PINE NOTCH LEAPS ON MAP WITH A WHOOP AS POULTRY CENTRE

Jersey Town Establishes Board of Trade When Newt Bull Carries Meeting Off Its Feet in Home of Hose Co. 43.

"What Are Boneless Eggs?" One of the First Puzzles Which New-Body Must Answer Through Its Hard Questions Committee.

Special Correspondence Evening Ledger.

PINE NOTCH, N. J., Feb. 20.—This cosy little farmside community has at last landed on the map after several generations of innocuous contentment. The phrase innocuous contentment is a new one to Pine Notch, having occurred recently on the editorial page of the Pine Notch Fortnightly Bulletin, which came into the hands of Miss Corinne Pemple, the talented daughter of ex-Mayor Pemple.

It lost Miss Pemple 11 subscribers, but she was game and went right back at the backsliders in a succeeding issue and hurled the phrase in their teeth, declaring that its meaning ought to be clear to every dough-headed male creature in pants. Miss Pemple, it might be observed, is a strong believer in the new era for Woman's Dominant Control. She uses 16-point Elzevir in ramming that point home in every issue.

This is just a sidelight and has very little to do with the great big new event that is sure to bring Pine Notch under the spotlight of modern active affairs. The new and momentous thing is the Pine Notch Board of Poultry Trade, which completed its formal organization last night in the board room of Hose Company 43's new fire hall.

Just a word before we go on—there are not 43 hose companies in Pine Notch, the fire department is really a one-unit affair, but as it was originally organized in 1843 with a total subscription of $43, it has called itself from the very beginning Hose Company 43; there are never more than 43 qualified vamps on its rolls and the age limit is 43 for active service at the pumps; bucket tossers and drivers are accepted up to a decline of prime, and as the present driver and donor of the two volunteer gray mares, Reading Spill, is 87, going on 88, you will recognize that a man rarely comes to his declining prime in Pine Notch.

BIRTH OF A TRADE BOARD.

It is a long sentence that has no turning and we will finally wriggle back to the Pine Notch Board of Poultry Trade and record the sensational features of its birth.

The progressive Mr. Newton Bull, or "Newt" Bull, as he is more familiarly known, is really the author of the organization's being, and was elected to the post of recording secretary and chairman of the Hard Questions' Committee. "Newt" Bull was the first Pine Notch poultryman and Indian Runner duck specialist to break away from local traditions and sell fancy select eggs by parcel post and express.

His ruin was predicted early in the game, particularly by Rudolph Mops, whose family have kept the Pine Notch general store and merchandise trading emporium—see one-inch ad in the Fortnightly Bulletin—since 1841. Immemorially all Pine Notch eggs were brought to the store and traded out. Three generations of Mops shipped them in regularly to Camden and Philadelphia every other Friday, and Camden and Philadelphia bought them as fresh country eggs, which they were—country eggs without doubt.

For Newton Bull to break away from this fine old local custom was regarded as a rank heresy by the Mops and all the Pine Notch relatives and debtors of the Mops, of which there were many. First they pitied him and then when he didn't go broke, envy crept in in the place of pity and the entire community got sore on him. Few of his neighbors spoke to him and there was even bad feeling between him and his two brothers, the Bull Twins, Rob and Bob. These are the full names. You see, they hadn't been expected as twins and their mother, who was a very stubborn woman, had set her mind on naming the next boy Robert. When she was notified that it was a pair of fine boys she said through tightly compressed lips, "Well, I'll name 'em Robert."

"It can't be done," said her husband, Zedekiah Bull, one of the keenest grass farmers in South Jersey.

"It is done," she snapped back at him. "We will call the oldest Rob and the youngest Bob." And that's all there was to it.

ONCE MORE, THAT TRADE BOARD.

Now, by jimminy, we'll get down to that Pine Notch Board of Poultry Trade and stick to it. "Newt" Bull had worked up a very promising fresh selected fancy eggs trade by parcel post and express, asking no man for advice or assistance and studying the thing out according to all the new rules of scientific poultry production, when along came an order for two dozen boneless eggs. The name and address was typewritten and a money order for $1 enclosed. The order was very terse and brief, to wit: "Please send, express collect, two dozen boneless eggs, white preferred, but brown will serve."

