

APRIL 2 SET FOR ARBOR DAY

HARRISBURG, March 17.

Governor Stuart this morning issued the following Arbor day proclamation:

The annual observance of Arbor day has fostered public sentiment in favor of the preservation of the forests, their protection from fire and other enemies, and their intelligent use for commercial, industrial and other purposes.

The custom of observing Arbor day, which is now almost universal throughout the civilized world, should be encouraged and perpetuated.

Therefore, in furtherance of this laudable custom, and by authority of law, I, Edwin S. Stuart, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby issue this my proclamation, designating Friday, April 2, and Friday, April 23, 1909, as Arbor days throughout the Commonwealth.

Two days have been designated so that every section of the State may find a day for tree planting suited to its climatic conditions.

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"Sure an' Oi overslept meself," said Bridget.

"That is no excuse," said the mistress. "I gave you an alarm clock only yesterday."

"Oi know that, m'm."

"Did you wind it up?"

"Oi did."

"And didn't it go off?"

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"Then why didn't you get up?"

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NOTES ON THE PROBLEM OF LIFE

(By Julius Heim, of Danville.)

Life, at best, is a constant struggle for existence, not only for all human kind but for all animals as well as plant life. For instance, plant a tree in good soil and it will flourish and survive to a good old age.

There have been written innumerable books giving rules and regulations as how to live, but we must not forget that the same rules will not apply to all alike.

The first rule to be observed should be moderation in everything, in eating, drinking, working, resting. A healthy body can do a certain amount of work; but if the strength be overtaxed it will work injury to the system.

Another rule which will apply to all alike is to cultivate a contented mind. When we begin life it is certain that there will be dark as well as bright days ahead of us.

Another fact to be considered is the avoidance of worry. This disposition can be cultivated if we consider that all the worrying will not mend matters.

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"What would you advise?" "That depends. Does he want to build up his back muscles or his wind?"—Kansas City Independent.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY-- MANY DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

The annual session of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Northumberland Presbytery convened in the Grove Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon.

The large district embraced by the presbytery was well represented at the meeting. In addition there was a good attendance of town people, so that the auditorium of the church was well filled afternoon and evening.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. W. C. McCormack, wife of the pastor of the Grove church. It constituted a kind and ready re-ception, expressing sentiments that could not but make the delegates feel welcome and at home.

The response by Mrs. Herbert Ure of Williamsport was equally felicitous. The unapproved minutes were read by Miss Lowrie, after which the treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Henry David Brown of Williamsport.

Mrs. E. S. Gearhart offered the consecration prayer. The supplication and the thanksgiving were most touchingly interwoven with the idea of missionary work.

Praternal delegates were received as follows: Mrs. Orth and Mrs. Greenwood, Shiloh Reformed church; Miss Hiatt and Mrs. Kilmer, Trinity Methodist church; Miss Voris and Miss Simington, Mahoning Presbyterian church; Mrs. L. D. Ulrich and Mrs. Chas. Ruckle, Trinity Lutheran church.

The president clasped hands with the fraternal delegates, while the congregation joined in singing: "Like a Mighty Army Moves the Church of God."

Following this Mrs. Orth responded for the Shiloh Reformed church; Mrs. Ulrich for the Trinity Lutheran church; Miss Hiatt for the Trinity Methodist church; Miss Voris for the Mahoning Presbyterian church.

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The long and wearisome journey over the sandy wastes and the depressing aspect of the land formerly had the effect of keeping strangers out of the country. But Persia is no longer the land that it was.

The transformation in Japan, Korea, China and Turkey, where along with the old forms of government, time-honored educational systems are passing away, reveal distinctly the hand of God.

Modern schools patterned after American institutions are taking the place of the old institutions. Educated natives in China bear witness to the fact that the new system of learning has grown from the seed sown by the missionary schools.

The old religions of the East, in answer to prayer, are beginning to totter. It is now a time for renewed missionary effort in order to supply the people with a new system of religion in place of the old.

Not only in this but in other ways the Persian feels European influence. There is a great desire for education. This desire for enlightenment, Mrs. Potter declared, opens the way for great results in missionary work.

