

### Claim Miners Not living up to Their Agreement

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 5.—The Miners conciliation board this afternoon considered the grievance entered by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company concerning a recent strike at the Hazleton shaft. The strike was called because the company refused to discharge a non-union man. The board after a long session decided that the miners' committee that called the strike, should appear before them at their next meeting. The officials of the Lehigh Valley company declare that the miners are not living up to the spirit of the recent agreement.

### HAS SCRANTON CONNECTION

#### After Years of Negotiation the Lehigh Gets Entry Into Scranton

Announcement has been made that the Lehigh Valley railroad has found its way into Scranton over the Laurel line, a third rail system connecting Wilkes-Barre and Scranton.

For years the Lehigh Valley has been endeavoring to have its branch established, but passengers for Scranton were forced to alight at Wilkes-Barre and make connections over other lines.

Notices issued by the Lehigh Valley are that arrangements had been made for an interchange of passengers with the Laurel line and that baggage coming over the Lehigh Valley also would be handled.

### MUCH LIKE THE HUMAN RACE

Admittedly the Fly Has No Sense, But Is Mankind Really Far Superior?

"It is a mighty good thing for the people of this country," says Abe Peters, that the fly hasn't any sense. A fly will walk deliberately into any sort of a trap with its eyes wide open. Put down a piece of sticky fly paper and pretty soon a dozen flies are fast on it. That isn't so remarkable, but every one of them klick and struggle as long as it lasts, telling every other fly that it is in trouble.

"Naturally, one would suppose that the other flies, seeing what the first dozen had got into, would keep away, but they don't. The more flies get stuck on the paper, the more the others want to get on. It is so with any sort of trap. You can't fix up anything in the nature of a trap that a fool fly won't fall for. If it wasn't for the fact that a fly can raise a family inside of a week, and that a baby fly on Monday morning may be the great-grandmother of a million flies before Saturday night, the tribe would have been extinguished long ago.

"And yet, come to think it over, I don't know but that flies show about as much sense as a lot of humans. The fool humans keep walking into traps with their eyes wide open year after year, and don't seem to learn much of anything from either observation or experience. Every time I see a young fellow just throwing himself away and ruining all his chances forever of amounting to anything and doing it with his eyes wide open, I say to myself, 'Well, I guess there are a good many of us humans who haven't any more sense than so many fool flies.'"

### FARMER HIS OWN BUTCHER

That Was the Old-Fashioned Plan—and One Writer Considers It a Good One.

A contributor says that every farmer ought to make his own meat. At present, he says, many are buying meat at from thirty-five to fifty per cent. above the cost. The time has returned, he claims, when it will not only pay every farmer to raise his own meat, but to cure it for family use and for sale besides. He goes on:

"Five million dollars a year spent for meat that might have been raised on the farm, and the money kept at home, is Kansas' record. And it is a mistake. It shows we are 'advancing backward' in some things.

"The good old butchering days of our fathers ought to return, and with them a full knowledge of how to cure the meat in various ways, so when the 'fresh' was gone, we should have some of the finest, most appetite satisfying meats on hand the year round.

"Kansas has awakened, and the state agricultural college is leading by putting in a killing and curing plant, where all students may learn this useful art from start to finish. What the grain growing farmers of the west have done, the milk making owners of eastern farms have followed, and today there are thousands of farmers' families that never see a home cured ham or taste a rasher of bacon or a slice of salt pork that is not got from the meat dealer.

"Having to spend money for meat, many families lack a sufficiency of this snow-making food, and who may say that not a few failures to make good on the farm are due to lack of the meat which stimulates?"—Farm and Fireside.

#### Freezing Out Hay Fever.

"My hay fever," he said, "strikes me on July 2 every year, rain or shine. On July 1 I go to bed a well man and the next morning I rise with watery eyes, a red and swollen nose, clogged up tight and dry, wide-open mouth through which I breathe with noisy wheezes. My head feels distended. It feels as though it were being stretched on a form—like you stretch a shoe or a glove, you know."

"But today—" he said. "Today," he exulted, "I'm cured. Today for the first July in seventeen years I'm my own man. Cold storage—that mangled cold storage—is what has put me on my feet.

