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JAPANESE BATTLESHIP SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A Russian report has reached here that four Japanese battleships and two transports have been sunk at an engagement at Port Arthur.

The news of the battle at Port Arthur comes from St. Petersburg. The dispatch adds that the Japanese attack was repulsed by the Russians and that the Russian battleship Retvizan covered itself with glory.

While no details in addition to the bare statement that six ships were destroyed have been received, it is supposed that the engagement was the result of sorties the Russians had planned in order to release their bottled-up fleet.

Paris, Feb. 24.—An official telegram received in St. Petersburg announces the defeat of the Japanese with serious loss at Port Arthur.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The state department received advice this morning that Japan and Korea have just concluded the negotiation of a treaty guaranteeing to Korea her independence and integrity.

It is supposed that under the terms of the treaty, Japan is allowed to occupy the country temporarily with troops, with the understanding that at the conclusion of the war with Russia they will be withdrawn.

London, Feb. 24.—All dispatches from the seat of war today bring news that the Japanese are landing from transports at various ports on the western coast of Korea that they are rapidly advancing within striking distance of the vanguard of the enemy and that the natives in the towns occupied are panic-stricken with fear.

London, Feb. 23.—The correspondents of the Exchange Telegraph company at Paris wires that it is reported there that Japan has proclaimed a protectorate over Korea.

London, Feb. 23.—No startling developments from the scene of hostilities in the far east had reached London up to early evening. The meagre news that came today consisted of continued preparations for the great land battle near the banks of the Yalu river, in Korea.

A military man, whose business it is to know at any cost and by any means what is transpiring, said today that when the fight came it would be found that the Japanese slightly outnumbered the Russians. He figured that about 150,000 Russians and 185,000 Japanese would be engaged.

This is only another example of Russian unpreparedness, as the Russians were supposed to have at least 500,000 men available for a speedy campaign in Korea.

The report of the deposing of the Korean emperor, Yi-Hyung, may be accepted as a fact. Some days ago the Japanese government sent a prince of the imperial house to Seoul, as an "advisor to the Korean government."

No one in diplomatic circles had any doubt as to what that meant or what would happen to the weak emperor of Korea.

London, Feb. 24.—It has been ascertained by a most careful investigation that the European public, as a rule, favors Russia in the present conflict in the far east. Sufficient time has now elapsed for opinion to have had a chance to adjust itself, and correspondents yesterday polled all Europe, through correspondents, and the results show that so far as sympathy goes Napoleon's prediction that Europe would be all republican or all Cossack, has been fulfilled by it being nearly all Cossack.

England itself is a loyal ally of Japan, though the old-fashioned conservatives, of whom the Spectator is the mouthpiece, still deprecate the alliance, as they fear it may release some Frankenstein in the shape of the "yellow peril."

A Paris correspondent has ascertained while a month ago a Russo-French alliance seemed feeble, Russia's very misfortune has re-energized the friendship, all circles being unanimously pro-Russian, with the exception of the Socialists, under M. Jaures. Poor tradesmen and peasants everywhere are buying Russian securities, though the value of these is constantly falling, as a tangible way of expressing their sympathy.

In Berlin it is learned that all official and religious conservative elements of the empire are strongly pro-Russian, as they consider that any weakening of Russia would upset the balance of power and undermine monarchial institutions. Only the Socialists are anti-Russian and their attitude is the result of hatred of an autocracy and not through regard for the Japanese.

TO OURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves' signature is on each box. 25.

Birthdays. Mrs. E. Upson, East Front street, tendered her son James a surprise party on Friday evening in honor of his 21st birthday. Those present were: Misses Edith and Annie Ross, Grace and Tillie Ricketts, Margaret, Lizzie and Rachel Churn, Mary Heller, May Rank, Florence Newberry, Florence Ammerman, Della Swazey, Minnie Girton, Lena Ridgway, Alma Campbell, Hattie Adams, Jennie Upson of this city, and Misses Grace and Gertrude Downie of Shamokin; Messrs. Fred Held, Walter Ricketts, Walter Gross, John Minter, Joseph Smith, Wesley Johnson, Eugene Peaz, Alfred Esterbrook, Clyde Snyder, Harvey Boyer, Joseph Blyde, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Oswald. Mrs. Upson presented her son with a gold watch and chain.

