

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

THOMPSON.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Thompson, Dec. 25.—The family of the late Edward Payne, of Orson, were the guests of their youngest sister and her husband, C. R. King, on Saturday for their Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Lottie Potter and her son Leon, are spending the holidays in Scranton. Leon sells The Tribune.

Ed. Whitney and wife, of Scranton, are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Whitney.

Mrs. Maria Bryant, of Thompson township, widow of the late E. M. Bryant, who passed away last April, died this morning at 5 o'clock, after a long and painful illness. She is survived by her brother, Dr. Wheaton, of Wilkes-Barre; one sister, Mrs. R. V. Whitney, of this borough, several children and a host of friends other than relatives. Her funeral will occur Wednesday afternoon.

The children of Frank Crozier and wife are having a jolly good time at the old home to-day.

The Gelatt family have a Christmas tree and dinner at E. E. Belati's, on Jefferson street, today.

C. M. Lawler and wife are with her brother in Scranton, Mr. Leonard, for Christmas.

The wife of Row L. Cole, who has been sick for some weeks is so far recovered as to be able to be about her room to-day.

Let me say for the information of your Susquehanna correspondent, and all such, that the authorities of Thompson are not having a "contention" with District Attorney J. R. Jones, of Lackawanna county. Nor is Executive W. P. Tallman, of this borough, who was called to hold the inquest over the body of the supposed Mayfield burglar shot at Ararat, and who holds the money and revolver found on said dead man. He made his report to the court of Susquehanna county and awaits in order as to the disposal of the property found on a dead man which the postmaster of Ararat township had to bury. They claim if there is any contention in the matter it is between the authorities of Ararat, and the authorities of Lackawanna county. Your correspondent further says the dead man "was shot by Landford Bill Leach." The coroner's jury did not say so. They could not according to the evidence given before them. Has he any new evidence to produce in the case?

Used by British Soldiers in Africa.

Captain C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Gallahe. Under date of November 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and have given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by all druggists, Matthew Bros., wholesale and retail agents.

HONESDALE.

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Honesdale, Dec. 25.—Miss Adelaide Dodge, who has been the efficient typist in the recorder's office during the term of Recorder Linton, will continue to serve as the same under the new recorder, Mr. Crago.

The hearing of the injunction case of the Erie and Wyoming and Erie railroad will be held before Judge Purdy in Honesdale on Jan. 1, 1900.

Douglas, the manager, will appear at the opera house Friday evening next, under the auspices of the Grace church Sunday school.

The work which has been going on quietly for some time in the interest of a new postmaster for Honesdale has come to the surface now, in the shape of a petition asking for the appointment of Mr. M. B. Allen, proprietor of the Allen house, to that position.

The Ford Brothers, who gave a performance in the opera house last evening, will give another this Tuesday evening. The play is entitled "The Wrong Man," with a variety of specialties.

Christmas day in Honesdale was a very quiet one. All business places and factories were closed, all work was suspended on the Delaware and Hudson improvements. Among the large number who came to spend Christmas at their Honesdale homes were Messrs. Isaac and Thomas Ham, of Buffalo; James Crossley, of Scranton; Mr. Clarence E. Becker, of New York; Miss Rena Keene, of Rutherford, N. J.; Miss Marcella Allen, of New York; Miss Caroline Betts, Messrs. William Kraft, William Clark, Garl Jenkins, Joseph Kaufold and Charles Weston.

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STARRUCA.

The holiday vacation will close Jan. 1, 1900.

Friends are gathering in town for the holidays. Mr. R. A. Taylor and family, of Niagara Falls; Miss Minnie Mumford, of Sayre, Pa., and Mr. Harry Mumford, of Providence, R. I., are at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mumford.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are entertaining Mr. Hugh Brown, wife and family, of Forest City, and Mrs. Charles Getter, of Auburn, N. Y.

Mr. J. M. Hobbs, who has been setting up new machinery for Mr. A. C.

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Crossley, has returned to Cannonsville, N. Y.

Mr. D. D. Benedict is working in Deposit, N. Y.

Miss Julia Burns and Miss Lizzie Dalton, of Binghamton, spent Christmas with friends in town.

Amy Crossley is recovering from a combined attack of the mumps and bilious fever.

