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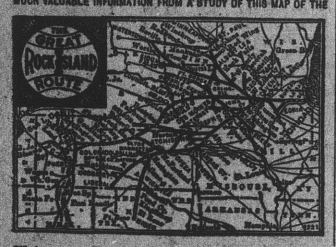

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EDITORIAL REMARKS.

THE largest tin plate factory in America is now being erected in Philadelphia. This is made possible by the McKinley bill, the best bill passed in this country for many years.

THE Cheyenne Indians again have the Messiah craze and say they will dance until the Savior comes. They may dance till the cows come home, if they want to, providing they don't try to make the Whites dance also.

THE latest bulletin from the Census Bureau shows that Lancaster county, Pa., produces nearly twice as much tobacco as any other state in the union. Lancaster county can scarcely be downed in anything in the line of agriculture.

THE proposition to change the name of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics to "Order of United Americans," was voted down by a big majority. The Pennsylvania members did it, and THE STAR believes they made a sad mistake in so doing.

THE miners of Tennessee are not to be blamed for releasing the penitentiary convicts. This thing of a state compelling criminals to dig coal, thus entering into competition with honest men outside of prison walls, is a thing that any state ought to be ashamed of, for it only makes more criminals.

THE Pennsylvania railroad company will put over $1,000,000 into repairs, in order to get their road in the finest possible shape for the World's fair traffic. This company has also just placed orders for 100 new locomotives and 150 new passenger coaches. Now then, what is the Salisbury railroad going to do? Yes, and what is Lou Smith's Pocahontas railroad going to do?

THERE was a time when foreign immigration was highly beneficial to this country, but that time has passed by, and the thousands of undesirable foreign emigrants who are annually landing upon our shores should make us tremble for our country. If the government cannot keep the cast-off rabble of Europe from landing on our shores, it ought at least to pass laws making it a felony for anyone to give employment to such filthy trash as the Hungarians and the dirty Dagoes of Italy.

THE Scientific American, published by the great patent agency firm of Munn & Co., New York, is the most practically useful publication of its kind in the country. Indeed, it occupies a field distinctively its own. Not alone for the machinist, manufacturer, or scientist, but it is a journal for popular perusal and study. It is the standard authority on scientific and mechanical subjects. It is placed at a very low rate of subscription, $3 per annum, which places it within the reach of all. Subscriptions will be received at the office of this paper.

IF Salisbury gets that much talked of electric railroad, it will not have its terminus here, but will go on to Grantsville. But Salisbury is not going to have an electric railroad. We don't want it and wouldn't patronize it if we had it. When we want an electric railroad to Meyersdale we will build it and pay for it ourselves. Salisbury is no longer dependent on Meyersdale for anything, while they have got to depend on us, down there, for a good many things. In fact Meyersdale is largely dependent on Salisbury and Grantsville both, while the people of the two latter towns are dependent on no territory but their own.

The people here are well satisfied with their hack line, which is now up to a standard to be proud of, and they will continue to patronize it, electricity or no electricity.

THE Carleton (Neb.) Reportor man (?) no doubt thought he was playing a winning card when he allowed the columns of his paper to be used by one of our enemies to abuse us. But he is probably wiser by this time, as a number of people here who would have become patrons of his have since refused to lift his paper from the postoffice. Following is what one of the Reporter's own correspondents has to say about the matter, which is sufficient to show that every man has his friends, and the man who wrote the following is, as the editor of the Reporter will not even attempt to dispute, one of the most popular and highly respected men in Fillmore county, Neb. The said correspondent, under date of Jan. 1st, talks to the Reporter man, through his own columns, in this wise:

"I read the last issue of the Reporter through, even to the tirade against Pete Livengood. Now I do not pretend to say that Pete was infallible, or that he has no faults, but I do think he got out a good paper and think also that his going back to his native home and starting a paper among his old friends who knew him is evidence enough to show that he was not so utterly depraved. Of course I do not say this to indicate that I am going to fight Pete's battles for him, for I think him perfectly able to take care of himself."

EDITOR SUHRIE, of Meyersdale, writes to us as follows:

"If you have any back numbers of THE STAR, will you kindly send us numbers 1 and 2. I would like to keep the files of your paper, but some fellow got away with the first numbers. That's complimentary to you, but a little annoying to me.

As to the little controversy between us, so far as I am concerned it will not be allowed to interfere with the feeling of good will which I personally entertain for you, though the charge brought against me through your columns hasn't an atom of truth to rest on. My experience as a newspaper man has taught me to expect hard blows and to give them."

Everybody about this den feels all right, Mr. Suhrie, and we can assure you that there is neither any ill will on our part. If we have been wrongly informed concerning you we can't help it, but somebody has evidetnly lied in order to make trouble, if you are innocent, but of course we don't know whether you are innocent or not, as we have no more reason to believe or disbelieve you than anybody else in the muddle.

