

AMERICANS AND CHURCHES.

In announcing a gain in church membership during the last year of but one and seven-tenths per cent, Dr. H. K. Carroll, former Director of the Religious Census of the United States, deprecates the fact that but 32,000,000 out of the 92,000,000 inhabitants of this country are taking any interest in religion.

Summarizing the achievements of the twelve months, he thinks the half million new members—an average addition of but two and a half communicants to each of the 200,000 churches—very unsatisfactory return on the \$1,757,575,867 invested in the religious property owned by the 186 different denominations of the country. In extenuation, church supporters point out that the average annual salary of the 165,000 ministers but \$655—little more than an office boy's wages—and that many of them are prevented from doing justice to their work by being obliged to devote part of their time to other vocations to support their families. This is undoubtedly due to the fact that with approximately 60,000,000 sittings in the 200,000 churches of the United States we find a paltry 35,000,000 members to fill them.

Disappointing as this may seem to the spiritual minded it would obviously be unfair to interpret as an indictment of the 60,000,000. If this vast number of non-church going citizens of the republic, a large percentage, it is reasonable to assume, are religiously disposed, even though they do not practice it openly. The fact that they have recourse to the administrations of the clergy only in sickness, marriage and death or when the youngsters are to be christened, is not to be held against them or to be accepted as proof that they are hostile to the church and its instrumentalities for good. In a country, where religion is as free as air and the church and state, have nothing in common, it indeed is surprising to many that the denominations have enlisted as many active partisans as they have or are as aggressive as they are. No business institution employs more varied agencies to extend its influence and stimulate interest in its work and service.

Finance, literature, oratory, music—all the arts that appeal to the imagination and awaken these impulses which control the actions of so many of us—are supplanting to its needs and whether we will or not serve to everlastingly keep its message before us. As if it were the veriest trifle, a single group of zealous protestants in New York raise a million dollars for a nation wide campaign of evangelizing and express their willingness to add another million to it. In the same way, Exaltation in its new world freedom Judaism gathers increasing impetus and unfurls its banners where there were none before. Catholicism is thrilled by its great historical work, "The Catholic Church in the United States." Eight million word mosaic of the Catholic Editing Company of New York showing the striking growth, vitality and potentiality of that denomination in the republic. Whatever else these things do, they call attention to the spirit which responds to these calls and still waxes strong within the average man.

A body of people that will voluntarily give almost two billion dollars for the establishment and endowment of institutions and contribute another hundred and fifty millions a year for their support, assuredly represents a force whose influence no man can gainsay.

Religion as an element in our national life is bigger and more powerful than any party or business and must be reckoned with, even if it does only enlist the active interest of but one-third of the American people.

Prices of 62 Years Ago.

Following are some prices taken from a store account book used in 1850:

Coffee at 9c a pound; sugar 8 cents a pound; rice 5c a pound; molasses 50c a gallon; tobacco 25c a pound; chocolate 10c a pound; lard 10c a pound; bacon 10c a pound; flour 55c a barrel; cheese 10c a pound; flannel 40c a yard; pork 6c a pound; pepper 15c a pound; butter 16c a pound; dried apples \$1.37 1/2 a bushel; sole leather 25c a pound; potatoes 27c a bushel; corn 10c a bushel; oats 20c a bushel; linseed oil 50c a gallon; raisins 25c a pound; beef 4c a pound; apples 12 1/2c a bushel; wheat \$1 a bushel; mackerel \$10 a barrel; ham 10c a pound; eggs 8c a dozen.

If you look closely you will see that these prices differ greatly from those of the present time, especially those of grains, meats, eggs, butter and cheese.

\$100,000 For Power Plant.

President capital has formed a part of the New York syndicate that recently took over the C. & C. Street Railway, the New Steam Co. and the Electric Light Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., as well as other light plants in that section, were there looking over the ground with a view of beginning very shortly some very important developments.