Mr. Mylen Kenyon and family are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mr. H. H. Rounds and family will spend their vacation in Ararat, Unadilla and Pleasant Mount.

SHOULD STUDY GEOGRAPHY

Magazine Writer Thinks Congressmen Would Do Better if They Gave More Attention to the Nature of the Country and Less to Politics.

Congress would do a great deal better if it would study more geography and less politics, is the view of a writer in *Ainslee's* for December. This is the way the suggestion is put:

"The original thirteen states understood one another's territorial idiosyncrasies thoroughly, and framed a constitution elastic enough to allow for them. But the original thirteen have been swelling until they are forty-five, and will soon be forty-eight, and there has been little or no further allowance for further territorialization. Political critics call the river and harbor bill a 'great graft'; it is really but a deal-back between geographical ambitions. Congress has fallen into a checker game of diversified interests and conflicting demands, all growing out of divergence of territory and distinctiveness of pursuits and products, yet no one seems to understand the complexity of the way out of it."

The *Ainslee* writer advances this view after a somewhat novel study of the effect of topography upon the character of people in different sections of the United States. His article is in part as follows:

"When the Pennsylvania farmers built a ship and floated down the Ohio river into the country which now bears that river's name they set the precedent for future westward migration. Going in the easiest manner possible to the easiest possible destination, they obeyed the geological law of least resistance by which habitation has been made the thickest where it could become so with the minimum of difficulty.

"When the gold hunters receded from the Colorado mountains, leaving only the mountaineers to fight it out with the isolation and the altitude, and to found a state fifteen years subsequently, and when the emigrants who could stand the overland trail no longer camped by the wayside in Kansas, and in the face of Indians and cyclones, began growing corn and wheat, another law was obeyed and another precedent established, namely, that the character of peoples is determined by the amount of combat with the natural obstructions of nature.

"These two laws, conclusively—the law of least resistance, and the law of greatest conquest and endurance—have fixed upon the area of the United States a population as varied as the topography, a replica in almost every respect of the physical features.

"Population climes hills and crosses rivers and pushes through the winds of the prairies only so readily as it is easier to do these things than it is to remain stationary. Community character evolves into the adventurous and the experimental, or holds steadily to the struggle with the present, or lingers in the complacency of battles won, according as its environment permits, requires or prohibits.

WHAT 'SECTIONALISM' REALLY MEANS.

"This is what 'sectionalism,' of which we have heard much in latter-day politics, really means. It is a deeply laid trait of the republic. Between the level of the Atlantic and the ocean shores of the Pacific the habits are differentiated, save for community of language and patriotism, as the antipathetic states of Europe. Between South Ste. Meris and Baton Rouge the groups of people sectionalized by geographical demarcations as distinct as those made by the Alleghenies, or the Mississippi, or the Rocky Mountains. Nothing is likely to obliterate these severances and particularities. They in the face of force and potency as the sections great cities. They will assume a constantly more active function in the constructive processes of the American commonwealth.

"At the apex of the continent, for example, in Colorado and the adjoining silver states north and south, is an ebullience and venturosomeness as amazing to the people of lower altitudes as it is pungent among the inhabitants themselves who have mountains to conquer and rarefied atmosphere to breathe. It is no more art to pass away than are the lofty mountains themselves, nor will it ever cease to be an agent to disturb political conceptions or to supply enthusiasm to new propaganda of many sorts.

"Along the flow of the Ohio, and by the edges of the navigable Great Lakes, is a geography that makes mechanical and mineral industry as natural as living, and furnishes no impulses other than those of cautious, daily, thrifty advancement.

"Around the head of the Great Lakes the population imbues the zest of cold winters, subsists upon the luxuriance of a fruitless soil, and sends to congress men with the zeal and swift progressiveness of the chairman of the senate foreign relations committee.

"Southward, where the chivalry of old France has merged with the doughtiness of American engineers, and the marvellous Mississippi has bearded the manum only to be assaulted by that ingenuously genial after-generation until the river has now become a colossal avenue of commerce, they put forth men who stake their fame upon the construction of inter-oceanic canals, or who disrupt a political party to preserve the sugar interests which have been handed down to them from foreign ancestors.

