

BISHOP DARLINGTON'S MINE LIGHTHOUSES

ADOPTS UNIQUE METHOD OF FIGHTING SALOONS.

THE MEN AND BOYS ENJOY IT

A Bright, Cheerful Club Room to Take the Place of the Alluring Saloon—The Bishop's Views of the Mine Boy's Life.

Trying to wipe out the saloon with its own adjuncts, in fact, furnishing an attractive substitute for the halls of clinking glasses, Bishop James Henry Darlington, of the Harrisburg diocese of the Episcopal church, is establishing "lighthouses" in towns and hamlets in the coal region of Eastern Pennsylvania. St. Stephen's Memorial church at Mt. Carmel is one of the leaders in the bishop's work.

These clubs are usually frame houses of four or five rooms and contain shower-baths, a gym and games of all kinds. Although cards are barred by request of some other faiths, the bishop doesn't object, so long as there is no money risked. There are now nearly a dozen of the clubs established.

"Preach to the miners, used to be the formula," says the bishop, "but it's better to give them a chance to live right and see how it works before asking them to give up something that at least offers temporary forgetfulness of their bleak lives."

"It isn't a wise thing to take away something from a fellow which he thinks makes him happy and give him only advice and admonitions instead, so I've just got a substitute for the saloon, that's all."

"Mine owners and others who have noticed the improvement in the work of men and boys who get within the radius of the light little houses shed, tell of the energetic bishop's accomplishments with a bit of attention to detail and praise for both the movement and the men who started it.

Requires True Heroism. They tell of midnight drives through slush and mud over rough mountain roads, in order that the bishop may keep his word about "opening up" a certain place on a certain day; they remind you that these lighthouses cost money, and that miners haven't much left over after standing out through his constant unending efforts. Friends of the bishop will find letters received weeks after a sermon which the bishop has already forgotten, saying:

"My wife and I have been thinking over what you showed us about those boys up in the coal region. Just send us plans of one of your houses, and we'll see what we can do about paying part of the cost."

"That's the way the work is done, in part, though a great many have been through personal efforts of the men and boys using them—and a liberal portion of the bishop's own salary. The coal operators, too, are assisting in the movement.

rich mine owners interested by stereoscopic views of the fearful conditions under which some of their employes live, and by interesting the men and women themselves in the work of bettering their conditions by saving them from the ravages of the saloon, yet still giving them pleasures greater than its transient cheer can afford.

AN "OLD CENTRE CO." BOY.

Ligonier, Pa., Jan. 8, 1911. Editor of Centre Democrat, Enclosed please find \$1.00 for which send me your valuable weekly paper. I have four brothers living in old Centre county and I was so agreeably surprised the other day when I looked over my mail and found a copy of the Centre Democrat which my brother-in-law, William F. Peters, of Mifflinburg, sent me. It was as fine a New Year's present as he could have sent me. I want to thank him through its columns as well as the Editor for the kind news it contains of so many of my old friends, that join you in making it so spicy.

I was born and grew up in the little town of Unionville, got my wife three miles from that town; she was a farmer's daughter. We have raised a family of seven healthy children, six sons and one daughter, duplicate of the old Lewis C. Peters family for which I am very thankful, and proud of our production. I want to say here that I have crossed this continent and at every northwestern town along the Pacific coast and British Columbia line I found some of old Centre county's boys and girls engaged in all manner of pursuits. My mind often runs back to my boyhood days that I spent in "Old Centre County" and the many acquaintances, and they were not small. I often wonder how they are getting along in life, then I begin to get the ones that I have heard of who have gone to try the realities of another life. Thirty years absence from a community brings many changes. How much I would enjoy a trip through "old Centre county" to see the "old land marks" and paddle in the "old Bald Eagle" creek, as I did in my boyhood days. I often wonder if the old pike leading from Unionville to Philipsburg is still kept up, and the rough and rugged road leading to Fillmore, crossing Muncy mountain.

"When I think of the many and good old friends that have preceded me to the great beyond, I would feel sad and lonely to search the cemetery where I would find only a marble slab marking their last resting place, but I am striving to so live as to meet them when those graves are thrown open. What a happy meeting that will be. There will be no more separation of those tender ties on account of business anxieties for this life.

