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If parents would smile more, their babies would cry less.

A Massachusetts shipbuilding company has secured the contract to build two battleships, of the dreadnaught type, for the Argentine Republic, at the aggregate cost of \$23,000,000. The competition for this award was open to the whole world and though European builders had the advantage of cheaper labor, if that is an advantage, and untaxed raw materials, the American concern was able to secure the work. The superior skill and intelligence of our mechanics and the higher standard of our machinery, compensates for the differences in wages, according to the estimates of these successful bidders. Nobody has anything on this country if self-reliance and courage is asserted.

There is no quicker way to take the life, growth and energy out of a town than for its citizens to be constantly holding up the dark side of the picture to the gaze of the inquirer. The word if, keeps everybody in doubt, and doubt keeps every man from going forward with the improvements he would otherwise make. There is nothing like confidence to make a success of anything and if you haven't got any of it, don't communicate the fact to your neighbor, much less to a stranger and if the bent of your mind is to continually go against every interest of the town in which you live, for the sake of the town get out of it and go to some place that is already lifeless and has no interests at stake, where you like the old lady's root beer, if you don't do any good you won't do any hurt.

In our common schools, academies, colleges and universities, each have their course of study, and text books for the same; and as a student masters each branch, the text books are laid aside and he graduates to a higher. But in the Sabbath school it is different. We have our text book for the whole course, and that course should be for life. In the Bible there are truths which the merest child can understand and depths of thought which the most learned cannot fathom. It may be called the railway guide on the road to heaven, and the Sabbath school lunch counters along the way at which we may refresh ourselves. One of the grandest sights for mortal eyes is a whole family from the tottering grandparents down to the prattling child, all in school and studying the same lesson, and that lesson for eternity. A person should never be too old, too rich or too wise to cease being a Sabbath school student.

People who have received assessment notices are struggling hard to control their feelings which have been stirred up to a point where they are apt to give expression of their opinion in language more emphatic than polite of the man or men who have increased the occupation tax of every man in this borough 100 per cent. This means that the workingman this year must pay just twice as much as he did last year. The occupation tax of the property holder is also increased 100 per cent, and consequently his total tax is increased some. The workingman has just cause to complain, for his ability to labor is his capital and this increased taxation is a direct tax on his only source of income; it is taking away another slice of the loaf which he has labored six days to earn. It is become clearer every day that there is a recklessness in the use of the people's money both in town and county which, if not halted, will make taxation so burdensome that only the wealthy will be able to remain in this section and be comfortable. Unless a man by industry, inheritance or his ability to save has his gains full enough to withstand a siege of adversity, and still continue to pay tribute to this constantly increasing demand for more tax money, he cannot exist comfortably in this community. This paper advocates the formation of a Civic Club

to which every taxpayer in Honesdale would be eligible and where men from every path of life could meet monthly and discuss questions of importance to the welfare of the borough. If men versed in finance, men drilled in systematic business life men of experience, together with our merchants and workmen would take up questions involving the expenditure of money raised by taxation, they would reach a decision which would be a guide to those who have the spending of their money with the result that taxes would be reduced or else they would get better results from the expenditures of their money.

BALANCE.

The man on the "tight rope," he of the circus or the amusement park, fills us with wonder. On the slender cord he walks, advancing or retreating, lying down and rising again, under the canvas or over the water as the case may be. It may make us dizzy to look out of a high window, or peer over onto the street from the roof top. He, with nothing larger than foothold for a bird, feels entirely at home. Truly, it is a wonderful display of nerve and steadiness and self-control.

But there is something in his hand, though nothing very wonderful, however necessary it may be. There is a long rod, to which he holds as a child might cling to his father's hand. Yet it is well called a balancing pole. It makes the precarious task possible. With its play, its thrust, its rise and dip, it is like an anchor to a tossing boat, or like a rope in the grasp of a struggling swimmer. We may not have tested it, nor experienced its use, yet we know it to be a real help. Rope walking takes nerve; still more, it takes balance.

Inventive minds are still at work on some means of locomotion whereby a car can travel upon a single rail. In this age of the world, it is reckless to say that the thing is impossible. Whether it be commercially feasible or not, the instrument depended upon is the gyroscope. With wheels revolving with incredible velocity—3,000 turns a minute—on each side of the center of gravity, it is a fact that balance is preserved.

