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75C PLR 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 \$2.00 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

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White Wash Fabrics

Now is the time to select materials for those pretty White Dresses you have been planning for. Here are some of the white fabrics and their prices.

PERTIAN LAWN, 45 inches wide, in a variety of qualities for 25c to 50c

FRENCH LAWNS, in fine sheer qualities, 45 inches wide, for 50c to 85c

FLAONX, a new white checked and striped fabric for whists and dresses; for 25 cents.

INDIA LINON, some specially good values are offered for 10c to 25c

WASH CHIFFON, a fine sheer fabric for dressy dresses, prices vary from 50c to 85c

EMBROIDERED SWISS We are showing some very handsome new designs for 50c to 90c.

Fine Imported Swiss

The most popular of all White Fabrics for dainty dresses and waists. Investigate the qualities. They are very cheap.

One lot Ladies' Coat Suits, mostly light colorings, in fancy striped and checked materials, \$12.50 and \$15.00, for..... \$5.00

Ladies' Tailored Suits.

One lot Ladies' Coat Suits, made of plain colored and fancy light and dark suiting materials, all new styles, regular prices from \$15.00 to \$18.00, now..... \$9.95

Ladies' Tailored Cot Suits, in plain colors, two-toned and fancy Herringbone striped effects, including the new Spring shadings, these have been specially cheap at \$20 to \$25, now..... \$14.00

Suits worth from \$27.50 to \$32.50 for..... \$19.75

Suits worth from \$33.00 to \$37.50 for..... \$22.50

WASW SKIRTS, Push their way to the front for comfort. There is nothing like a washable skirt. We have them in white and colored, for \$1.00 to \$4.00

CORSETS FOR ALL FIGURES. Every figure has its appropriate Corset. Our sales ladies use the greatest of care and the utmost patients in securing the right Corset for the right figure.

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Result of Bad Roads.

There is another matter that makes bad roads a factor of loss. That is in the sale of the farm. A farm ten miles out on a road impassable for five months in the year has five-twelfths of its usefulness impaired and is certainly worth 33 1-3 per cent intrinsically less than it should be were the roads not so bad. Bad roads are a deterrent to settlement, thus driving an additional value away from farm land due to increasing population. They act as a repellent force to drive the boys and girls and desirable citizens from farm life.

Good Road's Great Value.

A good road is a convenience and a necessity. It helps both the buyer and seller of farm produce. It is invaluable to farmer and merchant alike.

In the great fight for the people of Philadelphia against the Rapid Transit Company for increasing car fares in Philadelphia, 20 per cent. recently, "The Philadelphia Press" made the following announcement in its columns, and which should be of general interest every where:

"The Press" wants the people of Philadelphia to know that when the agreement between the city of Philadelphia and the rapid transit company was made two years ago, "The Press" approved it, believing to be in the interests of the citizens of the city. As a part of that agreement it was specified there should be no change in rates of fare without the consent of both parties. The rapid transit company has broken this agreement by increasing the fare without the consent of the councils. We regard this as a breach of faith, and the imposition of an unwarranted burden upon the public, and we have advocated the interests of the people as against this increased fare.

As a result of our advocacy of public rights imperiled by corporate greed, and of our refusal under dictation, to abandon this advocacy, we have already lost a large advertiser. Whilst we regret this action on the part of this particular advertiser in attempting to punish us for acting upon our sense of duty, we have been prepared to meet such a contingency. A news paper with a sense of so weak as to permit its self-interest to pervert it is not fit to exist. Our advocacy of public rights will be continued despite any financial losses which may result to us therefrom.

Information has been received by the Division of zoology of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture from some of the principal potato districts of the United States to the effect that the potato bug or Colorado Beetle, is already actively at work on the young potato plants and threatens to do considerable damage. Blight may also cause much loss to potato growers.

In answer to some of the queries as to how to destroy the bugs, as well as prevent blight, State Zoologist Surface replies as follows:

The Colorado Potato Beetle or Potato Bug will be very destructive in many parts of this State this year. Spray with the Bordeaux mixture to which poison is added. Make the Bordeaux mixture by using four pounds of bluestone and five pounds of lime in fifty gallons of water and to this add either one-half pound of Paris Green or two pounds of arsenate of lead. Spray thoroughly and you will prevent blight and also kill the bugs. Repeat this once every two weeks for blight, but if there are no bugs present, you need not add the poison. Whenever the bugs are present add the poison and spray for them. There is no rule concerning the frequency of repetition for potato Bugs as we simply spray when they come and kill them as soon as possible. If you do not wish to go to the trouble of making the Bordeaux mixture for the blight, or are willing to run the risk of the blight not coming, you can kill the potato beetles by spraying with either of the two poisons mentioned, in fifty gallons of water alone. But the best thing to do is to make the regular Bordeaux mixture with lime and bluestone and then add the poison to this. The Bordeaux is for plant diseases only, and will not kill insects. It is thus a fungicide. To make it an insecticide we add the poison as described above.