Newt Bull was stumped and admitted it over the telephone to his father. The old gentleman hung up the receiver without replying and had a very bad night. Then Newt called up the twins, who married twins and live in a two-family house on the outskirts of Pine Notch, where they specialize in dill pickles. The twins said the order must have come from a lunatic asylum, but Newt wasn't satisfied. The order was typewritten and looked as sane as any order he had ever received, saner than the majority.

He wondered if it wouldn't be a good idea to call a meeting of all the poultry farmers round about Pine Notch and see if their combined wisdom couldn't solve the puzzle. As there is nothing much doing in the pickle line at this time, Rob and Bob were persuaded to call a meeting, provided Newt would furnish cider and doughnuts as refreshments. This was arranged and Mrs. Newt started right in making doughnuts.

The twins did not give any inkling of what was coming off, but when they mentioned that Mrs. Newt Bull's doughnuts would be supplied in unstinted abundance, no other argument was needed. Even Rudolph Mops, the storekeeper, showed up, notwithstanding his seething bitter dislike of Newt Bull.

Twenty-one men more or less interested in egg production filed into the assembly room above the new quarters of Hose Company 43 and one glimpse of the two-bushel basket overflowing with Mrs. Bull's famous aromatic doughnuts held them as if they were chained by the control of an irresistible magnet. So long as those doughnuts remained in prospect they'd listen to Newt Bull's new-fangled idiocy till his breath gave out.

When Newt got on the platform it was his fixed resolve to stun his audience with the vexatious problem that had come to him through the mail. But something he heard Rudolph Mops whisper to George Sedlits made him very hot under the collar and caused him to switch his train of thought. Here was a chance to organize the leading poultry and egg producers of Pine Notch into a co-operative mutual benefit association that would land a terrible wallop on that grafting middleman and conscienceless egg broker, Rudolph Mops.

So Newt Bull went to it with a brand of eloquence that simply swept his auditors off their feet. He gave these farmers facts and figures on selling eggs and broilers, roasters, fricassees and just fowl that made their eyes bulge out and threw Rudolph Mops into a speechless rage. When he had finished he drew up a charter and set of by-laws that was passed without a dissenting vote and then passed the document around for signatures with the doughnuts. His final thrust at Rudolph Mops was a lethal blow:

"Fellers," he cried, "just hold up a minute on them doughnuts. Look at 'em careful. See the hole, taste it and chew on it an' see how you like its flavor. Well, the hole in that doughnut is the economic profit you get out of selling your eggs to Rudolph Mops. Now, just bite into the rim round the profit we'll get out of selling eggs through this Board of Trade we've organized. We'll make our own markets direct by parcel post and express and we'll get the consumer's money, cash down plunk in the hand."

As an extra clincher Newt Bull proposed the name of his bitterest enemy, and only Indian Runner duck rival, Olney Gall, as president of the club, and the election was carried with a shout. Followed the choice of Newt Bull himself as recording secretary and chairman of the hard questions committee.

All was now complete and sewed-up, but no mention had been made of the puzzling order for two dozen boneless eggs. In a sudden flash of inspiration Newt Bull decided to table this matter till the next biweekly meeting of the board. Meantime, he would seek the advice of experts, and with the solution of the riddle safe in hand, he would make a profound impression upon the members of the Pine Notch Board of Poultry Trade in his capacity as chairman of the hard questions committee.

ARGENTINA ACCEPTS MORENO

New Battleship Turned Over to Captain Galindez With Ceremony.

The Argentine Republic's new dreadnought, the Moreno, constructed by the New York Shipbuilding Company, was officially turned over to the Argentine Government at noon today. This settles the rumored disputes between the Government and the shipbuilding company over the payment of $1,800,000.