The top is the simple illustration of the principle. A college professor cannot make a top stand up straight on the sharp pointed end, but a five year old youngster can if he spins it. The motion does it; the activity gives it balance.

Sometimes it is necessary to send out a special train, when pressing business or a case of life or death cannot wait upon the regular schedule. The railroad official orders a clear track and soon all is ready. Perhaps one man only is to make the trip. Even so, he is not asked to take a place in the engine, nor is a single car added to the engine, but a train of several cars is made up. For maintaining the unusual speed, the engine needs to be balanced by the weight, the "pull" of the train behind. Safely lies not in lightness, but in having something to draw, lest the swiftly moving locomotive be hurled from the rails.

Human nature needs to be balanced. The mentally defective are conspicuous for fixed ideas, obsessions, exaggerated notions on some particular subject. Danger lies in brooding too entirely upon one thing, no matter how good. Poverty of life lies in making the range of interests narrow.

Life cannot be made too abundant, which is to say that it cannot be too well balanced. Let the child collect postage stamps and he has a healthy resource, even if he later discards his collection. Let the business man know art or sport, actively, and he has an offset to great dangers. Let the advocate of causes know history and human nature, and he will not become a narrow fanatic. Knowing something about many things, or rather being interested in many things, balances a man so that he is not tied to one little center of gravity. Hobbies, even, are not to be despised, if they are playfellows and not tyrants. Most of all, doing something that is worth while, over and above the day's bread and butter work, is like the balancing weight which the train hauls.

Balance, poise, activity, interest—possessing these a man is sought not shunned, for he is then a force of an inspiring sort.

CONCERNING THE SPARROW.

The Agricultural Department at Washington has just issued a bulletin for condemnation of the English sparrow, from which we quote the following: "The English sparrow is the pirate of the air, just as the rat is the

freeloader of the earth, and ought to be exterminated.

"He studiously hunts and eats insects which are beneficial to plant life, while he passes over most of those which are harmful. The only good things he does is to eat the seeds of weeds and prevent their spread.

"He is murderous. He hunts the nesting places and destroys eggs and young bluebirds, house wrens, tree swallows and barn swallows. The robin, the cat-bird and the mockingbird he attacks and drives out of parks and shade trees. He has no song, but he drives out the songbirds and brings only noise in return.

Whenever sparrows roost around your house, destroy their nests. If they roost at night on your eaves trough, drive them away with a long pole. By destroying nests wherever they are seen the increase can be prevented."

"A ready way of destroying them is by spreading near their haunts grain soaked in a solution of strychnia. This method is practiced with success in California."

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Friday afternoon and evening will be one big day for the Maple City. On Monday the entire Lyric theatre was sold out with the exception of a few chairs. The visiting schools, Carbondale and Dunmore, will be royally entertained and will be cared for as follows: The committee on teachers and their friends is Misses Stevens and Gillen, who will care for them in the third grade.

The Seniors of the school will be served in the fourth grade. The Juniors in first grade. The Sophs. in the second grade, and the Freshmen in the Primary Department.

In the evening the visitors and a few of the Honesdale students will occupy the balcony. The lower floor was sold to the public. The stage will seat one hundred students from each school, making a total of 300 people, besides the nine contestants, Prof. Oday and Miss Clark.

The students will be composed of singers and will be seated on a half-circle bleacher. The boxes will be used as follows: Box A will seat the three English teachers of each school, Superintendents Hoban of Dunmore, Gilmartin of Carbondale, and Koehler of Honesdale; Box B will seat Mr. and Mrs. Homer Greene of Honesdale; Prof. and Mrs. Dayton Ellis of Dunmore, and Prof. and Mrs. T. J. Loftus of Carbondale. The other two boxes will be at the disposal of the Dunmore and Carbondale aggregations.

The mid-year examinations of the High school will be held as follows: Thursday a. m., geology; Thursday p. m., algebra; Friday a. m., physiology; Monday a. m., Greek History.

The painters and workmen are putting the finishing touches on the basement of the school in order that it may be in use for Friday.

The bleachers that are used on the stage Friday evening, will be moved to the gymnasium of the school to enlarge the seating capacity.

The new term of school opens on February 8th; all children who will be six years of age or before May 1st, may enter.

NEW ARMORY FOR COMPANY E.