If the education of the Persian is not directed by and founded on the fear of the living God it will not avail much. The Persian must be delivered from his superstition and sensualism. Under Mohammedism the natives are degraded and are not much better

than the beasts of the field. Woman is an inferior being, who due to her shame and degradation is not permitted to appear on the streets or at public places, without being heavily veiled. The natives have no idea of God as a spirit—a loving Father—a God of holiness. The heaven they look forward to would be a place of torment to a Christian. To the natives heaven is a place where sensual indulgences may be gratified eternally—where the rivers run wine and the faithful are waited upon by innumerable black-eyed hours.

The Mohammedan prides himself on his faithfulness. Under no consideration would he neglect a single rule relating to prayer, fasting, pilgrimages, &c. But he has no idea of the sin of the heart. His religion teaches him that it is not wrong to lie to an unbeliever or to deal dishonestly with him. Owing to this habit of lying and of practicing dishonesty it is almost impossible for a foreigner to do business in Persia.

At the same time, the speaker explained, the Persians are not barbarians; they are not an inferior race. The upper classes are aristocratic and respectable. Many are of high birth and are people that one might be proud to associate with, if it were not for their religion.

The idea of a king has become unpopular and the people are struggling for a constitutional government. Here and there among the followers of the false prophet the cry has arisen whether there is not in religion something better than they have known. Now is the time for earnest missionary effort in Persia.

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A Methodist Being. A man of method who attended to everything on schedule time, whether it was work or recreation, had the fortune to fall in love when he had passed the age of forty. The mistress of his heart put up with his oddities. He had regular nights for calling upon her, regular hours for coming and going, regular theater and club nights, etc. In fact, she looked upon his regularity as something admirable.

Things had been going on in this way for two years, and finally the great crisis came. They were to be married. The day was fixed, the wedding clothes were made, the guests in- vited, and the minister was engaged.

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THE CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

The directory of the forty-first ses- sion of the Central Pennsylvania con- ference, of the Methodist Episcopal church, which will meet at Harrisburg March 24th, containing full program and other information made its ap- pearance in this city Tuesday. The session of conference this year pos- sesses especial interest to Danville, as in all probability at each of the local Methodist churches there will be a change of pastors.

Bishop John W. Hamilton will pre- side at the conference. Monday and Tuesday will be occupied by examina- tions.

On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock the holy communion will be adminis- tered, after which will follow the or- ganization of the conference.

Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock the conference missionary sermon will be delivered by Rev. William Moses. The sermon will be followed at 3:30 by a "social hour."

At 10 o'clock Thursday morning the corporate session will be held. Bishop Hamilton presiding. At 5 p. m. Thurs- day the annual banquet of the Dickin- son College Alumni association will be held in the dining room of Grace church. Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock the temperance anniversary will be held, the speaker being Joseph B. Hanley, ex-governor of Indiana.

At 10 o'clock Friday morning the second year class will be admitted with an address by the Bishop. Friday afternoon following devotions, at which the Rev. L. D. Ott of this city will preside, the Bible society anni- versary will be held. Rev. W. I. Haven, corresponding secretary, will be the speaker. At 3 o'clock the anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society will take place, the Rev. J. B. Stein presiding. Friday evening a lec- ture will be delivered by Bishop W. Hamilton; subject, "Some People of Quality at Boston."

On Saturday the conference of the Layman's association will be held. On Sunday at 9 a. m. love feast, the Rev. W. A. Honck leader. At 10:30 a sermon will be preached by Bishop J. W. Hamilton. Sunday afternoon con- secration and memorial service. Sun- day evening will be held the anni- versary of foreign missions, home mis- sions and church extension.

On Monday evening will take place the anniversary of the conference preachers, aid society and conference claimants. The closing session will be held on Tuesday morning, March 30th. Our local pastors have each been ap- pointed on committees. The Rev. Wil- liam Brill is one of the "Board of Ex- aminers" and is on the "executive committee" the Rev. L. Dow Ott, is on the committee of "Bible Cause," and the Rev. John Conley Grimes on "The Circulation of Annual Minutes."

During the session of conference the Rev. William Brill will be entertain- ed at the home of Dr. J. W. Ellen- burger, No. 924 Third street, Harris- burg; the Rev. John Conley Grimes at the residence of Samuel Hoeker, No. 604 Dauphin street; the Rev. L. Dow Ott at the home of W. E. Lauer, No. 2330 Sixth street.

