

REMOVING A 15-TON BOILER

Contractor W. A. Shepperson has again laid hold of the pile of debris that still marks the site of the Bessemer blast furnace, dismantled last spring and he promises that the whole unslightly mass shall be carted away before winter.

Mr. Shepperson just now is engaged in removing the big Heine boiler, which was used in connection with the blast furnace. It was installed within comparatively recent years and was considered too valuable to break up into scrap when the furnace was dismantled, but was left on the ground. It has quite recently been purchased by the firm of Evenden & Bros., florists and nurserymen of Williamsport.

The boiler is a monstrous mechanism weighing some fifteen tons. Mr. Shepperson is a genius in handling heavy weights and he proposes to move the big boiler with its attachments intact all the way from the furnace site down to the street, a distance, allowing for the circumlocution of the street, of about 300 yards.

He already has the whole mass blocked up considerably higher than its former foundation. The boiler, too, has been moved in any other way, will be moved on rollers, a plan which seems perfectly feasible, as the entire distance to be covered is down grade. Below the furnace, where the big boiler will be loaded, the yard is several feet above the railroad, which will make it a very easy matter to get the boiler on to an open car.

Improvements on Bloom Street.

Bloom street above A street where the trolley track has been raised is in very bad condition for driving and is the cause of much complaint. The street each side of the trolley track has been raised to a corresponding height by being covered with a course of large cinder. This in its present shape is very bad to drive over. The state of affairs has already existed for a couple of weeks and drivers think that it is nearly time that better conditions were brought about.

The borough is probably doing the best it can under the circumstances. The intention is, we are informed, to use the ten ton roller on the street, after it has been given a top course of finer material. Unless this is done the street will be a poor apology for a thoroughfare in a progressive town. It is hoped, however, that there will be no unnecessary delay, as those who use the street are not altogether unreasonable in protesting against things as they are at present.

Claim Unfair Assessment.

The Shamokin Dispatch says: The taxpayers of Coal township continue to show dissatisfaction with the inequality of tax assessments, and are preparing to protest to court against it. They will show that when the triennial assessment was made three years ago, the individual property holders were increased in their assessed valuation three times their previous levy. At present an acre of land in Coal township with mineral and surface rights is assessed at about \$90. The same acre cut up into lots with only surface rights granted is assessed at nearly \$100. A house owned by a coal company and rented for \$90 a year is assessed at just half the valuation of a similar house belonging to an individual. The assessed valuation of Coal township is nearly \$100,000 less than three years ago, corporations having received nearly nine per cent. reduction.

Presbyterian Statistics.

The Presbyterian church in the United States has 1,158,662 members, according to a report issued by Rev. Dr. William Henry Roberts, stated clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly. This does not include 185,312 members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, recently united with the northern body. The Presbyterian church has 34 synods, 246 presbyteries, 8,118 churches, 7,818 ministers, 30,880 elders, 11,100 deacons and 1,098,321 Sabbath school members. The contributions last year to all benevolent institutions to the church amounted to \$19,993,308.

Building Retaining Wall.

Work yesterday was started on the long retaining wall at the water works, the concrete foundation for which was built some weeks ago. The stone needed is on the ground and the work will be pushed rapidly as possible. The wall will be about one hundred feet long and some ten feet high. Only two masons were working yesterday, but more will be employed.

Will Contest for Prizes.

The young people of St. Hubert's parish have entered actively upon arrangements for the extensive fair, which will open in St. Hubert's Catholic church on November 5th. A number of prizes, among them a valuable gold watch, will be contested for.

8 Typhoid Cases in Sunbury.

Eight cases of typhoid fever have developed in Sunbury, six of them being in one family and two in another. Both of the afflicted homes are on East Market street. It is believed the disease has been contracted from impure water from a pump which supplies a number of families in that section.

Called to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. David Haring left Saturday afternoon for Washington, D. C., where they were summoned on account of the serious illness of Mr. Haring's father, who has suffered a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Haring, the father, returned to Washington only a few days ago after a visit in this city.

The latest dispatches place the loss of life at Valparaiso at 2,300, and the financial loss at \$70,000,000. Heavy damage was also inflicted upon other Chilean communities. Under the circumstances, therefore, the appeal of President Roosevelt for funds for the sufferers should be generally responded to by the American people.