The annual inspections were the order last week. Monday night of last week Companies A and F were inspected. Tuesday the field staff, band and hospital corps and Co. A Engineers. Lieutenant Colonel Langeffelt of the United States Engineers, inspected Captain Dunning's command and found it was in excellent shape. Captain Taggart, the state inspector, and Lieut. Stayers, United States army, inspected Companies A and F. They found these in good shape. Lieutenant Stayers complimented the company commanders on their showing. Thursday night Company E of Honesdale, was inspected and although its quarters are no good, it passed the inspection in fine shape. Company E is to have a new armory. The matter has been referred by the state armory board and the Third brigade committee, consisting of General Dougherty and Col. L. A. Watres, to pass on sites, so Company E, which has been up against the hardest propositions, is assured of a home in the near future.

AFTER OLEO MANUFACTURERS.

Penrose and Grangers Want More Protection to Dairy Interests.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Penrose to-day introduced a bill to amend the oleomargarine law in accordance with recommendations made by Associations of Dairymen and Grangers. The measure imposes upon manufacturers of oleomargarine a special tax of \$600 a year. The tax to be paid by wholesale dealers in uncolored oleomargarine is fixed at \$200 and the tax assessed against retailers in similar product is fixed at \$5.

It continues the tax of ten cents a pound upon all colored oleo and provides that whenever any ingredient is placed in the compound which gives it a yellowish shade that it shall be held to be colored oleo and subject to the tax of ten cents a pound.

This, it is believed, would cover the case now pending in the courts against Representative W. A. Moxley, an oleo manufacturer of Chicago, whose butterine is colored by palm

oil, one of its ingredients. Uncolored oleo is to be taxed one-quarter of a cent a pound.

Foreign oleo in addition to the tariff duty is to pay a tax of fifteen cents a pound, and is limited to one, two and five-pound packages, domestic oleo must be put up only in one, two and five-pound packages, but such packages may be packed in cases containing ten, twenty, thirty and fifty pounds.

Defrauding the government in the matter of manufacture or payment of the tax is punishment by confiscation of material and property in addition to imprisonment and fine. Punishment for violation of the act runs as high as \$5000 fine and two years' imprisonment.

A section is added to the measure which prohibits the compromising of any case and requires that all cases shall be brought to trial and adjudicated by the courts.

OBITUARY.

COOK—Mrs. Dena Cook, widow of Frederick J. Cook, died at Aldenville on Sunday, January 30th, aged 71 years. Services will be held in the German Lutheran church at Aldenville at 1 p. m. on Wednesday. Burial will be made in the Aldenville cemetery.

BURCHER—Lena, wife of Judson Burcher, of Scranton, died Jan. 28, 1910, aged nearly 40 years. Deceased was a daughter of Isaac Lovelap, of Damascus. She is survived by her husband, a son, Donald, aged 9 years; sister, Laura, and brother, Homer. Interment in the family plot in Damascus.

TOWNSEND—Hiram Townsend, an old soldier, died at Kellam, Pa., Jan. 24, 1910. He had been very lame and feeble for some time. Sunday morning he was as well as usual but in the evening on retiring he complained of pain, and rapidly grew worse and died Monday evening. Mr. Townsend had resided in Kellam about twenty years and was eighty-five years of age. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Luman Hinckley, of Lookout, and a brother, James Townsend, living at Bovina Center, N. Y. The funeral services were held on Wednesday at the home, Rev. W. S. Empleton officiating, and burial in the cemetery near Hankins.

HORSES NEARLY DROWNED.

A Former Hawley Man Had Plenty of Trouble.

Last Friday night, about six o'clock, while Arthur Lapolt was driving a team belonging to D. B. Wickham, on his return from Willowemoc with Dr. Poindexter, his horses broke through the snow and slush in one of the large drifts on Young's Hill, and only for the continuous efforts of Mr. Lapolt one horse would have been drowned. Word was telephoned Mr. Wickham and he, with about fifteen men, went to the rescue. They managed to loosen one horse and free him from the drift, but the other one they were unable to get out so easily. It was not until eleven o'clock that the men with their untiring efforts succeeded in freeing him from the snow and water, and then the horse was so nearly exhausted they had to draw him home on a sleigh. Both horses were all right the next day and showed no ill effects from being in the water.

YES, IT IS POSSIBLE

For the Honesdale Basket Ball Team to be Defeated by Hawley.

The Honesdale High school journeyed to Hawley on Friday last to play a game of basket ball. Although the Honesdale boys were beaten, they outplayed Hawley in every departure of the game. This was the first game played in the High school hall and consequently a large crowd turned out to witness the game. Next Saturday Honesdale will go to Carbondale where they will play the High school team of that place.