A Dear Dish. "Learning by experience in New York is expensive business," said an out of town man. "Last night a les- son cost me just \$8.50 and was cheap at that. You see, I had a little dinner for a few friends in a private room at one of the best restaurants. Every- thing was just right, and I was might- ily pleased. One thing was especial- ly pretty, and that was the dish of spun sugar in which the fruit was served. It had all sorts of little flowers and bowknuts sticking out from it, and every one of the crowd broke off a piece to nibble on. When I went to pay the bill one item surprised me. "Eight dollars and a half for a dish" was something I didn't understand. "What's it for?" I asked, pointing to this item. And it was then and there explained to me that a dish of spun sugar was just as much the property of the establishment as one of cut glass or silver, and any damages must be paid for. It was all right enough, but it was new to me."—New York Sun.

Why the Earth Cannot Explode. The theory is frequently advanced that planets and even suns sometimes explode and that the earth may some day blow up like a bombshell. No celestial body the size of the earth could possibly explode. If the entire interior of our globe could be replaced with nitroglycerin and detonated the explosion would not lift the earth's crust. In other words, if we assume that the crust of the earth is from fifty to a hundred miles in thick- ness it would require something much more powerful than even nitroglycerin to burst the shell. It is necessary only to do a little figuring to see that the pressure of the earth's crust at depth of from fifty to a hundred miles far exceeds the pressure exerted by the most powerful high explosive.—Hudson Maxim.

The United States submarine tend- ers fly a flag with a black fish on a white background surrounded by a red border.

Notice. To Whom It May Concern— Notice is hereby given that the Court of O. P. of Montour Co., on the 11th day of Jan., 1909, granted a con- tract to show cause why the said Court should not enter a decree changing the name of Ralph Winter Diehl to Ralph Beaver Diehl.

Said rule returnable April 12, 1909, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THOS. G. VINCENT, Prob- Ralph Kiener, Att'y. AS

TAFT A MASON "AT SIGHT."

Rare Honor to Be Conferred on Presi- dent Elect by Ohio Masons. The grand master of Ohio Masons, Charles S. Hoskinson, has tendered to William Howard Taft, the president elect, the rare honor of being made a Mason at sight. Mr. Taft has accepted and will return to Cincinnati on Feb. 18, when a distinguished com- pany of Masons will witness the ex- ercises.

This honor is so rarely conferred that there is but a single instance of it on record in the hundred years of history of Masonry in Ohio, when in 1802 Asa A. Bushnell of Springfield was made a Mason at sight.

Before his nomination Mr. Taft had expressed a desire to become a Ma- son, but his enforced absence from home prevented him from complying with the usual requirements for the initiation and advancement of candi- dates.

Invitations to the ceremonies will be sent to the grand masters of all the other states in the Union.

MODERN CRUSADE IN BOSTON.

"Nucleus of Church Universal" Found- ed by Woman and Church Built. Boston has another new cult to add to her already long list. This time it is the "nucleus of the church univer- sal" founded by Mrs. A. G. Brown, a well known Everett (Mass.) woman, and under her guidance a church has been erected, Mrs. Brown's followers call themselves the Crusaders, and the foundation of their religion is im- plied in the words "what Jesus would do."

"As Crusaders we do not believe in being eccentric or freaky," said Mrs. Brown the other day. "We believe, however, that we are the keepers of our brother's, and are ever seeking an opportunity to be helpful. In connec- tion with the church we have indus- trial work for woman and young girls."

Little Lights For Motor Cars. Alderman B. W. B. Brown of New York city recently introduced an or- dinance forbidding operators of motor vehicles from using headlights of a greater brilliancy than sixteen candle power "so as not to blind or dazzle other users of the highways." This ordinance was referred to the commit- tee on laws and legislation.

Living Lights of the Sea. One of the marine curiosities fished from the bottom of the Indian ocean by a dredging vessel chartered by the Calcutta Society of Natural History was a mammoth sea crab, which con- tinually emitted a bright white light, similar to that seen in the spasmodic flashes of phosphorescent luminescence kindled by the common fireflies. The oddity was captured in daytime and placed in a large tank, nothing pecu- liar except its immense size being no- ticeable in the broad glare of the tropical sun. At night, however, when all was in pitchy darkness, the crab surprised the naturalists by lighting up the tank so that all the other sea creatures, great and small, occupying the same tank could be plainly seen. When the luminous crustacean was prodded with a pole he emitted flashes of light, which enabled the experi- menters to read small print, even though otherwise they were in total darkness.—London Chronicle.

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