The 900 Argentine sailors who had been temporarily quartered on the U. S. S. Indiana and Michigan were taken in Government launches to the new battleship. As they drew up on dress parade the Argentine flag was raised with the ship's band playing the national anthem. Captain Galindez accepted the ship from President Knox, of the New York Shipbuilding Company.

MARRIED AT ELKTON

Many Couples Journey to Maryland's Gretna Green Today.

ELKTON, Md., Feb. 20.—The morning trains brought these couples to Elkton, who were married: George S. Kling and Mabel Boston, Rudolph Schmidt and Edna M. Moore, Jesse H. Emerick and Lena Kraft, Raymond Dauer and Caroline Mallon, Roya Frank Max and Ella Cusick, Charles M. Schulley and Edna M. Humisberger, and Raymond R. Walsh and Edna McKeon, all of Philadelphia; Robert A. Spayd and Elberta Ott, Reading; Frances Herman, Cleveland, O., and Mame McIntyre, Baltimore, Md.; Earl L. Scarlett and Florence P. Guldin, Reading; Antonio Veratti and Emma Longo, Ridley Park, and Howard C. Johnson and Alice M. Walton, West Grove, Pa.

Faculty Lecture at U. of P.

Dr. Roswell Cheny McCrea discussed "The New Optimism in Economic Theory" this afternoon in Houston Hall. This address was the second of the season's course of free lectures under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania given by members of the faculty.

Court Denies Mrs. Towne's Plea

Vice Chancellor Leaming today refused to grant a rehearing at Camden in the case of 7-year-old Gertrude Towne, who was given over to the custody of her father, Claude Towne, several days ago. Mrs. Towne, through her attorney, filed an application for a reopening of the case on the ground that her husband, Claude Towne, would not permit her to see the child as frequently as she wished. The Townes have been separated for some time, although a divorce decree was denied when the couple filed a counter suit. In December Towne kidnaped little Gertrude from Atlantic City, where she had been with her mother.

Patent Medicine to Be Destroyed

More than 4000 bottles of "Father John's Medicine," seized in 1912 for not being properly branded, will be destroyed at the orders of the United States District Court. Government chemists declare that the label on the bottles illegally claimed the medicine was a prompt and efficacious remedy for lung diseases. The Government filed a libel of condemnation, and yesterday was upheld in the right to destroy the goods under the Shirley amendment to the pure food and drugs act.

Leaves His Fortune to Friends

Bernard Schaefer, late of 1318 South street, left an estate of $25,000 in private bequests. His will was admitted to probate today. Other wills probated include those of Louisa W. Gregory, 2135 North 27th street, $8900; Mary M. Tompkins, who died at Atlantic City, $3950; Anna E. Jones, 621 South 51st street, $2400; Maria Gibson, 4332 Wayne avenue, $2000. Personal property of Louisa Kohler has been appraised at $12,598.13; John H. Risdon, $6291.80; Ernest C. Hunt, $2169.36.