Reports from the farming districts say that the hens are awakening to a sense of their responsibility to society at large and are producing the particular specialty with more freedom and regularity than for some months past. As a result the price of eggs is slowly declining.

P. O. S. OF A MEN IN CONVENTION

One of the most successful joint district conventions in the history of the P. O. S. of A. organization of Columbia and Montour counties was held Monday at Catawissa. Gathered together in the hall of W. C. No. 540 were no less than a hundred officers, delegates and members.

Represented at the meeting were the following camps: No. 17, Light Street; No. 48, Millville; No. 121, Benton; No. 261, Jonestown; No. 294, Newton; No. 367, Riverside; No. 364, Danville; No. 105, Berwick; No. 319, Bloomsburg; No. 17, Fowlerville; No. 327, Lime Ridge; and No. 540, Catawissa.

When the convention opened the following officers were in the chairs: President, Dr. L. L. Edwards; Charles McAllister, vice-president; Boyd McAllister, Master of Forms; J. V. Wilson, A. E. Brown, secretaries; J. L. C. Kline, treasurer; George Labor, conductor. With the singing of the camp ode and prayer by chaplain Schweppenhiser, the convention was opened. The address by president L. L. Edwards was one of considerable strength and brought out well the object for which the organization is striving. Several members gave brief, earnest talks, followed by the reports of their districts by District president Kline of Southern Columbia County district and District President Schweppenhiser of the Northern Columbia County district. Each reported the camps in their districts to be in a flourishing condition.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, A. H. Kline, Vice President, Matt Stone; Master of Forms, A. T. Chapin, Fishing Creek; Secretaries, Charles Wilson, Danville, E. G. Schweppenhiser, Berwick; C. S. Waltz, Catawissa; Treasurer, I. H. Seesholtz; Conductor, J. J. Davis, Fowlerville; Inspector, Isaac Gross, Danville; Guard, Wilson Rhodes, Newlin.

A most excellent and stirring address was given on the principles of the order was that given by Rev. I. M. Bachman, of Newlin. Danville was chosen as the place for the next convention, and it was decided that the camps should send the part of the resolutions, pertaining to the schools to the school board and teachers. The resolutions were as follows:

Whereas, the members of the Columbia-Montour District Joint Convention of the Patriotic Order Sons of America have this day assembled ourselves together for the transaction of such business as may be for the good of the Order. Now therefore be it hereby

Resolved, 1st, That the resolutions adopted at Benton and Light Street be heartily endorsed by this convention. 2nd, Be it resolved that this convention consider the delinquency of the non-attendance of delegates representing various camps, we would hereby urge their attendance, making this joint convention a greater success.

We further resolve that we the said convention would urge the school boards and teachers to make every effort to educate the pupils by illustrations relating to the further advancement of patriotism and that we recommend that the teacher of each school should read or have read to the school Washington's Farewell Address which should be read on or about February 22nd, Washington's Birthday.

We further resolve that the Bible should be used in the public school in an unsectarian way.

4th, We further urge the investigation of the cause of inducements to foreigners and foreign immigration.

5th, We lastly resolve that these resolutions be printed and sent to every camp in said convention and spread on the minutes of same and also thank the members of W. C. No. 540 of Catawissa for their kindness and hospitality for the use of their rooms, and also thank to all who have so kindly assisted this convention, especially to members of M. E. Church.

Charles Wilson, Chairman. W. E. Ereland. J. E. Snyder.

The Committees named are: Credential Committee—Bro. Ereland, Camp No. 509; Bro. Charles Wilson, Camp 364; Bro. Snyder, Camp 481; Bro. C. S. Waltz, Camp 540.

Resolution Committee—Bro. Bachman, Camp 204; Bro. Charles Wilson, Camp 364; Bro. Dr. Edwards, Camp 123; Bro. L. B. Kline, Camp 540; Bro. Jacob Steiner, Camp 419; Bro. Charles McAllister, Camp 105; Bro. George Labor, Camp 509; Bro. A. U. Leshor, Camp 105; Bro. C. E. Randall, Camp 540.

Four Generations. Miss A. M. Keeler, Mill street, has a photograph representing four generations, which she prizes highly. The family group, which was taken on the occasion of a visit to this city recently, consists of Miss Keeler's mother, Mrs. P. B. Keeler, and the sister of the former, Mrs. William Robbins of Cambria, Luzerne County; next in line of descent on the photograph is Mrs. Westover of Register, Luzerne County, granddaughter and her fourteen month old baby Lametta, great granddaughter of Mrs. Keeler.

