THE MISTAKE OF FARMERS

THE OPINION OF AN ARARAT CITIZEN.

In Case They Seek Other Employment the Editorial Work Upon Agricultural Newspapers Has Been Suggested—"Hub" Wood's Queer Bootjack—Romance of "Theda."

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, Dec. 17.—"It is greatly to be regretted," was remarked in the hearing of an Ararat farmer, "that farmers' boys do not stick to the farm. It seems as if scarcely any of them do."

"Oh, I dunno," said the farmer, "I've raised eight boys, and they're all farmers 'cept one."

"Is that so? Only one of them caught by the glitter of the city, eh?"

"Yes; that's all. Poor Bob would go, spite of all I could do—ran away to the city when he was 12, and we ain't never seen him since, though it's been over twenty years. But I dunno but its all right; he hadn't no likin' for farm work, nor wouldn't take no interest in it. He just seemed to hate the farm, and he didn't know enough about farm work to drive ducks to water."

"Yes, I think it was better that he should leave the farm, as he evidently had no taste for it. Is he in the mercantile business?"

"Oh, no, nothing of the kind," replied the farmer, "no; for the last ten years Bob has been editor of an agricultural paper. He writes most all of the 'Hints to Farmers,' 'How to Do Farm Work,' 'Stick to the Farm, Boys,' and such things."

PASSED ON.

The remains of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, of the Oakland side, were on Sunday interred in Laurel Hill cemetery.

The remains of Mrs. E. J. Fenton (nee Miss McKendry, of Susquehanna), who died in a New York hospital, will arrive here today, for services and interment.

The funeral of the late Miss Mary Casey, of Erie avenue, took place and was largely attended on Monday morning from St. John's Catholic church. Requiem high mass was celebrated, and interment was made in Laurel Hill cemetery.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Lackawanna trains on Monday ran over the Erie from Owego to New York.

A Lehigh train passed through here on Sunday. It ran to Owego, where the high water "stalled" it until Monday morning.

Susquehanna on Sunday had no railroad trains, no mails, no Sunday papers, no telegraphs and no telephones It was a rocky old day.

Thomas McClary will lecture in Hogan opera house on Saturday evening. Subject, "The Mission of Mirth." It will be the second attraction in the popular Susquehanna "Entertainment Course."

The Susquehanna band will have a social hop in Hogan opera house on Thursday evening next. An orchestra of twelve pieces will furnish music for the occasion.

MINOR MENTIONETTES.

Henry Austin Adams, of New York city, will lecture in Hogan Opera House, Dec. 26, subject, "The Theater." The lecture will be under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus.

Arthur F. Kinney, a prominent Montrose business man, is a Republican candidate for sheriff.

R. F. Howard, of Thompson, is a Republican candidate for county treasurer.

"THEDA" OUT WITH HIM.

A young man of Canisteo, N. Y., recently found the name of a young lady of Great Bend in a railroad car, upon a box cover. He wrote, requesting her to write to him. The letters became frequent and affectionate. She sent her photograph, and received in return a description of a dark and handsome lover. Thanksgiving Day was set for the wedding, but the bridegroom came not.

His sister wrote that he was ill with fever, and constantly calling for "Theda." Hastening to his bedside, "Theda" found that he had not been sick, and, worse than all else, that he was a shiftless fellow with red hair, squint eyes and a retrousse nose. "Theda" loves him no more. There is a moral in this for girls capable of seeing through a ladder.

AN ENGINE AS A BOOTJACK.

"It isn't very often that you hear of a man using an engine for a bootjack," said the veteran and popular Erie engineer, "Hub" Wood, of the Carbondale flyer.

"Jack Dugan, our jolly brakeman, set out on Saturday night to flag a train near Burnwood. He was out quite a while, and when he came back his feet and ears were badly nipped. After we had got some stimulants down him we tried to remove his boots, but his feet were so badly frozen that they could not be pulled off.