But remember that we are in no way apologizing for anything we have said in regard to the matter, for we made no charge against you whatever, but only stated what we were told and neither said nor intimated that you are guilty of the charge that others made. Therefore you should not make a spectacle of yourself again as you did in this week's Register, and blow about how you floored another victim, etc., when in fact you came nearer flooring yourself than anybody else.

But what's the use to talk, for you say you are satisfied. Your rot is too wide of the mark to pay any attention to, anyway. "Nuf ced" about this, and as no one seems to be very much hurt, all we have to say is this: Whenever you come up this way, drop in to see us, put your No. 14 feet on our office desk, swap yarns with us, be sociable and rest assured that you are a welcome guest.

SOME PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY.

A little practical Christianity was indulged in by a good many of our people, yesterday. It came about in this way:

Archie Hamilton, who has long been a citizen of this town, moved to West Salisbury, and being a very poor man, he moved his household goods himself, as best he could, carrying some of them and wheeling some through the deep snow on a wheelbarrow. He worked hard all day and made many trips through the snow, but the people who are more favorably situated in life than Archie could see nothing in his hard lot other than something to laugh about. At last, however, a pitying eye fell upon him, and Sam Stump, a laboring man, suggested to some other laboring men that some money ought to be raised to make Archie comfortable by buying him a pair of good boots. And the way the money was handed out by the big-hearted fellows who work in the woods beat a church collection all hollow. It was only a short time until money enough was raised to buy not only a pair of good new boots, but numerous other articles of wearing apparel as well. Archie was soon togged up from head to foot, and a more grateful man you never saw.

Now there is food for reflection in all this, for when some poor fellow mortal is in need, who are the first and most willing men to help him? The laboring men, every time—men who can ill afford to part with their earnings.

In these days there are two distinct kinds of Christianity, the professional and the practical. The former is for policy, the latter for the good of mankind. We will leave our readers to judge which is the more acceptable in the eyes of a merciful God.

We hate to say it, but it is a lamentable fact, all the same, that there are too many people in the churches who live comfortably and know no want who are entirely devoid of practical Christianity, while they go to church regularly, offer up long prayers and are literally loaded down with the professional article. An inch of practical Christianity is worth more than a thousand yards of a long prayer, unless the prayer is backed up by good works.

Now we don't mean to say that there are no good people in the churches, for there are many good people and practical Christians in all denominations. But what we want to get at is that prayer alone will admit no one into the Kingdom. Good works is what counts, and when it comes to going to Heaven, the fellows who wear long stockings and rubber shoes and work in the woods will be "in it." So will all other people who are charitable and ever ready to help a fellow mortal who is in need of help. Remember that giving to the poor is lending unto the Lord, and when a fellow lends unto the Lord, he can rest assured that the Lord will pay him back with compound interest and at a rate to beat the Dutchman's one per cent all hollow. All charitable men stand a good chance of some day flopping around on beautifully tinted wings and twanging away on a fine golden harp in a manner to make the sweet pains run all over a man's anatomy more freely and pleasantly than even "mountain dew" or hard cider are able to do.

This is not intended to praise the woodsmen alone, but all who contributed to Archie Hamilton's cause, among which were other people besides woodsmen. It is also intended to promote practical Christianity, for it is more blessed to give than to receive, not only in the matter of advice, but in other things as well.

Christmas Services at the Lutheran Church.

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As in the other churches, a large and appreciative audience greeted the little people of the Lutheran Sunday school in their entertainment.

Besides a beautiful service of song and responsive reading, the following scholars took part in the evening entertainment, with appropriate recitations: Lucy Walker, Alice Null, Florence Speicher, Florence Ringler, Robbie Speicher.

A song, "Preparing for Santa Claus," by Rhetta Powell, Hattie Hazelbarth, Florence Ringler.

A recitation by six girls: Lula Welfley, Allie Wagner, Zuleka Smith, Hattie Hazelbarth, Florence Ringler, Sally Walker.

A banner exercise by seven boys: Roscoe Welfley, Earnest Livengood, Geo. Hazelbarth, Lonzo Wagner, Lou Martin, Willie Rees, Bud Martin.

Also an agreeable diversion on "Twas the Night Before Christmas," by Mr. Edward Hazelbarth.

The best part for the children was at the end of the program. A "Santa Claus house," something they never before had seen, was standing before them, compactly made, with its snow-covered roof through which a real chimney arose in an old-fashioned and natural manner. The sides of the house were covered with a beautiful shade of pink cambric, while the windows were painted to represent light blue blinds behind them. Altogether, with the tasty Spruce trimming, made a pretty effect. To the great delight of the children, Santa Claus himself made his appearance, up, instead of down, the chimney. After many a witty remark and good-humored advice, Santa handed down the bricks to the children. These bricks were filled with candy. After they had all been distributed other presents were freely given by good Santa, until all hearts rejoiced and declared Christmas to be indeed a time of "peace on earth, good will to men."

There is nothing reasonable under the sun that any man wants to know that cannot be found in the columns of THE PITTSBURGH DAILY TIMES, which we will send with THE STAR for $3.50 per year.