houses, when nailed closely. Lice and mites will not harbor in it, either.

Milk is as good a feed for hens as for pigs, and will bring as much profit.

The surest way of having the best, is to breed from the best.

In the last twenty years imports of poultry to Germany, have increased from \$500,000 yearly, to \$50,000,000, for the past year; this seems almost incredible.

Note the hens that have been especially successful in brooding and rearing chickens; don't sell them, even if not very great layers. Give the eggs procured from breeders to such hens; they will save enough chicks to pay for their feed through the winter.

The poultry man's worst enemy is lice, and the greatest torment to the poultry.

Success depends almost wholly upon management, no matter what breed you have.

An observant swine feeder says the sows fatten easier and quicker, than the males, and isn't it so with poultry. Therefore the greater need of separating the pullets from the cockerels as soon as the sex can be told.

Eggs can't be had without hens, but some can take most any hen and induce her to lay.

Remember that eggs for market pay best in winter and that is the time for greatest care and zealous work in getting most out of the business.

SELLING HENS.

It seems when eggs are so high in price it is folly to sell hens, and it is, if we sell the layers, but after a hen has finished her clutch and wants to sit after the middle of August, it is best to sell unless she is a very fine hen. Before one breaks her of the notion of sitting, the feather loss will be here, and then by the time she is through the moult, the winter will arrive, so the chances of getting her to lay before Christmas are pretty slim.

Hens are a good price now, so it is better to make a rule of selling the hens as fast as they go to sitting and take extra care of the remaining hens, and the pullets.

To be sure you won't care to sell one or two at a time, unless to some boarding house, but as fast as they get broody, confine them in a cool, clean coop, give all the corn and water they can use, three times a day. They may be so confined for more than a week, with good results by that time there will be several broody ones.

Feed and care for what is left of the egg promoting line, but be sure the ones retained are all healthy and promising, if not they will board off the income of the laying hens, all through the winter. No use to keep lazy, sluggish hens; they will do nothing but eat, be in the way, and because of their sluggishness, be fairly certain to contract some disease, before spring. Sell them to make room for the workers.—E. C. in the Indiana Farmer.

A POULTRY HOUSE.

In making a poultry house, care should be taken to make its walls proof against the wind. It is the little draught that strikes a hen that gives her cough, starth and such ills. Make the north, west and east sides perfectly tight and in the south leave a big window. Cover this on the outside with poultry wire fencing and on the inside tack about muslin, using no glass and the house will be light and perfectly ventilated without any draughts to hurt the fowls. Put the perches above a platform, having the platform thirty inches from the floor. The perches should be six or eight inches above the platform. This gives the fowls the entire floor space and adds to the room in the house. A house 18x18 feet is plenty big enough for twenty-five fowls, where they are allowed to run out of doors. Put a foot of straw on the floor and throw the grain into it so the fowls must dig for it so they will get exercise during the cold weather. Give them a box of grit, a box of fine charcoal, a wide, shallow box of dust and keep plenty of pure water where they can get at it. Feed wheat, corn, oats, barley and beef scraps. Don't worry about getting balanced rations until you have got the run of the business.—Poultry.

FEEDING BY THE HOPPER.

I have received more letters recently, asking about the hopper method of feeding fowls than is possible for me to answer personally. Hence, I reply through the columns of the Farmer. There is a general feeling among poultrymen against washes, especially hot or warm washes, I am of the opinion that the more hot washes we give fowls the more romp we will have. I have long since discontinued the practice of feeding

WINTER POULTRY.

The answer to the question, Woes Winter poultry pay? depends in a large measure upon where your hens are roosting. If on the bare branches of a tree, on the northeast corner of the barn, there can be no doubt about it.—Farmers' Home Journal.

Needlework Champion.

Charles C. Olson of Charles street, St. Paul, is the needlework champion at the State fair this year, for he was awarded first honors for a framed embroidery picture, an eagle perched on two American flags, exquisitely done even to the heavy padding of cotton under the bird, which gives it lifelike contour. The entire design is in silk and is worked entirely in gold thread and "E Pluribus" is heavily embroidered in gold.

Mr. Olson is not the only man who has entered needlework for competition. The exhibit shows the work of ten men, and the public interested in fancy work recognizes with pleasure centerpieces and pillow designs which it has admired at former fairs.—Minneapolis Journal.

The Mean Man.

Wife (crossly)—Well, here you own way, and then you'll be satisfied. Husband—I'm not so certain about that. I had my own way when I married you, but I'm not satisfied.—Judge.

Concise, explains the Chicago Tribune, deceives only its owner.

The human body contains over 2,000 miles of tubing.