

Home Circle Column

Pleasant Evening Reveries for Every Member of the Family

Making a Home of It.
Under the above heading the Tribune of Chicago, says and writes:
"Cities are absorbed from blame for turning the boy from the farm and the more or less stable existence of the tiller of the soil to the uncertain lot of the city laborer or clerk. According to a bulletin of the Wisconsin Country Life conference, the blame for the desertion of the land by the young must rest largely with the parents and the farmers themselves."
"The average farmer says the bulletin, has us recently been interested in his crops, cattle, and a bank account more than he was in the comfort of his wife and children. With the city man it has been the reverse. The wife of the city mechanic, whose income was far smaller and immeasurably less secure than the income of the farmer, has for years been having hot and cold water in her kitchen, a bath in the house, and gas and electricity to cook, wash, and iron with. Her household work has been cut to a minimum. The wife of the farmer is still largely drudging away unnecessarily. Because of this drudgery, the want of a comfortable and cozier, and more interesting, attractive home, the migration from the farm to the city has been unprecedented in recent years, it is asserted."

"The Wisconsin Country Life conference incorporates some practical advice to farmers in its bulletin. It enumerates the various machines which might be installed in the farm home at a comparatively small expense, and which would go a long way toward making life on the farm lighter on the woman and more attractive for the children. The bulletin holds up examples—farms which are run on a modern basis and are made to pay better. The farms so run not only keep the children at home, but keep them interested in the home, in the farm, and farm work, is shown. It is timely and valuable advice and is sure to bring light and happiness into many a farm home that feels that there is something wrong with it. He does not know just what is wrong, and how to remedy it."

In Defense of Father.
"Every now and then Father will come across a little baby shoe when he is rummaging through an old trunk. To him it is only a cheap little bit of kid that was worn by a little tad who got sick and died. He can't see why my mother keeps it. But to mother the little shoe has warm lips moist with her kisses, little hands that cling lovingly to her breast and little eyes that look into her very soul and understand her sorrows."

A Soldier's Old Claim.
A claim for service as a Pennsylvania volunteer during the Civil War, just 51 years old, has just been presented at the auditor general's department at Harrisburg for payment.
William Dunn, now of Watsonstown, was an emergency man, who went south at the time the battle of Antietam was impending. He was absent later when a paymaster called at Muncy to settle with his account and during all these years has kept his account in a pocketbook.
He explains the circumstances in a letter to Auditor General Powell and the latter, who served as a soldier during the Spanish American war, has sent him a blank voucher with instructions how to make a formal claim upon the state.
During the civil war Mr. Dunn conducted a livery at Muncy. When a claim was sent out for volunteers the liveryman enlisted with Captain Loyd and Lieutenant Green. The company, went as far as Hagerstown by rail, reaching the Antietam battlefield just after one of the bloodiest engagements of the civil war had been fought.
In an interview this morning Mr. Dunn said that he had never thought of asking for the money until a few days ago when he was told that it was not too late to make application for it.
Mr. Dunn, who is 78 years old, is now a dairyman and visits Milton daily in his wagon.

Industrial Work to Be Taught.
Thirty of the board of directors of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home of Central Pennsylvania met at the Sunbury orphanage recently. They decided to teach industrial work, such as blacksmithing, carpentry, sewing, cooking and needlework.
J. William Stroch, Sunbury, president, reported \$7,292.50 the cost of maintenance during the term of six months; \$5,290 subscribed by lodges for the rebuilding of the barn destroyed by fire; two deaths during the last six months; two cases of typhoid fever at present, and 136 children, sixty-nine boys and sixty-seven girls, now being educated. In his report, he said, in part:
"The payment of the farm must be made at the time of transfer and I would suggest to the trustees that they take up the matter of our permanent holdings and convert them into cash, so they can be used as directed by the representatives. At this time it seems to me proper to mention the fact that our trustees would keep in touch with the executors of the last two bequests, of \$500 each, Mrs. Klees willed \$500, C. F. Krisher, of Catawissa, being the executor; and \$500 was willed to the home by Henry Box, of lodge No. 674, Carbondale, Pa."

