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When Social Life is Needed.

It was thought when telephones, rural delivery and other advantages were introduced that they would have the effect of stemming the tide from the country to the city but the tide, except here and there, does not diminish in volume.

Great as is the boon of these facilities they do not make up for the lack of social life in the rural districts, and that lack seems to be the weakest point. In former days, when the city was not accessible, the social instincts of the people were met and largely satisfied by the spelling bees, husking bees, singing school and, on their social side, the "protracted" meetings. But these things have almost entirely vanished and little or nothing of a social character has taken their place. Yet it ought to be possible to provide some attractive and helpful social recreation for farmers' families, and for that purpose the country school building might be utilized more of an evening than it now is. With the social problem solved in all probability the drift from the country will be arrested.

Notice to Correspondents.

We are pleased at the way our out-of-town writers have been supplying us with news items and the manner in which they are written, however, a few suggestions may be of benefit: When speaking of out of town people always tell when anything took place. When reporting births, deaths, marriages, etc., always give all dates. Always sign your name to items. When out of supplies ask for more.

We would like a correspondent in Forksville, Sonestown, Bernice or any other county town from which we receive no letter.

Editor.

Now is the time to get busy on that Farm Journal, Horse secrets and News Item bargain offer. Read our ad on last page.

Have the Trusts Increased the Cost of Living?

That the trusts by their combination, or mutual understanding have made the things they manufacture, or deal in, dearer in price is extremely probable. That they have made enormous profits is proven by their payment of such exorbitant dividends to their stockholders as to make them immensely rich.

Mr. Rockefeller says the Standard Oil Company has made better oil, and made it cheaper than it was before his company was organized. That may be so, and still it be true that they are exacting more money from poor, hard working people, to pile up in their banks than is just or christian like. Had the great oil and steel trusts been satisfied with reasonable profits, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Carnegie would not now be worth hundreds of millions of dollars each. That they are amiable men, and liberal givers of large sums for colleges, and libraries, does not alter the fact that the corporations which exact much tribute from the common people are unjust, unscriptural, and pernicious.

Corporations are necessary to carry on great enterprises, but they should be restricted by law from making such exorbitant profits. The government that gives them their right to do business, should restrict them to reasonable gains. If the Standard Oil Company made oil cheaper, it was in part because new oil territory was discovered, and gushing wells put down. If they obtained lower rates of freight from the rail-roads than any other shippers, and still lower cost of transportation by laying down pipe lines; if they saved money by buying out the small private refineries, and doing a great whole-sale business; from whatever means they have made great gains they should be willing to share it with the people or give up their charters. If the profits of the trusts are unreasonably great then they have contributed toward increasing the cost of living.

To Destroy Snails.

A Lancaster county professional man wrote to State Zoologist Surface, Harrisburg, stating that his cellar, built four years ago of limestone, was infested last year with "some animal" that looked to him like a snail. It came out during the night, and left slimy tracks. He asked what to do to get rid of the pest.

Professor Surface replied as follows: "As to what to do for snails in your cellar, I can say that the best thing is to dust freshly slaked lime abundantly into the cracks and crevices that might be inhabited by these lowly animals. Their bodies are moist, and the freshly slaked lime is more than they can stand. They can also be killed by poisoning them, dipping fresh slices of potatoes into a mixture of one part Paris green and thirty or forty parts flour, and placing the slices where the snails will feed upon them. As a rule, however, the lime is sufficient, and this is also good for sanitary purposes."

MUNCY VALLEY.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bennet died Sunday, March 27, at the age of 11 months and 26 days. The sympathy of all is extended to the bereaved parents.

Mrs. Adam Bradley and children are visiting relatives near Danville.

Martha Remensnyder is in Dushore.

Mrs. Albert Bardo and son, who have been spending some time with her parents here, have returned to their home in Rochester, N. Y.

Julia Remensnyder spent Sunday with her parents here.

At the Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference recently closed at York Rev. David L. Dixon was appointed to the Eagles Mere and Laporte district.

OBITUARY.

Dr. Rose Morgan.

Dr. Rose Morgan, died at her home in Williamsport on Tuesday morning, after a brief illness, at the age of 53 years.

Dr. Morgan was a grand-daughter of Judge Jos. B. Anthony. At the age of 11 years she went to Warrensville where she attended the township school and later the Central State Normal at Lock Haven, where she remained for 5 years as the head of the model school. After teaching for a number of years she determined to take up the study of medicine and took several courses in various schools graduating from the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia in 1895.

