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COMPANY STORES.

The following is taken from the February issue of the Colliery Engineer published at Scranton Pa:

As usual a bill to prohibit mining and manufacturing corporations or limited partnerships from engaging in the mercantile business has been introduced in the present Pennsylvania Legislature.

The bill is aimed at what are popularly called "pluck me" stores, but it goes wide of the mark. While some so-called "company stores" are, we regret to say, conducted on the pluck me system, all are not. The majority that are conducted on the "pluck me" system, are not owned by corporations or limited partnerships, but by individuals or private firms. These the Legislature cannot interfere with. Many of the stores owned by corporations or limited partnerships, are, instead of a burden on the employes, a positive benefit. Corporations and limited partnerships know that they are creatures of the State, and if from no other cause but that of preventing interference on the part of the Legislature, they are careful to run their stores on lines that are equitable and just.

"We know of many stores owned by mining corporations which furnish their employes with fresher goods and goods of better quality than can be purchased in the nearest town. We have had opportunities to compare prices and found them as low, if not lower than were asked for inferior goods in the town stores.

"On the other hand our attention has been called to stores owned by individuals and private firms that are conducted on the "pluck me" plan. While we do not think it good policy for a mining company whose mines are located near large towns to run stores, it is good policy and a benefit to the employes, if their mines are located, as many are, several miles from town."

THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER.

From the excellent paper on "The Press, Its Relation to the Public," read by Editor O. J. Sturgis, of the Uniontown Standard, before the G. A. R. Post of that place, the following extract is taken:

"The day of the business manager in the country newspaper is coming also, and when it does come the local newspaper will occupy the place it long since earned—that of an independent and profitable business enterprise. The country newspaper has been crippled because the editor was a good natured, obiging individual, who allowed himself to be handicapped by yielding to the mistaken public notion that it was a part of his business to boost along everybody's else business free of charge.

"When that time comes, the man who wants a notice printed in the newspaper for his personal benefit or to advance his private interest, will pay for it, just as he pays the merchant for his goods.

"The boarding house keeper who wants the paper to notify the public that he has moved to another street, will be charged the regular rates for the notice, just as he charges his boarders for their meals.

"The subscriber who pays for one copy regularly will not expect a few extra copies free occasionally when something nice has been published about him, any more than he would expect his milkman from whom he buys a quart of milk each morning to send him in half gallon of cream free of charge every time he entertained his friends at a select dinner."

WHO WILL it be—for mayor of Philadelphia—Pattison or Warwick?

TUESDAY'S ELECTION will determine whether we are to have an addition built to our public school building or not.

HE WHO always speaks ill of his neighbor must surely have unpleasant dreams.

MORE THAN half the world's supply of tin is mined in the Straits settlement at the tip of the Malay Peninsula. The output in 1891 was 38,061 tons, out of a total of 56,551 tons; 12,106 tons came from the Dutch East Indies, chiefly from the Island of Banka, leaving only 8,384 tons for the rest of the world.

THE Philadelphia Record says that from one ton of ordinary gas coal may be produced 1,500 pounds of coke, 20 gallons of ammonia water and 140 pounds of coal tar. By destructive distillation the coal tar will yield 69.6 pounds of pitch, 17 pounds of creasote, 14 pounds of heavy oils, 9.5 pounds of naphtha yellow, 6.3 pounds of nyphthaline, 4.75 pounds of naphthol, 2.25 pounds of solvent naphtha, 1.5 pounds of phenol, 1.2 pounds of aurine, 1.1 pounds of benzine, 1.1 pounds of analine, 0.77 of a pound of toiudine, 0.46 of a pound of anthracine and 0.9 of a pound of toulene. From the latter is obtained the new substance known as saccharine, which is 530 times as sweet as the best cane sugar, one part of it giving a very sweet taste to a thousand parts of water.

FARMING NOTES

Of Interest to the Farmers Who Read the Patton "Courier."

Any attempt to change the form of a tree after it commences to bear is almost certain to damage the tree seriously.

If extraordinary good cows can produce over 45 quarts of milk per day (as has happened), the farmer should not be content until he comes as near as possible to that quantity with his herd.

White clover is one of the best foods for sheep and it affords excellent pasturage for cows. It is also a honey-producing plant and the bees can work on it although they cannot procure honey from the red variety.

Horses are now being shipped from this country to Europe, and our exports of horses exceed in value those imported. Formerly we bought a great many horses from Europe for purposes of improvement, but Europe is now drawing on us for horses for the same purpose.

The light Brahmas, the largest and most popular fowls we have, are often the most profitable. The main profit, however, lies in the number of chickens raised from eggs. They will produce more weight at eight months of age than any other breed. When carefully selected they are among the best of layers also.