"The cure is simple. Every day or two I spend an hour in a cold storage warehouse, wandering in a temperature of 30 degrees, among chickens and hogs and beees all white with frost.

"This treatment seems to freeze the hay fever out of the system, he same as it freezes moths out of fur. It has cured me and dozens of others. I must write to the Hay Fever association about it."—Buffalo Express.

#### The Truly Great.

A bride and groom gave a side line of added interest to a load of sight-seers on a "rubberneck wagon, seeing Broadway," last Thursday afternoon, relates the New York Sun, owing to the fact that the first spat of their newly wedded life was well under way.

"You seem to be interested very much in that man!" said the groom testily, as the bride looked back with tense interest to a man crossing Long Acre Square, whom the lecturer on the wagon had pointed out in passing as Sig. Perugini.

"Who is he, any way?" demanded the groom.

"He's Lillian Russell's oldest living ex-husband, that's who he is!" snapped the bride.

### For San Jose Scale and Diseases of Grape Vines

A Pennsylvania grower has written to State Zoologist H. A. Surface, Harrisburg, sending cuttings of his grape vines, and stating that they are not healthy. He asked what to do, and received the following reply from Dr. Surface: This is to the point, and as it applies to the needs of others, it may be found generally useful.

"The grape vine which you sent is injured by San Jose scale, and all so by some form of plant disease you prune it back to some extent to put life in the part that is left, and after the leaves drop this fall spray thoroughly with the boiled lime-sulfur solution. This solution acts both as an insecticide to destroy the scale, and as a fungicide in destroying the disease germs that are upon the vine.

"It will also help the vine to spray now with the Bordeaux mixture. This is not for any insects that are present, but it is for plant disease that attack the vine itself, or the leaves, or the fruit. It will prevent the rotting of those grape berries which have not already commenced to rot, but those where the rot has commenced will not be cured.

"Make the Bordeaux mixture by using three pounds of bluestone and four pounds of good fresh lime in fifty gallons of water. Spray thoroughly with this soon."

### Highway Improvements

One thousand miles of highway built since the State began its present road improvement system will be what Pennsylvania can show at the end of the present year but in spite of the progress made by the Keystone State it is being closely pressed by its neighbor commonwealths. New York and New Jersey have been building roads on a definite program for several years, whereas this state had no system for its highway construction until last year, giving the two other states an advantage which has been worth untold thousands of dollars to their people. Ohio and Maryland have just created highway departments and other states like Texas and Michigan are already engaged in building on a scale that will make Pennsylvania look to its laurels.

The mileage of roads improved by the State this year will be the largest in its history, but this is only a beginning. Pennsylvania is committed to the establishment of a network of highways approximating 8,000 miles, the greatest of any State, and so located as to connect every county seat and provide easy access to market towns in agricultural districts. The adoption of just such a system has given New York the lead of every State in the matter of highway improvements and resulted in the voting of \$5,000,000 a year for ten years to make the system the best in the country.

The manner in which the people of New York have profited by their

improved roads is interesting to Pennsylvania whose expense a great part of the gain has been. The empire State, not possessing except in its eastern part the scenery which characterizes almost every section of Pennsylvania, made many of its road improvements in the fertile western portion, with the result that while affording splendid roads and quicker means of reaching the numerous cities and towns to sell their produce, they also tempted to the New York roads the heavy automobile travel which would have gone through Pennsylvania if this State had the roads. The improved roads have developed extensive truck farming in the vicinities of cities, and farms which for years were confined to raising of staple grains being brought nearer to markets by the better roads are now growing produce which finds a ready sale. Another interesting fact is that New York has probably as many farmers owning automobiles as any State in the Union. New York with these good roads won the Eastern bound automobile traffic, which scatters dollars to such an extent that New England States are now dotted with automobile supply stores and hotels, whose business is largely with tourists. Visitors to Eastern resorts and cities have been surprised at the number of automobiles bearing the license tags of Western States, comparatively few of which go through Pennsylvania merely clipping the Erie corner in order to pass from Ohio's fine lake side roads to the wide, smooth highways of New York.

