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schools in the United States, established by Danish immigrants. While grave difficulties have been experienced by these schools, Mr. Foght is of the opinion that they are due to certain special causes that could easily be overcome in a real attempt to adapt the folk high school to American life, especially in the mountain regions.
The folk high school spirit has emancipated the agricultural population of Denmark. It has at least made country people the peers of their city brethren in education. They have become leaders in affairs, in production, in distribution, in politics, chiefly because they have learned to think for themselves and to act independently of the industrial classes.
In the United States, Mr. Foght believes, there is great danger of going to the extreme in the immediate practical and technical. The work of special schools is in danger of focusing too much on making two blades of grass grow where one grew before, on teaching girls to cook and keep houses according to sanitary regulations, and the like.
These things are all necessary and must be taught in the schools, but they are utterly insufficient to make us a really great agricultural nation. It was not the local agricultural schools and household economics schools that primarily made Denmark a great scientific agricultural nation, but the folk high schools.
It is true, as Mr. Foght says, that we need such schools in the United States; schools that would teach a greater love for the soil; that would help us to measure the good in life by spiritual standards and not by man-made rules; schools that would help us to rise above the limitations of locality and State, and teach an understanding of the national and even universal in the United States.

EVERING CHAT
Among the Harrisburgers who recall scenes during the War of the Rebellion, just about fifty years ago, referred to daily in the Harrisburg Telegraph, is Alex. W. Bergstresser, 432 Market street. Mr. Bergstresser read in Monday's Telegraph of Sherman being near the city of Savannah. Mr. Bergstresser consulted his diary and found the statement correct. "I remember December 14. The day was fine. Our camp was located in a lovely wood of tall pines and great oaks. It was on level ground, carpeted by soft pine needles. There was no underbrush and we were comfortably fixed. We learned later that the rebel army was rather close to us. Around the city of Savannah were many cannon, in charge of the enemy. They objected to our presence. We did not know how near our wall tents were until a shot struck a tree near the carpenter's headquarters. The carpenter, Henry Dostman, was sitting astride his tool chest. The cannon ball hit a tree nearby, glanced off, and struck the tool chest. Four of us were sitting around and Dostman was sitting on the chest. None of us were harmed. We lost little time in moving the headquarters of the Third Brigade, First Division, Fourteenth Army Corps, to a place of safety."
Local newspapermen, as well as older residents of Harrisburg, will remember ex-Representative John E. Barrett, of Scranton, now postmaster of that city, who was a member of the House in the eighties, and represented the Scranton Republican and Philadelphia Press during the sessions. His literary talent is generally recognized, and his poems possess much merit; one of his best, "Life's Journey," written especially for the Elks' memorial service, was recited by Fred C. Hand, past district deputy, at the memorial service of Harrisburg Lodge recently. This poem, which is in great demand among Harrisburg Elks, received much favorable comment. The last verse of "Life's Journey" follows:
"The absent friends we mourn, and vainly look through our tears, Are bound to us by sacred ties through all the passing years; We may not see their faces, but their memory cannot fade. Till life and love and friendship in a common grave are laid, And the pulsings and the strivings of mankind are at an end, And the present with the future in one sympathy shall blend, And the choirs of heaven proclaim, in anthems most sublime, Eternity's good-morning and the last good-night of time!"

GOVERNOR-ELECT HAS CAPITOL GUESSING
Not in Years Has Any Executive Been Able to Keep His Plans From Becoming Known
EVERYBODY IN THE DARK
Appointments He Will Make Under Discussion, but Nobody Can Pick the Winners
Governor-elect Martin G. Brumbaugh has the Capitol guessing. Not in years has any incoming governor managed to keep his counsel so well about all of his appointments and not only the folks who have offices on Capitol Hill, but the legislators-elect, the many people who came here to attend hearings by the Public Service Commission, the Board of Pardons, the State Industrial Board and to attend to State tax matters and other things are all asking what he is going to do.
The new governor will take office in a month and not one single appointment has been foreshadowed. The political guessers are all at sea and the new governor smilingly passes off inquiries. He is getting letters by the hundred and his mail has reached large proportions, but he is not saying anything. It is a rather unusual situation and somewhat embarrassing for some of the people at the Capitol who have always prided themselves on being able to pick the winners. Even the guessing is no good now.
In spite of the fact that the new Governor will not take up his residence here for some time mail addressed to him is already coming to the city.
—Richard J. Baldwin, the Delaware county man who is leading in the fight for now, weaker than he was last night to obtain some data from the State Insurance Department for the report of the insurance brokers of which he is chairman. "I am very well satisfied with the way things are going," said he. "I have received many pledges of support and members all over the State have written to me telling me they will vote for me in caucus. I expect to open headquarters here soon."
—Governor Tener, Senator Penrose and other prominent men gathered last night at Lancaster to do honor to Frank B. McClain, lieutenant-governor-elect. The dinner took place in the Hamilton Club.
—Republican leaders will get together on the speakership in the end of the week and it is expected that all of the cards will then be put on the table.
—Democratic legislators-elect are commencing to come here to look things over. They will have a caucus the night before the session begins.
—The Altoona Tribune prints the following: "George F. Hutchinson, of Warriorsburg, Pa., is an aspirant for the position of State Secretary of Agriculture, to succeed N. R. Critchfield, the present incumbent. For twenty years Hutchinson has faithfully served as a member of the State board of agriculture, having had charge of the standardization of feeds and the elimination of adulterated feeds. He is also a prominent farmer and is highly respected in his own community as well as throughout the State. He is a staunch Republican and has been an ardent worker in the Democratic party. Mr. Hutchinson is well qualified for the position and his numerous friends in this vicinity hope that he will be rewarded with the appointment."