KALBFUS SAYS GAME IMPROVES

In reply to interrogatories addressed to the board of game commissioners of the State concerning conditions relative to game in this section of Pennsylvania, the Williamsport Sun is in receipt of the following very interesting and important letter from Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, of Harrisburg, secretary of the game commission:

"In the matter of game I would say, from personal observation and the reports of our protectors and individuals, from all over the State, I am sure game of all kinds will be more plentiful this fall than for many years, especially ruffed grouse and deer, of which we are receiving splendid reports. Wild turkey and woodcock appear to have done well, and the quail imported from Alabama are 'simply out of sight,' having in every instance far exceeded our utmost expectations. I have numerous reports of coveys containing more than eighteen birds some as high as twenty-three. It is up to the sportsmen of the State to save these birds, and I expect soon to issue a circular letter upon this subject.

"I think present conditions are to a great extent due to the absence of forest fires and the interest taken in the matter of game protection by the general public. I take pleasure in saying that officers of the game commission are treated fairly in almost every county in the State, and that the help accorded us in our work and without which we could do but little—is most encouraging to us. The amount of violations by our own people is limited, and nothing like what it was a few years ago. With the foreigner things are different, and to use a common expression with him 'we are up against a stiff proposition,' sometimes to our sorrow, sometimes the other way.

Wholesale Life Saver.

Edwin W. Saylor, a young man whose home is at Sixteenth and Madison streets, Philadelphia, has developed into a champion life saving hero during his vacation, which he is spending at Lewisburg, Pa. Last week he saved the lives of five young women in two days.

On Friday he was invited to go out rowing with four pretty delegates to the Baptist assembly. They started across the Susquehanna, and when the boat got about half way over it struck upon a sunken snag and upset.

The four young women, one of whom was Miss Bessie Nevin, of Philadelphia, were flung out into the water, but managed to cling to the gunwales. Saylor sprang out and began swimming to lighten the load. Keeping close to the young women would become exhausted before long, he attempted to struggle towards shore, pushing the boat ahead of him. After a long fight he got the craft into shallow water and helped the quartet of girls to the bank.

On Saturday Saylor accompanied a picnic party, members of which posed for a group photograph on the breast of an old dam. One of the girls, Miss Mabel Hostetter, of Williamsport, stepped upon a loose stone, and plunged fifteen feet to the deep water below the dam. Fully dressed, and without even removing his straw hat, Saylor dived in to the pool and caught the girl as she rose to the surface, bringing her to shore badly scared, but uninjured.

Saylor made little of his two daring feats. He is a splendid swimmer, and can keep afloat for hours if it is necessary. Boating parties for this week are all including him, for safety's sake.

New Filing Book.

The new Pennsylvania railroad mileage books are out and have been received here. They will be on sale at the South Danville station commencing Saturday morning and the price will be \$20.

In appearance the book does not differ from the book formerly sold at the same price. The conditions, however, under which the book is sold are different. The book will be good on the Pennsylvania main line and branch east of Pittsburgh, Erie and Buffalo, and on the Cumberland Valley road; the book, however, is not good on the New York and Long Branch line.

The book may be used by one or more persons and may be purchased for a firm or its employees. As many persons as possible can ride on the book at one time, and the book is good until used providing that it is used within a year.

Many inquiries have been received at the local office and indications are there will be a large sale on Saturday when they go into effect.

Salvation of Country Roads.

The New Castle News believes that rural free delivery 'will probably be the ultimate salvation of the country roads.' Its faith is founded upon the inevitable kicking of the carriers along the rural routes against the wretched roads tolerated and encouraged by too many rural residents. The government will then intervene and suspend free delivery unless the roads are made better. Having become accustomed to the free delivery the farmers will bestir themselves concerning road improvement in order to prevent the suspension of the service. Thus great results will follow. The theory is beautiful and there may be much in it.

Horse Died of Colic.

Richard Davis, huckster, of this city, while driving through the northern end of the county yesterday lost a valuable horse. The animal seemed to be all right when Mr. Davis stopped at the Ottawa store, but he had hardly left that place before the horse was suddenly taken violently sick and soon died.

SHEPHERD DOG'S QUEER STUNT

The various railroad crossings of town where the cars become factors that pedestrians and those who conduct street traffic are obliged to take sternly into account are pretty sure to be scenes of occurrences that attract more than passing attention; some are amusing; now and then one is tragic and not infrequently something happens that could be ranked with the serio-comic. Under the circumstances the life of the watchman should not be burdened with dullness and monotony.