Grangers on Suffrage.
The legislative committee of the Patrons of Husbandry were in session at Harrisburg last week. They petitioned President Wilson by telegraph to appoint a practical farmer as one of the members of the federal reserve board under the new currency bill and adopted a comprehensive program, which includes the following items:
A referendum of woman suffrage next June, during which month all subordinate granges in the state will be asked to express preference for or against equal suffrage by ballot. In the meanwhile the columns of the Pennsylvania Grange News will be open for debate on the question.
Unqualified indorsement of the proposed national prohibition law.
Appropriation by the legislature of at least \$7,000,000 per year for road improvements in the state.

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row." The above appeared in one of our most valued exchanges and brought forth the following comment:
Here is where we call for a new deal for father. Mother is all that has been said, and more. God bless and keep her. Father is all that has not been said. I know men who rush away into the dark and grieve on their knees with their head in their arms, because a little baby died a long time ago. And after that they come out and face the world smiling and brave, and the world doesn't know. I know a man who carries a little daughter's little shoe in his grip when he goes out upon the road, and sleeps with it beneath his pillow, and I know many fathers who will never be comforted this side of the grave. Let us still love and cherish mother; but let us also give father credit for being at least half human."

Where's Mother?
When father came from work at night, Before he'd wash his hands and face, Or hang his hat upon the peg, His glance would rather wander 'round the place, And if dear mother's sunny head Was not within his vision's ken, He'd search for her from room to room, Upstairs and down and all, and then He'd stop and ask, "Where's mother?"
But if he found her in her chair He'd pester her about the pot, And pick a mess of early greens, Or fix a chicken for the pot; He'd mend a fence or set a hen, Or do some other homely chore, With only now and then a glance Toward the half open kitchen door That seemed to say, "Where's mother?"

When mother left us sorrowing He followed her within a day; And while we laid white flowers around His smooth-brushed hair as white as they. We could but think that when the light And beauty of that wondrous place Burst on his newly-quickened gaze, He must have raised an eager face, And simply asked: "Where's mother?"
—Marion Parks.

\$800,000,000 Thrown Into the Sea.
In 1913 the seven naval powers of the world spent \$797,984,900 upon their war fleets. The United States spent \$140,800,643, more than twice as much as in 1862, at the height of the civil war. Great Britain spent \$235,712,489, in spite of which her Tories shriek for more ships to meet the menace of Germany, which spent \$111,270,025. Japan spent out of her bitter poverty \$48,105,151.
The great nations pour out much more treasure on armies than on navies. Lloyd-George's old estimate of two billions and a quarter a year for the world's war costs is now far below the fact. Perhaps \$3,900,000,000 is nearer the annual total.
Yet \$800,000,000 is a respectable sum. It equals the value of the wheat crop of the United States with nine-tenths of the potato crop added. It is five times the value of our sugar and sorghum crop of every kind with five times the tobacco crop added. It equals the value of all the land and buildings in Connecticut, Florida and Wyoming.
Imagine these three States engulfed in the sea. Imagine the wheat and potato crop of the United States dropped in mid-Atlantic. Imagine the net earnings of all the railway systems of the country converted into gold—nearly twice the annual product of all the gold mines of the world, by the way—and sunk off Hatteras.
Such comparisons show better than figures the yearly waste of war preparations at sea.

One Possible Cancer Cure.
The latest to say that radium will not cure cancer is Dr. Worthington Seaton Russell, chief of the X-ray department of the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital, who has an article in the current issue of the Scientific American.
In this paper Dr. Russell deprecates the publicity given to statements of physicians that radium is a cure for cancer, where all other treatment has failed, because he believes that much harm has been done by thus misleading cancer victims, who should submit to the knife, to delay doing so until it is too late.
He says that while in superficial cases radium may be helpful and may be used with beneficial results after an operation, the only sure cure is the use of the knife at the earliest possible stage. He makes this statement after visits to all the European centres where radium is used, and supports it by quotations from cancer experts of England and France.

