

None of the military prophets saw the present plight of the British unless it was Oom Paul. He promised to "stagger humanity" and has kept his word.

New York exporters say the Transvaal laid on twice as much flour as usual last year and enormous stores of jerked beef, cereals and canned meats. The world is ready to believe that Boer preparation was thorough in all respects.

Japan not only favors the open door, but has decided to exempt Christian churches from taxation. The people of that country have been apt pupils during the comparatively few years that have passed since they were a hermit nation.

The fifth annual Convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of School Directors will be held in the hall of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, Feb. 14th and 15th, 1900. Addresses will be delivered by Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Dr. Henry Houck, Gov. Wm. A. Stone and many directors and superintendents from all parts of the State.

The steamer Lucania, which sailed from New York on the 16th of Dec. carried the heaviest list of postal money orders payable in foreign countries ever sent out of the United States. They aggregated about \$2,500,000, and represent only one week's orders, but that week the heaviest of the year. The money was practically all from the servant and laboring class of foreign birth who were sending Christmas gifts to their families and relatives at home.

There is every indication that the Republicans of the Venango-Warren-Mecklenburg district will nominate Congressman Sibley as their candidate this year, a largely signed call from Irwin township, Venango county, having brought from Mr. Sibley a letter of willingness to be their candidate. Mr. Sibley has strongly supported the administration during his brief stay in Congress, and believes it to be the duty of every voter, who prefers the welfare of all classes of citizenship to mere partisan success, to do likewise. In other words Mr. Sibley has returned to his first love, where he must surely feel greater comfort.

LEWIS, the Transvaal's representative in Europe, is undoubtedly correct in his assertion that neither England nor his own country is yet ready to ask for mediation. The war will continue until one or the other of the combatants is beaten much worse than England has been thus far. It is unfortunate for the world that this conflict cannot be stopped now. It was unfortunate that the war ever began. Mediation, however, with the belligerents in their present mood, would be an impotence. From the present indications the struggle is still far from being near its end. The United States regrets the fact, but can do nothing to change it.

The death of Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, at her home, Sanatoga, Pa., on the 2d inst., comes as a shock to a very large circle of admirers not only in Pennsylvania, but in almost every portion of the Union. Few women were better known in philanthropic circles than Mrs. Wittenmeyer, almost her whole life being spent in that line. She entered the hospital service of the Union army in April, 1861, and served until November, 25, 1865, ministering to the dying and wounded on many battlefields. It was she who inaugurated the movement for the soldiers' home at Davenport, Ia., and she was prominent in establishing the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Memorial home, of the board of management of which she was many years president. She served as national president of the Woman's Relief Corps of Ohio the Woman's Relief Corps of the Grand Army of the Republic and chiefly through her efforts the national home founded by this organization was secured. For five years she was president of the National W. C. T. U. and was one of the most active members of that body. Mrs. Wittenmeyer was well known to the ladies of Tionesta where she has addressed meetings in the cause of temperance.

Aunt Dr. Hills on the Boer-British War.

The Rev. Newell Dwight Hills, D. D., pastor of Plymouth Church (Beecher's) is an ardent British sympathizer in the present conflict, and this is his line of argument by which he reaches this position:

"In order to determine where the sympathy of enlightened Christian men should go Dr. Hills finds himself asking questions like these: Which side would most for the home and domestic institutions? Which nation cares most for the schoolhouse and the college? Which would do most to strengthen the newspaper, the magazine and the book? Which cares most to lighten the burdens of the common people, has the highest ideal for labor and will do most to advance civilization?"

Dr. Hills has evidently forgotten there is such a thing as justice and individual rights in human society, and argues along the line of the infamous doctrine that "the end justifies the means."

I have several neighbors. One of them has heaps of money but he keeps it stored away. He will not use it for his own comfort nor allow it to enter the channel of legitimate circulation. He is a miser. But this gold belongs to the world and the world has a right to it. What is to be done? Dr. Hills, myself, and a few other like broad-minded, philanthropic men, sweep down upon him, take it away and give it to the world (after it has first passed through our pockets). This is commercial enterprise and progress.

I have another neighbor who owns a farm on which is a large coal vein which he refuses to open. This must not be. He says he owns it, has paid for it, and there are plenty more to be had all around. But the "burdens of the common people must be lightened." So we take up our Krags-Gorgonzolas and march to his place and put him out of the way. Of course his wife and children and friends may object to this but they will have to suffer a similar fate. Such a little thing as that dare not stand in the way of the advance of civilization.

which he keeps up for the sake of the "dear people," where they may have a safe place to deposit their surplus cash. He also loans money, but charges six, seven, or eight percent, on short loans. Now Dr. Hills and I think money is not worth over five and one-half percent. In order that the burdens of the oppressed people may be lightened we drive my neighbor out of the business, confiscate his property, and hire him as book-keeper or janitor.