George Humlock, watchman at the Railroad street crossing of the D. L. & W. line, Tuesday told a story that would bear out the above view. The occurrence took place a day or so ago. The passenger train east, due to arrive here at 2:11 p. m., had just left the station and was bowling along toward Railroad street at a good rate of speed. Just as it approached the crossing a woman accompanied by a fine big shepherd dog walked across the track—that is the woman did, but the big dog, a playful fellow, just as if to tease his mistress, while she called and coaxed in the most appealing way, stood stock still upon the track, turning his eyes one minute toward the woman and the next toward the rapidly approaching train and all the while wagging his tail vigorously as if he enjoyed the sport.

It was only a brief moment until the train was literally on the spot and still the dog refused to move. It was clearly all over with the canine and the woman in an agony of mingled grief and horror threw her apron over her face to shut out the terrible sight. The watchman, however, was a spectator of what occurred. The pilot or cow catcher proved a very good dog catcher. It gathered the canine squarely and threw him upon the pilot, in which position it carried him fully sixty feet, when, unable to hold on any longer, he rolled down off the pilot. His foolhardiness was accompanied with the most astounding good luck, for not only did the dog roll on the side of the cow catcher, but he also alighted upon his feet, which enabled him by a timely spring to get out of harm's way.

Without waiting for a moment the dog ran around the rear end of the train and joined his pale and trembling mistress, who could scarcely believe her eyes when she saw him alive and uninjured. If the dog was frightened he did not show it in his manner. He continued frisky and playful, as though the whole affair was a little stunt he had planned to have some fun with his mistress.

In Honor of Birthday.

A very pleasant party was tendered Miss Vera Morrison Tuesday evening at her home in East Danville, the occasion being her 18th birthday. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Miss Blanche Johnson, of Bloomsburg; Misses Flora Lyon, Viola Fern, Vera, Dora, Laura and Gordy Morrison; Maudie, Emma and Cora Foust; Beryl Gardner, Emma Krum, Rebecca Hawkins, Anna Krum, Mrs. James Morrison, Mrs. Samuel Heimbach, Mrs. Joseph Rishel, Mrs. Woodward Morrison; Messrs. Chas. and Geo. Heimbach, Roy Weaver, Arthur Poast, Calvin Cashner, Roy Fern, Walter Dell, Curtis Walters, Clarke Blecher, Fred Roberts, Geo. Krum, Thornton Krum, Ralph White, Taring Seidel, Sylvester Dougherty, Ray Morrison, Jacob Koehler, Chas. Thomas, of Scranton.

Corn Roast at Cameron.

A party of young people from this city and their guests enjoyed a corn roast last evening. The journey to Cameron, the scene of the festivities, was made in two large hacks. In the party were: Miss Edna Roth, of Shamokin; Miss Edna Campbell, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Miss Grace Haag, of Wilkes-Barre; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Savidge, of Snydertown; Misses Ruth Carolinsky, Mayne Richards, Alice Stobbing, Gertrude Linker, Emma Linker, Bertha Miller, Margaret Evans, May Moyer, Desha Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Danb, Messrs. Leon Moyer, Frank Linker, Blaine James, Joe Lovenstein, William Ellenbogen, John Henning, George Eggert, Frank Montague, Raymond Clayton and William Fagley, of Bloomsburg.

ALIENS AND CRIME.

Referring to the increase of crimes of violence in this State, due to the criminal conduct of the growing army of aliens, the Sharon Register says: "There is said to be a sort of an organization in South Sharon and out in the coal mine neighborhood near Leesburg, which just about defies authority, and the judge of the Mercer county courts recently said to the Telegraph editor that he had reason to believe that some of the witnesses in a murder trial from Leesburg, actually were afraid to tell what they knew of the murder, fearing that they would meet with harm at the hands of their fellow countrymen." The Telegraph thinks this is a sad state of affairs and it recommends such changes in the immigration laws as would help to remedy the matter. It is entirely right. Europe should be compelled to care for her own criminals and paupers.

Entertained at Luncheon.

Mrs. Edward Sayre Gearhart delightfully entertained at luncheon yesterday in honor of Mrs. Englehart, Mrs. Wurmen and Miss Morton, of Epsy. The guests were: Mrs. Lucius Polk, Mrs. Alex. Grier, Mrs. Rufus K. Polk, Mrs. J. B. Gearhart and Madame P. P. Meyer.

A JOKING HORSE.

