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75¢ PER YEAR

\$24,000—\$44,000 Which Do You Prefer ?

The average man earns about \$1,100 a year. He works 40 years and earns a total of \$44,000 in a life time. The average day laborer gets \$2,000 a day or \$600 for a year of 300 days. He earns \$24,000 in a life time. The difference between \$44,000 and \$24,000 is \$20,000. This is the minimum value of a practical education in dollars and cents. The increased self-respect cannot be measured in money. Why not stop plugging away at a small salary when the International Correspondence Schools, of Scranton, Pa., can give you an education that will make high salaried man of you? No matter what line of work you care to follow, this great educational institution can prepare you in your spare time and at a small cost to secure a good-paying position. Our local Representative will show you how you can triple your earning capacity. Look him up today. He is

C. F. BRENNAN,
C. I. S. Representative. TOWANDA, PA.

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No Place Like this Place
For Reliable

STOVES and RANGES, COAL OR WOOD. HEATERS;

ONE OF WINTER'S GREAT DELIGHTS.

House Furnishing Goods, Tools of Every
Description, Guns and Ammunition.

Bargains that bring the buyer back.
Come and test the truth of our talk.

A lot of second hand stoves and ranges for sale cheap.
We can sell you in stoves anything from a fine Jewel Base
Burner to a low priced but satisfactory cook stove.

Hot Air, Steam and Hot Water Heating and
General Repairing, Roofing and Spouting.

Samuel Cole, Dushore, Pa.

The Shopbell Dry Good Co.,
313 Pine Street,
WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

Christmas Selling Begins!

It is natural that our stocks should be larger, more complete and varied than ever—it is a growing business.

Fashionable Suits.

When a woman buys a Suit she requires style and durability. The materials and expert tailoring of our Suits assure her on that point.

Ladies' Winter Hosiery

Ladies' Fast Black Cotton Hose, extra quality for 12c, 15c, 25c, 35c, and 50c.
Ladies' Fast Black Silk Lisle Hose, specially good values, for 25c to 75c.

Ladies' Black Fleeced Lined Cotton Hose for 12c, 25c, 35c, and 50c.
Ladies' Black Wool and fine Cashmere Hose, splendid assortment, ranging from 25c to \$1.00

WHITE WAISTINGS

New styles and just the weights you will want for winter wear. These have just come in, and among them are the handsomest designs we have shown.

WOOLEN GLOVES

Of all sorts for men, ladies and children. Excellent qualities for any price you want to pay.

NEW SILKS FOR WAISTS

You will be interested in them. New plain and fancy Silk for Waists. They come in new fancy designs and all the newest light and dark colorings that are in vogue.

BLANKETS

White and Colored Blankets in all grades of Cotton and fine all wool sorts. Muncy Blankets in all qualities.

MISSES' WINTER COATS

One of the special features of our garment selling is Misses' and Children's Winter Coats. Never have we been in better shape to supply your needs than at present.

FANCY SILK CREPE DE CHINE

For Scarfs and Neckwear, plain light colors and new styles with borders of floral effects and Persian designs.

Shopbell Drygood Company.

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Farmers' Institute Program

TO BE HELD AT
MUNCY VALLEY, PA.

Friday and Saturday,
December 18 and 19, 1908.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30
Music, Prayer, Rev. S. B. Bidlack.
Address of Welcome, Rev. S. B. Bidlack.
Response, Joel A. Herr.
When, Where and How to Use Lime, M. S. Bond.
Poultry, Lice, Gaps and Diseases, M. J. Phillips.
Spraying, J. L. Campbell.
A. W. Stephens.

EVENING SESSION (Educational) 7:30
Short talks to Boys and Girls about advantages of Farm Life, M. S. Bond.
Looking Ahead, Rev. S. B. Bidlack.
Two papers, "Sonestown High School"
Address, J. E. Reese Killgore, County Supt.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9 A. M.
Commercial Fertilizers and How to Use Them, J. A. Herr.
Some Important Facts Necessary to Make Potato Growing Profitable, M. S. Bond.
Crop Rotation in Relation to Soil Improvement, Torrence Bender.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30
The Bright Side of Farm Life, J. A. Herr.
Making an Old Orchard Profitable, A. W. Stephens.
Poultry—the Business Side, T. J. Campbell.
Selection and Breeding Cows, J. A. Herr.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION, 7:00.
Some Important Insects and How to Control Them, A. W. Stephens.
T. J. Campbell.
Miss Flora Cook.
M. S. Bond.
Question Box in charge of Torrence Bender and Alvin Fullmer.
Program Committee, S. B. Bidlack, Chairman,
Boyd P. Bennett, Hon. M. J. Phillips,
County Chairman, E. R. Warburton.

