



CHECKER PLAYING AS A TRAINING

"Develops Caution and Foresight," Says Expert

LOCAL TALENT IS NOT VERY STRONG; BOSTON THE GREAT CHECKER TOWN.

"Checker playing is one of the very best trainings for the memory. It teaches a man caution and foresight. It also brings into operation all the powers of calculation. I consider it better than mathematics for developing the powers of calculation."

Such, in the opinion of George I. Griswold, Factoryville, Pa., champion checker player of Northeastern Pennsylvania, are some of the benefits to be derived from the playing of draughts.

"Concerning the relative merits of chess and checkers," he said, "there has always been a dispute. Edgar Allan Poe stated, in some of his works, that he considered checkers the greater game. Benjamin Franklin considered checkers superior to chess."

"The greatest argument in favor of checkers is this: That although Pillsbury played them both he was never a top-notch, i. e., he was never able to reach the first class in checkers. Pretty good evidence that checkers is nearly as good as chess! Pillsbury never could be anything but a second-rater in checkers."

Advice For The Beginner.

"The best thing for a beginner to do is to secure a good book on the game. I would name Lee's Guide. It can be secured through 'The Draughts' World Publishing Company,' Edinburgh, Scotland, for fifty cents, in a paper edition. It is an elementary work."

"Then I would advise him to take one or two of the popular magazines, such as the Canadian Checker Player and The Draughtsman's World."

"Then I would advise him to meet some player who was stronger than himself, and play with him regularly."

"I would also advise him to take up regularly and systematically the study of problems. I believe the study of problems does more to develop a man's checker playing abilities than anything else."

Mr. Griswold, who is a man of 39 years of age says that he was led into playing checkers by meeting, some fifteen or eighteen years ago, an expert from Buffalo by the name of Compton.

"Four or five years ago," he said, "I met Pillsbury in Scranton and defeated him. I won two games and drew the third. He charged \$1 to play three games."

"I claim the championship of Northeastern Pennsylvania. I play blindfolded. I have played twelve games simultaneously at Y. M. C. A.'s."

There are perhaps twenty newspapers publishing checker columns. One is edited by Newell Banks and is published in Detroit, Mich., The Pittsburg Dispatch publishes a very fine checker column edited by Hugh Henderson. I take that.

The San Francisco Post publishes a very fine column. Dr. Schaeffer, of New York city, publishes an excellent column in one of the Jersey City papers. The automatic player at the Eden Musee has been manipulated by Dr. Schaeffer. New York City boasts of a very fine checker club. So do Boston, Chicago, Pittsburg and Detroit.

They're trying to form a national association at Pittsburg. The checker champion at present is Newell Banks, of Detroit, but he has just been defeated for the championship of the world by Alfred Jordan, of London, champion of England. He is touring the United States at the present time, and appearing in all the principal cities.

Hugh Henderson, a Scotchman, who came to this country four years ago, has recently played a match in Boston with Dorio of Chicago for \$1,000 a side which Henderson won by the score of 12 to 5.

The checker players are now talking up a national tournament, same as they have in Scotland every year. They already have \$1,000 raised for purses. The first prize will be \$500; the second \$250, and so on.

This tournament will be held at Cedar Point, Ohio, and any player in the United States will be eligible by paying an entrance fee of \$10.

Boston The Checker Hub.

The great checker center of the United States, you know, is Boston. When Jordan was touring this country he played the members, 150 in all, of the Boston club, simultaneously, without losing a game.

"I played him two games at the Scranton Y. M. C. A. last July. I lost one and drew the other. We made up a purse for him of \$25 for coming there."

The leading checker magazines are The Draughts' World, published in Glasgow, Scotland, at \$2 a year. Then in this country there are two, of which The Canadian Checker Player is the most popular. The Pocket Checker Magazine, published in Chicago, and the Checker World, published in Manchester, New Hampshire, are good.

There are probably 300 volumes published devoted entirely to checkers. The literature is very extensive. Probab the greatest play-

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PALATIAL HOME FOR STRONGMAN

Bethany Residence to be One of Finest in State

BEING BUILT BY C. T. ARTHUR OF BETHANY ACCORDING TO NEW YORK ARCHITECT'S PLANS.

The palatial residence of John H. Strongman, Bethany, which is in course of construction, when completed, will be one of the finest homes in this section of the State. The house is located on the site of the Strongman homestead and commands one of the most picturesque mountain views in Wayne county. Mr. Strongman was born in the house that formerly stood upon the site of his new home and the handsome residence now in course of construction will be admired and envied by everybody. Words cannot express how the new home and surroundings will appear when completed. A faint idea of the beauty and quietude of the place can be imagined by the reader sitting on the large 16-foot two-story porch of the dwelling, his eyes resting upon the two-acre flower garden, with a pergola in the center and a number of rainbow fountains playing in the sun's rays, the garage and barn practically hidden by shubbery planted by a landscape gardener and crushed stone roads gracefully circling around the pergola to the house and main road.