SAVED FROM THE KNIFE

Cal-cura Solvent, the Wonderful New Medicine Will Dissolve and Expel Stone and Gravel from the System. Your Money Back if it Does Not Cure.

A surgical operation is no longer necessary for the removal of Stone and Gravel from the Kidneys and Bladder, since the new medicine, Cal-cura Solvent, discovered by the well-known physician and surgeon, the late Dr. David Kennedy, quickly dissolves and swiftly expels Stone, Red and White Gravel, thus freeing the patient of the inflammation and pain, caused by the presence of these time formations. Better than all, Cal-cura Solvent prevents the formation of Stone and Gravel and all acid conditions of the blood. The medical profession has accepted and heartily endorsed the principle upon which Dr. Kennedy based his claims for Cal-cura Solvent. If your druggist does not have Cal-cura Solvent, write to the Cal-cura Company, Rondont, N. Y., but ask your druggist first. \$1.00 a bottle. Only one size.

Guarantee. Your druggist will return your money if Cal-cura fails to cure, and the Cal-cura Company will pay the druggist. Remember, Cal-cura Solvent cures 98% of all cases of Kidney, Bladder and Liver disorders.

Funeral of Mrs. Barry. Mrs. John Barry, was laid to rest in St. Joseph's cemetery yesterday forenoon, the funeral taking place from St. Joseph's Catholic church at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father M. J. O'Reilly officiated. The pall bearers were: John Tooley, P. M. Kerns, Patrick Griffin, Thomas Black, Thomas McCaffrey and John Tooley.

The deceased is survived by her husband and two sons and two daughters: Sylvester of this city; James Barry of Bradock, Maryland; and Lizzie who resides at home.

WILL NEED MANY NEW LOCOMOTIVES

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will add 50 locomotives to its equipment this year. While the official announcement has not yet been made, the motive power officers of the corporation have agreed upon the needs in the hands of the directors.

About 200 of the locomotives will be built by the railroad company and the remainder will probably be constructed by the Baldwins. Most of the engines will be under construction in the early spring, and by fall all will be in hand. The estimated cost is \$3,500,000.

The engines will be of the heavier type, and a majority will be placed in the freight service. They will be constructed at the Altoona shops, which are now undergoing extensive improvements. The passenger machines will be used in handling the through trains, especially for the World's Fair traffic, which promises to be very large.

It was not the intention of the company to increase its motive power to any great extent this year. It intended to spend most of its money in improving and enlarging its track facilities. The unexpected increase in freight traffic, however, diverted the attention of transportation officials to needs along that line, and it was decided to build more engines as soon as possible.

An officer of the company said last night that the freight congestion was due to a large extent to the lack of motive facilities. At present there are between 3000 and 4000 cars of freight awaiting movement between New York and Pittsburgh. With the new engines this traffic could easily be handled.

The road built or bought about 500 locomotives last year and at that time it was thought the number would be sufficient for the company's needs. The constant wear and tear, however, made it necessary to put many of them in the shops. At present there are more than 100 locomotives in the various shops.

When asked if any of the new engines would equal in size and power those now being built for the Santa Fe by the Baldwins, the officer referred to above said there might be a few. As a whole, however, he said, engines of such monstrous proportions are of little use in the Eastern part of the country, especially in the mountain districts.

The order for the equipment will be given out as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the company next month. The contract for the engines to be built outside the company's own shops will not be taken up until the middle of the summer.

A MEASURE OF MERIT

Danville Citizens Should Weigh Well this Evidence. Proof of merit lies in the evidence. Convincing evidence in Danville, is not the testimony of strangers. But the endorsement of Danville people.

That's the kind of proof given here. The statement of a Danville citizen, Levi Allegor of 102 North Spruce St., says: "I had much lameness in my back right over my hips and an ever-lasting aching over the kidneys. It hung right to me, and stooping or lifting anything caused sharp pains to pass through me. I had pain between my shoulders and running down my spine, which afflicted me for my work. I could not sleep well nights, and was tired all the time, especially first thing in the morning. I read about Doan's Kidney Pills curing others of this trouble and I got them and after taking them I felt all right. They are the only thing which ever did me a permanent good."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents per box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Garfield Literary Society. The Garfield Literary Society held a regular meeting in the High School Friday afternoon. Officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: President, Mr. Mettler; Vice President, Miss Kase; Secretary, Miss Vest; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Houser; Treasurer, G. Jacobs; Chorister, Miss Cressman; Marshal, Mr. Orth; Reporter, Mr. Boyser; Attorney, Mr. Morris.