Interesting Program.

On world's temperance Sunday the following programme was rendered by members of the Evangelical Sunday school in the E. V. Church at Nordmont:
Organ Voluntary,—Alice Pennington.

Song, by Sunday School.
Prayer, Harry Botsford, Supt.,
Reading of Scripture Lesson, school.
Address of welcome, Fay Heess.
Recitation, the Rumseller's sign, Agnes Gorman.

Exercise, Temperance pledge signs; Primary Department.
Sketch of Francis E. Willards life, Flora Cook.
Solo, Drunkard's Lone Child; Ruth Traugh.

Evils of strong drink, Mrs. Gorman.
Moral and financial sides of temperance, Harry Botsford.
Offering for temperance work,
Closing song.

In discussing the evils of intemperance, Mrs. George Gorman first noted the effects of alcohol and tobacco on the body. Teachers of the public school should teach temperance in the physiology classes, to their hearts content as it is a law and a good one. Strong drink is a bait with which the devil lures many a soul into its clutches, for what defileth the body defileth the soul. In countries across the ocean they have temperance posters in England and Scotland, they give about thirteen reasons why their people should not use alcohol. United States is not the only country fighting intemperance. Many arguments have been given why prohibition should be enforced. A great movement in the Sunday world brought about by the influence of the Sunday School and the literature connected with them.

Harry Botsford the energetic conscientious superintendent of the Sunday school gave the moral and financial sides of the temperance question in a short address at the close of the exercises.

Not only should temperance be enforced because of the moral side of the question, but also finances would be better. Saloons are destructive. Men may drink without saloons but they do not entice our boys to drink in their homes as they do in the saloons.

Flora Cook Press. Supt.

Farmers' Institute at Muncy Valley.

Without the least doubt the best institute ever held in the county will be rendered next week. Every farmer in the county should be present. Four of the leading agriculturists of the state will give courses of instruction. Muncy Valley has three hotels now in the best condition to entertain any number of guests. Let every one interested in the future of Sullivan county come.

The statement that at least twenty dealers in rotten eggs in Philadelphia are to be arrested and tried for foisting their nauseous product upon the market is welcome news. It is to be hoped that the offenders will get the limit of the law.

It seems that these enterprising gentlemen had discovered a way of disposing at a good profit the ancient and added eggs which collected in the markets. They could buy these eggs of the grocers for a pittance, because they were absolutely unsalable in the ordinary way. Taking them to an obscure shop in some back alley, they broke the shells and poured them out in bulk, adding formaldehyde to prevent further decay, borax to neutralize the bad odor and beer to freshen up the mass and make it appear like live eggs.

This mixture was then sold to bakers, who used it in cakes and pastries. Restaurant keepers also bought it for making omelets, etc.

Notwithstanding the close watch that is kept upon the purveyors of food products, there are always conscientious scoundrels who are willing to run the risk of detecting for the sake of the profit to be secured.

It is doubtful if a period of drought in the country has ever been of such serious nature as the present.

From every point in the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania and the Southern Tier of New York reports tell the same story of lack of water, with no relief in sight. Farmers are without water and are driving their stock long distances for supply.

We are nearing the time when the ground will freeze and unless a goodly rainfall comes before the freeze-up, the agricultural districts will be sure to suffer great loss.

Only abundant rains can restore normal conditions, fill the dried up wells and the sluggish streams. The truth is that the drought has reached alarming proportions and no one can foretell the losses to date and sure to follow unless rain falls plentifully.

We are reaping the fruits of the seed of folly sown for years. Our forests have crumbled and fallen leaving barren waste on the hillsides. Nothing is left to conserve the rainfall of early months and we are by our own short sightedness, alone responsible for present conditions. When the States and the Nation are able to drive hard sense into the destroyers of the forest and when new forests are grown, we shall not fall so easily prey to the seasons of drought.

