

TO STIMULATE MORE SCIENTIFIC FARMING

State College Experts Initiate Novel Plan of Instruction.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO BE USED

Lectures Will Be Given at Many Stops—Pennsylvania Railroad Co-Operating.

Philadelphia.—In an effort to create added interest in scientific farming in Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania railroad and the State College of Agriculture are to co-operate in an unusual plan of instruction and assistance to farmers. On Tuesday, November 10, a farmers' special instruction train will leave Broad street station for a three-days' trip to Eastern Pennsylvania. Twenty-two stops will be made, at each of which 45-minute lectures by experts from the State college will be given on the growing of alfalfa, soil fertility, corn culture and dairy products.

Under the direction of Prof. Alva Agee, of the department of agriculture extension of the State college, pamphlets by the agents at the different stations at which the train will stop. These pamphlets will contain practical suggestions to the farmer for improving both his products and soil. In addition to the lectures, descriptive literature will be given to the farmers that they may apply the principles embodied therein in their own planting.

The purpose of the farmers' special is to make more personal and direct the efforts which the State college has been exerting to disseminate instructions to the farmers throughout the State.

Appreciating the importance of this movement, the Pennsylvania railroad agreed not only to run the special for the college, but also to cooperate in every way possible in making the experiment a success.

The train will be made up of three day coaches and an engine. On arriving at each station the farmers will take seats in the car, which will be fitted up as lecture rooms. In addition talks will be made on the outside when the capacity of the cars is exhausted.

Representing State college on the special will be Prof. Alva Agee, Thomas F. Hunt, H. P. Van Norman, F. D. Gardner, E. F. Shaw and M. P. McDowell. It is probable that the United States bureau of forestry will send someone to talk on the preservation of fence posts and the care of trees. Division Freight Agents W. J. Rose and C. E. Kingsmen will represent the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

GOES TO POORHOUSE AT 112

Captain Diamond, Noted Vegetarian, Gives Up Work at Last.

San Francisco.—Forced to apply for charity after he had added a dozen years to his record as a centenarian, Captain G. E. D. Diamond, well known in this city and Oakland, as a lecturer on health topics and publisher of pamphlets on vegetarianism, asked to be admitted to the county poor farm.

The man with 112 years to his credit was born in the shadow of Plymouth Rock in May, 1796, and he recalls well the expedition against the Barbary tribes and the war of 1812. He still walks with considerable sprightliness, although he guards against falls with a heavy stick.

BIG RAILROAD ORDER

Western Maryland Arranges to Spend \$1,250,000 in New Equipment.

Baltimore.—The Western Maryland Railroad has arranged to spend within the next few months \$1,250,000 on new equipment. Already the company has asked builders to submit bids for furnishing 500 all-steel gondola hopper coal cars, 10 consolidated freight locomotives, three switch locomotives and 10 cabooses cars.

The foregoing equipment will call for an expenditure of more than \$1,000,000. Later the company will place an order for 500 steel underframe gondola hopper cars. The order is the largest announced in any system in the south for more than a year and it is believed to be the forerunner of other important purchases by railroads within the next few months.

STEEL MEN PLEAD GUILTY

Pay \$1,000 Fine Each and Return \$10,000 in Profits.

Boston.—Officials of two of the largest structural companies in the city, David H. Andrews, president of the Boston bridge works, and Charles N. Fitts, secretary of the New England Structural Company, pleaded guilty to an indictment charging them with collusion in obtaining contracts from the city of Boston. Each paid a fine of \$1,000 and a restitution of \$5,000 to the city for extra profits which the two companies are said to have derived from the contracts.

Fatal Political Quarrel

Foraker, Okla.—During a political quarrel Frank S. Seward, local Democratic committeeman, shot and instantly killed a farmer, John Millam, of Pawawka, Okla. The shooting occurred in Seward's hardware store. Millam had been prominent in Osage Indian affairs for years.

New Rochelle, N. Y.—James Kerr, Democratic National Committeeman from Pennsylvania, who has been for some weeks at his summer home here, died October 31.