Straw is not very highly relished by stock, and sheep care but little for it. The cattle, however, will sometimes eat quite a proportion of straw, as it affords them a change of food. Cut up fine and mixed with other foods, with ground grain added, it may be made to do excellent service.

Seeding down to oats will be one of the first duties in early spring, where such a crop is desired. If the land is in good condition, plenty of seed should be used, nine pecks per acre not being too much. If clover seed is sown on the oats, the oats should be harrowed in and the clover seed then sown, running the roller over the field, which will prevent destruction of the seed both oats and clover by birds.

"The Only" for 1895.

The COURIER is pleased to announce its clubbing arrangements with The Pittsburg Post, the great home newspaper of Pennsylvania, and to persons who want the best daily or semi-weekly paper published in the city, we recommend The Post.

The Daily Post, a large eight-page paper, and The COURIER one year each for $3.00. The price of The Post alone is $3.00. Send us your order at once and get seven papers a week for the price you formerly paid for one.

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The Semi-weekly Post and The COURIER one year each for only $1.50. Just think of it, The Post twice a week, and your county paper for the price of one. Write us for sample copies.

Mrs. Emily Thorne, who resides at Toledo, Washington, says that she has never been able to procure any medicine for rheumatism that relieves the pain so quickly and effectually as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and that she has also used it for a lame back with great success. For sale by C. E. Belcher's City Drug Store.

Notice of Election.

Owing to the over-crowded condition of our public schools at present and the probable increase in attendance next year, by reason of growth in population, it is an absolute necessity to provide additional school accommodations for the Patton school district.

The school directors of the Borough of Patton resolved by vote duly passed the 15th day of January, A. D. 1895, that the School Board of Patton submit to the electors of Patton Borough at the spring election to be held on February 19th, 1895, the proposition that the School Board of Patton be authorized and empowered to borrow five thousand dollars ($5,000) on bonds of said school district payable in thirty years from date, redeemable after seven years at the option of the said school district at a rate of interest not to exceed five per cent. per annum payable semi-annually, clear of taxes; the said loan to consist of ten coupon bonds of the denomination of five hundred dollars ($500) each, principal and interest payable at the First National Bank of Patton and numbered from one to ten inclusive for the purpose of erecting and furnishing an additional wing containing four school rooms to present building.

The last annual assessed valuation of the Borough of Patton is $257,230; the amount of existing indebtedness of Patton Borough is $14,200; viz: Borough purposes, $4,200; school purposes, $10,000.

The proposed increase of indebtedness for the Borough of Patton for the purpose aforesaid is $5,000. The percentage of the proposed increase on the last preceeding assessed valuation is one and ninety-five one hundred per cent.

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Attest:—
G. H. CURFMAN, Sec.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 16th day of January, 1895.
J. E. DALE, J. P.

"THE LEAST OF THESE."

She had little of earthly beauty;
She had less of earthly lore;
She climbed by a path so narrow,
Such wearisome burdens bore!
And she came with heart a-trembling
To the warden at heaven's door.

And said, "There were hearts of heroes."
She said: "There were hands of might.
I had only my little children,
That call to me day and night.
I could only soothe their sorrows,
Their childish hearts make light."

And she bowed her head in silence,
And she hid her face in shame,
When, out from a blaze of glory,
A form majestic came,
And sweeter than all heaven's music,
Lo, some one called her name!

—Christian Herald.

LET THE HUNTER DON GAY COLORS.

It Lessens the Chances of Somebody Taking a Shot at Him.

"You would naturally think that the hunter out for game would wear clothes of soft, unobtrusive colors harmonizing with the landscape," said the veteran sportsman. "Yet, stalking moose and deer in the Maine woods, I select apparel pronounced in hue and often wear a red necktie or hatband. This I do to lessen the danger of being shot through mistake.

"Of the great army of hunters that each fall range the woods of the Pine Tree State there are few that will not sometimes venture a shot into moving bushes on the chances that the invisible object that rustles them may be a deer. The fool sportsman, who is largely in evidence in the shooting season, will do so every time. If it be a man in the bushes, any striking colors of his costume are apt to catch the eye of the one preparing to fire and prevent the shot being fired.

"The danger of alarming game by such costume? That is not enough to be taken into account. Everything striking in color is more likely than not to excite their curiosity and draw them toward the hunter if he work with proper slowness and caution. Besides that all the antlered game trust almost wholly to their senses of hearing and smelling to warn them of the approach of danger, and if you can baffle those faculties you need have little fear of their taking alarm from the sight of you.

"But, speaking of costume, don't wear black, else every nimrody, and even some experienced sportsman, seeing you among the trees, would let drive at you, believing he was going to bag a bear."—New York Sun.

Silvering Mirrors.

