

THE CENTRE REPORTER.

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Thirty-five Years Ago.

April 12, 1883.—George Jack, an old and widely known citizen of Boalsburg, was buried on Saturday. His age was eighty-two years.

Prof. Smith, who is abundantly qualified, will open a select school at Spring Mills soon.

Mrs. Oscar Dale, of Lemont, died a few days ago and was buried last Sunday.

Yony Kreamer, long-time proprietor of the Millheim hotel, has retired from active business.

Samuel Potter was found dead in his bed on the morning of the 31st ult., at the residence of his son-in-law, Abram Miller, at Pleasant Gap. He was aged about eighty-five years.

Lutheran Minister to Leave State College.

Rev. Walter H. Traub, the popular young pastor of Grace Lutheran church, State College, has accepted a call to become pastor of Trinity Lutheran church at Hughesville, Lycoming county.

The State College Times, commenting on Rev. Traub's proposed leaving says:

Rev. Traub came to this place immediately after his graduation from the Seminary at Susquehanna University in June, 1913, taking up the work with a zeal that has produced remarkable results. During the time that he has been here, a debt upon the church of \$4000.00 has been removed and one hundred and fifty members have been added, bringing the church roll of confirmed members up to its present strength of two hundred and fifty. He has also built up the student Bible class from a few members to over a hundred all of whom are among the two hundred and fifty-six Lutheran students enrolled at the College.

He will preach his farewell sermon the last Sunday in the month, February 24th, and will take charge of his new pastorate, which numbers something over five hundred members, the first Sunday of next month, March 3rd. As yet, no successor has been secured, but it is probable that one will be secured in the very near future.

The Potato Situation in Pennsylvania.

According to reports about two-thirds of the entire potato crop of this country remained in the hands of the farmers and the dealers on January 1st, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture advises that farmers sell freely, and that the larger dealers sell their stock rapidly, and that the retailer content himself with the smallest possible margin profit, realizing that he is now the most important factor in speeding up potato consumption. This information is no doubt reliable, and the advice given is worthy of careful consideration.

The Bureau of Markets of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture calls attention to the importance of looking after the seed potatoes that are to be used this year. Many thousands of bushels of potatoes throughout the State have been frozen during the severe weather of this winter, and no doubt many more bushels will freeze before warm weather arrives. Unless the farmer is extremely careful he will be planting potatoes that have been slightly frozen, thereby reducing their vitality, if not completely destroying their germinating power.

The Bureau also urges that the farmers to be extremely careful in making shipments during the next few weeks. Several complaints from farmers who had loaded cars and shipped to the city, only to find their potatoes frozen on arrival, have been received.

Before attempting to ship in car lots the farmer should get reliable information as to preparation to the car, method of heating, etc., and see that nothing is left undone that is necessary to insure safe arrival.

It is evident that many bushels of potatoes must be consumed between now and seeding time if waste is to be prevented. It will be safer for the average farmer to sell his potatoes f. o. b. station instead of making shipments to be sold on arrival unless he understands the business. If farmers desire to make their own shipments they can write the Bureau of Markets at Harrisburg and they will be put in touch with reliable parties who will give them fair treatment.

It is highly important that the supply of seed should be taken care of first, and then efforts should be made to market the surplus stock as quickly as possible. Farmers should not be discouraged because of the unfavorable conditions which have confronted them this season, but should plant freely. The introduction of potato flour should make an increased demand for the potatoes, and the Department of Agriculture officials believe that it will be a good policy to keep up the acreage this year.

Transfer of Real Estate.

John W. Mitterling's heirs to Mary C. Fisher, tract of land in Centre Hall; consideration \$4500.

Mary C. Fisher to Frank M. Fisher, tract of land in Centre Hall; consideration \$250.

SINGING IS LOST ART TODAY

In This Age It Is Largely Confined to the Professional Performers, Even in the Churches.

Singing, as far as most people are concerned, is a lost art. Thousands attend opera, recitals and musical comedies, but, as for singing themselves informally at their work or play, they have forgotten how. In times past people of all ranks sang together as a matter of course. Sailors sang at their work; peasants, shepherds, cowboys, all had their favorite and appropriate songs. The songs of children at games, the lullabies of mothers, are in the collected ballads and folklore of many peoples.

"The pastimes and labors of the husbandman and the shepherd," says Andrew Lang, according to the Indianapolis News, "were long ago a kind of natural opera. Each task had its own song; planting, seeding, harvesting, burial, all had their appropriate ballads or dirges.

"The whole soul of the peasant class breathes in its burdens as the great sea resounds in the shell mast up on the shore."

Nowadays the whirl of machinery makes all the noise. The workers in mills might find it unsatisfying to sing at their work, but it is doubtful if they would sing even if their voices could be heard, while singing in an office or store would pretty surely be stopped by the "boss" or the police. Thousands congregate every night in the silence of moving picture theaters, and even in the churches where singing by the attendants now usually listen in silence to a paid singer.

Singing in this age is largely confined to the professional performer.

WOMEN WEAVE STRAW HATS

All People of Island Depend Upon Earnings of Few Cents a Day Each for Their Living.

Next to the transshipment activities of Mount Pleasant, the weaving of straw hats is the chief source of income of the people, says Commerce Reports. The hats woven are of a cheap quality, the standard selling in 1916 for from \$1.30 to \$1.43 per dozen. The straw for these hats is at present imported from Venezuela and Colombia, but the Dutch government is attempting to raise it in Dutch Guiana.

The hats are woven by the women and children in their homes, and by moderate industry a woman can complete a hat in one day. All over the island from early morning until after sunset the weaving goes on. The Syrian purchasers, who collect the hats from house to house, pay about ten or eleven cents each. Although the straw for a hat costs the weaver from five to seven cents and the amount realized from a day's work is very small, many of the people depend entirely upon their meager earnings from this industry.