Honesdale	Hawley
Brown	Forward
McIntyre	Forward
Jacobs	Center
Hiller	Guard
Freund	Guard
Goals, Honesdale, Brown 4, Jacobs 4, Hiller 3, Freund 1; Hawley, Vogler 5, Switzer 1, Gilpin 6; fouls, Honesdale 7; Hawley 1.	

SOMETHING KNEW.

The search of noted surgeons for an anaesthetic with no detrimental effect on the heart or other vital organs apparently has been rewarded at last. The result of investigations here and abroad, which have just been made public here, show that electricity is far superior to any of the drugs now used to produce analgesia.

The discovery is expected by prominent surgeons to revolutionize modern surgery. Electricity as an anaesthetic has no bad effects on the heart. It produces a form of insensibility by acting on the nerve centers of the brain, called "electric sleep." When the circuit is opened the influence of the anesthetic is immediately lost and the patient becomes conscious without feeling any of the after effects common to ether and chloroform.

At the Philadelphia General Hospital the city will shortly procure the necessary apparatus and will conduct a series of exhaustive investigations. Dr. Mibran Krikor Kassabian, director of the Roentgen Ray laboratory at the Philadelphia hospital, is now engaged in this work, together with Dr. Solomon Solisohen.

A TERRIBLE MIXUP.

Los Angeles Society Women Buy Children to Avoid Confinement.

Los Angeles, Jan. 28.—Many fathers here are to-day looking into the eyes of their children to see if they possess any resemblance to their parents, following the startling testimony of Mrs. C. E. Smith that she had provided homes for more than three hundred babies in Los Angeles and that until now none of the "supposed" fathers had been any the wiser.

Mrs. Smith, who was forced to tell her "corporation" after furnishing Mrs. W. W. Wilson with four children, which the latter tried to palm off several days ago as quadruplets born to her, said this was a favorite means adopted by women whose husbands wanted children, to escape the care and pain incident to confinement.

The four homeless babies adopted by Mrs. Wilson were brought in to court and the real mothers of the infants were summoned and identified the tots.

As a result of the statement made by Mrs. Smith, the police are investigating the conduct of such maternity hospitals as that operated by Mrs. Smith and the matter will be placed before the grand jury for consideration.

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SENTENCE.

Black Hand Leader is Shown no Mercy by Brooklyn Judge.

New York, Jan. 28.—Rafaele Pisano, leader of the Black Hand Society in Brooklyn, was to-day sentenced to twenty-five years in Sing Sing for attempted murder.

"The full limit of punishment is not severe enough in your case," said County Judge Fawcett. "Life sentence should be inflicted for Black Hand offenses such as the character of your crime. You have been convicted of aiding and abetting Pasquale Albano in an attempt to murder Giuseppe Cacace.

"You and Albano are international criminals and your conviction is of the greatest importance. It will have a far-reaching effect for good among those of your class who resort to the infamous practices of the Black Hand, which frequently involve murder.

"Through your sentence I serve notice to the members of the Black Hand who are convicted in this court that full limit of punishment will be imposed in each case."

Pisano was a member of the gang which enticed Cacace to a house on Conover street on November 2d and attempted to kill him for refusing their demand for \$100.

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 inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this 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 inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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—Advertise in the Citizen.

Children and Infant's coats to close out at less than cost. Menner & Co.

Ladies' long winter coats at very low prices at Menner & Co.'s store.

CLERK'S NOTICE IN BANKRUPTCY
In the District Court of the United States for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Edwin D. Prentice, Wayne County, Pa., a bankrupt under the Act of Congress of July 1, 1898, having applied for a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said Act, notice is hereby given to all known creditors and other persons in interest, to appear before the said Court at Scranton, in said District on the 15th day of FEBRUARY, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.
EDWARD R. W. SEARLE, Clerk.

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What Class? are YOU in?

The world has always been divided into two classes—those who have saved, those who have spent—the thrifty and the extravagant.

It is the saver who have built the houses, the mills, the bridges, the railroads, the ships and all the other great works which stand for man's advancement and happiness.

The spenders are slaves to the savers. It is the law of nature. We want you to be a saver—to open an account in our Savings Department and be independent.

One Dollar will Start an Account.

This Bank will be pleased to receive all or a portion of YOUR banking business.