Truly yours, A. T. PETERS.

RAILROAD TRESPASSING.

Determination to put a stop to trespassing on Pennsylvania Railroad property has caused General Manager C. Long of the Lines East of Pittsburgh to address to the members of his staff a letter characterized to redouble their efforts to keep people off railroad property.

In 1907, when 916 people were killed while trespassing on Pennsylvania Railroad property, the management of that Company inaugurated a campaign to educate the public in the dangers of trespassing. The co-operation of city and county authorities was invited, and wide publicity was given to the efforts the company was making to put an end to this evil which was annually costing so many people their lives. As a result of the efforts of its officers and employes, a reduction of 173, or more than 18 per cent, in the number of trespassers killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1908 was effected. The railroad's activities in this direction were redoubled in 1909 and again was the death toll from trespassing reduced to 633, or about 15 per cent. There was a reduction of 36 per cent in four years. The records for 1910 show that 485 deaths resulted from trespassing on Pennsylvania railroad property.

Having succeeded in decreasing the practice of trespassing on its lines, the Pennsylvania System is now preparing to conduct an even more aggressive campaign during 1912. Trains will be re-posted with warning notices, the enactment of stringent laws will be requested and every officer and employe of the system will be asked to lend his assistance to decrease still further the number of deaths resulting from trespassing on the property of the Pennsylvania Railroad system. The renewed and diligent efforts of the Pennsylvania railroad is making to stop trespassing will be measurably influential, the management believes, in arousing the public to a realization that in accidents to trespassers it is the individual who loses his life, than which there can be no greater sacrifice.

Distress in Cities. The following description of the effect of the cold weather on the poor in the large cities should make those who have arm homes be thankful for what they enjoy. Early on Saturday the mercury registered 8 degrees above zero, with a blizzard blowing out of the northeast, which brought suffering to the rich and poor alike in New York. The Municipal lodging house, with beds for 800, could not care for all the applicants, and 738 homeless men and women sat up all night long in the waiting rooms of the lodging house where fires were kept burning to try to keep them warm. At midnight the crowd became so great that 200 men were sent to the Charity Dock on the East river, where the engineers were routed out and forced to keep roaring fires all night, so that the men would not freeze to death. Then an overflow of 100 men were permitted to sleep in the chapel of the morgue. When this filled, the Charity Department steamers Lowell and Brennan were moved alongside the pier and hundreds of men and women permitted to sit all night in their half-warmed cabins.

PILES DEFY THE KNIFE.

The Cause of Their Formation Still Remains. One place where surgery fails to bring permanent relief is in the treatment of piles, because even when the evil tumors are cut away, the cause of their formation still remains. That cause is poor circulation. Dr. Leonard's HEM-ROID is the tablet remedy that is taken inwardly and gets right to the inside cause.

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You will note that all the leading public sales announced thus far will be found in the Centre Democrat's Sale Register.

A FEW GOOD HINTS TO APPLE GROWERS

WHY PENNSYLVANIA CAN COMPETE WITH ANY.

HOW TO PREPARE APPLES

Must be Carefully Sorted and Well Packed—There is a Large Market—Low Freight Rates—Pays to Grow Good Fruit.

How the apple growers of Pennsylvania can pack in boxes their best apples and successfully compete with the western apples was fully demonstrated to a farmers' week audience at State College recently by George N. Cresswell, an expert apple packer from Bagdad, N. Y., who has spent several years in the Hood River valley of Oregon.

"If the west can afford to pay \$300 freight on a car of apples, or 60 cents a box, the eastern growers can surely put their fruit on the market in the same condition when their freight charge in most cases is only \$30 a car, or 5 cents a box," was the assertion made by Mr. Cresswell when the question of expense was raised.

"You cannot," he continued, "expect to box all your apples, neither can you cull over your apple crop in the fall and pick out enough good ones to go in boxes. You must start in the spring to grow the apples by giving them the best attention. Spraying, thinking, cultivating and fertilizing are the watchwords of the west and must be followed by the eastern growers.