Fire Destroys Waste

Fire among several tons of waste burned for hours last night in a box car in the yards of the Reading Railroad. The origin of the blaze is unknown. The loss amounts to about $500.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Howard Rich, 5546 Irving st., and Florence Hitchens, 4063 Girard ave.
David W. Thomas, 7226 Oxford pike, and Anna M. Gibat, 2034 Moore st.
Nathan Berman, 623 McKean st., and Mollie Fox, 623 McKean st.
Charles E. Jarvis, Jr., 2006 N. 11th st., and Helen K. Goddard, 6223 Wheeler st.
Alfred K. Weede, 2549 N. 8th st., and Lottie H. Cohen, 3444 N. 23d st.
W. Harrison Kunsig, 5119 N. Broad st., and Mary M. Nolan, 1503 Wagner ave.
Clarence Thompson, 2426 N. 17th st., and Ethel D. Carey, 602 N. Frazier st.
Robert J. Clark, 1218 Cambridge st., and Adaline Wilkins, rear 1325 George st.
Christian M. Yoder, 652 N. 54th st., and Kathryn R. Snyder, 6th st. below Berks.
Howard S. Brown, 2116 Webster st., and Lucy G. Randolph, 2116 Webster st.
James F. Smith, 5467 Race st., and Mary A. Thompson, 744 Holly st.
Herman A. Solomon, 441 Wolf st., and Bessie R. Trichowsky, 2253 S. 6th st.
Harry Smith, 710 N. 18th st., and Bessie Rosenbaum, 517 S. 4th st.
Robert F. Stetler, 5306 Kingsessing ave., and Blanche G. Magan, 2410 Christian st.
Francesco Repice, 521 Fitzwater st., and Maria Severino, 1215 Ellsworth st.
George G. Jackson, 7110 Edmond st., and Anna MacSaller, 1956 W. Indiana ave.
Louis Dichman, 2828 N. 3d st., and Roberta Miller, 2007 N. Stanley st.
John Mutter, rear 1814 N. Orkney st., and Elisabeth Fritke, 1730 N. Bodine st.
Gennaro Damone, 1652 Ellsworth st., and Francesca Milla, 1141 S. Mole st.
Antonio Costa, 1120 Ellsworth st., and Michelina Malcolla, 821 Queen st.
Myers Harris, 636 N. Holly st., and Bessie Heath, 4760 Fairmount ave.
Frank L. Hopkins, 2168 Dover st., and Alice Leitner, 1324 N. 21st st.
William Wolfe, Scranton, Pa., and Jennie M. Juest, Reading, Pa.
Charles R. Asfalk, 112 S. Eleanor st., and Emily L. Diehland, Cedar Grove, Olney.
Jee Koll, 1430 Germantown ave., and Rose Levenson, 988 N. Marshall st.
William Davis, 641 N. 22d st., and Anna Davies, 178 N. 21st st.
John Howard, 872 N. 4th st., and Mary Hayes, 878 N. 4th st.
Pietro Carlandini, 766 S. 9th st., and Annunziata Capuzzacco, 768 S. 9th st.
Christian App, 2323 N. 31st st., and Emma Weyandt, 3044 Reese ave.
William Wolman, 848 N. 26th st., and Isabella Davidson, 824 N. 21st st.
Carl Schrader, 1941 Ridge ave., and Elsa Wenzel, 3758 Poplar st.
William Smith, 607 Holly st., and Viola Jackson, 624 S. 24th st.

REAL ESTATE OFFICE OF SELECT COUNCILMAN PETER E. COSTELLO

Costello represents the 41st Ward. It is his plan to run the Frankford elevated road beyond Bridge street, the limit of population in the Northeast. The Finance Committee of Councils, of which he is a member, reported out an ordinance providing for the construction of a northeast elevated road to Rhawn street, Rhawn street is a little more than three miles beyond Bridge street. The territory which lies between Bridge and Rhawn streets is sparsely settled country of farms and unused land and woods. Costello has a real estate office at 6915 Torresdale avenue, beyond Bridge street, and in that territory between it and Rhawn street.

TAYLOR TO NAME COMMITTEE OF 1000

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phia to authorize by their vote an increase in the city's indebtedness to the extent of $6,000,000 for the construction of only certain subway and elevated structures, with the location thereof specified in each instance in a manner which would make the economical and satisfactory operation thereof impracticable; an ordinance, worded in a manner which may invite litigation and which may raise very grave legal doubts as to the validity of an election held in pursuance thereof, there is grave danger of this ordinance being passed by Councils in its present form, which would tie up the $6,000,000 authorized so as to prevent its use for the establishment of any proper or satisfactory transit facilities in Philadelphia.

"Under these conditions, as I have stated, it is now up to the citizens and organizations of Philadelphia to act for themselves in their own interests. They should lose no time in doing so.

"In order to place the matter squarely in the hands of a thoroughly representative body of citizens for immediate action, I shall forthwith appoint the committee as authorized at a public mass-meeting of the citizens of Philadelphia held in the Academy of Music on Thursday evening, January 14, 1915.

COMMITTEE PRESCRIBED.