According to the "Observer" in the McKeesport News, the city of McKeesport has a horse that delights in playing practical jokes on the street car men who run their trolley cars past his master's place of business. As soon as the animal hears a car coming he deliberately stretches himself across the track. Nor can he be induced to move until his master comes out and persuades him to get off the track and permit the cars to go on.

A CITIZEN APPEALS TO DR. DIXON

A gentleman of influence residing in this city in order to get an expression of opinion on the subject addressed a letter to Dr. Dixon of the State board of health, calling his attention to the abandoned canal, which is proving such a nuisance and a menace to our town. The description given was thoroughly adequate and the head of the State board of health was brought face to face with the conditions as they exist.

In reply, Dr. Dixon stated that while undoubtedly a nuisance yet in his opinion the old canal was a matter for the local board of health and not the State board. It seemed a matter of surprise to him, in the premises, that the local board had not proceeded legally and he asked what reason the members assign for not taking action.

The old canal, essentially a nuisance, threatens in a short time to become doubly objectionable by reason of the rank growth of bushes and noxious weeds that have taken root in the fertile and well watered bottom and are springing up to maturity as if by magic. Already in the borough the spot presents a wild and neglected appearance, but it is not so bad as below town where a long succession of fine farms is intersected by the old canal, which with its rank growth has become a positive menace. At some places the old ditch is nearly obliterated, the tow path and the opposite bank being also hidden by the rank growth, among which are weeds that are apt to prove very troublesome to the farmers. Not only is such a spectacle unsightly and annoying to a farmer who endeavors to keep down the weeds on his own lands, but he has no assurance that the weeds, noxious and otherwise, which are permitted to thrive and go to seed in the canal, will not spread to his fields abutting on the old water way, thus in the future adding to the labor and expense in keeping his farm presentable.

It is not only the rank growth that they have any right to encroach a foot on the canal property. In the premises they think the very least the owners of the canal could do would be to cut the weeds down. There will no doubt be some agitation along this line before long.

Entertained at Lawn Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Manser, Groviana, delightfully entertained a large number of their young friends at a lawn party, Friday evening. The house and lawn were profusely decorated with Japanese lanterns, and in the center of the lawn was the table, where at nine o'clock refreshments were served.

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ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

The Lancaster Examiner is quite right when it gives this admirable advice to the young men among whom it circulates: "Every young man should be a gentleman or try to be. It is just as easy as being a rowdy and pays much better. There is nothing smart in being a swaggering 'tough' or in patronizing the fast set. The young fellows you see who are affecting drink, the lewd and annoying, are not only making asses and nuisances of themselves, but are destined some day to fill poor houses and jails. They are the ones who have no homes, no friends, no money—the ones the policeman tell to move on." That article is of universal application. There are young men in Danville who need to profit by its warning.

Magnificent weather yesterday! What a change from a week ago! One feels like living and working. The five days of autumn are close at hand. We shall have more hot and trying days, but the periods will be short, and the nights will grow cool and pleasant. The recent rains have freshened vegetation, cleared the atmosphere. Fair and cool weather is indicated for the next couple of days.

Farewell Picnic.

A farewell picnic was held at Paines' woods Sunday, August 26th, in honor of Miss Smith. A delightful day was spent, dinner and supper being served. Those present were: Misses Mary Cady, Alice Dowd, Margaret Scott, Catherine Dowd, Frances Smith, Mary McDonald, Mary Everett, Catherine Power, Messrs. William Vanhorn, Charlie Keay, Joe Schram, John Boettlinger, Edward Shoelvin, Bernard Shoelvin, George Keay and Valentine Kmiecinski.

LAST WEEK OF VACATION

The three months' school vacation are drawing to a close, one more week being all that remains. Not only the public schools, but the parochial schools of St. Hubert's and St. Joseph's will open the first week in September. Each of these schools, however, will fall in line with the general observance of labor day, so that throughout the borough the first day of school will not be until next Tuesday.

Throughout the rural districts, where holidays receive less recognition than in town, labor day will not be an obstacle in the way of the opening of the schools and in those districts where the term begins in the first week of September Monday will be the opening day. It is wholly optional with the school boards whether the schools close on labor day or not. Of the forty-seven rural schools of the county probably more than one-half of them will open on next Monday.

Throughout the borough the repairs on the different buildings have been nearly completed. The walls, where in need of it, have been calcimined and everything has been made attractive and comfortable for the pupils. At each of the school buildings the annual cleaning is in progress and the rooms, as far as completed, present a clean and fresh appearance that insures the most healthful conditions during the school term.