Western Growers Form Unions. "One great reason the western apple has taken such a hold on the consumer is the fact that the growers are organized and formed shipping unions of various kinds, so that goods going out with their label can be counted on to be up to standard. The eastern grower is acting independently because of his inbred prejudice that each has the best fruit. He would rather sell to his neighbor make a few dollars. For this reason it is necessary that the individual shipper adopt a label with his name and address and then see that each box of apples every year is up to his standard. C. J. Tyson, of Florida Dale, Adams county, is the largest shipper of boxed apples in this state and he credits a large measure of his success in dealing with a select box apple trade to this practice.

"There are various styles of packing in boxes," said Mr. Cresswell, demonstrating at the same time how the apples were packed, "but there are only two kinds of boxes. They are the standard northwest box, 10 1/2 x 11 1/2 x 18 inches, inside measurements, and the special box, 10 1/2 x 12 1/2 x 18 inches. These two will fit any size apple, if they are all graded to the same size and carefully packed. No apples should be packed unless they are clean, dry and in the middle of the top of about three-quarters of an inch. When the lid is put on by the special express used, it will tend to hold the apples firm and take up any shrinkage that may occur. In handling the boxes, the greatest care should always be taken that they are laid on the side. It is best not to pack the apples in the orchard, but to have a special packing house, with plenty of light and heat enough to keep the men warm. One man ought to pack fifty boxes of apples a day, and the total cost of box packing in the most successful orchards today costs only 30 to 50 cents more than it would to put the same number of apples in barrels.

"The high color of western fruit is not only due to the fact that they have more sunlight in the fall months than we do in the east, but because they are careful in packing their fruit to get only the mature specimens. This is easily done by going over the trees more than once, first picking the highly colored fruit and leaving the rest of our tree to ripen over, which is extra work and costs money, but as it is generally the color and not the taste that brings the highest price, it has always paid those who practice it."

"The great need of two-thirds of the farm land in Pennsylvania," said Professor Alva Ager, in his lecture today, "is lime, and the best results will not be obtained from the use of good seed culture and fertilizers until this deficiency has been met. The reason our grandfathers had such heavy crops of corn and wheat was at that time the lime was present in sufficient quantities. The failure of red clover to grow is better than any chemical analysis to show that the ground needs lime.

Campaign Against Treating.

What is looked upon as the beginning of a Statewide propaganda upon the part of the Grangers in an effort to have orders made at sittings of Ligonier, Pa., on which license will be given only with the stipulation that treating be prohibited, took place in Ligonier, Pa., on Saturday, Jan. 13, when State Master William T. Creasy personally headed a delegation of Grangers who petitioned the court to make such an order.

It has developed that the resolution passed at the last meeting of Pomona, the organization of which all the subordinate granges in this section are members, against more licenses in the county and against the granting of any to any licensee who would not agree to live up to the no-treating order, followed quite through effective work upon the part of Pomona for some time, involving its support of C. E. Hauck, recently nominated for Associate Judge over C. E. Sager, on the Democratic ticket, and subsequently elected.

It is said the support of the Grangers was given Hauck, himself a Granger, on the condition he would be found with them in curbing the drink evil.

The Common Towel Must Go. The common towel is positively forbidden in a bulletin of the New York board of health announcing the amendment of the sanitary code to that effect. The common towel must go the way of the common drinking cup. The new order applies to hotels, schools, stores in which refreshments are served—in fact, to all sorts of public lavatories and washrooms, and regards the use of a towel by more than one person as a violation of the code. That's a "healthy" move.

WORTHY OF PUBLICATION.

A Plea for the Trees of Our Town by Harold Ward.

The following essay was written by a student of the Bellefonte High school and can be read with profit by our people: The town of Bellefonte, having the reputation of being beautiful, acquires its reputation from several things, among which are: the big spring from which the name Bellefonte is derived, its pretty mountain scenery, and its location between and on hills. But who will say that our trees are not one of the chief factors in making this a pretty place, as we all know there are trees on all of our residence and business streets. When one goes to another town or city he is generally taken out to be shown the pretty streets. And what streets are they? The ones on which there are beautiful shade trees. Right here in Bellefonte where nearly every street has beautiful trees, we fail to see their worth and importance in the beautifying of our town.

