

# The Centre Reporter

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## TEACHING OF SALESMANSHIP.

Chicago has begun an interesting experiment in its technical high school. A course in salesmanship is offered to young women, and the Chicago department stores are permitting some of their employes to attend it during hours, not only paying their salaries for the whole time, but also paying their carfare to and from the school. This is like the work which is being done in technical schools in parts of Germany, where boys and girls have a certain number of hours a week free from work and receive instruction in the work at which they are employed. Employers in Germany, where the system has been established for some time, co-operate just as gladly as Chicago employers are said to be co-operating in the present experiment. They are reported as finding it to their advantage to do so. It is easy to see why a good many, especially of the larger employers of labor, should find it to their advantage here as well as there. Take the case of salesmanship, which is being taught in Chicago. Some large stores have so strongly felt the need of instruction in it that they have established schools of salesmanship of their own where experts lecture and give advice to ambitious employes. In this way it is possible to develop better salesmen and saleswomen.

Perhaps no woman in Tennessee is doing a more practical and helpful work than Miss Virginia Pearl Moore, who is at the head of the School Improvement work of the state, and who has recently been appointed by the Bureau of Education of the United States, organizer for Tennessee of girls' tomato clubs. For some time the United States government, through its bureau of education, has been encouraging boys to take an interest in agricultural activities by the organization of corn clubs, potato clubs, etc., and now the department, realizing that the girls must be kept on the farm, as well as the boys, is organizing tomato clubs among the girls all over the country. Miss Moore has been appointed state organizer of these clubs in Tennessee, and though she only received her appointment a few months ago, there are now about 1,000 Tennessee girls enrolled in the various tomato clubs of the state, says the Knoxville Journal and Tribune. The object of the work is to afford girls in the rural districts an intelligent interest and an income, that they may be kept on the farms happy and satisfied instead of coming to the city where they join the anemic procession of mill and shop girls.

What is perhaps the most remarkable graveyard in the United States adjoins the old Spanish church in the ancient Indian pueblo of Acoma, N. M., and took over forty years to construct, says the Wide World. The village is situated high in the air upon a huge, flat-topped rock many acres in extent and entirely bare of soil. In order to create the graveyard it was necessary to carry up the earth from the plain 300 feet below, a blanketed at a time, on the backs of Indians who had to climb with their heavy loads up a precipitous trail cut in the face of the cliff. The graveyard thus laboriously constructed, is held in place on three sides by high retaining walls of stone.

Those college professors who named the seven modern wonders forgot to mention the popular umpire, but a thorough investigation leads us to believe that there ain't no such thing.

Now that an Austrian countess in Vienna has eloped with an American instructor in roller skating, one more peril resulting from the fatal beauty of American men stands revealed.

New York claims the only woman house wrecker in existence; but reports from the divorce courts lead one to believe that woman home wreckers are not scarce.

French scientist has invented a machine to measure the surface of the human body, but we fail to see the economic value of knowing a man's area in square inches.

It is announced that the German emperor selects his wife's hats. It is supposed, however, that he continues to permit her to "fire" the cook.

"Mowing the lawn," says a physical culturist, "is good exercise." We fain would believe him, but we cannot dispel the idea that it is work.

A California man seized an eight-legged fish that barks like a dog, the reason for this sort of yarn being now officially declared open.

The average price of a haircut in London is said to be 8 cents, but then, one is forced to listen to a barber with a cockney accent.

## HARRY THAW HELD TO BE INSANE

### Loses His Last Desperate Fight For Freedom.

### STANFORD WHITE'S SLAYER.

#### Judge Holds He is a Menace To Public Safety—The Prisoner's Third Effort To Obtain His Freedom.

White Plains, N. Y.—Harry K. Thaw in the eyes of the law is still insane and must remain in the asylum where he was placed on February 1, 1908, after he had killed Stanford White. Justice Martin J. Keogh, of the Supreme Court, denied Thaw's application for freedom. The court took the ground that Thaw's release would be dangerous to public safety.

"In May, 1908," he said, "he (Thaw) obtained a writ of habeas corpus to secure his discharge on the ground that he was then sane. The question of his sanity was carefully inquired into by Mr. Justice Morschauser, who in an able opinion decided that he was then insane and that it would be unsafe to set him free.