STANDARD GOY SPECIAL RATE

Railroad Clerk Testifies to Preferential Treatment of Big Corporation.

New York.—The admission that the Standard Oil Company benefited from a preferential freight rate lower than that quoted to any other shipper was drawn from a witness at the hearing in the government's suit to dissolve the company.

George B. Ferguson, a clerk in the freight department of the Central Vermont railroad, after enumerating various tariffs in force on the Central Vermont, none of which, he declared, had ever been secret, was taken in hand by the government's attorney, who elicited the information that a special rate had been issued to the Standard Oil Company.

Pressed as to what other shippers had benefited from this special tariff, the witness said that as far as he knew the rate applied only to the Standard. The extent of the preference accorded to the Standard by the Central Vermont was shown in two letters quoting freight rates per carload. In one instance the rate was given as \$33 a carload, while in the other case the rate quoted was \$23. The witness admitted that the \$23 rate was the one under which the Central Vermont carried the Standard's shipments.

BIG MERGER PLANNED

Ohio Coal Companies Will Consolidate Interests.

Columbus, O.—Announcement was made today before the end of the year a consolidation would be effected between the Johnson Coal Mining Company of Columbus, with a capacity of 500,000 tons of coal yearly, and the Lorain Coal and Dock Company of Cleveland, with a capacity of 1,500,000 tons, by the formation of a new company with a capital of \$3,000,000.

Edward Johnson, now at the head of both companies, is to be at the head of the new company, and his brother, Thomas Johnson, vice president, R. G. Forstbauer, treasurer of the Lorain company, is to be secretary.

Both companies now have West Virginia charters. The new company will be an Ohio corporation, with headquarters in Columbus.

DUTIES OF RECEIVERS

Explicit Instructions Promulgated by Comptroller of Currency.

Washington.—Purposely refraining from recommending any hard and fast rules for the guidance of receivers, because of the need of individual discretion as complications arise, the report of the National bank receivers, who met in convention here some time ago, given out by the comptroller of the currency, makes general suggestions as to the duties of the receivers on taking charge of failed banks.

The report lays greatest stress upon the need for economy and judgment. The receiver's course, the report points out, must be largely governed by a careful and conservative consideration of the interests of the real owners of the trust which the receivership involves.

BATTLESHIPS AT AMOY

Fleet Now Divided, One Squadron Going to Philippines.

Amoy, China.—Eight battleships, comprising the second squadron of the American Atlantic fleet, under command of Rear Admiral William H. Emory, arrived here October 29 from Yokohama. Every preparation had been made by the Chinese to welcome the representatives of the United States and to impress upon them China's desire for even more cordial relations with the Republic.

The 16 ships of the fleet left Yokohama together Sunday morning, but divided into two squadrons when two days out, the first under command of Rear Admiral Sperry, headed for Olongapo, Philippine Islands. The two squadrons will join forces again at Manila, the second division being scheduled to leave this port November 4 and to arrive at Manila November 7.

Slayer Pays Penalty.

Reading, Pa.—Salvatore Garrito was executed here for the murder of Timothy Kelleher of Pittsburg, a member of the State police. Kelleher was stabbed to death in attempting to rescue a young woman who was attacked by Garrito and another Italian on the outskirts of this city. Richard McKwayne, negro, was hanged at York for the murder of E. Warren Peterson a year ago.

Miners Fall 234 Feet to Death.

Johnstown, Pa.—Two foreigners met death at Jerome, Somerset county. They were about to descend a shaft to go to work on the night shift when they fell 234 feet to the bottom. The bodies were terribly mangled. The name of only one of the victims was obtainable. He is Mike Zerok, aged 35 years.

Blow Postoffice Safes.

Corry.—Yeggmen blew safes in postoffices at Sherman, N. Y., and Clymer, N. Y., and secured about \$500 and several hundred dollars worth of stamps. They were tracked toward Corry.

Old Spanish Debt Liquidated.

