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IS LINCOLN'S ADVICE GOOD?

The Great Emancipator Advocated Temperance When a Young Man and Continued to His Death.

The martyred President was one of the staunchest advocates of temperance the White House ever had in it. He began advocating such principles when but a young man, and on the day of his death made the strongest expressions of any during his whole life. Just a few of his sayings on the subject are here quoted:

From an address by Lincoln on Washington's birthday, 1842: "Let us make it as unfashionable to withhold our names from the temperance cause as for husbands to wear their wife's bonnets to church, and instances will be just as rare in the one case as the other. * * *

"What a noble ally this temperance resolution to the cause of political freedom; with such an aid its march cannot fail to be on and on, till every son of earth shall drink in rich fruition the sorrow-quenching draughts of perfect liberty. * * *

"If the relative grandeur of revolutions shall be estimated by the great amount of human misery they alleviate and the small amount they inflict, then indeed will this be the grandest the world shall ever have seen."

By Lincoln, January 23, 1858: "Let every friend of temperance from upon all efforts at regulating the cancer. Any license law, however stringent, must eventually increase the evil."

By Lincoln, September 23, 1863: "When I was a young man I made temperance speeches and to this day I have never by my example belied what I then said."

"In the advocacy of the cause of temperance you have a friend and sympathizer in me. Temperance is one of the greatest, if not the very greatest, of all evils among mankind."

By Lincoln on the last day of his life to Mayor J. B. Merwin:

"Merwin, we have cleared up a colossal job. Slavery is abolished. After reconstruction, the next great question will be the overthrow and suppression of the legalized liquor traffic, and you know my head and my heart, my hands and my purse will go into this contest for victory. In 1842, less than a quarter of a century ago, I predicted that the day would come when there would be neither a slave nor a drunkard in the land. I have lived to see one prediction fulfilled. I hope to live to see the other."

Married in Illinois.

A daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rishel, at Woodstock, Illinois, formerly of Spring Mills, were recently married, a brief mention of which is made below.

Roy Piapp of Maple Park and Miss Maude Rishel were united in marriage in the Princeville parsonage, by Rev. Isaac Divian, on January 26. They will reside on the farm of M. J. Piapp, father of the groom, located four miles south of Maple Park, Illinois.

The second wedding in which the Rishel family was directly interested occurred on February 24, when Roy Rishel and Miss Metta Wolfe of Kaneville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wolfe, were united in marriage by Rev. Richardson, at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Rishel will also begin farming two miles south of Maple Park, Illinois.

New Experimental Plant for State College.

Officials of the Pennsylvania State College were notified last week by the secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture that an experimental plant to determine the causes and effects of explosions of dust in grist mills will be located there. It will be operated in co-operation with the engineering experiment station and the department of mechanical engineering. It will be the first large experiment of this kind ever attempted. Construction of the plant is to begin immediately, and when complete it will be fully equipped with milling machinery.

Prof. J. A. Moyer, of the State College, will have charge of the experiment. B. W. Dedrick, instructor in flour milling, will operate the plant, and M. P. Helman, an instructor in mechanical engineering, will serve as the technical expert.

Aroused by the numerous grain dust explosions both in this country and abroad, the government was requested to conduct the investigation by the Millers' Committee, of Buffalo, N. Y., where an explosion of grain dust in 1913 killed 33 persons, injured 70 others, and caused a property loss of \$70,000,000.

Penn State was selected for the experiment in preference to the University of Kansas, University of Minnesota, and the Michigan Agricultural College, all of whom sought the experimental plant.

RED ROOST HEARD FROM.

Story Emanated from Bellefonte that a Confession of Murder Had Been Made.

Saturday morning a story said to have emanated from "Red Roost," a section in Bellefonte, with all the rapidity that modern means provides for the dissemination of news, was sent out hither and yon. The story referred back to a bleak, dreary day in November, 1906, or to be exact to November 12th of the year named. And if this story had been true, the perpetrator of the cowardly murder of Josiah C. Dale, would be known to-day, but as it is, the murderer is still unknown, and the mystery surrounding the killing of the defenseless man, somewhere on Nittany Mountain, continues the mystery it was from the very beginning.

THE STORY FROM "RED ROOST."

The story from "Red Roost" sent out to every nook and corner of the county within a brief space of less than one hour, was that in the hospital lay an individual hovering between life and death as the result of a "successful" operation, and that a confession of the murder of Mr. Dale had been made.