BOALSBURG.
Services will be held in the Reformed church, Wednesday and Thursday evening; and on Friday evening preparatory services will be held; on Sunday morning communion service. Rev. O. Boyle, of Sunbury, will assist Thursday and Friday evening.
The body of Jacob Hermon late of Lemont, was brought here for burial Saturday forenoon.
Mrs. E. A. Fisher has been quite sick for several days.
Amos Straw, who had been visiting with relatives here for a week or more, returned to his home in Ohio.
Miss Rose Woods left last Wednesday for a few weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. James Bryson, of Derry; she will also visit friends in Pittsburg.
Mrs. Albright is taking care of Mrs. C. C. Bohn, of State College, where the stork left a dandy chubby boy, John Reganold Bohn.

Billy Sunday in New Role.
To say that Pittsburgh girls are cute, is putting it mildly. Billy Sunday who is now raising Cain in the Smoky City dislikes very much any person going out of the meeter's house, when he is discouraging. During one of his meetings, a girl got up and strode towards the door. Sunday paused in his discourse, and said, "There goes one of the daughters of Satan." Quick as a flash the stork turned about and said: Good night Papa.

OVER THE COUNTY.
W. S. Garmley, of Millheim, had a pen of barred Plymouth Rocks at the Sunbury Poultry shows last week.
The R. M. Wolfe heirs recently sold a home east of Woodland to Elias Haines. The consideration was \$150.
That busy bird the stork, for the tenth time visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Auman, of Millheim, recently and left a little girl. Eight of the children are living.

Misses Miriam and Helen Dreese, of Lemont, are driving an Overland 1914 model roadster, which is one of the prettiest and neatest cars in all this section of the State. The car was recently selected by Miss Helen Dreese on a trip to Philadelphia. It is fully equipped with electric self-starter and all other modern appliances.
Al Oaman, of Centre Hall, has become mentally deranged, and is now under surveillance says the Centre Reporter. The first intimation of his condition was observed when he made the rounds of town and became apologetic to a number of persons whom he had misused on various occasions. A few days later his acts became such that he was put under a watch.

The last wild elk in Pennsylvania is supposed to have been killed in the winter of 1867, by an Indian named Jim Jacobs, from the Cattaraugus reservation. Jacobs followed the elk from the Flagg swamp in Elk county to the wilds of Clinton county, through a hard snow storm, when it came to bay on a rock and the Indian shot it. It was a bull and none of the species had been seen or heard in the region for several years before that.

Mary Carlin, of Spring Mills, was relieved of currency on checks to the amount of \$542, while in Philadelphia Tuesday of last week by Robert McClintock, alias Dr. G. H. Richards, alias Dr. Robert Wagner, a slick swindler, who is now held under \$1000 bail on the charge of larceny, for obtaining money from three women by theft and misrepresentation. Miss Carlin said McClintock induced her to risk her money in speculation, promising her 25 per cent. profit. While they were on the way to the stock exchange, she asserts, McClintock made his disappearance in the neighborhood of the Broad Street station.

William Stonebraker, who lives on a farm between Bald Eagle and Van Scoyoc, met with a series of misfortunes recently, that is enough to discourage anyone. On Saturday a week ago a fine blooded cow for which he had paid a good price laid down and died. On the following Monday one of his largest fattened hogs died. On Tuesday while butchering, they put a kettle of fat on the kitchen stove for rendering then went to the basement to attend to other work. The fat boiled over, caught fire and started a conflagration that burned the house to the ground. The only articles saved were several chairs and pictures.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
May B. Cori et bar to Perry Adams, tract of land in State College; \$450.
Perry Adams et ux to Forest L. Struble, tract of land in State College; \$4000.
Mary M. Kane to G. Antis Confer, tract of land in Howard twp.; \$1800.
Alfred L. Mapledoram et al to Minnie B. Clifford, tract of land in Phillipsburg; \$3750.
Frank Rittenhouse et ux to Robert B. Hind, tract of land in Phillipsburg; \$475.
Mrs. Clara Mayer to Grace Mayer, tract of land in Phillipsburg; \$1.
Wm. A. Confer to Minnie Jamison, lot of land in Gregg twp.; \$750.
Isaac M. Orndorf, trust to Milton J. Yeacock, tract of land in Haines twp.; \$130.90.
Henry Thompson et ux to Jackson Kline, premises in Howard Boro; \$1750.
James Daws et ux to Thomas A. Cronsey et al, tract of land in Rush twp.; \$10.
Martha Gette et bar to Claude A. Gette, tract of land in Rush twp.; \$800.