My fourth neighbor is a rather shiftless sort of fellow who does not run his farm according to the latest improved granger patent methods, as adopted by the Forest County Farmers' Institute. The needs of the world demand a stricter economy in his work. Dr. Hills and I, being self-appointed judges of all things, very kindly offer our assistance as chief directors of the farm, emphasizing our offer with the gleam of bayonets and the rattle of a few dum-dum bullets.

We are in favor of the school, the college, the county paper, and any old magazine that comes along. We're it.

The Shooting of Goebel.

Assassination is murder. It is to be hoped that the criminal who made Goebel his target in Frankfort will be fully identified and suffer the penalty prescribed by law. It has been evident for some time to friends of order throughout this country that an extremely dangerous situation exists in Kentucky. In every county men are heavily armed, and under such circumstances trouble may occur at any moment. A few days ago there was a desperate shooting affair in Frankfort, in which bystanders not concerned in the quarrel were the heaviest sufferers. The cause of the increasing excitement in Kentucky is apparent to all. An impression widely prevails in the state and outside of it, that an attempt is on foot to deprive its citizens of fair elections, to take away the right to choose their true representatives at the ballot box. Goebel has headed this movement and has been pressing it steadily to a consummation through the Legislature. He was the recognized leader in this plan through all successive stages, from the convention that divided his own party to the proceedings of the present boards of contest, and the recent daily transfer of legislative credentials from the opposite party to his own.

That bloodshed should result in a state like Kentucky, where the carrying of arms is general and the crisis one of the gravest the state has ever known, is not surprising. That it should take the form of attempted assassination is especially deplorable. All violence due to superheated political feeling is deplorable. Something must be more than ordinarily wrong in Kentucky when such deeds are committed. Is it not time for the sober-minded, prudent and honorable elements of the state to take suitable action to prevent matters from being even worse than they are? Undoubtedly, a majority of Kentuckians believe in and support the sovereignty of the ballot. Such a question can never be essentially partisan. An honest verdict by the voters is at the basis of all parties, and the ballot box can never be struck down except by conspirators. The solid people of the state, regardless of party, ought to exert themselves to quiet the prevailing excitement, and the way is to convince citizens that no invasion of their rights as voters is proposed. That will instantly dispel the signs of storm.

The crime by which Goebel was struck down is symptomatic of conditions that have been growing worse for months. A few days ago a body of armed men arrived in Frankfort to present a protest. They came at their own instance and were eventually persuaded to return home. In the petition they framed and handed in they said to the Legislature: "We implore them that they do not, on slight or technical pretexts nor for flimsy or trivial causes, permit the subversion of that supreme law of the land, the will of the people." Every Kentuckian who believes that subversion of this nature is intended should strive to the utmost to persuade his representatives to go no further in a course of revolution that is simply startling. The wonder is that such a petition should have been written as the last resort for justice. There are courts in Kentucky, there is a state government inaugurated after the most searching tests of the popular vote had been made by boards of the opposite party. Surely, Kentuckians should find some peaceful, upright way to calm the agitation that prevails, to reassure the people who think their liberties are threatened and to prevent the spilling of another drop of blood in this strange and tragic form of politics.

The Farmers' Institute.

The farmers' institute held in the court house last Friday and Saturday proved to be a very successful and beneficial gathering of the tillers of the soil of this section. The meeting was called to order by Hon. C. A. Randall, who presided throughout the two days' session. Prayer was offered by Rev. N. B. Critchfield, who also responded to the address of welcome that was so ably delivered by R. C. Heath of Starr, and who was generously complimented on his effort.

Hon. J. B. Phelps was the first to address the institute on the question of "increasing and maintaining fertility," and while his talk was short it was certainly to the point. The subject of Lime was discussed by Dr. Wm. Frear, who was at home on this as well as all subjects on which he spoke. Mr. Critchfield talked intelligently on Cultivated Crops, and the afternoon meeting adjourned.

At 7:30 the Institute was again called to order and a song rendered, Onward Marching. The question box was opened and a number of interesting topics were discussed. Mr. T. F. Ritchey gave a very instructive talk on the importance of sanitary regulations in public schools. Mrs. Palmer very pleasantly rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march on the violin, accompanied by Miss Lizzie Randall on the organ. The "ideal education of farmers' sons and daughters" was entertainingly discussed by Rev. C. A. Rhile. The "farmers' home" by Mr. Critchfield was ably handled, and after some more pleasing instrumental selections by Mrs. Palmer and Miss Randall, Dr. Frear gave a talk on "nature studies in public schools." He used a chart and showed the work of the busy bee as an illustration.

Saturday morning session opened with the question box and a good talk by Mr.

Mr. Phelps' talk on the management of the corn crop was very instructive, and he very satisfactorily answered many questions relating to the subject. Mr. Critchfield gave a good lecture on "plowing of the wicked, or wicked plowing," and then bid good-bye to friends, his presence being needed elsewhere in institute work. The question box was again brought into requisition, and S. D. Irwin, Esq., took a prominent part in the discussion.