With the bare assertion that a confession of the crime had been made, the embellishments were added as the foundationless story was repeated by one to the other until all the details were given, making the whole one most easily believed.

As soon as the "confession" reached the ears of District Attorney Fortney he went to the hospital, and was surprised to learn that the person to whom the confession was ascribed was not in then nor had been in the past, nor was the individual sick at home. Every effort was then made to correct the error from "Red Roost."

Seven Students Will Graduate.

The local high school will graduate seven students at the close of the school year in May. The class is composed of the following: Misses Grace Ishler, Carrie Sweetwood, May Royer, Mary Dinges, Messers, James Keller, Carl Auman, and William Bailey. For the first time in a number of years the senior class has remained intact, and there is every reason to believe that the full number will receive their diplomas at the graduation exercises. The class is organized and holds meetings at regular intervals. The young people are of a progressive nature and are exhibiting much enthusiasm and spirit in their preparations for this important event in their school careers. Class day has been set for May 11th, at which time they will present the play, "Why Not Jim." Commencement is on the following day.

Complimentary to Prof. Neff.

In giving an account of a Grange meeting held at State College for the special benefit of the agricultural students, the Times refers to Prof. Neff in this way:

"Prof. C. R. Neff, of Centre Hall, a noted pedagogue and farmer, touched upon the practical side of farming in his address. The speaker is interested more particularly in the farmer and less in farming. He believes in developing the farmer and as a direct result of such developing the entire farming community will be greatly benefited and the farm property greatly enhanced in value. The facts elucidated by Mr. Neff were invaluable to not only the grangers but the students in agriculture, because they are not to be found in the text book."

Disposes of His Two Farms.

Capt. G. M. Boal, last week, sold his two farms in Potter township. The one, located west of Centre Hall, and tenanted by Richard Brooke, was sold to his son-in-law, D. A. Boozar, for \$12,750. This farm contains 202 acres. The other farm, located on the pike east of Centre Hall, was sold to his daughter, Mrs. Charles W. Slack, for \$5,500. This farm contains 98 acres and is tenanted by C. W. Slack.

New Building for I. O. O. F. Orphanage.

Material is being assembled for a new terra cotta building to be erected among the group of Odd Fellows buildings east of Sunbury. The structure will be put up in the spring and operations will commence just as soon as all of the frost is out of the ground, which will be within the next two weeks. The structure will not be put up by contract. Supt. Chubbuck and J. W. Stroh, in charge of the work, are negotiating for the purchase of the material and have nearly finished the preliminary work.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Pennsylvania Old Fellows, who were in Sunbury, visited the orphanage and were greatly impressed with the progress being made by the children and the fine work that has been done there within the last fifteen years. They approved of the plans for the new band house and gymnasium.

MORE SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT.

Republican Congressman from Massachusetts Praises Wilson Policies in Regard to War.

Congressman Gillett, of Massachusetts, is the latest Republican of importance to assert full loyalty to President Wilson in the conduct of our foreign relations and to give his unstinted praise of the administration's attitude in the matter of the war. In doing this he follows in the footsteps of former President Taft and Congressman Mann, Republican leader in the House. This is the way Mr. Gillett expresses his sentiment:

"I am glad to advise that the attitude of the administration during the European war has my full and unqualified approval. I think it has been wise, impartial, dignified, temperate, asserting our rights as neutrals firmly and considerably, acknowledging our duties as neutrals frankly and voluntarily, and displaying always a friendly and sympathetic spirit which ought to qualify us for any possible role of peacemaker.

"I trust this specific and unexceptionable disposition will continue. I trust we shall not know any sudden episode to stir hot blood and provoke retaliation. We must remember that the nations that are struggling desperately for their lives are accustomed to the daily tortures and deaths of thousands, and in their intense absorption are liable to ignore, even forget, that there are also nations in the world who are still at peace and who are still engaged in the pursuit of commerce and who have rights.

"We must not waive or yield those rights, yet I think we must allow for the abnormal conditions and must not allow any sudden injury to draw us into that vortex of fiery passions and hates. We can afford to keep calm and cool.

"I thoroughly approve and endorse the temperate and pacific and genuinely neutral policy of the administration. I hope it will continue, and I shall be glad to continue my support."