This is sad news to her many friends in Laporte where she practiced in her profession with Dr. Wilson for several years. Her success as a medical practitioner was very marked, and she had the confidence and good will of every one. Much regret was expressed when, after the death of doctor Wilson, she returned to Williamsport. She was a prominent member of the Lycoming County Medical Society.

Dr. Morgan's demise from an active and useful life came as a striking blow to a wide circle of friends who will mourn her loss.

Deceased was survived by her father and one brother, Mrs. Mable Ritter is a niece.

Sadie Ethel Grange.

Mrs. Sadie Ethel Grange wife of Lyle Grange, died at her home in Forksville on Friday morning, March 25, at the age of 31 years and 8 months, after an illness of five months of pleural pneumonia following typhoid fever.

Mrs. Grange was a member of the M. E. Church, a kind indulgent mother and an excellent neighbor. She leaves a husband, four children, a mother, brothers and sisters and hosts of friends to mourn her death.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 1 p.m. from the M. E. church at Forksville, Rev. F. P. Hess officiating. Interment was made in East Forks cemetery.

NORDMONT.

(Last Week's Items.)

Miss Edna Jones very pleasantly entertained a number of young people at her home, Tuesday evening, in honor of her brother Harry of Montoursville. All spent a delightful evening. Refreshments were served. Those present were, Misses Edith Morris, Reba Hess, Mable Hunter, Anna Cox and Clara Morris, Messrs. Horace Hess Raymond Anders, Harry Horn Zera Cox and Shedrick Hess.

Raymond Woodhead of Forksville is visiting his sister Mrs. Jos. Little.

James Miller of Muncy Valley and Thos. Snape of Philadelphia, were callers in town Monday and Tuesday.

H. M. Botsford of Palmyra, N. Y. is spending a few days at this place.

H. C. Hess was a business caller in Laporte Tuesday.

Mrs. Starr, Miss Ada Simmons of Sonestown and Mrs. S. E. Starr of Ill., were the guests of W. B. Hazen and wife one day last week.

Mrs. Jane Lovelace of Laporte visited her brother F. R. Keeler Friday.

Mrs. Samuel Hunter and daughter Mabel were callers in Dushore Saturday.

G. D. Peterman and O. A. Sherman spent one day last week in Williamsport.

Ye Rubbish Owners, Take Heed.

It would be well for the people of Laporte who have rubbish from their back yards to dispose of, to remember that there is a place for such refuse on the western borders of the borough, that has been set apart by the town council for that purpose.

HEALTH FORCES DEFEAT DEATH

Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Lives Saved in Two Years.

SHOWS ENORMOUS GAIN

Three Million Dollars Spent In Conservation of Public Health Shows a Saving of Twenty-Three Million Dollars to the Commonwealth—Diphtheria, Typhoid and Tuberculosis Give Way Before the Steady Advance of State's Health Officers.

The precious lives of thousands of little children have been spared because the state in its wise beneficence has furnished diphtheria antitoxin to the poor. Typhoid fever is killing 2500 less people per year in Pennsylvania than it did four years ago. Tuberculosis now claims 1000 lives less a year in this state. Education and co-operation of the people in health matters, backed by vigorous support of the public press, is helping Commissioner Dixon to win out in war against disease. Industries seek states where health records show low death rate.

In the last five years the state of Pennsylvania has been engaged in conservation work of an extremely important and fundamental kind. With President Roosevelt it believes that the preservation of the people's natural resources should begin with the preservation of the people themselves. The public cannot conscientiously permit the wasteful sacrifice of its forests and its other forms of natural wealth, but even less conscientiously can it permit the wanton sacrifice of its children's lives.

In maintaining a fully equipped state health department and engaging on a large scale in this great warfare against disease, Pennsylvania has taken a foremost stand for real modern civilization. The creation of governmental agencies for the preservation of the public health marks a new conception of governmental responsibility. The work thus far marks only the beginning—merely suggests the good which this department, under the direction of Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, the commissioner, has in view.

In the last thirty years the attitude of the public towards ill health has radically changed. Until the researches of that resourceful genius, Louis Pasteur, disclosed the real cause of contagious diseases, the average man's conception was practically that which had prevailed in the middle ages. The infections were merely manifestations of the inscrutable wisdom of Providence, expressions of divine wrath; punishments for sinful human kind. Even the scientist regarded them as fundamental facts of nature, like death itself, which everyone must uncomplainingly accept. Pasteur, however, in a few masterly experiments, brushed aside all this ignorance and superstition. He showed that all contagious diseases had a clearly defined and obvious origin. They were not mysterious visitations, without tangible cause and insusceptible to tangible control. They were caused by an infinitely large universe of infinitely small forms of vegetable and animal life. He demonstrated that the connection between these malevolent micro-organisms and the ensuing disease was as close as that between sunlight and heat. And he also immediately drew the inevitable conclusion. If the world were once rid of these organisms, he declared, it would be rid of contagious diseases. "It is now within the power of the world"—such was the deduction which he drew from his experiments, "to rid itself of all contagious diseases."