"In June, 1909, another writ of habeas corpus was sued out in his behalf, an exhaustive inquiry was had into his sanity, and a lucid opinion was written by Mr. Justice Mills, in which he decided that he was then insane and that it would be dangerous to the public peace and safety to grant his discharge.

"The present writ was obtained to secure the release of Harry K. Thaw on the ground that he is now sane, and the question of his present sanity or insanity was the subject of an inquiry occupying 18 days, during which he had the aid of the most able and faithful counsel."

Justice Keogh said that there would be no useful purpose in reviewing the history of the present case, but added: "Perhaps an exception ought to be made so far as to say that there was some testimony in the case to the effect that the demeanor of Harry K. Thaw in this hearing was better than it was in the hearing before Justice Mills.

Writ Dismissed. "My whole duty is fully performed when I decide the single question presented for decision, namely: Is Harry K. Thaw at present sane or insane, and would his release be dangerous to the public peace and safety?"

The writ of habeas corpus upon which Thaw obtained his temporary release from the Matteawan State Hospital is dismissed, and the court custody of the superintendent of that institution. Thaw has been living at the local jail, in charge of the sheriff, since his case opened, early in June.

Thaw procured a copy of the decision shortly after it had been rendered. He read it only with seeming indifference.

"It is as I thought," he said. "I am sending the sad word to my family. It would have been better had I been acquitted, like Captain Hains."

### HYDROPLANES FOR NAVY.

#### Department Plans To Equip Each Battleship.

Washington.—Each battleship of the Navy will be equipped with a speedy hydroplane within the next year if plans of the Navy Department materialize. Rear Admiral Philip Andrews, acting secretary, has called upon manufacturers to notify the department not later than August 15 whether they will submit hydroplane designs to meet naval requirements. It is proposed to have the machines sustain a speed in the air of not less than 50 miles an hour, carrying two passengers.

### TWO BULLETS BEAT SURGERY.

#### Attempt At Suicide Will Restore Man's Health and Mind.

St. Louis.—Two bullets that William E. Slawson, of East St. Louis, fired into his brain while demented, instead of causing his death, had a beneficial effect, removing a blood clot that would have proved fatal. Physicians say that Slawson will recover both his health and reason and that he has escaped an operation that would have been necessary had not the bullets cleared the same purpose as the physician's scalpel.

### Against Adulterated Seeds.

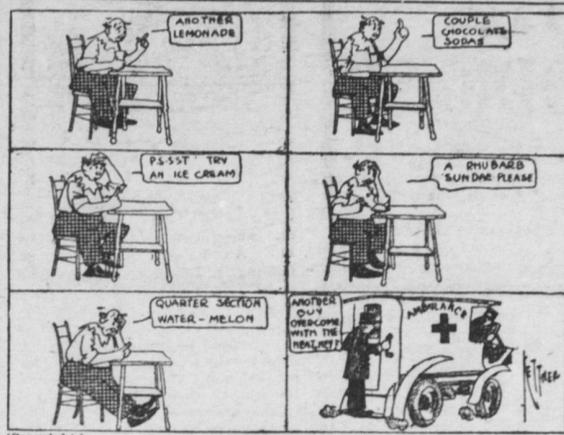
Washington.—A favorable report on the House bill to prohibit the admission to the United States of certain adulterated seeds unfit for planting was authorized by the Senate Committee on Agriculture.

### INDICT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

#### Charged With Purloining and Selling Confiscated Opium.

New York.—Three indictments were returned here by the Federal Grand Jury at the conclusion of its investigation of the complaint made by Customs Inspector W. P. Murphy, that employees of the appraiser's stores were concerned in a conspiracy for the purloining and reselling of confiscated opium ordered destroyed by the United States Court.

## FOOLISH SEASON



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## 13 MEN DIE IN COAL MINE

### Others Escape From Flood After Harrowing Experience.

### MOST OF VICTIMS MARRIED.

#### The Men Were Drowned 4,000 Feet From the Mouth of the Mine, Their Only Avenue Of Escape.

Uniontown, Pa.—Caught like rats in a trap when water rushed into the manway of Superba No. 2 Mines, at Evans Station, three miles north of Uniontown, following a cloudburst, 13 men were drowned and 37 escaped after a most harrowing experience. The men were drowned about 4,000 feet from the mouth of the mines, their only avenue of escape. The majority of the victims were married and had large families.