Joseph C. Pennington.

The death of Joseph C. Pennington of Laporte Township, Thursday-morning of last week caused a profound shock of sorrow to his many friends in this section of the county. In his death the old residents and G. A. R. men of this vicinity feel the breaking away of almost the last of those links which connect them with the early pioneer life of Laporte and adjoining sections. Mr. Pennington had been ill but a few days. Several weeks ago he bruised one of his fingers causing an abrasion. He naturally gave little attention to the effected member until a few days later when his hand and arm began to swell and pain. A physician was consulted, but he continued to decline and death resulted a few days later from erysipelas.

Mr. Pennington was a public spirited man, broad minded and intellectual. He was a most exemplary husband and father, being ever kind and indulgent to his family; a good neighbor, at all times ready to lend a helping hand to those who were in need of help, and a loyal friend. In fact Mr. Pennington possessed all those qualities that make for noble manhood. He served his country with a remarkably good record during the Rebellion, in Co. K. 111, P. V. 1602 until the end of the war. He engaged in most of the hardest fought battles and his record as officially recorded is one reflecting great honor to the man that he was.

For many years he was a faithful member of the Methodist church, and his life was such that when the summons "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord," came to him he was ready to obey that summons.

Mr. Pennington was in the 70th year of his age.

He leaves a widow and two daughters: Mrs. W. S. Weiland, and Miss Alice Pennington, who have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

The funeral services were held from his late home near Nordmont, and were largely attended by men of prominence throughout this section.

Poisoned by Canned Corn.

The members of the family of Frank Martz, who reside at Selinsgrove Junction, consisting of Mr. Martz, his wife and eight children, and Mr. William Shaffer, of Ohio who is visiting the Martz family, had a very narrow escape from death last week, when they were poisoned from eating canned corn.

Mr. Martz purchased the corn at Sunbury and it was eaten on Friday at dinner. Several hours later all of them became deathly sick and were unable to attribute the cause of their illness. Home treatment was used but to no avail, and when several of the children became critically ill, a physician was hurriedly summoned from Sunbury. When an examination was made by the physician he found that the illness of the family had been caused by the canned corn and that if the proper remedy had not soon been administered several members of the family surely would have died.

All of the family were still sick Saturday, and one of the daughters had not yet recovered on Monday morning.

Immense Dam Project.

An immense project to dam the Susquehanna river near Towanda and form a great reservoir which will develop 15,000 horsepower to be supplied in electrical form to Towanda, Waverly, Sayre, Athens and Binghamton is said to be a possibility in the near future. Back of the scheme is Melkleham and Dinsmore, the New York City engineers and promoters, who are owners of the Sayre Electric Company which furnishes power for the Waverly, Sayre and Athens trolley line and the lighting and commercial industries of Sayre. This company also owns the light, heat and power company in Binghamton.

HOTEL BERNARD GRAND OPENING.

The Celebrated Trate Orchestra of Watsontown is Engaged. Special Excursion on W. & N. B. R. R.

Landlord John Hassen of Hotel Bernard, Laporte, is advertising a grand opening ball to take place Tuesday evening June 22, at his popular hostelry formerly known as the Commercial Hotel. The remodeling and decorating will have been completed by the date fixed for the formal opening. New furnishings throughout are the added improvements to the hotel. Equipped with a modern water and sewer connection, the hotel stands second to none in Sullivan County if not quite the superior in many respects. The opening ball promises to be a notable occasion as the genial host is sparing no pains or expense in making extensive preparations for a good time to be participated in by a large crowd. The celebrated Trate Orchestra of Watsontown Pa., has been engaged to provide the melody for happy dancers. This company of musicians commanding nothing less than \$50.00 an evening fully attests to their ability as artists. This feature alone will be worth traveling miles to enjoy. The spacious ball room on the third floor of the hotel will be the mecca of a jolly bunch throughout the evening. A special train will be run over the W and N. B. Railroad for the occasion. It is scheduled to leave Halls 5:21 P. M. arriving at Laporte 7:45. The special will leave Laporte at 2:00 o'clock A. M. Wednesday. This will be a memorable occasion as it is sure to attract a large crowd who are promised "the time of their life" by Mr. Hassen.