"Jack objected to our cutting the boots, as he paid $6 for them in Carbondale two weeks before, and he could not afford to lose them so soon. It was finally agreed to take Jack out to the engine, stick his boot-heels between the slots of the pilot, and then back up.

"When everything was ready, I reversed the engine, while the fireman and the baggageman clung to Jack's arms and shoulders. The boots came off quick enough, but Dugan's legs came so near going with them that there was no fun in it. Jack is swearing yet." Whitney.

TO CHARITABLE PEOPLE.

Request That Old Clothing Be Sent to Mrs. W. B. Duggan.

All persons having old clothes which they may desire to give away are earnestly requested to send the same to the office of Mrs. W. B. Duggan, agent of the Associated Charities, in the municipal building.

Mrs. Duggan had no less than twenty-seven applicants for old clothing yesterday, but had none to give away. Many of those who called were in dire distress, but these had to be turned away with the others. Mrs. Duggan says that many persons who are not worthy are begging clothing in all parts of the city, and states that many of these exchange it for whiskey as soon as it is obtained. By sending their old clothing to her, charitable people can be assured that it will find its way only into the hands of meritorious persons.

A meeting of the Associated Charities was to have been held last night, but no quorum was present. Mrs. Duggan's report for the month ending yesterday was as follows: Applications, 119; found worthy and aided, 47; sent to Home for the Friendless, 3; to St. Joseph's Foundling Home, 3; to House of Good Shepherd, 2; to St. Patrick's Orphan asylum, 1; to Hahnemann hospital, 2; to Hillside Home, 3; Thanksgiving dinners furnished, 3; marriages secured, 3.

WERE EASY FOR PERRY.

Wrestler Gained Two Victories Last Night—He Is to Meet Prof. M. J. Dwyer on Dec. 28.

Gideon Perry, the wrestler, who has been taken up by the Scranton Bicycle club, made his first public appearance last night in the club house before a large gathering of club members and their friends and defeated with great ease the two men who went up before him, despite the fact that he is afflicted with a large boil on his side, which gives him continual pain.

When Perry made his apeparance on the mat and threw off the bath robe in which he was enveloped, a murmur of appreciation went round the room, as his splendidly developed form came into view. "Andy" Williams, of Newark, N. J., faced him.

The latter is short and is burdened with an over-supply of flesh, which hung in loose folds over his belt. Everybody who knew anything at all about wrestling saw immediately that the best he could hope to do would be to hold Perry off for a while. He didn't even succeed in doing this, and Perry, without apparently half trying, put him down twice in succession in four minutes eight seconds, and three minutes nine seconds, respectively.

The next to try conclusions with Perry was "Abe" Crocker, the wiry little wrestler from North Scranton, who, though he was entirely out of Perry's class, volunteered to go on for the amusement of the crowd. He seemed like a plaything in the big man's hands, but he squirmed and wriggled so much that it was three minutes and thirty-three seconds before Perry got him on his back, and when he did so, the crowd loudly cheered the plucky little chap.

President Barney P. Connolly announced at this stage that he had just received a letter from Prof. M. J. Dwyer, challenging Perry, Schumacher or Harvey Parker, for any part of $250, catch-as-catch-can, two our of three, strangle lock barred and pin falls only. He enclosed a check for $25 to bind a match with Perry for $100 a side, should the latter care to take him up.

Perry announced that he would meet Dwyer on Saturday night, Dec. 28, at 10 o'clock, and offered to post a forfeit of $25 at once. Both forfeits were placed in the hands of the Tribune representative and the match was declared made by President Connolly. Dwyer is at present in Waterbury, Conn., and defeated Harvey Parker in that city only a week ago for $500 a side, in the presence of $3,000 people. Parker has always been recognized as one of the best men in his class in the country.

Hugh Keenan officiated last night as referee and Dr. G. E. Hill acted as timekeeper.