One of the matters decided upon is an expenditure of \$100,000 at once for new machinery, etc., in connection with the power plant, the object being to extend the electric system to neighboring towns and particularly to the mining operations throughout the region affording a power that will be impossible to obtain in any other way.

The purpose to make Philadelphia a great central point for furnishing electric power was the purpose of the new company in taking over the local utilities.

Baldwin Receives Orders.

Orders were received for forty locomotives by the Baldwin Locomotive Works last week. The contract is for thirty-six engines for the Washburn Railroad and another lot for four to be built for the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf.

The Washburn contract calls for large engines, whose average cost will be about \$20,000 each, calling for an estimated expenditure of \$720,000, and bringing the two orders up to about \$998,000.

Only Recently the Baldwin Works

obtained a large order for quick delivery and it is believed that the additional contracts will assure steady employment for the working force of about 9,000 men. This should make business boom in the vicinity of Lewistown where one of the Baldwin plants is located.

Crop Will Be Large.

The Delaware peach crop has not been greatly damaged by the prolonged cold weather, according to the report of Prof. Harry Hayward, director of the State Experiment Farm. He has made a thorough examination of the trees on the Delaware State Farm and says that there are enough good buds to assure a large crop.

WAGON TIRES.

The Ohio station has attempted to settle the long controversy between the advocates of wide tires and the advocates of narrow tires.

The following figures, compiled from exhaustive experiments on roads and farms, prove the beneficial effects of broad tires, both in regard to the draught of wagon and to the rutting of the surface. The narrow tires were 1 1/2 inches wide and the broad tires 6 inches wide. The load in each case was 2,000 pounds, including weight of the wagon.

Dirt Road—Surface dry; free from ruts and dust. Narrow tires required 377 pounds to pull the load. Broad tires required 194.8 pounds to pull the load. Difference in favor of broad tires, 32.5 pounds, or 31 per cent.

Clay Roads—Surface soft to depth of 3 or 4 inches. Narrow tires cut a rut 5 or 6 inches deep. Broad tires cut a rut 3 1/2 inches deep. Broad tires required 340.1 pounds to draw the load. Broad tires required 490.5 pounds to draw the load. Difference in favor of narrow tires, 150.7 pounds, or 44.3 per cent.

Meadows—Timothy sod; moist but firm. Narrow tires cut a rut 3 1/2 inches deep. Broad tires cut a rut 1/2 inch deep, doing no perceptible damage. Narrow tires required 420.8 pounds to draw the load. Broad tires required 305 pounds to draw the load. Difference in favor of broad tires, 115.8 pounds, or 38 per cent.

Grass and stubble 2 inches high, ground soft and spongy. Narrow tire cut rut 5 to 6 inches deep. Broad tire cut rut 1 1/2 to 2 inches deep, doing no damage. Narrow tires required 569.1 pounds to draw the load. Broad tires required 323.6 pounds to draw the load. Difference in favor of broad tires 245.5 pounds, or 84 per cent.

It will be seen that in only one test out of four did the narrow tire have the advantage in draft, and that was where the surface of the road was soft, but the subsurface was fairly hard.

The narrow tire cut through the hard surface while the broad tire remained on top. In all of the tests on meadows and plowed land, the difference was always in favor of broad tire, because on them the load was much more easily drawn and did much less damage to the field.

On trial, four horses pulled the ton load on narrow tires with an average draft of 1,876 pounds. Two horses pulled same load over same road with an average draft of 379.9 pounds, showing that the same load was less difficult for two horses on broad tires than for four horses on narrow tires.

When it is considered that most of the hauling done by farmers is on their farms and not on the roads, this saving in draft is quite an item in the course of a year. When this protection to the field and roads is considered, it seems strange that there are so many narrow tired wagons in use.

An Early Wagon.