Washington.—The Spanish debt of \$599,850, awarded to certain citizens of this country under a treaty of February 17, 1834, with Spain, has been finally liquidated, according to the annual report of the register of the treasury. Spain has been paying annual interest on the amount since this treaty, and this year the Spanish government transmitted \$579,000 in liquidation of the debt. The principal has been paid over three times in interest.

COAL SHIPPERS FORCED TO MAKE CONTRACTS

Witness in Coal Suit Says Cars Were Not Always Obtainable.

SECRETARY ON THE STAND

Coal and Iron Company Did Not Pay Dividend, He Asserts.

Philadelphia.—The hearing in the suit instituted by the government for the dissolution of the so-called coal trust was resumed here October 28, before C. H. Guilbert, William S. Taylor, secretary of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, was the first witness.

Mr. Taylor told of the earnings of the three Reading companies and of the relations existing between the Philadelphia and Reading Company and the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron and the Reading Company, the latter a holding concern. He said the coal and iron company never paid a dividend, but the railway had, in 1902, paid to the holding concern 15 per cent, for two years thereafter 20 per cent, and during the last two years 20 per cent a year.

Says Railroad Is Creditor.

The coal and iron company, he said, is indebted to the railway company to the extent of \$30,000,000, which credit was inherited from the old Reading company, which was sold by the sheriff, in 1896.

Mr. Taylor denied that the Reading Railway Company owned any coal stock, but said the Reading Company was interested in several subsidiary companies.

One of the most important points brought out was that the independent coal companies were compelled to enter into contracts with the coal-carrying roads because they were unable to secure cars when selling coal direct.

H. M. Howe, of the firm of A. Pardee & Co., when asked by Special United States Attorney McReynolds why the independents did not go into the market and get full price for their coal, asserted they could not always get cars. He admitted that his firm operated its mines only when it received orders from the Lehigh Valley Coal Company.

Tells of Contract.

Concerning a contract which the independent operators made in 1892 with the coal-carrying companies, Mr. Howe said that the independents agreed to sell their coal to the railroads for 65 per cent of the price at tidewater.

He made at a conference between a committee of the Independent Dealers' association and President Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad; President Truesdale, of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and President Thomas, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company.

Mr. Howe said that if his firm could not get cars at the right time, it would have sold coal direct, without depending on agencies of other companies. It was brought out that the independents maintained sales offices in the large cities and did handle their own output until a shortage of cars blocked them.

DEATH PENALTY FOR FOUR

All Are Men Charged With Murder of Women.

Philadelphia.—Four men were sentenced to be hanged for murder by Judge Ralston in the court of oyer and terminer here. Never before has the death penalty been imposed on so many persons at one time in this city.

The doomed men are George Eels, a former policeman, who shot Mrs. Ella Parschall; Walter Halowell, who shot Annie Subold, because she had rejected him; Albert Wnek, who killed his sweetheart, Emma Kerner; and Fontaine Lewis, who shot Mary Robinson, a nurse, because she refused to marry him.

Cut in Wages of 30,000.

Fall River, Mass.—James Tansey, president of the Fall River textile company, has notified the union representatives that under the wage agreement between the Manufacturers' association and the council, there will be a further reduction in wages in the cotton mills next month of about 8 per cent. The Fall River mills employ 30,000 operatives.

Two Perish in Wreck.

Baltimore.—The observer of the maritime exchange at Cape Henry reports the schooner Charles S. Hirsch, lumber laden, from Brunswick for Baltimore, wrecked near Paul Camille life-saving station, N. C. Captain Frank Hunter and five sailors were rescued in the breeches buoy by the life savers but the cook and one sailor were drowned. The vessel will be a total loss.

Child Killed in Queer Manner.

St. Louis.—A large stone, thrown 200 yards by a quarry blast caused the death of Dorothy Rhodes, 16 years old. She was lying in a tent 200 yards south of the city workhouse when the stone struck the tent's center pole. The pole fell upon her and killed her.

Mine Magazine Explodes.