25 to 50% Reduction On All FURS
WE have decided to make our reductions on Furs and Fur Coats now instead of waiting until after the 1st of the year. A big stock of all the different furs for Ladies, Misses and Children will be put on sale tomorrow at the lowest prices ever realized in the City of Harrisburg.
If you ever thought of buying Furs or Fur Coats, now is your opportunity. Every Fur guaranteed to be as represented.

IN TUNE FOR CHRISTMAS
MELANCHOLY disposition is a nuisance at any time of year. The grouchy man is merely endured and the sorrowful man is only pitied, while the morose man is detested.
The worst nuisance in the world to himself and others is the man who is constantly complaining and nursing his woes. His woes may be mostly imaginary at first, but they become real in time from the mind's dwelling upon them.
Some foolish women seem to think a sort of semi-invaldism is genteel. They keep on hand a supply of little ailments that they put on or off as occasion suggests. These are the chief topics of their conversation, and the moral malaria exhales poisonous vapors that chill and depress all who come within the atmosphere.
The readiest cure for such invalids lies in laughing. If they can find nothing else to laugh at, let them laugh at themselves. Let them get out of the miasmic shadows into the sunshine of content.
Most of us take ourselves too seriously. Our very solemnity over trivial troubles is very funny if we only look at it right.
Who can recall the little vexations and petty woes of yesterday, and remember the worry that was wasted over them, without laughing? The petty woes of to-day will to-morrow appear as trivial as those of yesterday do to-day.
The time to laugh over them is now. Laugh, and they will flee at once.
We can't laugh always, but we can laugh a good deal if we try. We can train ourselves to look on the bright side of things.
The physiological benefits of cheerfulness are too apparent to be doubted. The mental, moral and spiritual benefits, though not so clearly seen, are just as great.
The hearty laugh that comes of wholesome merriment is the sunshine of life that drives the creeping gloom shadows from the face and routs skulking cares from the heart.
Nothing costs so little and at the same time counts so much for happiness and health as habitual cheerfulness. It is the best medicine, the best tonic, the best stimulant in the world. This is a good time to try it out.

ONE MORE WEEK
Cross Christmas seal campaign for 1914 will be concluded, whereupon the accounts will be balanced and another page in the city's book of good deeds will done will be closed for the year. How large the investment will be the sales reports will show; how wise the expenditure only the years to come will tell.
For the measure of good that has been and will be accomplished by the purchase of the tiny Yuletide stamps may be gauged by the words of the nursery rhyme which tells us that the mighty ocean and the boundless land are, after all, just so many drops of water, so many grains of sand.
Truly, every little Christmas seal that is bought and pasted upon the Christmas package is the grain of sand, the drop of water. One stamp in itself doesn't amount to much, seemingly; its one cent cost will rarely be missed. But there are five or six Christmas packages at least to be exchanged in every family; there are thousands of families in the city and the nearby towns.
That the response to the Red Cross Christmas seal campaign appeal will be generous and whole-hearted this year goes without saying; the reports to date of the sales in school and church, fraternal society, benefit entertainment, booth and store and bank and office all indicate this.
For while Christmas-loving people are substantially remembering the homeless and the hungry of the weeping countries that are choking in the maled fist of War, they have not forgotten the empty hearth, the broken life and the shattered hope of the victims of that dreadful plague of the ages here at home, and from day to day they are adding the drop of water, the grain of sand, that will bring the Red Cross seal fund to the vast proportions that have made it an instrument for untold good in other years in the great fight that is being made against tuberculosis.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE
—Dr. Samuel G. Dixon has been elected president of the Academy of Natural Sciences at Philadelphia, for the nineteenth time.
—Director George W. Porter has ordered a test of every piece of fire apparatus in Philadelphia.
—John W. Daugherty, formerly of Steelton, is president of the Midland Savings and Loan Company at Midland, just opened.
—F. C. Kloss, of Tyrone, is secretary of the State Bankers again.
—S. J. Marshall, head of public safety in Pittsburgh, will have police censor some dancing.
—Charles F. Weible is the new assistant controller of Pittsburgh.
—Paintings by Mrs. J. W. Hallman, of Pittsburgh, are to form part of the Panama Pacific art exhibit.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR
Sherman Takes Savannah
Baltimore, Dec. 16.—The "Baltimore American" has received a report that Sherman has captured Savannah after eight hours' fighting, capturing 11,000 men.
Report Confirmed
Annapolis, Dec. 16.—The report to Baltimore about Sherman's capture of Savannah was confirmed here.
Hood Cut Off
Washington, Dec. 16.—Gen. Hood's communication with Mobile was cut today by Gen. Canby. The people of that city are in a panic.
RED CROSS SEALS DECREASE THE TUBERCULOSIS RATE
"Would to God your work had started fifty years ago" was the comment of an Arizona consumptive, in writing the other day to Dr. Hort E. Dearholt, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Anti-tuberculosis Association. Part of the letter follows: "Fine work, old chap! That decrease in the death rate seems a remarkable gain to me. I had not expected results as soon as that. I have always laughed at the authorities who claimed that in ten years a case of tuberculosis would be as rare as one of smallpox is to-day. The hard work of centuries cannot be undone in ten years, and so I marvel at your wonderful progress. I trust the errors in statistics, if any, are all in your favor. You inspire me. Would to God your work had started fifty years ago. Probably then the disease would have missed me."
The letter contained a check for Red Cross seals, from the sale of which the entire support of the Wisconsin work is derived. Every seal you buy is a bullet in the fight against tuberculosis.