An estimate of how many trees we have would be hard to secure, but the number along some streets can be found by actual count. For instance along Allegheny street, from Curbin to Bishop, there are about 150, and on Linn street there are about 250, and on High street from the station to the house about 40. But the number of these trees is becoming smaller and smaller each year. Observation shows that a great many are old and about dead. This falling off in the number of trees can be attributed to a host of causes, carelessness, and the lack of knowledge of the proper care of trees.

We are careless in the following ways: Hitching horses to trees, nailing and nailing or tacking signs and notices to them. All of these practices and many more of the same sort injure the bark, and of course that soon destroys a tree, as its life is in its bark.

Next comes the lack of knowledge. Unwise people make such mistakes as paving or making concrete sidewalks walks around a tree up to the trunk thus shutting off a place for water to reach its roots. Then the lack of having a person in Bellefonte capable of trimming and caring for our trees properly. Although we have men doing the trimming of trees and claiming that they know how, they have not demonstrated much ability as yet. This is easily shown by the way in which the work has been done. Such methods as cutting off a limb from six to twelve inches from the trunk and then expecting it to heal over, and the cutting off of all the branches at about 20 feet from the ground to make the trees branch out more, does not show good judgment. It is a shame the way they are mutilated by the so-called "Tree Butcher" as he can readily be seen how such growths would die off and have to be cut down. But we make other mistakes too. Where one has to be cut down there is very seldom another planted.

However, much has been done in the last year or so for the preserving of our trees. This was done by the Women's Club. By their efforts two experts were secured to give illustrated lectures on the care of trees. These lectures were very instructive and were attended by a good many people. Since then more care has been taken in trimming and pruning. The trees of our town are being preserved and planted new ones, which require about that long to grow up. With a little more interest and foresight this can be done, and thus our streets will be kept as beautiful as ever.

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A Young Chap.

The youngest printer in Kansas is John Howard Truendall, son of the editor of the Quenemo News. The lad is 4 years old. He spends much of his time perched on a dictionary on top of a high stool studying the type cases. Last week he set up seventeen lines. He reads his own copy and does his own line spacing.

LEGAL NOTICES.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Centre county, to present the same to Board of Commissioners within fifteen days. WM. H. NOLL, D. G. BROWN, JACOB WOODRING, Commissioners of Centre County.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

In the Orphan's Court of Centre County. In the matter of the Estate of Henry J. Gentzell, late of Spring Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, deceased. Letters testamentary in the above estate, having been issued by the Register of Wills for Centre County, to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are required to present the same duly authenticated without delay, to SARA ELLEN GENTZELL, Executrix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Corman Yearick, late of Walker township, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Corman Yearick, late of Walker Township deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, and all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate, are requested to promptly pay the same and those having claims to present them duly authenticated without delay, to SARAH ELLEN GENTZELL, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Michael Eby, late of Haines township, deceased. Notice of administration in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to MOSES EBY, Woodward, JOHN W. EBY, Zion, Administrators.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the estate of Henry C. Vonada, late of Walker township, deceased. Letters of administration in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to ADAM H. VONADA, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Milton A. Nyman, late of Borga township, deceased. Notice of administration in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to WM. G. NYMAN, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Isaac Royer, late of Miles township, deceased. Letters of administration in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to W. G. RUNKLE, CEPHAS S. ROYER, Administrators.

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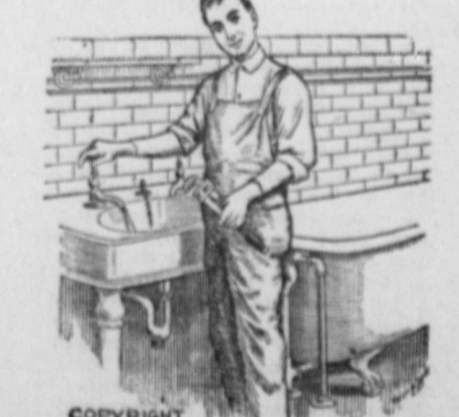


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