Prior to the wrestling, the members enjoyed a smoker on the upper floor, where excellent vocal music was furnished by a colored quartette and instrumental music by a clever party of foreign musicians. The committee having charge of the affair consisted of E. C. Pryor, W. J. Reynolds, P. Silas Walter and Jack Connolly.

A Trip to California or Florida.

Those contemplating such a trip need but to call on the local ticket agent of the Lackawanna railroad and he will arrange every detail, including transportation, berths, reservations and checking of baggage through to destination; also will furnish rates, folders, descriptive literature and any other information desired on the subject. Through sleepers and day coaches to Chicago. Only one change of cars to California. **

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On the Jewelry WE Sell.
BERNARD, The Jeweler,
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SOME FOOLISH PEOPLE

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c. and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

REGULAR TRAFFIC RESUMED.

Trains Are Now Running Close on Schedule Time.

Regular order in the running of trains was fairly well restored on all the local roads yesterday. The Lackawanna is now clear, excepting at Vestal, but the washout there is causing no delay, as a detour is mode by way of the Erie tracks between Binghamton and Owego.

The "Bloom" division was opened up yesterday afternoon, the water covering the tracks at Avondale having subsided far below the level of the roadbed before noon time.

First-class trains were being run close on schedule time and freight was being moved as rapidly as could be done without interfering with the passenger service.

The Central Railroad of New Jersey tracks have been sufficiently repaired at Penn Haven, White Haven and Mauch Chunk to permit of the running of trains through on the main line from Scranton. Traffic will accordingly be resumed again today.

THE CABINET MEETING.

Final Action on Estimates Has not Yet Been Taken.

Recorder Connell's cabinet spent about an hour yesterday morning in going over the estimates for a second time, but the final touches will not be put upon them until Friday, when a third meeting is to be held.

The exact amount of revenue which can be raised by the imposition of a tax similar to that of this year is not to be ascertained, because of the assessors' inability to arrive at an exact idea of the assessed valuation before the end of the week.

M'AULIFFE STILL ALIVE.

He Clings to Life with a Desperate Tenacity.

Daniel McAuliffe, who was shot in the Luzerne street riot on Monday, December 9, was reported to be still hovering between life and death at the Moses Taylor hospital late last night.

Anthony Mullen, who fell off the Mifflin street retaining wall and fractured his skull, was conscious but in a dangerous condition.

DUNMORE.

At a regular meeting of the local Retail Clerks' International Protective association, No. 111, the following resolutions were adopted, to go into effect on January 1, 1902, and presented to all merchants for their signatures: That your place of business shall not be open before 7 a. m.; that you shall allow your employes one hour for each meal; that you shall pay your employes at least once each week; that your place of business shall close promptly at 6 o'clock every evening except Saturday evenings and the evening previous to holidays; that all employes cease work at 6 p. m. except on Saturdays and the evening previous to holidays; that your store close on Labor day and all the other holidays that are generally observed in this state; that you employ only union help; that you inquire whether your present employes are members of union No. 111, and if they are in good standing in the same. M. D. Manley, president; P. J. Corry, financial secretary; H. A. Smith, secretary.

The announcement in yesterday's Tribune of the coming of the much-wanted free mail delivery was the signal for much rejoicing in this widely scattered town. Many words of praise were heard on all hands for Congressman Connell and Postmaster Bishop for their earnest efforts and success in obtaining this great boon to our citizens.

Colonial council, Daughters of America, No. 127, will hold an entertainment and dance in Odd Fellows' hall tomorrow night, December 19.

The Firemen's Relief association will hold an important meeting in the borough building tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Miss L. H. Keller, of East Orange, N. J., is the guest of her brother, Thomas Keller, of Webster avenue.

Edward B. Hawker has opened a quick lunch parlor in the Frost building, adjoining the Dunmore hotel, on Drinker street.

