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W. T. HODGES SAYS NURSE "STAY-ON-FARM" SPIRIT

To Do This Some Schools Teach Farm Arithmetic, Farm Geography and Text-Books in Agriculture—Various Other Means Used

Washington, Dec. 12.—"Country children should be taught in terms of country life," declares W. T. Hodges, in a bulletin just issued by the United States Bureau of Education.

In order to discover some of the definite things that have been done in rural public schools toward infusing into both parents and pupils the "stay-on-the-farm" spirit, Mr. Hodges sent 3,500 letters to superintendents throughout the country who have rural schools under their supervision. From the replies many suggestions of special value have been received.

"Farm arithmetic, farm geography and text-books in agriculture," have been secured by Berks county, Pa., Newton county, Mo., has succeeded in making the school a community by having work done to supplement that done at home and by inducing patrons to visit the schools. The latter is accomplished by the "old farm wagon and big dinner" plan, whereby as many as 2,000 persons in the community have visited one school on a certain day in the year.

A teacher of Warren county, Ind., who gave her pupils the "option of work in agriculture or Virgil" was astonished to find that in practically every instance the students took both subjects, and the grades rose beyond anything before experienced.

"We have improvised domestic science teaching by means of coal oil stoves and kitchen utensils which the patrons of the school gave through a 'kitchen shower,'" says an enthusiastic teacher from Chester township, O. A teacher who was not a graduate in domestic science but who had "grit and determination" put the girls of this school to work in preparing hot lunches which were sold at a few cents. A varied menu was provided.

Plainville township, Conn., selects one school in each village and makes of it "a model school," to demonstrate what a rural school under ordinary conditions may become. The result has been that the standard in all the schools in the county has been elevated.

In Carolina county, Md., lantern-slide views contrasting the best and poorest agricultural and domestic conditions are used to good effect.

Summing up the results of his investigation, Mr. Hodges declares: "The letters received reveal improvement everywhere in the schools for country children. There is a feeling that the country child will be best educated for whatever life he may lead, whether in the city or in the country, if taught in terms of country life. The movement toward this is nation wide. Country school houses are used to some extent as civic centers in all States of the Union. No special feature of rural school work is confined to any one State or section. The home project method of teaching agriculture, used in Massachusetts, is also used in Louisiana, Wisconsin and other States. Boys' and girls' agricultural clubs are found in almost every State in the Union."

ROBBERS GET DIAMONDS

Attack Pittsburgh Salesman and Steal Gems Valued at \$10,000

Greensburg, Pa., Dec. 12.—S. C. Bramer, salesman for a Pittsburgh diamond house, was beaten and robbed of \$10,000 worth of diamonds at Irwin, this county, Thursday night. Bramer had been in Irwin looking after Christmas trade and spent the evening at the home of J. L. Frick, a friend, who lived two blocks from the center of town. In his pocket he carried a case containing the jewels.

Only a block from the Frick home he was attacked, a handkerchief was fastened around his eyes and the gems and his money was taken. It is believed that the robbers trailed him from Pittsburgh.

ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS MEET

Pottsville Women Take Initial Steps Toward Organization

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Horace Brook, of Lebanon; Mrs. George P. White, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. A. J. George, organizer for the Pennsylvania Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, took initial steps to organize a branch of the society here yesterday. A number of men were present at the meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. A. C. Milliken.

Judge R. H. Koch and the Rev. Howard Diller, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, made addresses.

WOMAN SUES MAN FOR \$5,000

Miss Catharine Haughney, of Mahanoy City, Alleges Breach of Promise

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 12.—Because Albert Kline has refused to marry her after a courtship of 18 months, Miss Catharine Haughney, of Mahanoy City, yesterday filed a suit in the Prothonotary's office for \$5,000 damages. Miss Haughney declares that Kline has repeatedly broken his promise to make her a bride.

Rumor that Kline is about to wed another girl hastened the legal proceedings.

Three Hurt at Butchering

Northumberland, Pa., Dec. 12.—At the butchering of a hog on the farm of James Pardoe, in Point township yesterday, Miss Bertha Eyster lost a finger in a sausage grinder and a few minutes later John Byrem suffered the loss of a thumb in the same machine. William Hower stumbled and fell and suffered a broken leg.

Traffic Manager Resigns

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 12.—C. C. Collins, for nearly four years traffic manager of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company, yesterday announced his resignation, to take effect on January 1. Mr. Collins, who is a son of the late G. G. Collins, Mayor of Columbus, O., started as a steam road man in Ohio, and shortly after the Spanish war organized the railroads in Porto Rico.

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LIVE WIRE CIRCELES A BOY

Twines Around Him and Badly Burns Writhing Legs

Lewistown, Pa., Dec. 12.—Floyd Taylor, 10 years old, was nearly electrocuted yesterday when a telephone wire swung against a high-power feed wire, burning it off and the flying ends wrapped about his legs.

In answer to his screams for help, John Fullmer and Wilbur Hunt removed their rubber overshoes, using them for gloves, while they untangled the live wire.

Taylor's legs were badly burned and he was more dead than alive when released.

TESTIFIES AGAINST HUSBAND

Denies Testimony of Defendant in Murder Trial at Sunbury

Sunbury, Pa., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Joseph Garankofsky, whose husband is on trial here for the murder of Joseph Jerosky, testified that statements her husband made in his own defense that she was intimate with Jerosky were untrue.

The jury has been out many hours and her statements may send him to the electric chair.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED

Expiate Crime of Murder and Robbery Within 24 Hours

Shreveport, La., Dec. 12.—Charles Washington and Beard Henderson, negroes, charged with robbing and killing Cyrus Hotchkin, a white man, near Mooringsport, La., Thursday, were lynched near here yesterday while being taken to Mansfield, La., for safekeeping. Authorities said they had confessed.

Handcar Crew Injured

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 12.—A Lancaster and Quarryville Railroad motor handcar jumped the tracks near Befton yesterday afternoon, throwing off three of the occupants, residents of Quarryville. Isaac Aulthouse and Benjamin Minnich, seriously injured, were brought to a Lancaster hospital. Roswell Wallam was severely hurt.

Jail Alleged Black-Hander

Greensburg, Pa., Dec. 12.—Frank Bernard, alleged to be a Black Hand, has been lodged in the Westmoreland county jail, charged with blackmail. Bernard is accused of having written a letter to the First National Bank of Greensburg, that unless he was paid \$5,000 the bank building would be blown up. Another letter to Giuseppe Policastro, a local Italian, demanded \$500, and one to George Pallette asked for \$300.

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