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FINDING POSITIONS FOR UNEMPLOYED MEN.

Commissioner Jno. Price Jackson announces that the recently created Bureau of Employment of the Department of Labor and Industry distributor 620 jobs in Pennsylvania industries as Christmas present among unemployed workers during the month preceding Christmas.

The central office of the Bureau at Harrisburg placed 228 workers in employment. The Philadelphia branch office is in the Hannan Building in that city.

Approximately 1834 applications for employment were received at the three offices of the Employment Bureau during the last six weeks. At the Harrisburg office 258 applications for work were received; at Philadelphia, 1372; at Johnstown, 204. There remain 1214 applications for work in the three offices of the Bureau, including 30 at Harrisburg 1034 at Philadelphia; and 150 at Johnstown.

The Bureau has at present 386 positions in various lines of work to offer unemployed persons. There are 170 of such vacancies in the Harrisburg office, 114 in the Philadelphia office, and 102 in the Johnstown office. A great number of applicants on the waiting list are persons who are capable of performing only very light work and for whom it is difficult to obtain positions.

Director Jacob Lightner of the Employment Bureau asserts that every effort is being made to find places suitable for every applicant but he declares that in many instances the problem presented is difficult to solve.

"A pleasing feature of the work is the genuine gratitude shown by many of the persons whom we have aided in finding employment," said Director Lightner Tuesday. "It frequently happens that applicants offer a dollar as advance fee to the clerk who receives the application. Considerable surprise follows when the money is refused and the fact is impressed upon the applicant that the state is aiding them without cost to employment.

"Many employers have similarly voiced their appreciation of the service performed by the State employment bureau. With the development of this free system to bring together the unemployed worker and the employer in need of employees, the aim of the bureau will be to perform a beneficial and economic service to all of Pennsylvania."

128 SERIOUS HUNTING ACCIDENTS.

Figures compiled on the most recent season in the three branches of outdoor sport, show hunting the most dangerous pastime.

There were as many deaths in base ball as in hunting, but the baseball season covers nine months of the year while hunting lasts only a few months and there are many, many more persons engaged in baseball than in hunting. The football season lasts about as long as the hunting season but the death record is much smaller.

Between the 62 persons killed in hunting, 4 were badly injured. The figures are gathered from 18 states. Last year the dead numbered 111, and the injured 162.

The increase is probably due to the fact that fewer persons hunted this year. Many states having passed a law prohibiting the shooting of deer and limiting each hunter to one buck. Many of the hunters stayed at home. Michigan has been the case for several years, led in deaths with 14.

Two persons were killed; Mrs. J. E. Ford, of Danville, Ill., as accidentally shot by her husband while on a duck hunt in Joliet, Mo. Mrs. Reuben Barrett, of Danard, Me., was shot by a hunter who thought he was shooting at a deer.

Accidental discharges of guns were responsible for most deaths and injuries. In many cases, hunters shot at what they believed to be game, and found that they had killed fellow hunters.

LAKE-KEEPER.

Jacob Piatt, of Stonycreek township and Miss Elsie Keefe, of Brothersvalley township, were united in marriage by Elder G. Schrock, at the residence of E. Knepper, of Brothersvalley township on Dec. 23.

Red Cross Society are messengers of good health. They save lives. Help in the great emergency. Sold at all the leading business places.

ROCKWOOD.

J. R. Barron has returned home from Mobile Alabama where he had spent several weeks looking after his southern investment.

Mrs. Harry W. Keil of Casselman dropped dead on Friday afternoon at her home. She had been suffering from neuralgia for several days past and the family physician, C. J. Hemminger, claims that it went to the heart causing instant death. She is survived by her husband and two children.

Mrs. Dennis Mankamer who has been visiting friends and relatives in Rockwood for some time past has returned with her children to the home of her father in Iowa.

John Vought one of the teachers of Iron City College, Pittsburg, is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vought of Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shoyer who were recently married have moved into the E. E. Dull property on Main street.

Mrs. John Hanna has gone to Pittsburg to spend a part of the holidays with her father, L. H. Ward.

Miss Emma Merrill of Garrett, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller, of Highland and while in town renewed old acquaintanceships.

Miss Carrie Snyder of the Miller block has returned home after spending several days visiting relatives and friends in Johnstown.

Ernest Schackelton, a former resident of this place but now of Philadelphia, died at his home the first of last week and was brought to Rockwood for burial on Friday, interment being made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Philip Schaff of Kiski College at Saltsburg is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. H. D. Schaff and with other friends in Rockwood.

Miss Edna Snyder of California Normal is at home during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Snyder.