The wagons used by the early settlers in this country were a crude affair and clumsy. The wheels were sawed from a solid plank, and the rig usually intended for one horse or an ox team. The first wagon of the modern kind, with spoke wheels, etc., was brought into Pennsylvania by Sammy Huston of Potter, whose farm was about two miles northeast of Old Fort. It was brought across the mountains from Lewistown in parts on mule back, over the path, there being no other road at that day. It created quite a sensation over the county, and people from Sugar Valley came over from across the mountains to see the wonderful "stick wagon" (spoke wagon) as they called it.

This "first settler" among the wagons was in existence a few years ago and maybe is yet—as we saw it at the Harpster smithshop, in Centre Hall, for repairs. It would be over a hundred years old now.

Smash Go Window Panes.

The London suffragettes, who some weeks ago, formed a mob and smashed windows were again at work in the same line, last week. Suffragettes broke out in a new riot. Armed with hammers, a large crowd descended upon the shops in the vicinity of Buckingham palace and smashed a dozen large plate glass windows of Colville's. They broke three windows, which they had previously spared, at Oxford circus. Police reserves were called, and more than a score of women were arrested and taken to the Old Bailey.

Defying the prison authorities, the suffragettes went to jail for smashing windows, rioted in Holloway prison on Friday, broke the machines at which they were working and threw the entire place into an uproar. Alice Wright, the Albany, N. Y. girl, led the outbreak. The ringleaders were finally subdued. The ringleaders were placed in solitary confinement. And all done to make voters of the women.

A Word of Praise.

For several years past at sundry times, I have visited the public schools in our suburban village of Coleville. It has always given me much pleasure to find those schools under good pedagogic management and good scholastic department. Miss Katherine Willard not only teaches the boys and girls in her grammar school, but she trains them in the way they should go with a commendable obedience on the part of her pupils. Miss Ida Showers does likewise in her supervision of the intermediate department. Miss Edith Barnhart is still successfully serving now for the twenty-first year in the primary department of forty or more "weebairns." God speed them all.

Canned Kisses Popular at Boston.

Thousands of kisses are given at some parties in Boston, Mass., and their popularity is growing rapidly. Each man receives a card, which seems to be decorated with red smears. It is explained that each card bears the imprint of the lips of a woman guest, made visible by a little rouge dabbed on the lips, and the men are expected to find their partners with only the imprint to aid them.

ITCH! ITCH! ITCH!

Scratch and rub—rub and scratch—until you feel good!—but you cannot tear the burning skin from your body—until it seems as if you could no longer endure them—endless days of awful torture—those terrible nights of sleepless agony. Then—a few drops of D. D. D., the famous "itch" cure, and, Oh, how relieved! The itch gone instantly! Comfort and rest at last!

We can give you a full size bottle of the genuine D. D. D. remedy for \$1.00 and the very first bottle falls to give relief it will not cost you a cent.

We also can give you a sample bottle for 25 cents. Why suffer another day when you can get D. D. D.?

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TYLERSVILLE.

There will be services in the St. John's Reformed church on the evening of the 24th of March, at which time the scholars of the Teacher's Training Class will graduate. All are invited to come.

The Peerless Literary Society intends to hold an entertainment Saturday evening, March 16th. All are invited to come. Admission five and ten cents.

Harry Shaak while cutting wood last week one day cut himself in the foot. The doctor had to put in eight stitches. Miss Lizzie Bressler, of Rebersburg, came to John Caris' intending to work there this summer.

Arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rhine, a little boy.

The funeral services of Newton Biorly last Thursday morning held in the Lutheran and Reformed church was largely attended. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Whitman, of Rebersburg.

Abraham Weil, who has been on the sick list for the past week, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Frank Wilson is on the sick list.

A. H. Carls and Harry Weaver, who are working at Lock Haven, returned home over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Well and son, of Johnstown, are visiting the former's father and sisters.

MILLHEIM.

The fair held by the ladies of the Lutheran church of this place on Friday and Saturday was a decided success. The receipts amounted to nearly two hundred and fifty dollars.