This is the right attitude to take and it is the manly thing to come out in the open and make public expression of it. When President McKinley was facing the perplexities of the Spanish War, Democrats came to his support and heartily upheld him as loyally. It has long been a common saying in this country that partisanship halts at the seashore. If this were not the case our national life would be a very uncertain quantity.

Foreign problems are intricate and delicate enough at best. If they are of any magnitude they tax the President to the utmost. If to the natural difficulties should be added domestic antagonism and open criticism the task would be overwhelming. The problems President Wilson is facing at this time are among the most critical this country has ever encountered. If he is to meet them and solve them he must have the united support of the country. It is extremely gratifying to note that this is being given.

It Will Soon Be Peep! Peep!—6000 Strong.

Probably the most interesting place in the county at the present time is the Kerlin Grand View poultry farm where six thousand eggs are in process of incubation. In a few weeks nearly that many chicks, far Mr. Kerlin has learned how to secure almost a perfect batch, will be ushered into the chicken world. Sixteen large incubators are loaded to their capacity and the Kerlins are now in the busiest season of the year. They employ system, however, in all departments of their big plant, and the careful attention necessary for a proper hatching is to them not so big a problem as appears to the amateur poultry raiser.

Amputates Deer's Leg.

Game Protector Woody Kelly, of DuBoise, was at the railroad station in that city when a car load of deer from Minnesota, consigned to Clarion county sportsmen, was being transferred from one train to the other. In one of the crates there were two fawns one of which had a broken leg. Mr. Kelly had the injured deer removed to his barn and calling in a veterinarian had the leg amputated and fixed up properly. The deer is but little the worse for its experience and bounces about on its three legs as nimble almost as before the accident.

Ladies Fine Stationery.

At this office may be found a new lot of ladies' stationery—both in envelope and card form and in the regular box style. All grades, from low price stationery to that used in the better class of correspondence. Don't fail to see it. Also line of Easter post cards.

Bruce Arney has recovered from a week's illness with sore throat.

DEATHS.

The death of Mrs. Eliza McClellan, brief mention of which was made in last week's issue of the Reporter, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry W. Frantz, at Earlsytown, at noon Wednesday. Mrs. McClellan suffered a paralytic stroke on Christmas and since that time had been in a very helpless condition, her heart continually growing weaker until the end came.

Deceased was a daughter of Judge and Mrs. Aaron Middleworth and was born at Beavertown, Snyder county, on December 7th, 1840, making her age seventy-four years, two months and seventeen days. She was married to Joseph R. McClellan in 1860 and most of their married life was spent in Centre county. Mr. McClellan died a number of years ago but surviving her are the following children: Rev. William A. McClellan, of Rockwood; Mr. Harry Frantz, of Earlsytown; Robert H., of Linden Hall; Elmer A., Mrs. Cora J. Burchfield and Harry A., of Tusseyville; Charles E., of Millheim, and Frank J., of Centre Hall. She also leaves three brothers, namely, Joseph Middleworth, Beavertown; Jacob Middleworth, Holden, Missouri; William Middleworth, Kansas City, Kansas.

Funeral services were held at the Frantz home Saturday morning at nine o'clock and interment followed in the cemetery at Tusseyville, Rev. D. S. Kurtz and Rev. R. Raymond Jones, officiating.

Millifenburg lost by death one of its most highly respected citizens, Mr. Abraham Eberhart, who passed peacefully away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Edleman, on Thompson street, aged eighty-two years, ten months and five days.

Mr. Eberhart was born in Berks county, and at the age of twelve years moved to Union county, where he followed the plastering trade for years, at which he was one of the most proficient in his locality. He had a host of warm friends due to his pleasing and ever agreeable manner, and was one of the leading and upright citizens.

He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served faithfully in Company D, 150th Regiment, Penns. Vol. Inf. (Bucktails).

Surviving are his wife and one son, Harry E. Eberhart, residing in Milton, and the following brothers and sisters, namely: David Eberhart, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Samuel Burris, of Centre Hall; William Eberhart, Nathaniel Eberhart, Mrs. Harvey Shontz, of Millifenburg, and James Eberhart, of Lewisburg. Four children preceded him to the grave.

Maurice Yeager died in Pittsburgh after an illness with droupy for a period of about one year. Interment was made in Bellefonte from his home on Bishop street.