The men who escaped were forced to half swim and half walk to the pit mouth through water ranging in depth from their waists to their necks on their way to safety. The majority of the miners who escaped were knocked down by timbers that were sent down the mine with great velocity in the raging current. Several men were being carried back into the mine to their certain death when rescued by their companions who risked their lives.

Officials of the Superba Company say it will take at least 60 days to clear the mine of water and until that time bodies must remain in the water in which they perished. Superintendent J. Buttermore was the first man to see the high water start in the manway. He raised the alarm and all the men on the outside rushed into the mine yelling as they went. In that manner more than half of the miners were saved.

The wives and families of the miners and drivers in the mines when the alarm was raised rushed to a large hole made by the rushing water at the manhole and frantically threw sticks, stones, bushes, poles and whatever other timber they could find into the water to stop the rush into the mines where their loved ones were earning their daily bread.

Falling in that they rushed to the mouth of the pit and would have continued their mad dash into the water in the mine had they not been stopped by cool-headed persons who guarded that entrance. The women and children remained at the mouth of the mine until an attempt had been made to rescue their husbands and fathers. Several large pumps will be placed in the mine tomorrow and everything possible will be done to get to the place where the bodies are certain to be found.

### ILLITERACY IS SCARCE.

#### Chicago Completes Biennial School Census—Shows Big Gain.

Chicago.—Chicago's present population is 2,381,700, according to the biennial school census just completed by the board of education. The figures of the last Federal census, taken in 1910, were 2,185,283.

The school census shows the total number of minors in the city to be 882,516, of which 50,791 are foreign born and 11,191 are negroes.

According to the count there are only 157 children between the age of 12 and 21 who are unable to read or write either English or some other language.

### SUNDRY CIVIL BILL.

#### Measure As Passed By the Senate Carries \$116,000,000.

Washington.—The Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill, carrying approximately \$116,000,000 for the support of various bureaus and branches of the government, passed the Senate. It contains increases of about \$6,000,000 over the appropriations authorized by the House. The difference between the two bodies will be adjusted in conference.

## ANOTHER NEW INQUIRY PLANNED

### Inter-State Commission to Take Up Interlocking Directorates.

### MANY COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

#### Lines Interested in Production Of Commodities They Carry Charged With Discrimination.

Washington.—A complete investigation is about to be made by the Inter-State Commerce Commission of the question of interlocking directorates and the part railroads play through these directorates in the control of the coal, coke, iron and steel production of the United States.

From evidence now at hand, the commission believes the Eastern lines, particularly those north of the Ohio and the Potomac rivers, are the leading offenders and that they have, through the old "community of interest" plan, gained too much influence upon business by means of the directors serving jointly upon their boards and the boards of the big industrial corporations.

From statements by officials of the commission, the investigation as now mapped out will be far-reaching and will have an important bearing upon freight rates.

Primarily the commission wants to find out what interest the big railroads have in the corporations, persons or associations that produce cement, coal, coke, iron ore, iron, steel and the products thereof, also of the materials used in the production of any of the articles named.

Secondarily, the commission is anxious to learn what degree of interest or control corporations producing these commodities that form the bulk of their tonnage have in the railroads.

Fully two-thirds of the complaints about coal, coke, iron ore, iron and steel rates during the past year and a half have come from companies that assert they are discriminated against by railroads owned or controlled by their competitors. They say rules and regulations have been made by these carriers which place the independent shippers at a marked disadvantage.

A few railroads, too, have come into court and complained that they were compelled by their big shippers to make rules and rates in the interest of such shippers on the penalty of losing the tonnage.

Many of these complaints involved the United States Steel Corporation, the International Harvester Trust and the Universal Cement Company. The cement company, it was alleged, had until recently rate adjustments that gave it an advantage of practically 20 per cent. over its competitors in and around Mannheim, W. Va.

These and other specific complaints have furnished the basis for the investigation now proposed.

