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75C 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 a 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

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Samuel Cole, Dushore, Pa.

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

January Clearance Sale
of Ladies' Suits and Coats.

Profits have been entirely clipped off in this January Sale—cost in no way
figures in the selling prices.

Ladies' stylish Coat Suits, in plain and black colors, good assortment to choose
from. Suits that were formerly
\$15 to \$25 are now reduced to\$9.95
\$28 to \$32 are now reduced to\$14.95
\$32.50 to \$38. are now reduced to\$19.75
\$38.50 to \$42.50 are now reduced to\$22.50

Made of plain and fancy cloth are being closed out at just one-half the regular
price. \$10 to \$35 values, now marked at

\$5 to \$17.50

Two other lots of Ladies' Long Cloth Coats have been marked
\$3.00 and \$5.00

Which are less than half the former price.

Children and Misses Winter Coats

One lot children's cloth and Bear Skin Misses' plain and fancy cloth Coats, 8
Coats, 2 to 6 years sizes, navy, cardinal to 14 year sizes, \$5.00 to \$10.00 values
green, gray, brown and white, were \$3.00 for
to \$4.00, now

\$1.50

\$3.50

One lot of children's plain and fancy Coats in navy, red, gray and brown, were
cloth Coats, \$4.25 to \$5.00 values, for \$12.50 to 14.00, now

\$2.95

7.00

Change of Prices on Furs.

Furs will take a drop in prices to be in keeping with the Coat Sale. Here
will be the chance of the season to select Furs that you will be proud to own.

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Death of Henry Huffmaster.

Henry G. Huffmaster of Dushore died Sunday morning of pneumonia, at the age of 70 years, two months and one day. Henry G. Huffmaster was a son of Henry Huffmaster, a native of Germany who came to America with his father, Fredric Huffmaster, in 1831. Mr. Huffmaster was by trade a carpenter. He served one term as County Commissioner and held several township offices, being an able and efficient officer. He is survived by two sons, Edward W. and Rush of Cherry. Funeral services will be held Thursday, meeting at the house at 10 o'clock a. m.

New Pension Bill.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—Many thousands of pensioners throughout the country are interested in a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Penrose. It is entitled a bill "For the better payment of pensions." It provides that all pensioners with permanent disabilities and the widows of soldiers and sailors who are receiving pensions for life shall be paid their pensions monthly and by checks mailed on the last day of the month covering the amount of pensions due them for that month with restrictions no more onerous than are made by the Treasury department in paying interest on government bonds. Under this system it would only be necessary for the pensioner to file with the pension agent an affidavit stating his residence and post office address. Under the present system they are paid every three months and at each payment the pensioners must make an affidavit before a notary. Under the plan proposed by Senator Penrose the pensioners included in the provisions of the bill will save the notary's fee as well as receive their pension at more frequent intervals.

Liquor License Notices.

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for liquor license have been filed in my office and the same will be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Sullivan County on MONDAY, the 26th day of FEBRUARY 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m.

CHERRY TWP.

Cherry Mills:
John E. Gross, tavern license,
Dushore.
Leonard Hilbert, wholesale license,
Mildred.
Ella Murphy, restaurant license,
Frank F. Schaad, distillers license,
John C. Schaad, tavern license,
James J. Connor, tavern license,
Joseph A. Holsman, tavern license,
John Daley, tavern license, Mildred,
John Nestor, tavern license,
Michael F. Donovan, wholesale license,
Murray.

William Haley, tavern license,
Satterfield,
Patrick McGee, restaurant license.

COLLEY TWP.

C. F. Hunsinger, tavern license, Colley
DUSHORE BOROUGH.
Thomas J. Brogan, wholesale license,
John D. Lane, tavern license,
Elizabeth Carmody, restaurant license,
Margaret Connor, restaurant license,
Robert McGee, restaurant license,
Philip E. Grace, tavern license,
P. J. Finnan, tavern license,
B. F. Saxer, restaurant license.

DAVIDSON TWP.

Sonestown.
Daniel H. Lora, tavern license,
Harry Basley, tavern license,
Muncy Valley.
William L. Parmeter and
Brady Houseknecht, tavern license
Dennis Palmatier, tavern license,
J. William Moran, restaurant license,
Emmons.
Michael J. Devaney, tavern license,
Lopez.

James P. McGee, restaurant license,
Steve Halabuk, tavern license,
George Olszewski, tavern license,
Joseph Hrubenak, restaurant license,
Abe Goodman, wholesale license,
Anthony Rouse, tavern license,
Theodore Shimansky, restaurant license,
Maxim Musiala, bottlers' license.

EAGLES MERE BOROUGH.
Wm. H. Vanbuskirk, tavern license,
HILLSGROVE TWP.