The following program was rendered: Mandolin Solo—Miss Kimerer; Recitation—"Building of the Ship"—Miss Kase; Declaration—"The Revolution"—Mr. Alary; Reading—"Mrs. Wigg's Cabbage Patch"—Miss Kimerer; Piano Solo—"The King's Jewel"—Miss Finnegan; Declaration—"Right of free discussion derived from God"—Mr. Johnson.

The question for debate was—"Resolved, That tramps should be compelled to work on public works." Decision was rendered in favor of the Negative.

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Sick Headache. Largely a woman's complaint—is chiefly caused by indigestion, constipation and torpid liver. You can prevent it by taking a dose of Cal-cura Solvent. Dr. David Kennedy's new medicine, once every few days immediately after a meal. Pleasant to the taste. No nausea or griping. Write to the Cal-cura Company, Rondont, N. Y., for a free sample bottle.

A Carpet Rag Party. A carpet rag party was entertained at the home of Melvin Shultz, Cooper township, yesterday. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. James Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Foust and daughter Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Shultz, Mrs. John Crouley, Mrs. Lydia Kachner, Mrs. Nathan Krum, Mrs. Philip Boyer, Mrs. VanKirk, Mrs. Samuel Scott and daughter Laura, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kachner and children Helen and Earl, Mrs. Lydia Krum, Mrs. J. W. Berninger and daughter Elizabeth, Mrs. William Weliver, John Snyder, Helen, Marion and Roland Shultz.

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WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE REASSURING

Owing to the ice gorges, which are expected to cause trouble and disaster, our citizens are watching the river very closely to see what the effects of the recent thaw may be. Up to last evening the rise here was not at all marked, while the reports from up the stream were not such as to cause any alarm.

The situation on the whole is such as to inspire the people with a great deal of assurance. The several days of high temperature and high wind cut into the ice and snow very deeply, the streets and the hillsides being practically bare. If, as would seem natural, the ice gorges have been affected similarly the inroads already made on these big masses of ice must be considerable.

Now that the snow and ice is disappearing and thawing is actively in progress the water, which accumulates and drains into the river, is becoming quite muddy. This is taken as a favorable circumstance as nothing will assist so much in honey-combing the ice as muddy water.

All that is desired now is a continuation of the present weather conditions. Heavy rains, it is hoped, will not occur until the ice gorges have become so reduced and weakened that they will easily give way before the force of the flood.

Carnegie Sends Check. In pursuance of his intention expressed several weeks ago, Andrew Carnegie has forwarded a check of \$40,000 to his representative in this city, to be added to the Harwick relief fund. The check will be deposited at the Iron City Trust Co. tomorrow. The remaining amount of the fund in the hands of Mayor Hays was turned over to the trust company yesterday. The amount aggregated \$21,429.67. The statement issued by the Iron City Trust Co. today is as follows: Relief fund previously reported, \$13,438.26; pupils of the Bethlehem school, \$33.20; Tube City Journal, \$7.25; Presbyterian congregation of the Sockley, \$50; Mayor William B. Hays, \$21,429.67; Pittsburgh district of German Turners, \$345.70; Cheswick relief committee, \$333.30; Point Breeze Presbyterian Sunday school, \$70; Fourth Avenue Baptist Sunday school \$25; total, \$35,533.18.—The Pittsburgh Press.

Birthdays. One of the most enjoyable events of the season was a birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Love on Friday evening last in honor of their son Charles. Those present were: Misses Anna Foust, Cora Foust, Carroll and Maggie Krum, Hettie Pursel, Martha Boyer, Laura and Florence Krum, Alma and Edna Shultz, Annie and Emma Krum, Mary and Ella Lowe, Carrie Lowe, Laura Love, Fred Roth, Clarence and Hurley Cotner, David Cotner, Joseph Cotner, Frank Krum, Isaiah Krum, Cleaver Boyer, Frank Boyer, Stuart Hartman, Samuel Fry, Curtis Walter, Jacob Berger, Charles Thomas, Arthur and Charles Foust, Arthur Farnsworth, Rose Merrill and Edward Delisle.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a running sound or humming in the ears, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflammation of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that can be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for free literature. Sold by druggists, price, per bottle, Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Birthdays. Mrs. W. O. Krumm was tendered a surprise party at her home near Derry Church on Saturday last in honor of her 45th birthday. An excellent dinner was served and all enjoyed a pleasant day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ganger, Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Durkin, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Krumm, Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Krumm, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Derr, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Derr, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Taylor, Misses Margaret Deihl, Sarah Funk, Emma Deihl, Blanche Durkin, Mabel Krumm, Norma Durkin, Ella Snyder, Mr. Wagner, Eva Hartman, Grace Durkin, Grace Krumm, Helen Derr, Aota Derr, Rosa Hartman, Anna Hartman, J. W. Ganger, Frank Funk, Percy Hartman, Curtis Durkin, Thurman Krumm, and Master William Shultz.