The many friends of Miss Jessie Wagner and Taylor H. Swartz were much surprised Monday to hear that on Saturday they had been married by Dr. G. Parsons Nichols of Binghamton. Miss Wagner is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wagner and one of the town's most popular young ladies. Mr. Swartz is engaged in the job printing business on Drinker street and is one of the borough's most respected young men. For the present they will reside with Mrs. Swartz's parents on Blakely street.

Monday afternoon a stone thrown at a Dunmore Suburban car broke two windows in the car and the front windows in Stein's quick lunch rooms. There were several people within a few feet of where it struck but fortunately no one was injured and the miscreant was not discovered.

Dunmore council, Daughters of America, No. 127, will hold an entertainment and dance in Odd Fellows' hall on Thursday evening, December 19. Tickets, 25c.

Dr. George C. Brown returned last night from a professional visit to Rowlands, Pike county.

A. E. Eldred has been appointed storekeeper for the Wyoming division of the Erie railroad.

Station Agent George Turgeon and wife have returned from a week's stay in New York city.

Engineer Richard Winterstein is confined to his home as the result of a fall from his engine at Susquehanna on Saturday. In stepping from his engine he in some manner lost his balance and fell, badly spraining his arm.

TAYLOR.

Acacia lodge, No. 579, Free and Accepted Masons, held its annual banquet on Monday evening at Weber's rink. A large delegation of members and their wives assembled. The banquet was purely an informal one, good fellowship and fraternity being kept in view. The above event marked the installation of officers. The ceremonies were performed by Deputy Grand Master T. F. Wells and staff, of Scranton. The officers installed were: Worshipful master, John F. Tubbs; senior warden, William Stevenson; junior warden, J. M. Harris; secretary, Dr. J. S. Porteus; treasurer, William M. Davenport; trustees, Dr. H. H. Harris, Alfred Rundle and James T. Brown. After the installation the members, their wives and visitors sat down to an excellently prepared supper.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Lewis occurred from the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Perry, of Union street, yesterday afternoon, and was quite largely attended. Services were held at the house, Rev. J. J. Jenkins, pastor of the Neko Congregational church, officiating. Interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Arrangements are being made by the various churches of town for the celebration of Christmas eve. Excellent programmes are being arranged, Christmas trees will be erected and everything will be made in readiness for the receiving of Santa Claus.

A rifle shooting match will be held at Henry Nagel's hotel, on Main street, on New Year's day. Shooting will commence at 9 a. m.

Taylor lodge, No. 402, Knights of Pythias, and Minnehaha tribe, No. 247, Improved Order of Red Men, will meet in their respective halls this evening.

Casper Leuthold, of Main street, who has been spending the last few months at Toledo, O., has returned home.

THE ORINOCO.

One of the Great but Little Known Rivers of the World.

From the Caracas Herald.

One of the greatest rivers of the world, the Orinoco, is also one of the least known to Europeans. Its sister, the Amazon, has often been described, by Wallace and Bates, among others, but Humboldt remains practically the only writer of standing upon the great stream, which, rising on the frontiers of Brazil, runs for 2,000 miles through Venezuela, receiving in its course such immense tributaries as the Mela and Apure, and discharging itself by a hundred mouths into the South Atlantic opposite the British island of Trinidad.

The principal entrance, and the only one available for sailing vessels, is the Boca Grande, to the south, into which flow, among other tributaries, the Aratura and the Amacura, the latter almost coinciding in its course with the Schomburg boundary line between British Guiana and Venezuela. But most of the traffic of the Orinoco passes through Trinidad, where passengers and goods are transferred to steamers almost flat bottomed, and reach the Orinoco by the mouth known as Macarao, the open sea being avoided. It was by that route that the writer started in the Apure, chartered for the occasion, on a trip of 500 miles up the great river, forming probably the first, and certainly the largest, party of tourists which had ever ascended it.