In the government school hat weaving is taught and some of the natives attain a high degree of skill, producing hats said to equal the best made in Colombia. The better grades do not enter into the export statistics of the colony, as they are bought by tourists; the quality of the standard hat does not improve.

Humoring People Isn't Pleasant.
"Humoring a man" sounds like a pleasant and comfortable thing, but when one links humoring with the question of who makes the money, it does not seem very flattering to the humorist or the humoree. And what a lamentable sight is that of the humoree, what deep inequality it implies and what an absence of any real respect or understanding between two people in whose lives humoring is a part of the daily routine. When the one to be humored is a woman, it may mean that a man has been forced into the craven part of doing anything for the sake of peace. There are few concessions some men will not make to avoid a domestic storm. Some unfortunate men there are who even give up vital friendships, legitimate forms of recreation and even their own individualities in this unworthy cause.—Woman's Home Companion.

Putnam's Camp.
About two and a half miles southeast of Bethel, Connecticut, by a road that winds through rolling farm country and then plunges into a succession of tight little wooded valleys, lies Putnam Memorial camp, better known as Putnam park. During the summer and fall this is more or less a resort for folk from Danbury, Bethel and Redding. But in December it lies well nigh deserted and still as it did when, in 1778, "Old Put" selected it and two neighboring sites for a winter quarters of the weary right wing of the Continental army. Though this park was begun in 1887 and practically complete by 1890, it is much less generally known and visited than Valley Forge park, in Pennsylvania, which was not begun until 1893.

Navigation.
A ship at sea is constantly changing its position on the earth's surface, and it requires some skill to keep it in its prescribed path to its destination. The oldest navigators were the Phenicians. These hardy voyagers sailed from one end of the Mediterranean sea to the other and out into the open Atlantic without compass or chart, guided by the sun by day and by the Great Dipper at night. In those days the dipper was much nearer the pole than it is now and indicated the true north fairly well.

SOME QUEER RENTS

One Man Sends King George a Bucket of Snow Yearly.

Another Gives British Ruler Bowl of Porridge for Use of Great Estate—City of London Contributes Two Pieces of Firewood.

On June 18, the date of Waterloo, the Duke of Wellington paid King George the rent for Strathfieldsaye, the estate presented to the Iron Duke for his great victory. The "rent," duly entered in the king's rent book, is a miniature napoleonic standard, which will rest for a year in the guard room, at Windsor above the bust of Wellington.

The owner of the Foulis estate in Scotland pays rent to the king for these lands by sending him a bucketful of snow every year, says London Tit-Bits. As Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Britain, is handy, and as snow lies on it sometimes the whole year round, and always well into summer, a small bucketful can generally be obtained! Doubtless the king might have more if he wanted it, but this last winter, at least, he has had as much as he wants nearer home!

On the other hand, the tenant of Crenon, in Bucks, has to send a garland of roses to the king as rent for his estate every year. Doubtless he does the thing well—roses piled up and running over. It is more than probable that the queen looks forward to this rose rent day!

The lord of the manor of Addington has one of the most comical rents of all to pay to our royal king, and if the king ever looks down his rent roll he must be hugely tickled, especially in these days of food shortage. The rent is a bowl of porridge. As the king is said not to appreciate porridge, perhaps the rent is winked at!

The holder of the Corbet estates undertakes to provide the king with a slice of bacon during the whole time he is leading his troops in person. He has thus escaped rent since George II led at Dettingen, for, though doubtless George IV would gladly lead his armies to battle, he knows it to be far wiser to leave it to the experts.

A short time ago the king's stock of fuel was increased by the addition of two faggots. These came from the corporation of London as rent for certain lands. The city remembrancer had duly to attend at the law courts with the faggots and get a quit-receipt for them.

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read when he is sick! As King George, like his great-uncle, William IV., is a sailor king, and has traveled farther, by thousands of miles, than any monarch either of this or any other age, it is not likely that he will call on anybody to pay this curious rent.

SEEK CURE OF ELECTROLYSIS

Government Experts Aid in Installing System to Prevent Damage to Metal Structures.

The damage done annually to underground pipes, cables and other metal structures in this country by electrolysis amounts to many millions of dollars. There are very few water, gas or lead cable systems that are not more or less subject at some points to electrolytic damage from stray currents. Moreover, the loss does not consist merely in the shortening of the life of such structures; electrolytic damage is one of the causes of the leakage of water and gas from distribution systems. The failure of such systems on account of electrolytic action may also involve various dangers to the life and health of human beings. According to the bureau of standards more than 25 separate and distinct methods of dealing with the electrolysis problem have been proposed and experimented with from time to time.

Some of these methods are useless, or even harmful. The bureau of standards has been studying the subject of electrolysis mitigation for the last six years, and has aided in installing complete mitigative systems in several cities. The bureau makes somewhat detailed tests in each of these places about once a year to make sure that the protective systems are being properly maintained. An extended series of experiments has recently been undertaken in the city of Springfield, Mass., with the so-called three wire system of electric railway operation; a system which offers considerable promise for the mitigation of electrolysis troubles under certain conditions frequently met with in cities.

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Horse Was a Little Slow.
Seagirt would not lie, I know, but he is dreadfully careless with the truth. He said that the horse he hired to go to Glenellen last summer was so slow that a spider wove its web in the wheel. Children came and made mud pies in the shade of the buggy. At one point he had an exciting race with a caterpillar. A woman came out and asked him to please drive a little faster, he was keeping the sun off her tomatoes. He said the horse was slower than a barber he knows, who is so slow that the whiskers grow faster than he can shave, and by the time he is through the customer has a full beard.—Exchange.

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