### FIND WOMAN IN BOX CAR.

#### She Was Fashionably Dressed and Claimed Wealthy Relative.

Kansas City, Mo.—Saying her name was Juanita Wood, and that she was the daughter of Frank Wood, a wealthy Boston contractor, a young woman, 24 years old, was found upon a box car here by the police. She was fashionably dressed, and said she had run away from college in the East. She told the police she had been in company with a man from St. Louis, who had befriended her and that the last she remembers she was walking with him yesterday.

### NEW GERMAN AIRSHIP.

#### She Will Be Stationed At Metz, Near French Frontier.

Berlin.—The most modern military airship of the Zeppelin rigid system was taken over by the war department after an endurance and speed trial lasting 18 hours. The airship developed a speed of 49 miles an hour, and is considered the most speedy dirigible in the world. It has been christened the Z-III, and is to be stationed at the fortress of Metz, near the French frontier.

## FACE EPIDEMIC FLOOD VICTIMS

### Hunger and Disease Feared by the Authorities.

### ENTIRE TOWNS INUNDED.

#### Uniontown, Pa., Leads List Of Dead With 15—West Virginia and Pennsylvania Suffer Heavily.

Pittsburgh.—The county of Fayette, 60 miles south of here, that was swept by a series of cloudbursts, is counting up its loss. At least 19 lives were lost, 15 in the Pole Cat Mine near Evans Station, three drowned in Leont No. 2 Mine, when the creek broke through the roof and flooded the workings. A boy fell into the flooded street at Dunbar and was drowned. Dunbar is a wreck.

The county commissioners estimate that nearly a million dollars' damage was done there alone. Eleven business houses were swept away, 75 residences were destroyed, streets torn up and bridges carried out.

Fayette county is isolated. The Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio tracks are either under water or swept away. Wires are down everywhere. In places the force of the flood was so great the rails were twisted like light wires. The roads are almost impassable.

Provision trains were unable to get within miles of Dunbar, and hunger is being added to the misery of the people. Those who spent the night at the mouth of Pole Cat Mine in grief over their lost ones were dumb in their wretchedness—victims of a poignant grief, but suffering, too, the pangs of a gnawing hunger.

The Pennsylvania Railroad had a thousand men at work repairing its road bed.

A rescue party of 100 men went half a mile into the slope of Pole Cat Mine to satisfy the grieving women on the surface.

They traveled through water five feet deep until the slope took a decided drop and it was impossible to go farther. No bodies were seen.

The commissioners of Fayette county wired the State Health Department, asking that a corps of men be sent into the district to prevent an epidemic of disease. Most of those suffering from the flood are foreigners, who are ignorant of the sanitary precautions necessary following a flood. Thousands of dead cattle, sheep and fowl are lying in the hollows and will be exposed when the waters recede.

### TROOPS TO QUELL RIOT.

#### Gov. Glasscock Sends Machine Gun To Peytona.

Charleston, W. Va.—One company of militia and a machine gun squad left here for Peytona, Boone county, where, during a riot by striking miners, Deputy Sheriff Southpin was fatally shot. Sheriff Sidney White called upon Governor Glasscock for troops, declaring he was unable to handle the situation. Peytona adjoins the Paint Creek region, where miners have been on strike for several months. Southpin was called to the scene of the trouble, and was attempting to disperse a band of strikers, who attempted to disarm him. Adjutant General Elliott accompanied the troops.

### The Rumor Factory Busy.

Washington.—Treasury Department officials are not inclined to say they believe the report that William Loeb, Jr., collector of customs at New York, and former secretary to President Roosevelt, is about to resign his job to join Colonel Roosevelt's new party. Reports of impending changes in the Cabinet continue. Secretary Nagel is the latest mentioned. The Secretary has told his friends he would not serve after March 4 should Mr. Taft be re-elected.

### The Archbald Impeachment.

Washington.—Wrisley Brown, a special attorney of the Department of Justice, has been selected by the managers of the impeachment trial of Judge Robert W. Archbald to assist in his prosecution before the Senate. Mr. Brown prepared the case for the House Judiciary Committee. Attorney General Wickersham will be asked to designate Brown for the work.