Historical Hotel Burned.
The City Hotel at Sunbury which burned Friday with \$125,000 loss, was the first electrically lighted hotel. It was in Sunbury that Thomas A. Edison developed the electric light. He was a telegraph operator and boarder at the hotel. The original dynamo and switchboard are owned by the Sunbury Electric Light Company and stored in their plant two squares from where they were first used. They were exhibited at the World's Fair, Chicago, and probably will be sent to the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

TEN-DOLLAR SHOES.
Among the beneficiaries of special privilege and enemies of progress the National Shoe Retailers' association, in session in New York during the past week, is the first to go on record in opposition to the enactment of laws framed to protect the public from frauds practiced by conscienceless and greedily manufacturers of and dealers in the necessities of life. The shoe dealers are in revolt against the "pure shoe laws" now on the statute books of twenty-five states of the Union and similar measures pending in congress, and threaten to send the price of shoes up to ten dollars a pair.
The legislation which has encountered the opposition of the shoe trade, or at least stirred the wrath of the 200 delegates to the convention, provides that all shoes, in which substitutes for real leather are used, shall be stamped "adulterated" or "substitute leather." The use of pasteboard and imitation leather in the manufacture of shoes has become quite extensive in recent years, and the sale of this brand of footwear as leather goods has come to be regarded as one of the most stupendous frauds practiced in the country. It is difficult to imagine any dealer contemplating that to find that the shoes you bought in the belief they were made of leather, are constructed of cheap substitutes that fall apart the first time they get wet.

It is equally difficult to believe that the National Shoe Retailers' association represents the reputable shoe dealers of the country. Naturally we would suppose that all dealers would welcome the law that would protect them from possible frauds by manufacturers who use substitute for leather in the manufacture of their goods. The inference to be drawn, however, from the attitude of this association is that what its members want is the right to continue selling shoddy imitations for real leather shoes rather than protection from possible fraudulent practices by manufacturers.
Nor will the explanation of the dealers a pair, there need be no immediate alarm. The retail shoe trade in which there is still healthy competition that can be depended upon to regulate prices on the basis of supply and demand.—Scranton Daily News.

Under the "pure shoe law" the customer who either cannot or will not pay the price for genuine leather shoes can purchase the spurious article as readily as he may now, but if he can read he will know what he is getting. The only right the dealer relinquishes by the operation of the law is the right to sell him the substitute for what it is not.
As for the threat of the dealers to send the price of shoes up to ten dollars a pair, there need be no immediate alarm. The retail shoe trade in which there is still healthy competition that can be depended upon to regulate prices on the basis of supply and demand.—Scranton Daily News.

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Married at an Early Hour.
Albert M. Salers, superintendent of the Lock Haven Fire Brick works, braved the intense cold Thursday morning when he went to Salona, six miles from Lock Haven to claim his bride. Mr. Salers engaged a sleigh and with the mercury hovering at twelve to fourteen degrees below zero, he called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Kessinger, where he met their daughter, Miss Nora J. Kessinger. Both went to the Methodist parsonage at 3:30 o'clock in the morning and were united in marriage by Rev. W. A. Graham.