Gadsden, Ala.—One man dead, one fatally hurt, and four injured, is the result of a dynamite explosion at the Hammond mines. The dead man is Henry Keil, of Rome, Ga. Twenty-four houses were leveled and many others were damaged. The fire department was fighting a fire in a house located near the mine magazine. Hundreds of spectators were standing near when the explosion occurred and dozens including many women and children, were thrown to the ground.

GAIN GRADUAL, BUT SURE

Each Month Shows Improvement Over Business of Previous One—New Tonnage Is Large.

New York.—The earnings of the United States Steel Corporation for the three months ended September 30, made public after the quarterly meeting of the directors, October 27, amounted to \$27,106,274. This was an increase of nearly \$7,000,000 over the previous quarter and was better by \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 than the estimate which Wall street had formed of the probable showing for this quarter. The unfilled orders on the books of the company at the close of the quarter totaled \$3,421,977 tons, an increase of 108,000 tons over the orders on hand at the close of the June quarter.

This is the first time since the depression in business began that the steel corporation has reported an increase in unfilled orders. One of the most satisfactory features of the report issued is that each month of the quarter showed improvement over the previous month. The July earnings were \$8,539,360, the August earnings \$9,153,311 and the September earnings \$9,354,333.

THREE MORE DRY COUNTIES

Greene, Williams and Trumbull Counties, Ohio, Give Big Majorities.

Columbus, O.—Three more counties have joined the dry column, making 1,045 saloons that have been voted out of Ohio in the county option election. Greene county voted dry by 667 plurality. Osborne and Xenia, the largest townships now wet returned wet majorities. Twenty-five saloons are affected.

In Williams county the dries polled a plurality of 1,622. They carried all except three of the precincts, Bryan, the county seat, went dry by 88. Nineteen saloons are voted out of the county. Montpelier, a prominent railroad point, loses six of these. The Halm Brewing Company, which has been in operation 50 years, will be driven out of business.

By a majority of 1,189 Trumbull county voted dry. The vote was the largest ever cast in the county. The city of Warren went dry by 89 and the city of Niles wet by 23. Hubbard and Girard, other large towns, voted wet. Seventy saloons are abolished.

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WOMEN FIGHT CANNON

National W. C. T. U. Raps Uncle Joe in Resolution at Denver Convention.

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INDIANS SLAIN IN BATTLE

Mexican Government Said to Have Killed.

El Paso, Tex.—News reached here from various sources that a battle between Papago and Yaqui Indians had taken place north of Altar, Sonora, and that 40 Yaquis were killed. According to reports the Mexican government armed the Papagos, who lurked the Yaquis into ambush and slaughtered them.

Bisbee, Ariz.—Following a skirmish southeast of Hermosillo, Mexico, in which it is reported that Pule, chief of the hostile Yaqui Indians, was killed, 24 Yaqui warriors came into Hermosillo and surrendered.

\$175,000 Is Recovered.

Mexico City.—A dispatch from Chichauhua, says: Moses Navarra and Martin Matus, both clerks in the Banco Minera, and Manuel Molinar, all under 21 years of age, are under arrest and the mystery of the robbery of the bank of \$180,000 on the night of March 1, is solved. About \$175,000 has been recovered. Navarre disclosed the hiding place of the money.

Score Hurt in Trolley Crash.

Edwardsville, Ill.—Two electric interurban cars on the Edwardsville and Granite City line of the Illinois traction system collided head-on and a score of passengers were injured, some seriously, but none fatally. Those most seriously injured were taken to the hospital at Granite City, 10 miles away.

Explosion Kills 12 on Isthmus.

Washington, D. C.—Information reached this city that two explosions of dynamite on the Panama Canal on October 15 killed 12 men and injured 18. All those killed were negroes, excepting W. J. Davis, an engineer, and George Goodley, a crane-man.

COTTAGES WIPED OUT.