First Great Excursion. Via Pennsylvania Railroad, May 10. The Louisiana Purchase Exposition will open at St. Louis, April 20, and will be in perfect condition on that date. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run the first low-rate coach excursion from the East to the World's Fair on May 10, affording residents of the Eastern section an opportunity to see the great Exposition in all the glory of its pristine freshness. Tickets will be sold from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad System. The fare from New York will be \$30; from Philadelphia, \$18.50, with proportionate rates, approximating one cent per mile, from other points. These tickets will be good going only on special coach trains to be run on May 10, and returning in coaches of regular trains leaving St. Louis not later than May 15.

FLORIDA. Last Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad. The last Jacksonville tour of the season via the Pennsylvania Railroad leaves New York, Philadelphia, and Washington by special train March 27. Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth) and meals on route while travelling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York \$50.00, Buffalo, \$34.25; Rochester, \$34.00; Elmira, \$31.45; Erie, \$34.85; Williamsport, \$50.00; Wilkesbarre, \$50.25 and at proportionate rates from other points. Tickets will be good for return passage on regular trains until May 31.

For tickets, timetables, and full information apply to ticket agents, or address Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Y. M. C. A. Star Course. The fourth number of the Y. M. C. A. Star Course of Entertainments, will be given in the Opera House, Friday evening, Feb. 26th.

The Lecture at the Collegiate Institute Hall by Rev. Thomas McClary was amusing and instructive, and it is safe to say there was not a person present who was not made better by his delicious presentation of wit and practical wisdom.—Chatham, Canada.

CONEWAGO SITE FOR MILITARY CAMP

President A. J. Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in a letter to Congressman Olmsted, recommends the Conewago camp site as the most advantageous as from a transportation point of view of any of the Pennsylvania points proposed as one of the great maneuvering grounds. Mr. Olmsted read the letter Friday at a meeting of the Committee on Military Affairs, having the matter under discussion.

Several gentlemen were heard in behalf of sites in the far West. Representative Pearson, of Maryland, then spoke in behalf of the Oakland site, the advantages of which he set forth in glowing terms. He dwelt particularly upon its transportation facilities and said that more than fifty thousand of the National Guard of the different States could be transported there within twelve hours. He thought the Conewago site was too close to Harrisburg and the Chantanooga camp meeting for the morals of the troops.

Representative Olmsted, replying to Mr. Pearson said that the morals of the people of Oakland or any other part of the State of Maryland and he thought that the morals of the troops would be improved rather than injured by association with the good people who gather every summer upon the Chantanooga grounds of Mount Gretna for religious and educational instruction. He said that fifty thousand of the National Guard of the adjoining States could be transported from their homes to Conewago in one-half the time, at one-half the expense, and less than they could be transported to either Oakland or Somerset.

"What about Long Island?" inquired a member of the committee, "the committee has received a proposition to locate a camp there."

Mr. Olmsted replied that the fact of ferrage of itself, would prove an insuperable objection to Long Island. He then read a letter from President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who, he said, had charge of the Long Island system, as well as the roads in Pennsylvania, and was as good authority as could be found anywhere in the United States upon the transportation question. President Cassatt, in his letter, unhesitatingly declared the Conewago site to be the most advantageous from a transportation standpoint. Mr. Olmsted then showed from railroad charts the distance from various points in New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, and New England points, and proved that distances of the National Guard in these States could reach Conewago much more directly, expeditiously and cheaply than either Somerset or Oakland. Even the Maryland troops could reach Conewago more quickly, as it was only about half as far to Conewago from Baltimore as from Baltimore to either Somerset or Oakland.