"These resolutions not only indorsed the plan for transit development as recommended by the Department of City Transit, but prescribed as follows:

"Resolved, That Director Taylor be and is hereby authorized and empowered by the citizens of Philadelphia here assembled, to appoint a committee of not more than 1000 citizens of Philadelphia, representative of every interest and of every district in this city, if he deems it necessary, to aid the Department of City Transit in securing each and every action which may be required in furthering the terms of these resolutions and in establishing adequate rapid transit facilities in Philadelphia, which committee shall have power to appoint and act through subcommittees, and to adopt any and all rules and regulations which may be deemed proper."

CITIZENS AROUSED BY TRANSIT PLAN 'JOKER'

North and South Philadelphia Realize They Have Been Duped in Ordinance.

"I now warn the people of North and South Philadelphia that the passage of the ordinance reported by the Finance Committee will defeat the construction of the Broad street subway."—Statement by Director Taylor.

Residents of North and South Philadelphia today joined other sections of the city in the revolt against the substitute transit plan reported to Councils by the Finance Committee Thursday. At first appeased by Councils' declaration that the Finance Committee ordinances provided even better transit facilities for these two sections than did the Taylor program, North Philadelphia and South Philadelphia immediately did not join in the wave of protest against Councils' trickery.

Today the residents of these two extreme ends of the city awoke from the "fool's paradise" into which they were led by Councils' representations. Stripped of its intricacies, the plan embodied in the councilmanic ordinance, they now say, is nothing but a bold deception, an attempt to offer them a "joker" plan "just as good" instead of that for which they have fought and which they need.

TRICKERY DISCOVERED.

The declaration of Director Taylor, "I now warn the people of North and South Philadelphia that the passage of the ordinance will defeat construction of the Broad street subway," struck home. The trickery under the guise of a better plan was discovered. South Philadelphia and North Philadelphia joined in the city-wide demand on Councils to accept the Taylor transit plan and no other.

It was pointed out today by residents of these sections who have studied the two divergent plans that the Finance Committee ordinance holds forth no hope for the abolition of the confiscatory 8-cent exchange ticket and the establishment of a universal free transfer system and a straight 5-cent fare to all parts of Philadelphia.

Further, the Finance Committee ordinance makes no provision for turning the cars at City Hall or for running the trains from four tracks on North Broad street into double tracks on South Broad street. For this reason alone Director Taylor's plan makes clear the engineering necessity of a business delivery loop.

"HERDING" THE PASSENGERS.

The Finance Committee plan would discharge the passengers collected at 26 stations along Broad street at two stations in the very centre of the city instead of distributing them at a number of stations along the line of the delivery loop. Returning after business hours, passengers for the 26 stations would be forced to congregate at these two stations and crowd into the trains there, instead of being allowed to reach the trains at a point near their places of employment.

WILL ATTEND TOWN MEETING.

Business associations from both the northern and southern parts of the city now are planning to take part in the town meeting next Thursday night and protest against the action of Councils. It was decided today to hold the meeting at the Bingham House, 11th and Market streets. The meeting was called last night by the Transportation Committee of the United Business Men's Association. All affiliated as well as unaffiliated associations have been invited to join in the movement to fight Councils' plan to defeat the Taylor program.

MOTORCYCLES CARRY FIELD WIRELESS FROM NAVY YARD

Messages Transmitted Successfully From Fairmount Park to League Island.

Motorcycles were given their first trial at transporting a Government field wireless equipment this morning when the radio section of the 32d company of marines took an outfit from League Island to Fairmount Park. The apparatus was set up on the public baseball ground, near the Diamond street entrance. Captain Richard B. Creecy and Lieutenant William B. Sullivan were in command.

Besides using motorcycles to pull the equipment, another innovation, in the form of a one-horsepower motor to generate electricity, was tried out this morning. Heretofore the field wireless equipment has been drawn from place to place by mules. Four are usually used. This morning two motorcycles were able to drag the two reel carts which carried most of the equipment.