Miss Hilda Ruhl, a friend of Dorthea Bodtford, is being entertained at the home of W. Shaver.

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Mrs. S. A. Cole, of Plymouth, is visiting friends and relatives in Millheim and community.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Malze spent a few days visiting at Northumberland and Millheim.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Meyer of Bellefonte, were visiting in Millheim.

The sale of Mrs. Emma Wert, was well attended. It was one of the first sales in this section. The goods sold nearly reached the three thousand dollar mark.

The Millheim High school was successful in arranging a date with the Glee Club, of Susquehanna University for a singing tour.

The High School Literary Club gave its first entertainment of the year in the school room on Friday evening. The program was well rendered.

CENTRE OAK—Potter Twp.

Delightful Birthday Surprise Party. The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Frankenberg, at Millheim, was the scene of a delightful gathering of young folks, also the parents and older ones, on Friday evening, the occasion being the sixteenth anniversary of their daughter Mary.

After spending the evening in playing games and partaking of ice cream and cake, they left for their respective homes, wishing Miss Mary more happy birthdays. The young lady received quite a number of handsome gifts. Those present were: Bertha Shaefer, Julia Sharer, Maybell Sharer, Emma Dutrow, Anna Dutrow, Mary Dutrow, Lula Homan, Elizabeth Peteroff, Grace Fye, Mary Dinges, Edward Homan, Ralph Homan, Ralph Dinges, Roy Dutrow, Joe Dutrow, Claude Dutrow, Jacob Shaefer, Jr., Ray Sharer, Franklin Sharer, George Peteroff, Russell Groe, Guyer Grove, Wm. Bechtel, Mr. and Mrs. B. Gardner Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peteroff, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dutrow, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fye, Mr. and Mrs. William Homan, and Mrs. Grace Hockman.

MOSHANNON.

Miss Gertie Haun was a recent caller at A. J. Walker's.

Edward Fye and lady friend, Miss Lula Holt, spent Sunday at Jackson Walker's.

Wedding bells will soon ring. If you think it did not rain on Friday afternoon, just ask Jennie Milford Fye, who made a trip to Grass Flat, on Saturday evening.

Miss Francis Holt is spending some time at the shanty of her father and two brothers, on Windy Hill.

Miss Rosie Fye came home from Phillipsburg.

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While serenading Sparr Wert and his bride at Tusseyville, one night recent, a shooting accident occurred. A shotgun used by one of the serenaders was discharged into the crowd resulting in seriously wounding several of them.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kimpfort, of Centre Hall, was so unfortunate as to fall down the cellar steps at her home one night recently and break her right arm near the wrist. She received a number of otherwise painful bruises about her body.

Prof. Homer W. Jackson, head of the department of poultry at Penn State, will leave next month for Buffalo, N. Y. He will be associated with the Cyphers Incubator company and will conduct a series of works on poultry for that concern.—Times.

William S. Brooks, of near Linden Hall, and H. Lee Brooks, of near Centre Hall, father and son, have decided to exchange farms this spring. Both farms belong to the former but coming into possession of the latter farm, west of Centre Hall, the son began farming there.

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FROM OKLAHOMA.

H. G. Rumberger, assistant cashier of "The Cotton Exchange State Bank" at Elk City, Oklahoma, writes us as follows:

Elk City, Okla., Feb. 27, 1912. Dear Mr. Kurtz:—I enclose you herewith my check for \$1.00 which allows me to scan the pages of the Centre Democrat for the year 1912. I have enjoyed the Dippydills of Daffy Dan and Cousin Domino very much, but I wish Domino would throw away his Dippydill pencil, and complete the family tree he promised me about a year ago.

It surprises me that Domino, as young as he is, would waste his time trying to keep even with Daffy Dan writing Dippydills, when he could come to Oklahoma and make a fortune by catching the bark of a howling coyote for an Edison record. That would be real sport. Another difficult task is making into tar the pitch of a bustling bronco pony from Mexico. St