Mrs. Fannie Moon of Confluence, is enjoying the holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wolf of Rockwood.

Mrs. Elwood Zearfoss of Rockwood enjoyed a visit of several days with Pittsburg friends.

SOUTH SIDE BOYS WIN LOCAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

By defeating the Firemen Five on Christmas evening by the score of 26 to 16 the South Side Basket Ball team won the second game of the series and with it the championship of Meyersdale. For the past two years there has been a strong spirit of rivalry between these two teams and at the beginning of the present season, Manager Reich arranged for a series of three games with the understanding that the city championship should be conceded to the winners of two games. The first game was played about two weeks ago and the South team defeated their opponents in a fast game 19-18 score. On Christmas evening the Firemen were out for revenge and were determined to win. The result was a fine lively game with each team playing its hardest. The game was very interesting until within a few minutes of the end of the last half when the South Side boys took a spurt which so bewildered the Firemen that the game was easily won by the South Side team.

The lineup—South Side 26 Pos. Firemen 16 S. Grier F. Darrow Fike-Matthews F. Reich G. Griffith C. Darrah C. Siehl G. Lindeman W. Stotler G. Spence

Field Goals—Grier 5; Matthews 3; Griffith 3; Darrow 1; Reich 2; Darrow 1; Spence 1.

Foul Goals—Grier 3 out of 9; Matthew 1 out of 3; Darrah 6 out of 22. Referee Clutton; Timer, Boucher; Scorer, L. Siehl.

The Meyersdale High School Basket Ball Team will open their season at Reich's auditorium on Friday, Jan. 7 with the strong Beall High School quintet of Frostburg.

CONFLUENCE

Miss Felicia Flanigan, a student at Indiana State Normal, is spending her vacation with relatives here.

Miss Josephine McKee, a student at Peabody Institute at Baltimore was home to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents.

J. L. Burnworth of Johnsons Chapel and W. E. Hollinger of this place each lost valuable cows last week.

J. C. Kendall of Baltimore, was greeting friends here recently.

E. C. Show of Johnsons Chapel, has returned from a business trip to Ohio.

Bert King was here on his way to his home in Braddock after attending the funeral of his father at Ursina.

Misses Reba Pore and Paulene Murphy, students at Indiana State Normal are spending the Christmas vacation with their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Pore and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Murphy.

R. J. Frantz and Harry Porterfield returned home after spending several days at Farmington on business.

BIG IMPETUS FOR ESTABROOK BOOM

"Dark Horse" For Republican Presidential Nomination.

NATIONAL DEFENSE PIONEER

Known as Fearless Advocate of Traditional Republican Principles—Also Recognized as One of Ablest Campaigners in United States.

Far and away the most interesting phase of the national political situation is the movement that has brought Henry D. Estabrook, of New York and Nebraska, so prominently to the front as a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination. First spoken of as a possibility in connection with the presidency less than six months ago, Mr. Estabrook is today one of the leading candidates, with evidences of strength that are a source of concern to the friends of the other aspirants.

He has made speeches in every important city in the East, Middle West, and Far West, an arduous campaign experience that has put him in good condition to meet the rigorous demands made on the head of a party's national ticket, and his friends in Nebraska and other States have formed Estabrook organizations and are going after national delegates in the most vigorous fashion. Impartial observers agree that this development of the Estabrook boom has no parallel in the political history



HENRY D. ESTABROOK.

of the last 25 years, and they are beginning to inquire whether the popular demand for new leadership is actually so strong as to give this new man the greatest political prize over which men struggle.

An All Around Big Man.

Estabrook is a big man physically, mentally and politically. Quite six feet in height, erect, rugged, he would be a man of commanding presence in any gathering. His mental attainments are attested by his signal success in the practice of law and by the widespread interest in his every public utterance on governmental, economic and social problems. He has always been a student and when he discusses a subject he speaks with the authority of one who has mastered it. His conclusions are invariably sound, and, once he has arrived at them, they are proclaimed frankly and fearlessly, for he is essentially a man with the courage of his convictions.

For instance, he has been one of the most drastic critics of President Wilson and the present Democratic administration, arraigning them for their tariff law which bankrupted the federal treasury and which places the American farmer, the American manufacturer, and the American laborer at the mercy of foreign competition, and for a foreign policy which has destroyed the respect that the American flag and American citizens once commanded in every quarter of the globe.

A Preparedness Pioneer.