Mr. Yeager was a son of Henry Yeager, and was aged forty-five years and six months. He was born in Bellefonte, where at one time he was landlord of the Brant House, and later identified with the Yeager Swing Company.

Mrs. Yeager, formerly Miss Cassell of New York, survives, as does also a son, Fred, a student at State College, and two daughters, at home. Harvey Yeager, the shoe dealer, and Mrs. Edward Harper, both of Bellefonte, and Mrs. J. O'Connell, of Cleveland, Ohio, are brother and sisters.

Mrs. Samuel H. Williams died in Bellefonte, aged sixty-eight years, seven months. She was the daughter of James Hamilton and was born near Pleasant Gap, on the Hamilton farm. Her husband died several years ago. One daughter, Mavilla Williams, State College, survives, as do also these step children: Horatio C., John Harvey and Willie E. Mrs. E. D. Satterfield, Mrs. William Dawson and Mrs. John Noll of Bellefonte are sisters of the deceased.

Wilson Williams, died at his home near Martha, a short distance from Phillipsburg, on Friday, of diseases incident to old age. He was born near Martha, on March 27, 1831, and had resided all his life in that vicinity. His wife preceded him to the grave two weeks ago. He was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in the One Hundred and Forty-third regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers. He is survived by seven children, two brothers and two sisters. The funeral took place Monday with interment at Brown's cemetery, near Martha.

A Garmen's Opera House.

"Damaged Goods" will be presented at Garmen's Opera House, Bellefonte, Thursday evening, March 11th. Beyond a doubt this play is one of the best on the American stage to-day. Popular prices—\$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c.

LETTER FROM SCRANTON.

A Strong Partisan Uncomplimentary to President Wilson—Not Fair in His Criticism.

The following letter is from a former resident of Centre Hall, and is well known to many of the readers of the Reporter and is also well known to be and to have been all his life a Republican. While his criticisms are manifestly unfair they are passed along for the reader to pass judgment on. Mr. Shires is district manager of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Smith:

The pink label on the last issue of the Reporter suggests to me that I owe you \$1.50 for another year's subscription to your very much appreciated paper, for I am frank to admit that it comes to us each week as an old acquaintance, telling us of the many happenings in our old native Centre county which has to us very many fond memories.

The business of our city of Scranton has not been quite as prosperous in the last year as it might have been, due in part, to the mild winter, the war in Europe, but I believe more particularly to "Uncle Woodrow's" attempting to doctor the tariff and meddling with some of the business affairs of the nation, and you know a school teacher is never any good as a business man however well meaning he may be at heart. We do admire him, however, for his lack of pugnacity or we might today be struggling among the mountainous regions of Mexico in a dishonorable man-hunt.

Scranton has, in the last year, raised a One Million Dollar Fund which is to be used in assisting worthy industries in locating in our City and up to the present time, our Board of Trade, which consists of almost one thousand members, has induced several good enterprises to locate with us.

The business outlook for the city for 1915 is decidedly encouraging and we are sanguine enough to believe that the resolute dawn of prosperity is upon us, although I believe that it will be a surprise to many, even our Democratic brethren should it happen, as history usually repeats itself, and you know we have never had prosperity during a Democratic administration. This may not suit your sentiments but we are facing a condition and not a theory, as the sage "Grover" one time said.

Asking that you place to my credit this little remittance and continue to mail us your paper for another year, and with very kind regards and best wishes to the Reporter and our many friends, the readers thereof, I beg to subscribe myself.

Very truly yours,
M. SHIRES.

Letter from Illinois.

The letter following is written by a son of G. H. Rishel, of Woodstock, Illinois, and is of general interest. The father and son will be recalled by many, the Rishel family having lived at Spring Mills and Coburn prior to going to Illinois.

WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS.

Editor Reporter:

Woodstock is in northern Illinois, eighteen miles south of the Wisconsin State line, fifty-three miles west of Chicago. We are having ideal spring weather at the present time, which is very acceptable after a fairly hard winter. Have had more snow this winter than has fallen in a number of years. Sleighting was good from Christmas time until about ten days ago. There has been very little rain since early fall. The greatest difficulty is the dreaded hoof-and-mouth disease which over-runs this section—I dare say the whole state of Illinois—but the quarantine is being lifted from some counties every day, yet we are far from being free of danger. All farm products, such as hay, oats, corn, corn stalks, or corn fodder as the Pennsylvania people call it, and live stock must be examined by Federal inspectors before it can leave any farm, whether in the quarantined districts or not. The first of March is moving time here and everybody is in a stew as to what is going to happen, providing a few more new cases break out.