Charles T. Arthur, contractor and builder, of Bethany, is erecting this handsome residence under plans and specifications of E. S. Childs, New York city. The arrangement throughout is convenient and the rooms are so situated as to save much unnecessary walking. All the rooms are well lighted and spacious.

The first floor is divided into seven rooms, three pantries, two closets and a maid's kitchen. A large reception hall faces the main entrance to the house; a library, living room, dining room, parlors and kitchen constitute the first floor. A large double porch, 16 feet in width, supported with four 18 foot colonial columns, 20 inches in diameter, capped with an Ionic design, graces the southeast entrance of the building. Handsome stone steps lead from the house to the private roadway. The ground will be terraced from the landing to a concrete retaining wall, which will be capped with an ornamental fence. F. J. Varcoe has been awarded the contract to build the retaining wall.

The second floor contains six bedrooms, closets, with private bathrooms and a hall extending through the building. There is a balcony facing the west. A railing and pedestal at each corner will add to the beauty of the porch.

The third floor has five bedrooms and as many closets, bathroom and hall.

A nineteen-foot circumferential bay window, two stories high, faces the old town of Bethany. A railing and pedestal will grace the top of the window.

The roof has a number of dormer windows, which light the third story and add to the beauty and attractiveness of the building. The cornice decoration consists of indential brackets trimmed with curve frieze.

All windows, except those of the back part of the building, will be of ornamental plate glass. The floors will be of oak and highly polished. The finish will be in white enamel with mahogany doors.

The building will be heated by steam, equipped with hot and cold water and lighted by electricity. A gasoline engine will generate electricity on the premises for the lighting of the house, barn and garage. The cellar is concrete and plastered. Harry Rettew has charge of the plumbing.

The building proper is 100 feet in length including porches and 65 feet wide.

A pergola 80 feet long, 18 feet high and 20 feet wide built of concrete and wood, will occupy the center of the flower garden east of the house. The pergola will be covered with vines and underneath in the circular center will be located a bench.

Several fountains will be located at different places throughout the grounds, the water for which will come from an artesian well on the premises.

Landscape gardeners will arrive above the middle of October to plant the shubbery and lay out the flower beds. The arrangement is very attractive.

About 30 men are now employed in the building and upon the grounds.

"THE GIRL AND THE TRAMP."

"The Girl and the Tramp," a bright comedy, which is proving to be very successful, will be presented at the Lyric Friday evening. The play tells the story of a man who is driven from home through the artifices of his enemy who flees to the west where he prospers. In the mean time the plotting man continues in his efforts to drive the family ruin. He wishes to marry the wife who is left alone. Flo Randall, a girl from the bowery, aided by Happy Jack, the tramp, aids the abandoned woman in her fight against the plotter and in the end all ends happily.

Advertisement in The Citizen



THE HON. ALONZO T. SEARLE, Candidate For President Judge of Wayne County.

REAL ESTATE DEALS.

A. D. Heneforth, Salem township, to E. A. Hartford, Salem township. Twelve and one-tenth acres of land in Salem township. Consideration, \$200.

Samuel Anderson and wife, Yonkers, Westchester county, N. Y., to Alma N. Ahlquist, 218 Albemarle Road, Brooklyn, N. Y. One hundred and twenty-four acres of land in Manchester township. Consideration, \$500, and other valuable considerations.

Jared Mickel and wife, Salem township, to Alfred R. Mickel and wife, Peckville, Lackawanna county. Five acres and thirty-five perches of land in Salem township. Consideration, \$1,000.

William Melody to Elizabeth Melody, both of Cherry Ridge township. Two pieces of land in Cherry Ridge township. Containing 48 acres and 80 perches and 50 acres respectively. Consideration, \$1.

Gilbert F. Simmons and wife, Sherman, to John T. Brownson, Syracuse, N. Y., 94 and 3/4 acres of land in Scott township. Consideration, \$1 and other valuable considerations.

"Jury Road Law Will Give Somebody a Fat Job" says M. E. Simons

"I think the object of the Road Jury Law is to give some one in the larger cities a fat office. It neither helps in efficiency nor lessens in cost. I think it is wholly unnecessary."

Such is the opinion of District Attorney M. E. Simons on the new Road Jury View Act passed at the last session of the Legislature, which does away with the appointment of a separate set of men for each proposed thoroughfare, and in its stead provides for the appointment, at the discretion of the court, of a permanent board, to consist of from three to nine men, whose tenure of office shall be dependent upon good behavior.

"No board," continued Mr. Simons, "has as yet been appointed in Wayne county. In Lackawanna county they appointed one. This Act will not affect any viewers at present under appointment."