ABBOTT WILL BE TALKED ABOUT
"OUTINGS about collusion and impeachment and the like are mock heroics," tersely remarks the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin in discussing the tirades against the Public Service Commission voiced by one Edwin M. Abbott, a Philadelphia lawyer.
Mr. Abbott is not unknown to Harrisburgers, as a few years ago he was a noisy, if futile, member of the House of Representatives. His recent course as counsel for objectors to the proposed increases of passenger fares and his action yesterday in telling Governor Tener to throw out of office the whole Public Service Commission surprise no one here. Yards and yards of matter will be printed about Edwin M. Abbott and when it is all over people will learn that the commission, which frankly admits that it extended what someone has called an "unfortunate courtesy," did not give Mr. Abbott a certified copy of its findings by registered mail.
A reasonable consideration of the whole subject will show that while some incidents occurred which might arouse criticism, the Governor would not be justified in paying much attention to the Philadelphia barrister's remarks, letters, interviews, or opinions, unless he can produce something of a far more substantial nature than he has as yet indicated.

THE RIGHT COURSE
THE hearing being held this afternoon at the Capitol by the Industrial Accidents Commission on suggestions for the proposed workman's compensation law will probably be the last to be accorded by Governor Tener's commission, which can now go ahead and present its proposed law to the Governor and the next Legislature.
This commission, whose members represent every element entering into the framing of a liability law, has been probably less criticised than any having charge of preparation of an important bill in years. This is due to the fact that the commission has not only gone out of its way to obtain the views of every one who might be interested, but has accorded organizations of manufacturers and workmen, employers and employees an equal opportunity to present ideas.
Hearings have been held in various places and the men in charge of the work have been accessible at all times to those desiring to discuss the proposition. There has been no star chamber work, but quite the contrary, members of the commission being ready to go out and talk about the act at all times.
This law is going to be the big thing in legislation this coming session and the commission has taken the right course in preparing for it.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL
POSTMASTER GENERAL BURLESON'S recommendation for government acquisition of the telegraph and telephone systems of the country, which is brought forward again in the postal appropriations bill, is not causing any great excitement. Apparently there is little thought of Congress giving it any serious consideration. The country is not now in a mood to hearken to schemes involving the expenditure of some hundred millions of public money. It is far more interested in how to meet its individual telephone bills than it is in buying the entire system. Government control of the phone and telegraph lines would be a doubtful way of avoiding the payment of "war" tax on messages.

OUR DAILY LAUGH
DO YOU KNOW
That Harrisburg manufactures miles of steel pipe for Mexican mines?
CLEANING OUT THE ASHES
By Wing Dingker
I don't object to going to The cellar morn and night, To rake the bloomin' furnace down, Then fill it up quite tight With fuel, so 'twill furnish heat Throughout the house, but gee, To shovel out the ash pit is The job that gets to me.
You darned near break your back to get Down low enough to reach The ashes that are in the pit. And, brother, you're a peach If you don't skin your fingers on The furnace frame as you Reach 'way back in the ash pit to Get out the residue.
And then you try to straighten up, But can't, because a kink Will get you in your back, my boy, I know just what you think, Your nostrils are filled up with dust, Your mouth is full of grit, By jove, to clean the ashes out Would make Job throw a fit.
AN EVENING THOUGHT
Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices.—Emerson.

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SCHOOLS LIKE DENMARK'S
THAT the Danish folk high schools for "grownups," which have made possible the recent wonderful development in rural Denmark, can be successfully transplanted in modified form to the United States, is the conclusion reached by H. W. Foght, of the United States Bureau of Education. Mr. Foght has studied both the Danish schools and American rural conditions at first hand, and he believes that what the folk high schools have done for rural civilization in Denmark they can do for the United States. His conclusions are highly interesting in view of the growing belief that our schools are not living up to their possibilities, especially in many isolated districts. There are already a few folk high

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