Wheat is looking good, but little is grown here. This is a dairy district, so not very much small grain, except corn, is grown. Grain is up to war prices, as follows: Corn, No. 4, yellow, 72½ to 73½; No. 4, white, 74½ to 75½; wheat, No. 2, red, \$1.62½ to \$1.65½; No. 2, hard, \$1.62½ to \$1.66; oats, No. 3, white, 58 to 58½; No. 4, white, 57½ to 58½; rye, No. 2, 77 to 84; timothy seed, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clover seed, \$11.50 to \$14.50. Cows are selling for \$40.00 to \$75.00, according to the grade, much lower than last year this time; hogs, cattle and sheep are holding their own fairly well.

Well this is all for this time. With best wishes for those back in the east,
Very truly,
February 23, 1915. C. E. RISHEL.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Let your slogan be: Get busy and get business.

The long tight skirt is to give way to the short wide one—shorter than ever before and wider than ever.

Boyd Magee and Chester Kurtz spent a few days last week near Lewis-town as the guests of the former's uncle, Fred Nolan.

A. L. Reedy was appointed postmaster at Laurelton. He at one time was a drummer for a hat firm and visited Centre Hall frequently.

Miss Hazel Emery, after spending three weeks with her friend, Miss Helen Weidensaul at Reedsville, returned to her home last week.

The State College laundry has been taken over by the Lewisburg Peerless Laundry and they will operate it in the future, placing one of their ladies at its head.

Application will be made by the fourteen veterans of the Spanish-American War, residing in Bellefonte, for a charter, which will permit them to organize a camp.

W. F. Colyer recently sold twelve acres of farm land, located on the "sheep hill" within the borough limits of Millheim, says the Journal, to Mrs. Sarah Homan. Consideration \$600.

Claire Grerer, twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Grerer, of Axe Mann, had the misfortune to break the ankle bone in his right foot, one day last week, while playing in a barn near his home. The lad is a nephew of Frank and William Grerer of this place.

Suppose we judge each as kindly and considerately as we can. It is not easy to disagree with one's friends concerning any matter, and especially when one is in an overwhelming minority. And yet there are times when it simply must be done; there is no alternative.

To eliminate dishonesty from examinations at the Pennsylvania State College, the student governing bodies have advocated the establishment of the honor system. The plan under consideration embodies all the best points of honor systems in force at other colleges.

The fourth car load of horses bought up in Penns Valley was shipped from Coburn to the Washington, D. C., market, one day last week. The animals were purchased by George Homan for Gus Eichberg. The stock will finally find its way to markets farther south than the national capital.

Don't forget, please, that we want to publish all items of a newsy character, and this office is only so far away as your telephone. Call us on either phone and report the visits of your distant friends, parties, matter of a personal character, and the like. We want to make the paper more newsy, but we need your help.

In addition to the buildings already mentioned to be erected in Millheim within the next few months, the Journal makes this reference to a prospective one: It is rumored that a new building is to be erected this spring on the P. P. Leitzeil lot, made vacant by the recent fire. It is not yet made known who will build or for what purpose.

The licensed places in Union county have dwindled down to two and these were granted at the license court last week. Both places are in Lewisburg. A big string of remonstrants against the granting of license to the Laurelton hotel was presented and the court refused the license because, he said, the sentiment of the people must be considered.

The last week in February was one of many different kinds of weather. For the first three days the atmosphere was balmy and spring-like, the thermometer rising to fifty-five degrees on Tuesday. Thursday evening, however, king winter blew his breath upon us again and kept it up until the last day of the month when the mercury shivered up to within twelve degrees of the 0 mark.

If some of the business men who think business not quite as good as it ought to be would try to get business by putting their best propositions before the people, they could do much to make business conditions better. There are too many merchants and dealers of all kinds who expect to profit from the business created by others, and will not spend a cent in an effort to reach a customer. And all the while the large mail order houses are sending catalogues of all descriptions to Centre Hall and other towns like it by the sack full, and they are getting the trade. Get busy and get after business; it is in sight, and somebody will get it.