The loss in dollars and cents to farmers of Pennsylvania by reason of inability to reach market towns more than once a week, due to poor roads is probably many times what residents of this state lose by diversion of automobile traffic from the same cause. The adoption of the main highway system by the legislature of 1911 gave the State a way to obtain the advantages possessed by New York State folks, and the ratification of the constitutional amendment for the issuance of \$50,000,000 bonds for road building will supply the means. The next legislature which meets in January, will act on this proposition, which will then go to the voters for approval.

#### Human Happiness.

Well-being and happiness are not an inheritance of which we take possession at birth and which we are destined to enjoy at our ease; they are to be searched after with unwearying assiduity. We enter into life destitute of everything but simple existence. All that we enjoy in our passage through life are acquisitions; they are the result and the rewards of our own diligence and care, or communicated by the diligence and care of others.—Cogan.

#### Declined With Thanks.

Mistress of the House (widow)—"Well, Johnson, of course I'm very sorry to lose you, at the same time I must congratulate you on your good fortune in having this money left you. (Pleasantly) I suppose you'll be looking out for a wife now." Johnson—"Well, mum, beggin' your pardon, and I'm sure I feel greatly honored at what you propose, but—er—I am engaged to a young woman already."—Grip.

#### Kaw Indian Chief Remembered.

Henry Bluejacket, a celebrated Kaw Indian chief, visited central Missouri in 1833. He spoke English well, was gentlemanly and agreeable in his deportment. He was physically large and handsome. His dress was a loose sack hunting jacket of blue cloth with fringed buckskin leggings and moccasins and a foxskin cap. Contrary to the usual custom among Indians, the Kaws usually wore caps on their heads made of fox, coon or wildcat skin.

#### "Jes' Full o' Take."

The cast off hats and dresses of the women of the family have frequently been offered to the maid in a north side family. Last week, when asked whether she would take a pair of over-shoes that were believed to be too heavy for wet weather at this time of the year she replied: "O, yes'm, yes'm, I've jes' full o' take; I've raised up never to refuse anything."—Indianapolis News.

#### Strings to Friendship.

"I suppose every man's friendship is worth having?" said the young man who is studying politics. "Cherish not the delusion," replied Senator Sorghum. "You must select with caution, owing to the fact that when you accept a man's friendship you incidentally acquire the neutral enmity of everybody who doesn't approve of him."

People are still getting married in balloons, though any kind of marriage is risky enough.

### The Sixty-Third Annual Session of the Penn'a State Educational Association

The Sixty-third Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association will be held at Harrisburg, December 26, 27 and 28. The outline of the preliminary program has been sent out by the President, J. George Becht, to heads of Departments, for suggestion and revision. A new departure will be made in the program arrangement for this year. Each of the Departments will be in charge of one of the General Sessions of the Association. This will insure a larger measure of interest in the Department work.

Among the topics to receive special consideration are, first, the Rural School and Country Life Problem. Second, the Course of Study and its Adjustments. Third, Physical and Vocational Education and their Relation to Modern Life. In addition to these general lines along which the program will be arranged, and in which the child is the central theme, there will be discussions on teachers' qualifications and remunerations, including the subject of pensions and retirement funds.

Among those who have already consented to take part in the meeting are Mr. Edward Howard Griggs, author and lecturer, of New York City; Dr. Reuben Post Halleck, a prominent high school man of Louisville, Ky.; President Anna J. McKeag, of Wilson College; Mr. Wm. A. McKeever, author of "Farm Boys and Girls," of Kansas; Mrs. Frank DeGarmo, of Missouri, head of the school and country life movement in connection with the National Congress of Mothers; Supt. S. L. Heeter, of Pittsburg; Dr. J. B. Richie, of McKeesport; Supt. J. H. Van Sickle, of Springfield, Mass. Other prominent speakers will appear on the program.

Hon. Henry Houck, Secretary of International Affairs, and for forty years Deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will welcome the teachers on this occasion.

#### Skull Found.

A human skull was found recently by W. B. and R. P. Robinson while they were fishing in one of the dams on the North Mountain. It is thought to be the skull of a headless man who was found in that section some time ago and which has still remained a mystery.

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