Following the ceremony the couple drove to Lock Haven where they boarded the 6 o'clock train and will spend the honeymoon in Canada.
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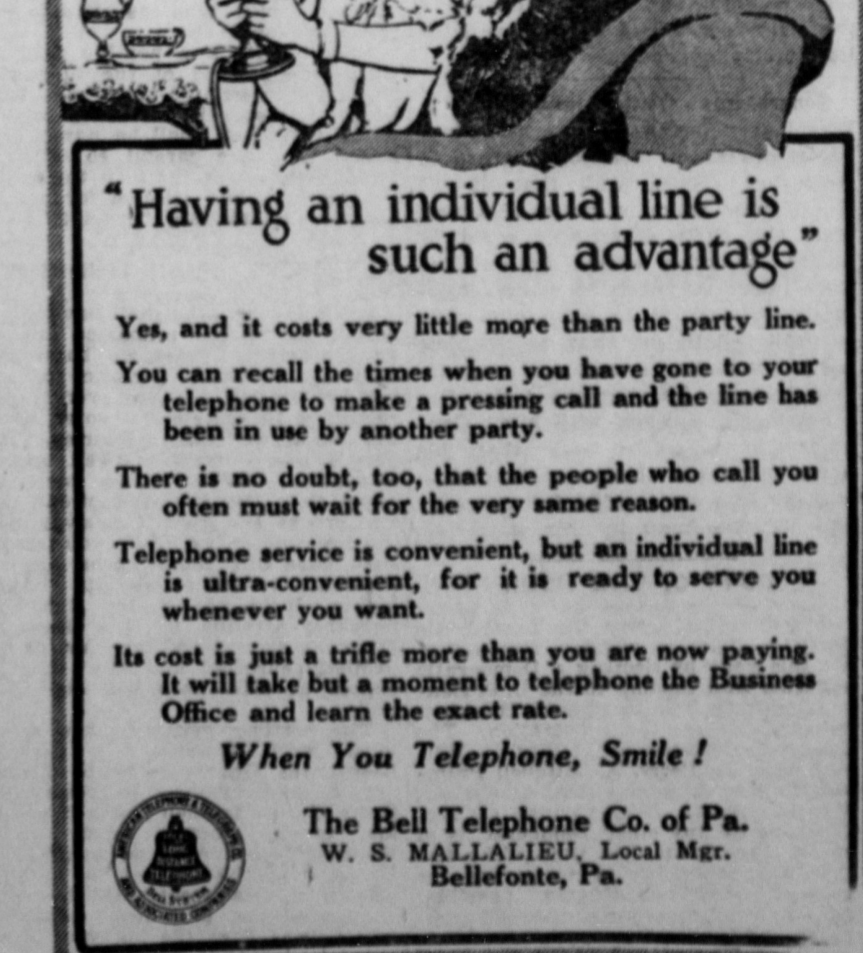
The price has dropped twice since January 1, a half-cent a pound each time, in the retail market, from the prevailing price of five cents a pound at many of the stores in December.
At 4 cents a pound the saving per capita would be 86 cents a year. On the same basis, estimating the population of the United States at 95,000,000, which is probably below the actual number, the saving on sugar would be \$81,700,000 to the people of the United States.

When the tariff schedule is in effect several years from this date placing sugar entirely on the free list, the retail price will reach near 3 cents a pound.
That is but one instance of how the new Democratic tariff will reduce the cost of living.

A Word For Suffrage.
Now that the question of suffrage is being so much discussed, it might be well to quote from an article in the Book News Monthly, what Jack London, the author says in favor of it.
His latest novel, John Barleycorn, which tells the story of his life and his experiences with alcohol, has been written with a desire to save the boys of today, and it is to his wife that the public is indebted for this volume. When she asked her husband why he voted for the suffrage amendment to the State Constitution, he replied: "When the women get the ballot they will vote for prohibition. It is the wives, and sisters, and mothers, and they only, who will drive the nails into the coffin of John Barleycorn." Then at his wife's suggestion, he wrote his experiences to show the women how they should vote.

The article goes on to say—If the women vote the way Mr. London thinks they will—and there is no reason to think otherwise considering "the incalculable price of tears they have paid for man's use of alcohol"—then to quote from the concluding chapters of the book, "The young men will know of the saloon only in the pages of history, and they will think of the saloon as a quaint old custom similar to bull-baiting and the burning of witches."

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