Jacob Caseman, tavern license, Hillsgrove.
LAPORTE BOROUGH.

Theresa Gallagher, tavern license,
John Hassen, Jr., tavern license,
LAPORTE TWP.

Geo. M. Fiester, tavern license, Nordmont
SHREWSBURY TOWNSHIP.
Smith Bondman, restaurant license,
Norman E. Staekhouse, tavern license.

ALBERT F. HEES, Clerk.
Clerk's office, Laporte, Pa., Jan. 18, 1909.

HISTORY OF THE W. & N. B. RAILROAD.

Williamsport Sun Prints Interesting Story of This Important Short Line.

In connection with the published reports that the Williamsport and North Branch rail road may enter Williamsport directly within the coming year, The Sun of that city prints the following interesting history of the road:

Some time in the late forties of the century there came to the north-eastern part of Lycoming county, that portion which was afterwards set off to form the country of Sullivan, a man named Michael Meylert. He had considerable money of his own and represented vast land interests. He acquired for himself and others tens of thousands of acres of the wilderness, was instrumental in getting the new country erected, laid out the town of Laporte, erected and presented to the new county its first Country house and entered upon a scheme of development with an energy that proved him to be at least fifty years ahead of his generation. He early learned of the vast coal deposits in the mountains of Sullivan county, and in the fall of 1851 engaged with prominent Towanda capitalists and business men in a scheme to construct a railroad for the purpose tapping the black diamond treasury. The scheme was an ambitious one no less than to build a railroad from Towanda on the north through the Sullivan county coalfields, and reaching Catawissa on the south. At that time the Reading railroad was constructed as far north as the Catawissa and the Lehigh Valley had not yet been conceived, of so that Michael Meylert's scheme was really an extension of the Reading railroad. The title of this proposed road was to be the Towanda and Catawissa railroad. In November he caused a survey to be made by William a Mason and by Major Elias McNeil, and during the session of the legislature of 1852, of which he was a member, he secured a passage of an act authorizing the building of the Towanda and Catawissa railroad, and the company was empowered to "make such connections with other roads and have as full authority over any part as though they had completed the whole road." This subsequently became the basis of other legislation, by which the State line and Sullivan Railroad company and the Muncy Creek company were chartered.

The peculiar wording of the enabling act, which phraseology was afterwards engrafted into the charter, is virtually authority to the old Muncy Creek railroad to build railroad wherever they may happen to want to for all time to come. Competent legal authority has declared that not even the Pennsylvania railroad charter confers upon the road such unbounded authority as is possessed by this little Muncy Creek its heirs and assigns. In this the fine hand of Michael Meylert was made evident. Interesting Philadelphia capitalists, he obtained from them a promise of sufficient money to build the road if the coal veins were all to be claimed for them. A geologist by the name of Shaffer was engaged to examine the field, but he failed to find the coal that Meylert knew was there, and reported adversely. In 1859 the rich vein of near what is now the thrilling mining town of Bernice was accidentally uncovered, and it was clearly demonstrated that there was coal enough to pay for the road. Before arrangements could be made to build, the Civil War came on and paralyzed business all over the county, but as soon as the war was over the plans were again laid to construct the long talked of railroad through the Sullivan coal fields. In 1867 work was begun at Monroeton, four miles south and east of Towanda, on the State line and Sullivan road and by 1871 this was completed as far as the present town of Bernice, and coal mining began.

Meanwhile Meylert was beset with financial difficulties, and his end of the road did not prosper as it

should. The Muncy Creek railroad had been chartered with Michael Meylert, H. R. Mehrling, Robert Taylor, George Bodine and A. L. Detrick named as incorporators, and the expressed intention of building from Muncy up the creek to Laporte, and thence to a connection with the State line and Sullivan at Bernice. Meylert was president of the company, Joshua Bow was treasurer and B. M. Ellis, secretary and H. R. Mehrling superintendent. Muncy offered little encouragement to the scheme and the southern terminus was changed to Halls. Work was begun in 1866, and in 1867 nine miles of road were built northward from Halls, to a point three miles beyond Hughesville. So far the work had been easy and comparatively, inexpensive, but when the foothills of North Mountain had been reached the money was all gone and the Philadelphia capitalists would not furnish another cent. In 1872 the Catawissa extension of the Reading was built up to Williamsport, and a connection made at Halls with the ambitious little road that was headed for the mountains. It is not surprising that this little strip of road was a financial white elephant and in 1881 it was sold by the bondholders under foreclosure proceedings and the company was then reorganized under the title of the Williamsport and North Branch railroad and Benjamin Welch became the general manager. Work was resumed in 1886, and a dash made for the heart of the mountains, and the long wished for coal fields. The road was carried as far north at that time as Nordmont. There was no Nordmont when the Railroad stopped at the gorge of Muncy Creek because there was no money with which to build a bridge, and the little hamlet sprang up around the blunt end of the railroad and was given the Scandinavian name that signifies North Mountain.