Flames Work Havoc in Summer Colony at Salisbury Beach. Salisbury, Mass.—The greater portion of the thickly-housed summer colony at Salisbury Beach was wiped out by a fire which destroyed more than 100 cottages situated along the beach front, north of the mouth of the Merrimac river. Practically all of the houses had been abandoned for the season and the damage was estimated at \$100,000.

IN SHADOW OF PRISON CONFESSES TO BRIBERY

San Francisco Contractor Says He Offered \$10,000 to Keep Quiet.

SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES

Prominent Lawyers Said to Have Attempted to Fix Jurors in Case of Abraham Rueff.

San Francisco.—Standing in the shadow of the penitentiary, with sentence about to be passed upon him and having seen his young wife led from the court room, hysterically crying, "No," "No," E. A. S. Blake, a contractor convicted of attempting to bribe John M. Kelly, to qualify on the jury to try Abraham Rueff, and vote for Rueff's acquittal, made a full confession in court.

Blake said that after he was arrested on a charge of bribery, Frank J. Murphy, Rueff's associate counsel, came to him and promised him \$10,000 if he would keep quiet. He said that notes for \$10,000, purporting to be signed by Rueff, were delivered to a third party, to be paid to Blake immediately after he was sentenced, if he were convicted of bribery.

Besides this amount, Blake declared, his wife was to receive \$100 a month while he was in the penitentiary. When Blake was called on to rise and receive sentence, his wife cried "No, not that," and began to sigh hysterically.

She was led from the room. After motion for a new trial and arrest of judgment had been denied, Blake said that he had a statement to make as a reason why sentence should not be pronounced. This came as a surprise to his attorneys, who were permitted to withdraw the case.

After he had been sworn and had stated that he had not been promised immunity, Blake said he had been offered \$1,000 by Attorney M. S. Newburgh and E. J. Murphy, of Rueff's counsel, to influence J. M. Kelly, a prospective juror, to vote for the acquittal of Rueff.

He at first offered Kelly \$500, which was refused, he said, but an offer of \$1,000 was accepted.

It was then brought out in allegations that Newburgh had procured attorneys for Blake's defense. Blake then told of the alleged offer of \$10,000, and provision for his wife while he was in prison, if he would not make a confession. The story told by Blake created consternation in court, and the case was continued for two weeks.

Newburgh and Murphy are under indictment on the same charge of which Blake was convicted.

In the court room of Judge Lawlor, just across the corridor where attorneys were in the third month of an attempt to get a jury to try Abraham Rueff, and had just passed the twelfth man, the news of Blake's confession caused consternation to the defense. Rueff paid visibly.

SUFFRAGETTES IN COURT

Women Refuse to Pay Fine, Challenging Jail Instead.

London.—All the suffragettes, with the exception of two who were arrested during the disorders in and around the house of commons, were arraigned in court and fined \$25 each. They refused to pay and were consequently sentenced each to one month's imprisonment. Of the two exceptions one was a girl under 21 years of age and the other a woman who secured an adjournment to lodge a charge of assault against the constable who arrested her.

Boone, Ia.—Six hundred suffragettes paraded the streets of Boone. The Rev. Anna Shaw, head of the National Order of Suffragettes, led the parade. With her were Miss Rendell and Miss Costello of London, famous for their participation in the attacks made on parliament by the suffragettes of England. The spectacle of 600 women marching through the streets caused the whole town to turn out to witness it.

EMMA GOLDMAN MUZZLED

Is Not Allowed to Make a Speech at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Emma Goldman was led from the prolyrium here when she was about to address a large audience that had assembled at a fashionable club house to hear her. Twenty policemen were on hand when she arrived, and as she stepped into the hall she was told that she would not be permitted to speak in this city. She demurred at first, but the officers gathered around and she was informed that she would have to go to the police station if she persisted. She did not make any further resistance. Ben L. Reitman, who was with her, attempted to speak on a corner near the prolyrium, but the police forced him to desist under threat of locking him up.

Inheritance Tax Upheld.

Frankfort, Ky.—Kentucky's new inheritance tax law, imposing a penalty of 5 per cent on all advices in excess of \$500, was upheld by the Court of Appeals in an opinion written by Judge Settle.