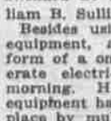
A one-horsepower motor, devised by Chief Elictrician Pierce, of the Navy Yard, replaced manpower in generating the current for transmitting messages. Messages were sent to the League Island wireless station.

Loan Association Celebrates

With $400,000 in the treasury after nine years of existence, the Square Deal Building and Loan Association last night held its ninth annual dinner and celebrated its success. Every director was present. President E. R. Perry was in the chair and John W. Flanigan was toastmaster. Next year's dinner will be at the same place, Shoyer's Hotel, 4th and Arch streets.

Ardmore Folk Prevent Robbery

Neighbors finding the door ajar at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson, 115 Coulter avenue, Ardmore, reported the fact to the Lower Merion police and prevented thieves from getting away with a bag full of valuables which they had packed on the first floor of the dwelling. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson are in the West Indies.



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JEALOUSY MAKES MAN A DOUBLE MURDERER

Husband and Father Kills Two Women in Fit of Madness and Attempts Suicide.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 20.—Hiram E. Craig today shot and killed Miss Hattie Reeves, 25 years old, and her companion, Mrs. Mary Clark, 42 years old. He fired a bullet into his own head and another into his chest and is dying in the hospital.

Craig, who is a married man with several children, was insanely jealous of Miss Reeves, with whom he had been intimately acquainted for some years. Today he waited at their home on South Orange avenue until the women returned from New York. He quarreled with Miss Reeves and when he became abusive, Mrs. Clark entered the parlor and sided with the young woman. Craig drew a revolver and fired twice. One bullet entered the heart of Mrs. Clark. She fell dead.

Miss Reeves fled and locked herself in the bathroom. Craig broke down the door, forced the woman to her knees and despite her pleas for life placed the muzzle of the revolver against her temple and fired. She died instantly. Then he shot himself.

$25,000 FOR U. OF P. MUSEUM

Building Fund Passes $100,000 Mark. $200,000 More Needed.

The building fund for the extension of the University Museum has passed the $100,000 mark. This was announced this morning, after a meeting of the Board of Managers, at which announcement was made of the receipt of $25,000 from a donor whose name is withheld.

It is estimated that the extension will cost $500,000, and it is desired to raise at least $200,000 more as an endowment fund to pay the added cost of administration. This extension of the museum is badly needed to accommodate the growing collections.

Reports from the Egyptian and Chinese expeditions show progress. The war, it is said, has had no effect upon archeological research work there. The Chinese expedition is now in Japan, where it will remain for some time before entering the interior of China.

Old Age Kills Recluse

Heart disease and old age caused the death of Walter Edwards, a 75-year-old recluse, according to the physicians at the Germantown Hospital. Edwards was found yesterday by his wife in a renovated barn occupied by him for some time past at 4832 Woodland avenue.

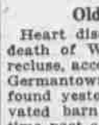
Mixed Drink and Poison

The condition of August Newman, 644 North 55th street, who drank poison because his wife refused to return $2 he had given her several days previous, was reported this morning as serious. The man is now in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. The police believe he was under the influence of liquor yesterday, when he took the poison.

Loses Race With Death

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 20.—Death won a frantic race against the fastest trains half way across the continent. Joseph Allen, Jr., a 14-year-old Catasauqua boy, was taken sick with inflammatory rheumatism three days ago. His father, running a furnace at Phelps, Wis., was telegraphed for. He made the quickest time possible, arriving home this morning, but his son had expired in the night.

LIMB TROUBLES



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SUNDAY'S SERMON TODAY

'REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR'

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

"In other words, start right when you are young, and when you are old you will not bemoan the fact that you have not lived right. Start right and you will serve God. The time to start right is when you are young. Most Christians have become Christians before they were 20 years old. In an audience of 1000 a preacher asked them when they had accepted Christ, and he found that out of that thousand 893 had become Christians before they were 20 years of age.