He paid a high tribute to the character of the citizens in the region of the proposed camp site, and dwelt upon the purity of its water and climate and its natural advantages for military purposes, declaring in conclusion that Secretary Root, shortly before retiring from office, had told him that it possessed more of the requisites for a camp site than any other place he had ever known.

It is understood that Lieutenant General Chaffee and the present Secretary of War are rather in favor of an appropriation for four camp sites, leaving the location to be selected by the War Department afterward. Some of the members of the Military Committee also incline to this view, but it is the present opinion that the committee will report a bill providing for and naming four camp sites and that Conewago stands a very good chance of being named as one of the four.

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THEY DESERVE THE INCREASE

The hope that rural free mail carriers may receive a maximum salary of \$20 a year should be realized. They are worth no less than that sum if the rural free delivery is worthy a thing. The salary which these carriers receive does not represent their net income from the government. They must provide their own horse and vehicle and pay their own maintenance, and all of this expense comes out of the slender income from Uncle Sam. It is clear that the present net income for arduous and faithful work is too small and that all the rural carriers deserve the increase which has been recommended by the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. The free delivery system is so convenient that in the near future it is bound to be considerably extended. Some day the towns from which rural routes start, and which do not now have free delivery, will be treated as liberally as rural recipients of mail are. There are some rather large towns that have no free delivery, while farmers in the neighborhood have their mail conveyed to them every day. Some day these towns will be placed on the free delivery list, whether they be self-supporting or not.

Admirable mail facilities are among the best evidences of progress and good government, and the time will undoubtedly come when no citizen will be compelled to go to the postoffice for his mail.

Exercising in the Gymnasium. Interest in the gymnasium since early closing has gone into effect has taken a wonderful bound. The men's classes since the influx of merchants and clerks has increased nearly fifty per cent. Interest, too, runs high. Men are making a study of their special physical needs and they enter the exercise with such zest and enthusiasm as to insure the very best of results.

Professor Carpenter has done a great deal to popularize physical exercise in Danville and it is a fine tribute to his ability that the high water mark of attendance in the gymnasium should occur while he is in charge. There are now two large men's classes, one of some twenty and the other of twenty-five. One of the classes meets on the afternoons of Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the other on the evenings of Tuesday and Friday.

These classes are not to be distinguished as business men's classes, although they contain a good many business as well as professional men. As a matter of fact they contain men engaged in physical labor, even men who toil hard in the rolling mill, and it is worthy of mention that the latter class feel as much benefited as any by the exercise.

Men at last have become alive to the fact that exercise such as is obtained in mere work of any kind is not sufficient. Such exercise is apt to be limited to one organ or one set of muscles, which alone share in the development. What is needed even for the man who works hard is all-around exercise, such as may be obtained in a gymnasium under a competent physical director.

Among our well known citizens who have entered Professor Carpenter's classes expecting to be benefited are men with flat chest, torpid liver, round shoulders, drooping head, obese men who want to get lean and lean men who want to get fat or at least "to gain in flesh."

It is a very interesting sight to watch the class at exercise. Among the movements which are obviously followed with beneficial results is the exercise in forced respiration or deep breathing, which is calculated to stimulate the action of the heart, developing better circulation and strong healthy lungs. The same might be said of the abdominal exercise, which attracts blood to the stomach, stimulating digestion, and working good in other ways. Calisthenics and the dumb bell drill, a graceful and fascinating form of exercise, is highly beneficial to the liver, spleen, stomach and kidneys, stimulating the action of these organs to a wonderful degree. A number of those who were weak in these organs declare that they have been much benefited by the gymnasium. The class exercise lasts about an hour.

A Great Play. "Quincy Adams Sawyer" affords an evening of wholesome, merry amusement which leaves its audience refreshed and reinvigorated for the battles of everyday life. Its characters are so real, its mirth is so spontaneous, its story is so wholesome that the ensemble comes like a crisp and refreshing autumn breeze straight from the hills of New England. It is not to be wondered at that it is so well liked that patrons cannot help expressing their pleasure by personal communication. This great play, presented by a fine company and with an elaborate production will be seen at the opera house in March.

Selected as Examiner. Borough Superintendent U. L. Gordy Saturday received notification that he has been made a member of the Examining Board of Edinboro State Normal School, Erie County. The examination will be held on week beginning June 13th.

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ED. J. HARTMAN, Sec'y. JAN. 28, 1904.

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