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A very pleasant party was tendered Miss Edith Ashton at her home on Walnut street, Friday evening. A fine supper was served. Those present from Milton, Sunbury and Northumberland were: Misses Vera Wilford, Stella Mannie Diehl, Cora Seasholtz, Elina Raup, Messrs. Clark Diehl, Milton Raup, Melvin Lyons, Oscar Raup, Roy Baker, Alonzo Wolcott, Ben Leightow. Those present from Danville were: Misses Mary Reilly, Evaline Lungar, Anna Springer, Carrie Lungar, Mary Lungar, Edith Rudy, Margaret Seitz, Amelia Goff, Alta Goff, Florence Ashton, Carrie Nevius, Messrs. Horace Mowrer, William Anderson, Roy Vangilder and Warren Ashton.

Pleasantly Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Yerg very pleasantly entertained a party of young folks at their home in Washingtonville on Monday evening in honor of Miss Alleen Ream, of Pottsville. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Miss Florence Crawford, of Muncy; Misses Kate Butler, Annie Seidel, Pauline Runyan, Laura Diehl, Wella Wagner, Ada Seidel, Alleen Ream, of Pottsville; Mrs. Whitfield Ford, of Danville, and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Yerg.

Miss Crawford, who is an accomplished pianist, entertained the party with music.

Those persons who are in the habit of asking R. F. D. carriers to permit them to ride in the wagon, should read the following order from the postmaster general: "Rural carriers are required to permit postoffice inspectors, or other accredited agents of the post office department, to accompany them on their regular trip over the routes. They must not carry other passengers nor permit any person, other than authorized postal officials, to ride with them or have access to the mails."

Able to be Out.

D. C. Williams was able to be out Saturday for the first time after the painful accident he sustained a week ago at the new residence of Rev. C. M. Barnitz, South Danville. Mr. Williams had taken the contract for placing the roof and was ready to proceed with the work when he fell from a sharp nail, which pierced his foot, making an ugly and dangerous wound. He still suffers pain, but expects to be able to attend to business in a few days' time.

Latrobe, which in July refused to renew a contract with its water company because the company declined to insert a clause providing for the furnishing of "pure" water, is figuring on acquiring the plant itself, which, under an agreement, may be purchased by the town.

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MR. STEGMAIER'S WILL PROBATED

The will of the late Charles Stegmaier, the wealthy Wilkes-Barre brewer, has been probated before Register Battle, of that city. The instrument in addition to making many charitable bequests, reveals an estate which is estimated at \$1,500,000.

The essential parts of the will follow: To the Holy Family Convent Orphanage, Danville, \$2,500; to the United Charities, Wilkes-Barre, \$2,500; to the Humane Society, \$500; to the Home for Friendless Children, \$2,500; to the Wyoming Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, \$1,000; to the Mercy Hospital for the treatment of a bed, \$5,000; to the Old Ladies' Home, \$1,000; to the House of Good Shepherd, Scranton, \$2,000; to the St. Patrick's Orphanage, Scranton, \$3,000; to the St. Joseph's Foundling Home, Scranton, \$2,000; to Miss and Mary Baer, his nieces, the income of \$12,000 during their lives, or so long as they shall remain unmarried. He also makes ample provision for his son, Charles, by the creation of a trust fund, and gives to his old and trusted financial and private secretary, J. C. Weiland, the division of 100 shares of the capital stock of the Stegmaier Brewing Company, so long as he shall remain in the employment of said company. The remainder of his estate, real and personal, he gives in equal shares to his children, C. E., George J. and Fred Stegmaier, and Mrs. Louise S. Forve, his widow.

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THIS CAMP HAS ALL THE COMFORTS

Camping out has become very popular with Danville people. Probably never before have so many of our citizens adopted that form of outing as the present year. The camp, however, which holds the record in point of numbers, equipment and length of time covered by the outing is the one at "Edgewater," made up of the families of J. H. Cole, I. D. West, William Kase West, Mrs. Greenwalt, George M. West and wife, and Miss Lou West.

The camp is pitched on Mr. Cole's own farm on the river bank about a mile this side of Cameron. The camp is located scarcely more than three hundred yards from the house and barn under the shade of high wide-spreading trees. It is directly opposite Carr's island and the outlook over the river is most beautiful. The camp itself is a model and contains all the comforts and convenience of the home. Joe Hooker catered for the party. Beside the tent for the cook there is a kitchen tent, a dining tent, 12x24 feet; a library tent, 12x24 feet; a ladies' cabin, 12x24 feet; and a sleeping porch with colonial porch 14x14 feet. By day and night the camp is decorated with Japanese lanterns, while a sixty foot flag pole rears aloft a flag 60 feet.