Setting Pace in Health Work. This was the goal at which Pasteur aimed; that has been the goal at which all movements for improving the people's health have necessarily aimed since. And this was the ultimate ambition which led, five years ago, to the organization of the Pennsylvania State Department of Health, a Pennsylvania in which there shall be no young men and women languishing away with tuberculosis; a Pennsylvania in which no children shall die of diphtheria; a Pennsylvania in which there shall be no typhoid, no scarlet fever, no smallpox, no meningitis, no dysentery, no malaria—this is the kind of Pennsylvania which the State Department of Health hopes ultimately to create. It does not expect to reach this goal in a year, or ten years, perhaps not in a single generation, but this is the ideal that it has constantly in mind. It recognizes the fact that, so long as any of these diseases exist, their prevalence is a distinct reproach to the state. It is a reproach simply because the method eliminating them is known. The old theory of government as a power which protects its citizens only from foreign foes and native marauders is giving way to new standards of civilization. The greatest enemies to the state are those which

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WORLD NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Covering Minor Happenings From All Over the Globe

DOMESTIC.

Charles Stewart, one of the alleged ringleaders in Pittsburg's councilmanic graft, made a complete confession to the District Attorney. Thousands attended the funeral of Magistrate "Battery Dan" Finn in New York City.

Governor Stubbs of Kansas, in a speech at Chicago, asserted that absolute prohibition "precluded race suicide and encouraged savings bank accounts."

In an interview in Atlanta Governor Brown of Georgia bitterly assailed Commander Peary and defended Dr. Cook.

William H. Buckley, lobbyist for six insurance companies at Albany, N. Y., admitted he had borrowed \$61,000 from the Phenix of Brooklyn while a Deputy Superintendent of Insurance. Of this loan, Edward E. McCall, now a Justice of the Supreme Court, paid off \$25,000 with his own checks.

The Allds-Conger bribery investigation at Albany, N. Y., closed with the speech of James W. Osborne, who summed up the case against Allds.

At the New York fire-insurance inquiry it was brought out that alleged go-betweens had asked \$10,000 of Elijah R. Kennedy, legislative agent of the companies, in behalf of Assemblyman Town, and \$10,000 for "Big Tim" Sullivan from President Seward of the Fidelity and Casualty Company.

Senator Allds' counsel, summing up his defence, brands the Conger charges as a "diabolical plot."

Prices of meats in retail establishments throughout New York city are increased from three to five cents a pound.

Mayor Gaynor of New York, angered by a police outrage, ordered the promiscuous "mugging" of prisoners stopped in a hot letter to Commissioner Baker.

President Taft was the chief guest of honor at the dinner of the New England Manufacturing Jewelers' and Silversmiths' Association at Providence, R. I.

WASHINGTON.

President Taft attended services at the Unitarian Church in Washington, D. C., later taking a motor drive.

The tariff dispute with Canada was practically settled at a conference at the White House, in which President Taft, Secretary Knox and the Canadian Ministers of Finance and Railways took part.

The Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee refused to call the Secretary as a witness at Washington, D. C.

In the Senate the Dixon bill relating to sealing in the Pacific was passed and the nomination of Williams Kenyon to be assistant to the Attorney General was confirmed.

A movement was started in Congress to nullify the publicity feature of the Corporation Tax.

There was but little reference in the proceedings of the House to the insurgent-Democratic war on Speaker Cannon. Senate insurgents won a victory in having bills transferred from one committee to another.

Mrs. Mabel Ritter was called to Williamsport this week on account of the serious illness and death of her aunt, Dr. Rose Morgan.

Mr. Lord of Williamsport is in Laporte for a few days, sealing lumber at McCartney's camp for G. W. Hoover a Williamsport lumber dealer.

Nellie, Sarah and Hazel Brown of Lebanon spent a few days last week with their grand-parents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bitter at Laporte Tannery.

The stock of goods in the Store lately occupied by Stafford Bros., will be sold at Bankrupt Sale during the week commencing April 18, 1910, at public auction, by James C. Caven, Trustee in Bankruptcy. Full notice will appear in next week's paper.

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Beef Scrap	3.00
Meat Meal	2.50
140 lb bag Salt	.60
56 lb bag Salt	.30
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