Likewise Mr. Estabrook was the first man prominently before the public to outline a concrete program of national defense, which he presented in an address before the American Bankers' Association September 8th last at Seattle, characterized by the Seattle Times as "one of the most remarkable addresses ever delivered in the Northwest," and he was the first Republican leader to point the way to the reunion and harmonizing of all elements of the party, his "Get-Together" plea before the McKinley Club of Omaha, Nebraska, last October, having attracted widespread attention.

From the time Mr. Estabrook opened the Republican National campaign in Chicago in 1896 he has been recognized as one of the ablest campaigners in the United States, and there have been few speakers in greater demand.

The issue in the great contest of 1918, which is to restore the Republican party to the administration of national affairs, will be Protection, Prosperity, and Preparedness, in Mr. Estabrook's judgment, with "Get-Together" as the slogan for Republicans of every shade of opinion. He has been preaching this gospel in all sections of the country, and has met with enthusiastic receptions everywhere he has gone.

OLD AGE

DR. DIXON ... Number 100 of the weekly "Little Talks on Health and Hygiene," by Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, the state commissioner of health, has been issued, somewhat appropriately, entitled "Old Age."

When Doctor Dixon began to write these timely essays on preventive medicine and allied subjects 100 weeks ago, probably no one was less sanguine than he of the popularity which they would speedily achieve. Their success, however, was instantaneous. The start was made by furnishing the "little talk" each week to each newspaper, daily and weekly, in the state, free of charge. Literally hundreds of papers began to use them at once. Some handle them as news, in the regular news columns. Others use them as an editorial page feature. Some run them regularly as editorial leaders, with and without credit.

It wasn't long after the series began before out-of-state papers, attracted by the sound advice given in the "little talks," asked to be placed on the mailing list. Boston, Chicago and Buffalo papers did this; then Canada was heard from. Then came papers as far west as the Pacific coast. When a "little talk" turned up in a Calcutta, India, paper, however, Dr. Dixon made up his mind he had got about as distant a circulation as possible. It is promised that the series will run indefinitely.

"Old Age" this week, runs along the thought that the age of the individual is merely a matter of spirit and that one can remain young as long as one will. Doctor Dixon says: "The gray-beard sighs, shaking his hoary head.

Compares times that are now, with times past heretofore, Praises the fortunes of his father long since dead:

And cracks of ancient men, whose honesty was more. "Thus did a Roman poet describe the characteristic of old age 1900-odd years ago.

"Those who wish to remain young would do well to con these lines and guard against such an attitude of mind. The fountain of perennial youth is in the spirit. If you would arm yourself against the stealthily advancing years, cultivate the habit of looking continually forward. For the man who keeps his eyes fixed ahead and struggles onward to some worthy goal, the years speed by unnoticed. For him who turns and walks backward, looking ever in the past, the future holds no promise, and the stimulus of the shoulder-to-shoulder touch with the on-pressing younger generation is lost.

"The future is built upon the ruins of the past. Advancing years should bring ability to concentrate and an experience which will compensate in no small degree for lack of physical power.

"At 30, man suspects himself a fool knows it at 40, and reforms his plan: at 50 chides his infamous delay, pushes his prudent purpose to resolves"—and if he be wise makes use of such experiences as he may have piled up along the road of life and pushes his purpose home.

"Moderation of habit and attention to the rules of hygiene will help materially to make the years sit lightly, but this alone is of little value if we are without ambition and live from day to day.

"When the idols of youth are broken

THE ONLOOKER.

I am a fan for honest toil; my work-worn hands have bunions. I like to till the fertile soil and hoe the fragrant onions. I like to push the gleaming plow athwart the tuffed hummock; I like to milk the lop-eared cow, which kicks me in the stomach.

Such work appeals to every sense; with pleasure I pursue it, till some one sits upon the fence and tells me how to do it. I like to have my couch at dawn, all filled with vim and ardor, and mow my large and portly lawn, to labor hard and harder; and just when I enjoy it most, there comes a fat-headed neighbor, who leans against the hitchingpost, to criticize my labor.

"Your mower shouldn't touch the ground," exclaims that gifted liar; "just turn that doodad screw around and raise the rinkum higher. Unless those bearings you adjust and make the blades go slower, you'll spoil your lawn and likely bust your daburned ten cent mower. Just let me take your mower home, if you'd avoid disasters; I studied mowing grass in Rome, beneath the grand old masters."

"Is thus with every man tries; he cannot shear a gander, but what he gets some counsel wise from innocent bystander.

I like to weave into a song some chestnuts old and older, until the Aleck comes along and gazes o'er my shoulder.