Many visitors are entertained by the notable entertainers, S. J. Bergstresser, Misses Ethel, Clara, Catharine and John Bergstresser, of Mt. Carmel, on Saturday returned home after a several days' sojourn at Camp Edgewater. The average number of people in the camp is about twenty. In this number are ten children, who are enjoying the "jolly" life. There are also two ponies and two horses in the camp. When horseback riding and driving become monotonous there are found here on the river bank to be rowing, fishing and bathing. There is also a tennis court at the camp, along with swings, quills and an excellent table tennis table. Refreshments, which are the most indispensable of all is the Morning News.

The present is the fourth year for Mr. Cole and his family at "Edgewater." They have been in camp since July 25th. The outing, however, is drawing to a close and they expect to break camp on labor day.

ON THE SPIRE.

Whirling Incident in the Life of James Freeman Clark.

When James Freeman Clark was a young man he visited Salisbury, England. Here the beautiful cathedral lifts its spire 404 feet into the air. The spire is topped by a ball, and the ball stands a cross. From the top of the ball hangs an ornate, but its diameter is really greater than a man's height.

Workmen were repairing the spire. Mr. Clarke saw them crawling round the slim steeple in the golden afternoon light. He was on the base of the cross and stood on the horizontal beam of the cross. Accordingly at dusk, when the workmen had left, the young American slipped in and made his way up the steeple to the little window which opened to the workmen's staging. To run up the scaffolding to the ball was easy. Then came the slightly more balzing curve of the ball. A short platform gave him foothold. He reached up, and on the base of the cross and pulled himself up. To gain the cross arm was merely "shining" up a good sized tree, and soon he stood on the horizontal timber and, reaching up, touched the top of the cross.

After enjoying his moment of exaltation he slid to the foot of the cross, and, with his arms round the post, slipped down over the great abdomen of the ball. His feet touched nothing. The little platform from which he had reached up was not there!

Here was a peril and one for a cool head and sure eye. Of course he could not look down. The hanging hold that he had to keep on the bottom of the cross shortened the reach of his body and made it less than when he had stood on the plank and reached up to the cross with his hands. He must drop so that his feet should meet the plank, for he could not see. He pulled himself back if he should let himself swing down at arms' length, and his feet hung over empty air.

Now his good head began to work. He looked up at the cross and tried to recall exactly by the angle at which he had reached for it, to make his memory tell him just how the edge of that square post had appeared. A few inches to the right or to the left would mean dropping into vacancy.

Bending his head away back, he strained his eye up the cross and figured his angle of approach. He cautiously wormed himself to the right and made up his mind that here directly under his feet must be the plank. Then he dropped. The world knows that he lived to tell the tale.

Age of Birds.

The doctrine of veterinarian appears to be slightly shaken by the results of a recent investigation that an English newspaper has made into the subject of the longevity of birds. With one notable exception the carrion, or meat feeding birds, are the longer lived species. The average life of the best known birds are given in the following: Blackbird lives 12 years, blackcap 15, canary 24, crane 24, crow 100, eagle 100, fowl, common, 10; goldfinch 25, goose 75, heron 20, hawk 15, linnets 15, peacock 24, parrot 50, partridge 15, pigeon 20, raven 100, robin 12, skylark 30, sparrow hawk 40, swan 100, thrush 10 and wren 3 years.

A Plea For Civilization.

Benson Alcott, the Concord philosopher, once made a strong and almost unanswerable plea for civilization. "If you are going to eat meat at all," he argued the Yankee Plato, "why not eat the best?"

Unprofessional.

"You say she's only an amateur nurse?"

"Yes, if she had been a professional nurse she wouldn't have married the first man that proposed to her. She'd have looked around a little first."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Lucky.

"Of course, like most of your class," remarked the cynical cad, "you are superstitious. No doubt you consider the horseshoe a sign of good luck."

"It is," replied the sporting gent, "if it goes under the wire first on your horse."—Philadelphia Press.

Of Absorbing Interest.

"Aside from the principle involved and the fact that the man who has the great financier, 'the banking business is one of absorbing interest.'—Toledo Blade.

We dare not trust our wit for making our house buy ice cream—our friends, and so we buy ice cream.—Emerson.

Buy Hair at Auction?