"I was out in a brickyard several years ago and saw them making brick. They would put the clay in a big machine—something like a huge sausage grinder—and grind it up fine, and then spread it out on a big platform and smooth it out just the thickness of the brick, and then a man would turn a big wheel and the knives would cut up the clay; the fellows would put the pieces in wagons with shelves and carry them to the kiln and burn them.

"I picked up some of the clay before it went to the grinder and I could mold it any way I wanted to. I picked up one of the bricks after it came out of the grinder and I could still mold it. I picked up some clay that had laid in the sun for several days, and by trying hard I could still bend it, but when I picked up a brick after it had come out of the kiln, try as hard as I might, I could not even dent it. It was burned hard and it would always remain that way.

"Boys and girls are like that clay. When they are young God can mold them to do His way or the devil can mold them to do his way, but after they are old it is hard to change them.

HARD TO CHANGE HABITS.

"It is hard to change a habit. If you don't think so some of you boys just try it. Try to get up early every morning and wash your face without being told and see if it isn't hard.

"Everybody wants to live a pleasant life and there is no life as pleasant as the Christian life. Every one wants peace and my Bible tells me there is no rest for the wicked.

"You don't have to be told that an apple is good. You don't have to be told that bread and butter is good for you when you're hungry or that water is good for you when you're thirsty. You know it from experience, you've tried it. I don't need to tell you that religion is good. I have had the experience and I know that there is no life so pleasant as the Christian life.

"So start when you're young and you will always feel better. My experience is that you will feel better if you live right.

"A mother in Chicago had a little girl and shortly after she was born her eyes became closed and every one was afraid she would be forever blind. Time went on and the doctor told her mother one day he thought all that was the matter was that there were cataracts on the child's eyes and advised her to go to a specialist. So she took her to a specialist and he said that was all that was the matter and he peeled back the skin and put the medicine in and bandaged her eyes and told the mother to keep her in a dark room for three months. At the end of that time she had put in the medicine every morning, noon and night, the specialist said that she could take off the bandages, and then her mother took her out and she saw the flowers and the trees and the grass and she said: 'Oh, mother, why didn't you tell me everything was so pretty?' Her mother told her she couldn't describe them to her and let her know of the beauty so she could understand, that she had to see for herself to really know. So you have to experience religion to know the joy of a true Christian life. I can tell you about it, but you won't understand until you have tried it.

LIVE USEFUL LIFE.

"You want to lead a useful life. No mother or father want their children to be useless. Every boy and girl wants to be useful. You can graduate from several colleges and be a professor or a doctor, but unless you're a Christian your work will be a failure. You must serve God to do your best.

"I had a friend who was asked in by a Vice President to see him when he was dying. The Vice President was Hannibal Hamlin. My friend went and began to talk of politics and money and the events of the day, but the Vice President stopped him and said: 'Don't talk of politics and money. That isn't what I want to hear now. All that comforts me now is religion, and the knowledge that I am saved.'

"So if you live and be President and have not been a Christian you have lived a useless life, but if you have lived a Christian life and are not President or do not hold any office, you have lived a useful life, and if you have God in your life you will go to heaven.

"While I was in the Y. M. C. A. in Chicago I was standing on the corner one night and a man came along with his toes sticking out and a ragged suit on and a slouch hat and asked me for a dime to get something to eat. I told him I wouldn't give him a dime, because he would go and get a drink. He said, 'You wouldn't let me starve, would you?' I told him no, but that I wouldn't give him the money, for him to come to the Y. M. C. A. with me and stay until after the meeting and I would take him out and get him a good supper and a bed. He wanted me to do it right away before going to the Y. M. C. A., but I told him no, I was working for some one until 10 o'clock. So he came up to the meeting and stayed through the after-meeting and was very much interested.

"I saw that he used excellent language and questioned him and found that he was a man who had been adjutant general of one of the central States and had at one time been editor of two of the biggest newspapers. But he said he got started wrong. Instead of going to school he had played hookey and instead of going to Sunday school he had gone and played cards and he had taken to drink and this had pulled him down to his present condition. I went with him after the meeting and got him a supper and a bed and went to some friends and we got him clothes. I asked him if he had any relatives and he said he had one son who was a bank cashier, but his son had disowned him and his picture was taken from the family album and his name was never spoken in the house, all because he was now down and out on account of booze. I wrote to the boy and said: 'I've found your father. Send me some money to help him.'