### New Mexico Postmasters.

Washington.—President Taft sent to the Senate nominations of 16 postmasters in New Mexico, including Robert W. Hopkins at Albuquerque and Ignacio Lopez at Las Vegas and Arthur H. Rockefeller at Roswell.

### Converted At 83.

Milton, Ky.—Eighty-three-year-old Ben Morris, the oldest inhabitant of Trimble county, was baptized Wednesday evening in the Ohio River. He had acknowledged conversion a few hours previously and asked that the ceremony take place right away. He was taken to the levee in a carriage and was so feeble that two men were needed to support him as he entered the water for immersion. Elder H. T. Martin, of the Christian Church, officiated.

## SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

### All Pennsylvania Gleaned For Items of Interest.

### REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

#### Farmers Busy in Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Emmanuel L. Bishop, of Elizabethtown, caught a 16-pound snapper with hook and line in the Conewago Creek.

Falling in play in front of his home, Earl Allen, 10 years old, of Chester, fractured an arm in two places.

Carroll M. Hall, of West Chester, a recent graduate of Annapolis, has been promoted from midshipman to ensign.

The directors of the public schools in East Nantmeal township, Chester county, have fixed the tax rate for next year at 6 mills.

The Reading Railway has forbidden Shamokin miners to walk in the middle of the tracks on account of numerous fatal accidents.

A guinea chick with an extra leg growing from its back is the freak hatched on the farm of Thomas Shortz, at Hobbie, near Hazleton.

Dr. R. L. Slagle, president of the South Dakota State College at Brookings, visited relatives at his old home in Hanover, York county.

Attacked by a rattlesnake, Emma Pascoe, a 14-year-old Hudsonsdele girl, killed the reptile with a club after it had coiled three times to strike her, removed the rattles as a trophy and will make the skin into a belt.

Five thousand new members were enrolled in the Shenandoah union of the United Mine Workers, and Local 1385, the largest in the anthracite region, now has 1,400 members, with more than \$10,000 in the treasury.

Playing with a keg of blasting powder, four children—Alexander Tedmooble, three years old; Michael, his brother, aged 10; George Stepek, 5, and Patrick Perosel, 5—were frightfully burned at Washington.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Stroh, who died at her home in Lucknow following an operation for appendicitis at Harrisburg, weighed 318 pounds, and the casket was so large that funeral services could not be held until the door jams and much of the surrounding woodwork had been removed by carpenters.

Lewis G. Hill, of Lookout, says his father has two fields of alfalfa in Wayne county. The crop on a four-acre field was damaged by the cold weather during the winter, there having been very little protecting snow. The first crop of a ten-acre field cut in June was quite large, and the second crop will be cut in August.

Walter S. Hertzog, for four years one of the State inspectors of high schools, has resigned his position in the Department of Public Instruction to accept the principalship of the California State Normal School. He was appointed from Western Pennsylvania and aided in building up the inspection system. This summer he is an instructor at summer schools in Grove City and Mt. Gretna.

Former State Senator Kline, of Hazleton, is entertaining Captain John R. Vaughan, of the New York City Fire Department, at his bungalow at North St. John's. Mr. Kline was a guest at the Rayne Hotel, New York, over twenty years ago, when it was destroyed by fire. He was hemmed in on all sides by the flames, and was about to give up when Captain Vaughan pulled him from his room and brought him to safety.

Owen Berkenstock, a rural mail carrier in Lycoming county, saw a fawn a day or two ago feeding on a shock of wheat on the farm of Mr. Bickhart, three miles from White Deer. David Moore later saw the deer running across the fields toward a small tract of timber on an adjoining farm. Two does and a buck have been frequently seen in the vicinity of the "Round Top," an open place in the woods to the right of the pike between White Deer and Forest Iron Works. Dogs have chased them several times, but the deer return to their feeding ground like cattle.

Three brothers who have attained distinction in the Lutheran Church were guests of honor at the reunion of Susquehanna Synod at Riverside Park, near Milton. These were the Rev. Dr. J. B. Reimensnyder, of New York City, president of the General Synod of the United States; the Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, for 24 years pastor at Milton and formerly of the Lewistown Lutheran Church, and George B. Reimensnyder, of Sunbury, president of the local Church Council. Each of the brothers delivered an address.