"Your every stanza has a fault," I hear the Aleck sighing; "your rhythm's lame and blind and halt, your rhymes are law defying. You try to follow after Pope, by futile folly blinded; a kid could turn out better dope, though he were feeble-minded."

I throw that Aleck down the stairs.

You would not go to a cabbage for its beauty or to a lilly for its taste. Getting what you want is only a question of knowing where to go for it. and incontestably, the one place for a bigger return upon your clothes investment is the store that sells HART, SCHAFFNER & MAPX CLOTHES. THE PLACE IS Hartley & Baldwin

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we must set up new and better ones. "Ambition we must have and work as well if we would laugh at Father Time."

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

The Civic League will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Municipal Building, Thursday, Jan. 6, 1916, at 2:30 p. m. Was it one of your resolutions to attend the Civic League Meetings and encourage a Higher Public Spirit and Better Education.

The League gives us the following poem to be published:

IT'S YOU—NOT THE TOWN

What's the matter with this town? Nothing, sir, it's you! Are you helping it along? Lots of things to do! Finding fault with this and that Doesn't cure the ill; Taking off your coat and hat Is the way to fill the bill! What's the matter with this town, Anyway? you ask; If there's anything that's wrong, Righting it's your task! Knocking, maybe, has its place, But it's up to you— With a bright and smiling face— To do some boosting, too!

What's the matter with this town? Matter is that men Find it easier knocking down Than helping up again;

who would with kicks assail me, and pelt him with the rugs and chairs, but naught does it avail me. Another Aleck comes along, the former's fate forgotten; he reads the verses of my song and says the same are rotten. We all are prone to overlook the work another's doin' and whisper in his ear, "Gadzooks! Your mind must be a ruin! If I should do such work as that, forever I should rue it. Just stand aside, poor, worthless flat—I'll show you how to do it!" Now when we see the toiler sweat, why not come up a smiling and say, "You are the one best bet! Your style is sure beguiling!"—By Walt Mason, from Judge.

Who Feets the Bills for Sin?

Does any good citizen who fights for temperance and morality stop to think that he pays the enormous bills these involve, that he pays for the care of the vicious, the insane, the idle, the pauper and the outcast; that he foots the bill for every penitentiary, jail and prison and every inebriate asylum? Taxpayers are not among the vicious and the pauper class as a rule. The thrifty must pay for the unthrifty, the thrifty for the bad. Is it not, therefore, all the greater reason why the good citizen should have his part, and a prominent one, in the selection of public officials and the supervision of the expenditure of public funds? Is it not better that the money of the taxpayers should be spent for educational purposes, for good roads, for abundant and satisfactory water supplies, for health and sanitation and all the other purposes which make for the welfare of the common people? If the good citizen steps away from the primaries and polls and leaves politics to ward workers, who marshal their forces in the taprooms and evil re-

Lots of ways to help along, Lots of things to do; Nothing the matter with the town, The matter is with you.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS MUST INSURE TEACHERS

The Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation act, which goes into effect on Jan. 1, 1916, applies to all employers whether individual or corporations.

Boards of School directors as municipal agents, come within this provisions according to a bulletin sent to Co. Supt. of Schools, D. W. Seibert a few days ago.

The school boards may insure their liability in the state insurance fund as recommended by the bulletin, or they may insure with a stock company. The rate under any stock company will be ten per cent higher than the state insurance fund which will be five cents per hundred dollars on total payroll for teachers' insurance and 67 cents per hundred dollars for janitors and other employees.

Boards of school directors are advised to secure blanks and further information for the State Workmen's Insurance Fund, Harrisburg, Pa.

THE GLOBE ELECTRIC AND NOVELTY COMPANY IS HEADQUARTERS FOR CHRISTMAS TOYS.

sorts, whose fault is it? Who is to blame but the good citizen? What have the churches to say in this matter? Is there any higher form of religion the clergy can preach than the first duty of the good citizen to the city, state and nation of which he is an integral part?—From Leslies.

Unless a man who claims to have religion uses it in his business he has the wrong brand.

It isn't always safe to judge newspapers, cigars and women by their wrappers.

The more children a woman has the fewer theories she has about raising them.

No wonder a woman seldom knows her own mind; she changes it so often.

But let the sluggard attend a picnic and the ant will surely come to him.

A man seldom knows what he doesn't want until after he acquires it.

The average man's conscience is more elastic than his suspenders.

Many a good reputation has been stabbed by a pointed tongue.

When a good man goes in for reform work he begins at home.

The Lord made woman and she made herself over into a lady.

And man is also the architect of most of his own misfortunes.

A declaration of independence of coats in summer is in order.