MUST LEARN IN YOUTH.

"He wrote back and said for me never to mention his father's name to him again, that it wasn't ever spoken around the house and that his father was forgotten. I replied: 'You miserable, low-down wretch. You can't disown your father and refuse to help him because he is down and out. Send me some money or I will publish the story in all of the papers.' He sent me $5 and that's all I ever got from him. I took care of the old man all winter and in the spring I went to a relief society in Chicago and got him a ticket to his home and put him on the train and that was the last I ever saw of him. He had lived a useless life because he had not lived for Jesus. He had been adjutant general and editor, but his life had been useless.

"In youth is the time to learn. I walk down the street and see the signs, 'Boy Wanted,' 'Girl Wanted,' to learn a trade. I don't see any sign, 'Old Men Wanted,' 'Old Women Wanted.' Why? Because the merchant wants the boy and girl so he can teach them. The older people are set in their ways and hard to teach. You don't see the old people playing leapfrog. They're too old, they'd break their necks. You go to school to learn. Youth is the time to learn.

"You have all seen a circus and have seen a man run down a platform and hit a springboard and turn three or four somersaults over 14 elephants and three horses. He learned when he was a boy. If he had waited until he became a man he would have broken his neck the first time he tried it. Learn what Jesus wants you to do. That's why you go to school, when you're young, to learn. When you get older it's harder to learn. You learn easily when you are young.

NO TIME LIKE PRESENT.

"I was out in Jacksonville, Ill., many years ago and was sent to a deaf and dumb asylum to make a speech. I asked the superintendent, Mr. Gillette, how they expected me to talk to them. He told me to go ahead and talk and see. He stood right beside me and there wasn't a soul looked at me through that speech. They watched him and he told them on his fingers what I was saying. And when I had finished and had given the invitation seven or eight came forward and said they wanted to live for Christ. I asked the superintendent why they couldn't learn to talk and he said because they were deaf. If some one had plugged up your ears when you were born you couldn't have talked. They had never heard a word and didn't know what is sounded like, and although they had just as good throats as some of you, they couldn't say a word.

"A boy came in, about eight years of age, and I asked him how long it would take him to learn to talk. He said about seven or eight years. Another came in about 16 years of age, and I asked him how long it would take him to learn. He was the most brilliant boy in the class and promised to be the valedictorian, but the superintendent said it would take him 12 or 15 years to learn to talk. I asked him if it was harder as they grew older, and he said it was, and that after they had reached a certain age they would never be able to talk.

"I had a preacher friend whose young sons wanted a dog. They kept after him and after him until at last one day he brought home an old dog. The boys tried to teach it tricks, but it was too old to jump over the seams in the carpet. They kicked it out and told their father they wanted a puppy. He got them one and they soon had it jumping over broomsticks, leaping through paper hoops, saying its prayers and doing lots of other stunts. They could teach that puppy; it was young and could learn easily. You can't teach an old dog tricks. The same applies to persons. When you're young you can learn easily; when you're old it's harder to shake off habits you have formed.

"Some of you will serve God. If you come while you are young, it will be easy. If you wait until you are old it will be harder, and after a certain time it is not likely that you will serve Him.

"The things I learned when I was a boy I remember, while some of the things I learned later I forgot."

Child's Vigilance Causes Arrest

Margaret White, 7 years old, of 4313 Wyalusing avenue, a few days ago saw a strange man place a ladder against the house next door, pry open a window with an ice pick and reappear a few minutes later with Isaac Green's overcoat. She notified the police of the 39th street and Lancaster avenue station of the robbery, giving enough details to result in the arrest of George DeMuth this morning. DeMuth, who lives at 5824 Westminster street, was placed on probation less than a year ago for making off with a neighbor's horse and wagon. He was held without bail this morning for court, charged with robbery.

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