A request for information as to how to rid plants and trees of black ants, which was received at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Division of Zoology, elected the following from Prof. H. A. Surface, Zoologist:

"You can do this by finding the nesting places of these pests and making holes into the interior of them with a sharpened stick like a broom handle and pouring into each hole one-half cup of carbon bisulphide. fill the hole with earth and cover with a wet cloth or blanket to keep down the fumes, and the ants will be destroyed at once. This is the best possible method for destroying ants of any kind. After the nest is found, and the queen destroyed in the manner stated, the colony is broken up. Ants in the household are best treated by following their path to the place where they live and pouring in the carbon bisulphide. If it be at the side of a wall, or elsewhere where they cannot surely be located, one can destroy them by pouring considerable gasoline, or benzine, into the hole made by the side of the wall. "Ants as seen going up and down trees are not themselves the cause of injury to the trees or plants, but are visiting Plant Lice or scale insects, or sometimes plant gland for obtaining the sweet liquid, called honey dew, which is secreted by them. Thus the ant is generally an indication of serious pests on the trees, although itself doing no injury. It is, therefore, not necessary to treat the trees for ants, but to treat them for the pests which the ants visit. This means spraying with a contact insecticide, of the proper strength, at the right season, according to what the pest may be.

"Black ants sometimes make nests or mounds in which vegetation does not grow, and thus become objectionable. The method described above destroys them in their nests, but where they are in decaying wood they should not be regarded as serious enemies of mankind, and they do not deserve destruction.

Lincoln said: If I pay \$20 for a ton of iron in England, I have the iron and they have the \$20; but if I buy it in America we have both the iron and the money." This is the briefest and best definition of the effects of the tariff yet given; and every American citizen should commit it to memory.

The New Pure Food Law.

State Dairy and food Commissioner Foust has instructed the manufacturers and dealers in food products concerning the new law passed by the legislature. The law allows one-tenth of one per cent. of benzoate of soda to be used in making catsup, mince-meat, sweet pickles, jellies, shredded codfish etc. All foods must be true to name, and the use of cereals and water in sausage is strictly forbidden.

Under the provisions of the act no meats, preserves or other food stuffs may be colored to represent something which they are not, and the fact that benzoate of soda or coloring matter is used in any products must be plainly stated upon the label. Meats, preserves and other things likely to be contaminated by flies, dust etc., must not be exposed, but kept covered.

While much fault is found with the law and Governor Stewart was very strongly urged to veto it, it is far better than no protection at all from unscrupulous manufacturers and dealers who care nothing for the public, but would batter the lives of the people for the sake of gain if allowed to do so.

The Crop Outlook.

Farmers are interested in the reports concerning crop condition, as reported by Secretary Wilson. While the outlook is not all that might be desired, it shows improvement and presents nothing to occasion alarm. It is quite possible, if not probable, that we shall have as large a cotton crop this year as last year, in spite of the agitation for decreased acreage. As there is good profit in raising cotton at present prices, and cotton is the most important crop in the adjustment of our foreign trade balance, the outlook in this respect is entirely satisfactory.

Whatever storage there may be in wheat will be more than compensated for by the large increase in corn acreage. If acreage conditions prevail we should produce a record breaking corn crop. As this exceeds in value any other two crops combined, and farmers are securing very profitable prices for this cereal, it is reasonable to hope for another profitable harvest. Wheat is of course, a very profitable crop at present figures; though it is not without significance that the present high price of flour has so checked consumption as to cause supplies to accumulate and force price cutting among the mills.

The fruit crops are not in as good condition as last year, and all crops combined are officially stated to be 4 points below last year, but eight points above the year before. With our industrial and agriculture situations both in such promising condition, it is not surprising that confidence is growing and already running into a strong degree of optimism.—Gazett and Bulletin.

U. S. Postage Stamp Business.

The chief revenues of the Post Office Department are derived from sale of stamps, stamped envelopes, postal cards and so forth. Uncle Sam's postage stamps are manufactured by the Bureau of engraving and printing at Washington; the envelopes and newspaper wrappers are made under departmental supervision under contract, by a private corporation whose factory is located at Dayton Ohio, while his postal cards are made under similar conditions at Rumford, Me. From these points distribution is made to post offices throughout the country upon requisition of postmasters duly approved by the department.

Postage stamped paper issued during the year aggregated \$176,974,190.24, an increase of \$3,967,713.97 over 1907. The total number of pieces of stamped paper was 9,772,059,664 increase 440,140,609; books of stamps, 18,213,310, an increase of 526,510. That the issue of postage stamps will cross the ten-billion mark during the fiscal year 1909 is confidently anticipated.