Under the old system the surveyor was entitled to \$5 a day and the other two viewers to \$2 a day apiece. Each viewer was entitled to mileage at the rate of six cents a mile from his home to the nearest point of view and return. I am quite positive that the compensation of the viewers to be appointed is to be fixed by the Court. Under the new law, three will be appointed on each view.

In order to secure a road, the modus operandi is as follows: You present a petition to the Court setting forth the necessity for the road, and naming the point at which the road begins and ends, and stating the exact distance the termini are from the nearest intersecting road, and asking for the appointment of viewers.

The Court, if it approves of the petition, will then direct that the viewers examine the proposed road and report to the Court whether such a road is necessary or not. If necessary, they proceed and lay out the courses and distances, the line of the road, and appraise the damages, if any, for the land taken.

The report will then be presented for confirmation nisi, and unless exceptions are filed, it will be approved absolutely at the next term of Court. In that case the Clerk of the Court will issue orders to the supervisors to open the road. The county pays the cost of the road. There is no fixed number of acres required, only sufficient to convince the Court that the view should be made.

The new law affects this method in no way save in the procedure of the appointment of viewers. The viewers to be appointed by the Court will have a little more authority. They can convene at the county seat and call witnesses before them, if they see fit, and hear testimony for and against the road before making their report."

Judge Searle Has Stood The Test of Fitness.

HE IS THE RIGHT MAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Why Not Keep Him There ?

The Hon. Alonzo T. Searle has successfully filled the office of President Judge in this county during the past 2 years; he fully commands the confidence of both the people and the bar of his own county, and the high opinion formed of him in other counties in which he has held court signifies much. When a judge finds it necessary to call in a judge from another county, the sense of responsibility and of duty to litigants and attorneys naturally leads him to seek the best judge that can be obtained. And if the judge thus called in fails to command his confidence, and the confidence of the attorneys engaged, he is not likely to be called again. There is no better proof of the fitness of a judge than repeated calls to sit in other counties.

Probably no judge in the State is more frequently called on to hold court in other counties than Judge Searle. Among the counties in which he has sat are some of the largest in the State outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and in these no small number of important cases have been brought before him. The confidence in his legal attainments, ability, and judicial impartiality, inspired by his decisions, is best shown by the repeated calls for his services as judge. He has held court three weeks in Dauphin county; four weeks in Luzerne; four weeks in Susquehanna; and seven weeks in Lackawanna; in Northampton he has held a term of two weeks; and he has been called once to Pike, in which the business of the courts has dwindled almost to the vanishing point.

In 2 years of judicial service, Judge Searle has made a record, both in his own county and in every other in which he has sat, which has seldom if ever been surpassed.

Not a single case which Judge Searle has tried has ever been appealed, a record excelled by none and equaled by few.

The people of Wayne will make no mistake in keeping him in the office which he has so ably and acceptably filled.

SUMMARY OF JUDGE SEARLE'S CAREER.

Alonzo T. Searle, Judge of the Courts of Wayne county, was appointed by Governor Stuart on September 15, 1909, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge George S. Purdy. He was appointed upon the petition signed by nearly all the Republican members of the Wayne County Bar and a majority of the county officials. This petition was accompanied by letters from a large number of the representative men of the county.

Upon his appointment he relinquished an extensive and remunerative law practice and resigned the position which he held as Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Alonzo T. Searle was born in New Marlboro, Mass., on September 13, 1856. His father was a minister. He was graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, Vermont, in 1873 and from Amherst College in 1877. After teaching school for one year in Rutland, Vermont, and two years in Cheltenham Academy, near Philadelphia, he entered the law office of Hon. B. S. Bentley at Williamsport, Pa. Judge Bentley was the father-in-law of George S. Bentley of the firm of Waller and Bentley of Honesdale and upon the death of George S. Bentley and upon the recommendation of Judge Bentley came to Honesdale and entered the law office with George G. Waller. Upon his admission to the Wayne County Bar in 1882 he entered into a partnership with Mr. Waller which lasted until the death of the latter in 1888 since which time Judge Searle has conducted the business alone.

For nearly thirty years Judge Searle has been a member of the Wayne County Bar and has been interested in nearly every important case which has come before the courts. In all his years of extensive practice his most humble client received as much consideration as those more prominent. The best years of his life have been spent in Wayne county and he has been so thoroughly identified with its interests and has mingled so closely with its people that he should be able to call nearly every man within its boundaries his friend. Judge Searle has been a close and diligent student of the law and is thoroughly versed in and an able exponent of, its principles.

If nominated, he will use every legitimate and honorable means for his election; if elected, he will enter upon his official duties with no pledges, except to conduct the office honorably, justly, fairly, without fear, favor or partiality and uninfluenced by any considerations save those of law and justice.

Remember this on Saturday.