U. S. to Have Three Cardinals.

London.—A dispatch from Rome to a London news agency says the pope has decided that a special consistory shall be held for the nomination of new American cardinals after the reorganization of the American diocese, and that the United States shall have three cardinals.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Toledo, O.—Fire wiped out the wholesale grocery store of R. A. Bartley. The loss is estimated at \$300,000, with insurance of about half that amount.

NEW AVIATOR APPEARS

Dayton Stenographer Makes Successful Flight.

Dayton, O.—Frank J. Heintzel made a successful flight of 1,500 feet with an aeroplane materially differing from that of the Wright brothers in that in this machine the single plane principle is used, the Wright machine having double surfaces.

Although hitherto unknown in the aeronautic world, Heintzel has built three machines paying his expenses out of his salary as a stenographer.

TO SIGN REGISTERED MAIL

Postoffice Department Makes New Order Caused by Complaints.

Washington, D. C.—Declaring that complaints continue to come to the department alleging violation of the postal regulations concerning the disposition of registered mail endorsed for delivery to the addressee in person, an order was issued by Third Assistant Postmaster General Lawrence directing that such mail must be delivered to no one but the addressee in person not even upon his written order. If it cannot be delivered to the person addressed, it must be returned to the sender or otherwise disposed of under regulations applicable to undeliverable registered mail.

IMPORTANT RAILROAD DEAL

Will Have Far-Reaching Influence on Railroads in the Pittsburg District.

An important deal has just been closed between the Erie Railroad Company and the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway Company giving the former trackage rights over the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg from Salamanca, N. Y., to all important points along that line and to Ileslin, Pa., within 55 miles of Pittsburg. Closing of this deal shows how the Erie will enter Pittsburg proper from the East; means that the trackage agreement between the Erie and the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie between Pittsburg and Youngstown will be broken, and proves that the Erie will not enter Pittsburg over the Wabash, as reported recently.

W. C. T. U. DEMANDS

Prohibition, Equal Suffrage, Abolition of White Slave Traffic.

Denver, Col.—The convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union adopted resolutions reaffirming unflinching belief in total abstinence and unyielding effort. They declare prohibition is the only means of effectually wiping out the traffic and demand a constitutional amendment. A continuation of agitation for equal suffrage is promised.

The resolutions further insist on a uniform stand of morals for men and women and deplore the existence of the white slave traffic as well as the segregation and flogging of vice.

CHILDREN COCAINE USERS

Philadelphia Police Find Deplorable Conditions in Schools.

Philadelphia.—In a crusade to break up the cocaine habit which, it has discovered, is prevalent among children in some of the public schools of this city, the police arrested 11 men and three women, either users of the drug or persons accused of supplying it to others.

Since the first of the year 150 persons, including boys, girls and many young men who were victims of the habit, have been sent to the house of correction from the same district, and 23 have been indicted for engaging in the traffic.

Laurier's Majority 50.

Toronto, Ont.—The results of the elections show that Laurier government has been sustained with a majority of 50, with seven elections yet to be held. All the ministers, with the possible exception of William Templeman, Minister of Inland Revenue in Victoria, were re-elected, while seven of the opposition's chief lieutenants were defeated.

Wire Worker Decapitated.

Cleveland.—Erick Eis was decapitated at the American Steel and Wire Company mills. Eis was a wire drawer. While drawing the red hot wire it broke. The end struck him about the neck and the wire, released from tension suddenly, coiled about his neck. His neck was burned through in a few seconds by the hot wire, completely severing his head from his body.

Americans Find Gold.

Brussels.—Reports received from R. D. Mohun, leader of the American expedition in the Congo, state that he has discovered rich deposits of gold, tin and copper in the Manyema district.

Prohibition Pays Here.

Union S. C.—Union county again voted for prohibition. During the past three years of prohibition the arrests for drunkenness decreased 50 per cent and property valuation in the county increased \$2,000,000.

Wealthy Lawyer Dies.