Thus things rested until 1893, when another reorganization was effected, this time with Buffalo parties holding a controlling interest in the stock. John Satterfield and Henry Taylor undertook the financing of the road, and the company was organized with H. C. McCormie, of Williamsport president; John Satterfield of Buffalo, vice president, and J. Henry Cochran and Seth T. McCormie secretary and treasurer. Work was resumed and in the fall of 1893 the road finally reached a junction with its northern twin, the State line and Sullivan, at a point that used to be called Dohm's Summit, but was changed to Satterfield in compliment to the man who was furnishing the money.

Meylert had long since died, and what ever ambitious project was on foot with the little North Branch at that time was defeated by the sudden death of Satterfield and the refusal of his heirs to continue in the scheme. The Lehigh Valley had required the State Line and Sullivan in 1885, and about the time of the re-organization of the Williamsport and North Branch, the Reading railroad had effected a lease of the Lehigh Valley, whereby they became absolute masters of the road, and it was freely said at the time that the completion of the North Branch was but the completion of a connecting Spur between two great branches of the Reading and that it was to form a part of a grand trunk road from Philadelphia to Buffalo, and that the Reading would run through trains in the competition for western traffic. About the time the road was completed to Satterfield the Reading defaulted in its payments on the Lehigh Valley lease and the two roads became separated and their interests diverged.

The renewed activity of the Williamsport and North Branch affairs would indicate that large moneyed interests have again seen the possibilities of the road, and that it may yet take its place in the great railroad systems of the state.

Friday, February 12, 1909, will be the one-hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The day should be fittingly observed in every school room in the county. Preparations should be made for these exercises, which to be effective must be based on a larger and more appreciative knowledge of the great President.

Hon. O. T. Corson, who was with us in one of our Institutes has collected a valuable fund of material for such exercises and will forward the same to any address for 10 cents. This barely covers the cost of publication and postage. Address Ohio Educational Monthly, Columbus, O.

A picture of Lincoln should be found upon the wall of every school-room. Hon. J. P. McKasky of Lancaster will send a picture 21x30 for 50 cents or four for \$1.00. These offers are generous ones and are made by men whose whole desire is to place within your reach the material you need to make the Lincoln Exercise a profitable one.

We can think of no excuse which any teacher could advance that would justify her in failing to observe this anniversary. The opportunity which the occasion presents for the inculcation of patriotism and all the virtues which this noble man's life exemplified should not be permitted to pass unembraced.

Perhaps it would be well to say that this occasion presents an excellent test of your teachers progressiveness.

"This centennial celebration will be an excellent test of the teachers enterprise and resourcefulness. If there is a fitting exercise in other schools and none in ours our patrons will wonder why, and they may reach the conclusion that the teacher had to do with the omission."

We will appreciate it as a courtesy to receive from all teachers who celebrate this anniversary a copy of the program with a report of the interest and attendance.

Hoping that every school will celebrate and that much good will be accomplished.

J. E. Reese Killgore, Co., Supt.

The sheets of paper on which bills and bonds are printed are delivered daily by the loans and currency division of the secretary's office to the bureau on requisition. From the time the blank sheets are delivered by careful count until 30 days later, when the printed bills are sent to the treasury to have the seal printed thereon, the bureau must account for every sheet in its hands. It is counted when wet, when printed on one side, when dried, when wet again, when printed again, when dried a second time, when examined for imperfection, when numbered—in short counted some 50 times before it finally escapes from the bureau. It has become accustomed to be counted before it starts out into the world as money, and then continues to be counted until it is returned, ragged, dirty and worn out, counted to death—only to be again counted and destroyed.

Would Pennsylvania with its bulging treasury and her face set toward the works of love and charity; Pennsylvania with her hand stretched out to stop disease, poverty and death,—would Pennsylvania tax her poor by levying a tax on every ton of coal the poor man's family needs for warmth and household exigencies?

This is a question now under serious consideration, the outgrowth of a proposition to place a small tax of perhaps one cent a ton on anthracite and bituminous coal in order to provide more revenue to meet heavier appropriations for schools, good roads and so forth.

Undoubtedly the State will need a greater revenue and ways must be provided to get it through new taxation. The demands upon the State treasury grow greater each year and it is to the credit of the commonwealth that her charity and beneficence is expended with lavish hand.

But coal should not be taxed. No necessity of life should be taxed. Pennsylvania has laid no burden of taxation upon the homes and fire-sides of her people and let us hope she never will.

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