At the Saturday afternoon session many questions were asked, among others—how to prevent cutworm in cabbage? Dr. Frear's idea was to disinfect, or change of ground. Is Kemp's manure spreader any good? Yes. How can good, solid roads be made in sandy bottom? By putting in stone, or hauling some substance on top and packing down by the use of wide tires on your wagons. The matter of Forestry was ably discussed by Mr. Irwin, who gave very many hints as to how forests might be reclaimed, and urged farmers to give more attention to planting trees for ornament as well as usefulness. On the same line Mr. T. D. Collins talked entertainingly on the great benefits to public roads by having them properly shaded. Dr. Frear gave a good talk on the economy of cattle food, showing how, by understanding one's business, the greatest good could come from the least expenditure of money and vexation.

The evening session began by a nice song, and the question box revealed the fact that many important questions of use to farmers were revolving in the minds of those present. A large number was ably answered by Dr. Frear and Rev. J. T. Neil. The regular program was taken up, and a number of most excellent essays were read, which were attentively received and generously applauded. The first was one by Miss Lizzie Harken, an old subject—Reform in the Home. Home Life on the Farm by Miss Ida Ledebur. The inconvenience of Woman in General, by Mrs. R. Z. Gillespie. The Primary Education; Its Importance to the Child's Future Life, by Miss Flo A. Morrison. The program was interspersed with instrumental music by Mrs. Palmer and Miss Randall, who were frequently encored. Dr. Frear brought the fifth annual institute to a close with a few well chosen remarks, encouraging the farmers and others to go on with the work so well begun in their institutes, and make each succeeding one an improvement on the last. Mr. George Zuendel very satisfactorily acted as Secretary of the meeting.

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PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Hon. W. M. Lindsey, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions, in and for the county of Forest, has issued his precept for holding a Court of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court, Over and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, at Tionesta, for the County of Forest, to commence on the Fourth Monday of February, being the 28th day of February 1900. Notice is therefore given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables of said county, that they be then and there in their proper persons at ten o'clock A. M., of said day with their records, inquisitions, examination, and other remembrances, to do those things which to their office appertain to be done, and to those who are bound in recognizance to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Forest County, that they may be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just. Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of January, A. D. 1900. J. W. JAMIESON, [L.S.] Sheriff.

TRIAL LIST.

List of causes set down for trial in the Court of Common Pleas of Forest County, Pennsylvania, commencing on the Fourth Monday of February, 1900: No. 1. W. J. Bloomfield, E. Pequinot, A. J. and M. S. Carnahan, vs. P. Mansfield, Robert Thomas, Charles K. Bock. No. 19, Sept. Term, 1900. Summons in Ejectment. No. 2. Sarah J. Dunlap vs. J. M. Church, Priscilla Church. No. 24, May Term, 1899. Summons in Ejectment. No. 3. B. N. McCoy Glass Co. vs. T. D. Collins, George F. Watson, as Collins & Watson. No. 25, May Term, 1898. Appeal by bill from J. P. Attest, JOHN H. ROBERTSON, Prothonotary. Tionesta, Pa., January 30, 1900.

Confirmation Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the following account has been filed in my office and will be presented at the next term of court for confirmation. First and partial account of M. E. Graybill, Guardian of Bertha M. and Wayne O. Graybill, minor heirs of D. C. Graybill, deceased, late of Jenks township, Forest County, Pa. J. H. ROBERTSON, Clerk Orphans' Court. Tionesta, Pa., Jan. 29, 1900.

Notice of Application for Charter.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of Forest county, State of Pennsylvania, on the 20th day of February, 1900, at 2:00 o'clock, P. M., under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and re-organization of certain corporations," approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the Charter of an intended corporation to be called "Watson Farm Methodist Episcopal Church," the character and object whereof is for the purpose of the support of public worship, according to the faith, doctrine, discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for this purpose to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits, and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements. The proposed Charter is now on file in the Prothonotary's office. T. F. RITCHIEY, Solicitor.

Charter Notice.

In the Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Forest. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the said Court on Feb. 28, 1900, at 2 p. m., under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Certain Corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the Charter of an intended Corporation to be called "The Zion Church of the Evangelical Association of North America in Forest County, State of Pennsylvania," the character and object whereof is the support of the public worship of Almighty God and the spread of spiritual holiness through the world, according to the faith, doctrine, discipline and usages of the Evangelical Association of North America, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements. The proposed charter is now on file in the Prothonotary's office. PARMLEE & LINDSEY, Solicitors.

Executrix Notice.

Estate of Eli S. Holeman, late of Tionesta Borough, Forest county, Pa., deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons owing said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them without delay for settlement to JULIA L. HOLKMAN, Tionesta, Pa., Jan. 30, 1900. Executrix.

Administrator's Notice.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of S. C. Smith, late of Harmony Township, Forest County, deceased, all persons owing said estate are notified to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them, duly authenticated, for settlement. Persons owing the decedent on tax duplicate for 1899, are also notified that immediate settlement will be required. GEO. L. KING, Administrator. West Hickory, Pa., Jan. 15, 1900.

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