Six hours after leaving Port-of-Spain the entrance of the Macarao was reached, and for fourteen hours we navigated a deep channel, perhaps half a mile wide, whose attractions surprised those who had read of the delta of the Orinoco as a dismal swamp, thousands of square miles in extent, tenanted only by a few wild Indians, who built their houses in among the trees, by wild beasts and by birds. The description is true, though the impression left is not quite correct. Well-nigh impenetrable forest and undergrowth hide ground which is for the most part ooze, covered for half the year by water. The Guaraon Indians, many of whom paddled out to meet the steamer and beg, in canoes roughly hollowed from the trunk of a tree, and who dispute supremacy of these wilds with jaguars and alligators, are extremely low specimens of humanity, though attachment to their dogs, large rough-haired and excellent hunters, should be mentioned to their credit.

But the passerby sees none of the horrors of this great swamp. They are concealed by magnificent trees growing to the water's edge, whose branches may sometimes be touched from the steamer, when she is steered close to the shore in order to avoid the current. Sometimes that splendid parasite, the matapalo, has wrapped in its deadly folds several adjacent trees, and, these perishing, it stands alone, showing walls of green, and resembling a large ivy-mantled tower. Upon this and upon the tops of the tallest trees other parasites fling masses of blossom. A flock of flamingoes makes a brilliant scarlet patch here and there; the sun flashes from parrots of many sizes and various hues; snow white cranes gaze stolidly from the banks; macaws, green and yellow, or deep crimson on head and breast, fly heavily past; and smaller birds, of every color in the rainbow scream or chatter or sing among the trees.

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Manufacturer's Sample line of Silk Handkerchiefs and Mufflers at half price. Some of them worth up to $5.00, and every one different design. See these before you make your Xmas gifts.

Bargain No. 3

One hundred dozen Ladies', Men's and Boys' Sweaters and Jackets, all marked to sell and not keep one of them after Christmas. We expect to show you and surely please you on this line.

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All our Ladies', Men's and Children's Underwear for the next ten days, at prices to make them move to a new home.

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Ladies' Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 15c and 25c each.

Men's Silkonett Handkerchiefs, 20c each.

Ladies' Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c, 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c up to 40c each, with one-eighth, one-quarter and one-half inch hems.

Men's Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, all width hems. Price, each 12 1-2c, 15c, 20c, 25c up to 50c.

Children's Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 in box for 25c.

Childrens' and Ladies' Cotton Initial Handkerchiefs, each 5c.

Men's Pure Linen initial Handkerchiefs, 15c and 25c each.

Men's Japonette initial Handkerchiefs, 15c each.

Ladies' Silk initial Handkerchiefs 25c, each.

Men's China Silk initial Handkerchiefs, 25c and 50c each.

Ladies' Embroidered Hemstitched and fancy Lace trimmed Handkerchiefs, 5c, 8c, 10c, 19c, 25c, and up to $3.00 each.

Photo Frames.

Come in oval, round and square, small and large, French Gold Plate. Prices are 25c, 29c, 49c up to $1.25.

College Photo Frames. Come in square, round and oval shapes, representing different colleges painted on face of frame. At 19c, 29c, 50c.

A New Game—Combinola.

One of the best games invented. 25 games on one board. A gift for the whole family. $2.00 up.

Men's Furnishings.

Today we will sell 3 50c Ties for $1.00.

This is a special lot of very pretty Ties made to sell for 50c each. They are latest wears in silk, styles are imperials, tecks and 4-in-hand. For a special offering Wednesday all day we will sell 3 for $1.00.

Don't miss this opportunity. It will just fill the wanted thing in your Christmas list for presents.

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In making your Christmas Presents choose something for use as well as beauty, for comfort as well as pleasure. Something that will be in remembrance of Christmas 1901 a long time after the Holiday scenes have passed away.

Couches and adjustable head Divans upholstered in leather and verona recours, steel constructed spring-work and high class upholstery from $12.75 to $32.50.

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Library Cases in Oak or Mahogany, sliding and swing doors or curtain attachment. An exclusive selection of a variety of patterns, from $1.90 to $32.50.

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