WESTERN INDIVIDUALITY.

"Far out upon the Pacific coast, isolated by dividing mountain ranges, but supported by natural resources which have no peer elsewhere upon the earth, are men and women who do not know what it is to be stunted and deprived who dwell perpetually in comfortably won competences, but who, through their distance from the rest of the nation, must build their own empire after

their own models, as they made their California homes in the cities and as they made their transcendent railroads in the sixties. They will be independent, but never necessarily iconoclastic. They will make new laws and new arts and new people, as they are making a new university—indeed, two universities—and they will expect the balance of the country to follow rather than that they themselves shall be the followers.

"America has been built in pieces, as the build houses in California, where the walls are nailed together and set up section by section. Or, rather, it has been settled as if the Delly had taken the entire populace like a pitcher of oil and poured it out upon the uneven surface to run where it most naturally would. Some of it adhered to the mountains and some of it even ran down the crevices into the minds, but the greater quantities nestled in the valleys or spread out upon the plains, seeking the natural conflux of the rivers and lakes and oceans.

"The map, as it presents itself to the eye, is a vivid, tell-tale thing with the story of contact of physical and human nature written all over it. Politicians and sociologists at all hours seek to comprehend the United States and its attributes, might divide the surface into groups, as the Interstate Commerce Commission divides the railroads. The history of each group is written in the environment, like the successive levels of the Great Salt Lake, delineated in ineffaceable tracings upon the inclosing mountain walls. Neither one group nor all may be understood without reckoning the influences that have gone to make them, and that continue to preserve them as they are."

QUEER ANIMAL FRIENDSHIP.

Cat and Parrot Are Bred Companions and Stanch Allies.

From the Philadelphia Times.

Parrots and feathers do not agree very well as a rule, even in a woman's toilet. In real life, of course, you know they are deadly enemies. If you have a bird do not keep a cat, and if you have a cat do not keep a bird. Above all things, do not keep a parrot and a cat, for the two can stir up more trouble than anything else known outside of a Kansas cyclone.

A parrot has no greater delight in the world than to simulate the barking of a dog. The bark will terrify the cat until she finds out she is being fooled. Then look out for her. Her rage knows no bounds and if she can wreak a dire vengeance on the bird she can get to any lengths of cunning to do so. But the parrot is not always the aggressor. The cat occasionally offends. If Polli, in an absent-minded moment, happens to be seated near the side of the cage, Pussycat springs up with vicious eyes and extended claws and seizes the bird out of its four or five senses, if it does not succeed in doing the bird more substantial injury.

If the two ever get near enough to come to a real conflict there will be the most serious time within the peaceful household that you ever see. Feathers, plumage, and both combatants are literally torn to pieces. Nothing can present a sorer spectacle than a cat that has had an encounter with a parrot's beak, and worst of all, indeed, is the sight of the unfortunate bird who has met his end in a very quiet and unobtrusive way.

It is rarely, indeed, that the two can be found living in peaceful amity. Albeit English, of Waterford, Conn., maintains that he possesses in his pair the most remarkable couple he has ever heard of.

The parrot is never caged. The door stands wide open for it to enter its house when it pleases, but it rarely, if ever, goes inside. It sleeps at night perched on the back of a great rocking chair, in which the cat takes its nap. Never during the day does the cat lie down that the bird ever sees it get to it and keep watch as a guardian angel for the approach of danger in the shape of stray dogs that may happen along. Should one approach, Pussycat timely warning in the molly's simulation of a dog's barking. When the cat has met its end and ever after proceeds to berate the offending canine which has disturbed the domestic felicity of the pair in the strongest English that tongue can command.

Strangely enough, the parrot never assays profanity on any other occasion. The instant that the bird is disturbed, however, he lets loose the flood of his pent-up wrath in the choicest billingsgate, and will not be coaxed from his rage for hours at a time.

The friendship grew out of the cat saving the bird's life when the latter was very young. Before that time Polli had no use for Pussycat. In an unguarded moment he allowed a strange cat to approach near enough to seize him and pluck him beneath a paw. But before the cat could fasten his teeth in the bird Pussycat had attacked the stranger. The latter got the worst licking it had ever experienced, and ever after that gave the bird and cat a bed berth.

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