We are gaining wisdom but the loss is by no means light.

Escaping from the Montrose jail on Saturday night, Tom Scanlon, a boy sentenced to the reformatory, got afraid of the shadows he saw and the sounds he heard in the dark as he wandered in the neighboring wood, and was glad to get back to his cell. His knock at the prison door was answered by the sheriff, who cheerfully took the boy in and again locked him up.

Young Scanlon and another prisoner, Joseph Kiopski, who was to go to the penitentiary under sentence, had escaped from the jail by removing a bar from the cell window, but two others who wanted to get away also, were too stout to pass through the aperture and they had to remain behind.

The Scanlon boy separated from Kiopski and was wandering about in the woods when he imagined the State police and other things were after him. He preferred to "bog" and "obgoblins" and police, and got back there as quick as he could. Kiopski wasn't afraid of these things and he is yet at large.

BERNICE ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian of Benton were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Diefenbaugh of Mildred Thursday.

George Webb of Sayre was calling on friends at this place last week.

Thomas Ramor was an Elmira visitor last week.

John E. Scotton of Dushore was attending to legal business at this place Wednesday.

When you want to buy your Christmas presents call on H. W. Biddle and save car fare, as he has only the best that money can purchase.

Mr. Reese of Wilkes-Barre was visiting John Harner of Mildred last week.

If you intend to make some one happy at Christmas time call on Morris Loverton Mildred popular clothier and you will save money by so doing.

James Collins was calling on Dushore friends Sunday.

Sheriff Brown of Laporte was a visitor at this place Monday.

Mrs. Dalton was a Dushore visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shaffer, gave a birthday party on Saturday evening, in honor of their daughter Beatrice. The following guests were present: Bessie Wheatley, Elsey Freed, Nince Morier, Myrtle Shaffer, Margaret Hood, Alice Johnson, Mable Collins, Mattie Allen, Pearl Brown, Anna Lowey, Patrie Shaffer, Prof. H. A. Dodson, George Truner, Charles Hood, William Wheatley, S. A. White, Fred Gore and David Shields.

Ex-Sheriff Horton of Towanda was a business caller at this place Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Loverton of Mildred were Wilkes-Barre visitors Thursday.

It was a jolly crowd of young people that met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Freed. The following young people were present: Grace Schaad, Cora Weed, Mabel Collins, Carrie Green, Bessie Wheatley, Pearl Brown, William Wheatley, George Turner, Charles Helmsman, Prof. Dodson, Charles Hood, Bernard Shields, James Millard, Stanley White, and Charles Brown.

William P. Shoemaker and E. J. Mullen of Laporte were business callers at this place last week.

Five hundred thousand dollars in gold are being coined every day at the Philadelphia Mint to meet the demand which has already set in for the yellow pieces for Christmas gifts. There is an unprecedented early and heavy call for Christmas coins. To meet the demand Superintendent Landis has taken on a score of extra adjusters. Each day orders from subtreasuries all over the country have become larger, and within a week almost twice as many of the coins will be turned out by the Mint presses.

"There is every reason to believe" says Superintendent Landis, "that the demand will continue right up to Christmas."

George Collins of Roaring Branch, harvested 615 bushels of potatoes from three acres, at a cost of seven cents per bushel for planting, cultivating and harvesting. There was never a hoe in the field. A crop of rye was plowed under and in every third furrow potatoes were dropped, about 12 inches apart. The harrow and the cultivator did the work. Here is something new in farming.

Leaders of the Anti-Saloon League plan a local option measure to come before the next Legislature framed on the lines of the Craven bill, which was defeated at the last session. They will ask local option opinion by wards in cities of the first and second class and the larger cities of the first class, and by boroughs and townships in the lesser municipalities.

A news dispatch from Media this state, says: After a half hour deliberation the jury in the libel case of Lewis Emery Jr., against Thomas V. Cooper and Sons, proprietor of the Delaware County American returned a verdict in favor of Emery for 12 cents. The suit like a number of others of the same character, was brought by Mr. Emery because of an article published in the Emery-Stewart gubernatorial contest.