Mirrors are usually silvered by coating the glass with amalgam. For this purpose a large, perfectly flat stone is provided, and upon it is evenly spread a sheet of tin foil without crack or flaw. This is covered to the depth of one eighth of an inch with clean mercury. The plate of glass, perfectly cleaned from all grease and impurity, is floated on to the mercury by sliding, so as to exclude all air bubbles. It is then pressed down by loading it with weights, in order to press out all the mercury which remains fluid. This is received in a gutter around the stone. After about 24 hours it is gently raised upon its edge, and in a few weeks it is ready to frame.—Family Journal.

His Shirt.

"What do you charge to wash a shirt?" inquired the man at the counter in the laundry.

"What kind of a shirt?" asked the clerk, with his mind on outing shirts, dress shirts, negligees and the various other possibilities in that line.

"A dirty shirt," replied the man, and the clerk fell in a faint.—Detroit Free Press.

Lived on Water.

Old Lady—Poor man! So you've been living on water for three days. Here's a quarter.

Rollingstone—Yes'm. I was workin me way on a canalboat.—Opelika (Ala.) People's Choice.

STORY OF A WEDDING.

And a Present That Turned Out to Be a White Elephant.

I know a man named Jack Barnes, who was married one Thanksgiving day, writes Howard Fielding in the Boston Herald. His wife had quite a number of rich relations. One of them was in the furniture business. His present was undoubtedly the handsomest of all. It was a mahogany bedstead big enough for a Mormon elder and carved in the highest style of the art. The happy couple were enraptured when they saw it. The exhibition occurred in the store of the furniture man, for of course such a thing couldn't be sent to the bride's father's house like a sugar spoon in a box. An expressman who subsequently moved the bedstead told me that it weighed nine tons, but I think he exaggerated. Moreover, it was certainly as massive a piece of furniture as ever I saw. On this account perhaps the generous donor had been unable to sell it and had had it lumbering up his salesroom until he had grown sick of the sight of it.

The bridegroom gave directions for its removal to the Harlem flat. He then thanked his wife's uncle for this magnificent gift with tears in his eyes.

When Mr. and Mrs. Barnes returned from their wedding journey, they found the mahogany bed already established in their flat. They knew it was there, because they were unable to open the parlor door. The bed was inside, and there was an alley a foot wide all the way around it between it and the wall. This may seem improbable to a person who does not know much about New York flats of the $40 a month grade, but the sophisticated will only wonder that the bed got in there at all. I am told that the men who set it up had to climb out of a window afterward, but I think this is an exaggeration, because the tall, carved bedboard entirely covered the two windows and thus cast a gloom over the otherwise happy home. They found the furniture which had previously been in the parlor divided between two bedrooms and completely filling them.

Housekeeping under these circumstances was not what this young woman had been led to expect. In 24 hours she had demanded a larger flat. Mr. Barnes went flat hunting. The adventures of the Wandering Jew are a mere stroll compared to those of the flat hunter in New York. Jack was looking for a bedroom big enough to hold the mahogany bedstead. He tells me that this piece of furniture was so big that he could hardly carry a memorandum of its dimensions in his largest overcoat pocket.

Reasonable Request.

Mrs. Williams always asserted that whenever her husband proffered a reasonable request she complied with it as promptly as possible. When asked on one occasion what she meant by this reservation, she said, with a laugh:

"Well, once in awhile Mr. Williams makes what I call an unreasonable request. For instance, he came home a few days ago and said he had seen a woman on the street whose dress he admired, and he wished I would have one made just like it.

"'Tell me how it was made, and I certainly will,' I answered.

"'Oh, it is very simple,' he began. 'The color was—well, it was one of those mixed goods, you know—brown, I should say, or a sort of yellowish gray, with a figure of some sort, a spot or perhaps a small stripe, or it might have been a check. It was made with a skirt—just one skirt, I think—and it had a ruffling or a band or a—a—something to brighten it a little here and there, more toward the bottom, I should say than the top, though I think there was a little ornamentation of some sort around the top too.

"'And the waist or jacket, or whatever you choose to call it, that was perfectly plain, I think, except that there were a few frills about it and a contrivance of some sort about the neck—nothing elaborate at all, but just what would look neat and appropriate. I wonder if you catch my idea?' he inquired as he finished this lucid description.

"Now, that was one of Mr. Williams' requests which I found it really impossible to grant."—Youth's Companion.

Regardless of Punctuation.

The boy who sells the cheap songbooks in front of the variety theater is a wonder in his way. He talks at lightning speed and mixes the titles beautifully. Here is what you hear him say as the crowd is pouring out: "Take 'em along the songbooks here the latest and most popular songs the day all the songs sung in the show her golden hair was hanging down her back the fatal wedding Mollie Newell and Maggie Mooney I don't want to play in your yard if you won't be good to me O Mrs. O'Flaherty you sat down upon me hat still the dance goes on she's my sweetheart we kept it up till Sunday morning they're all the songs sung in the show words and music remember and there a dime 10 cents still his whiskers grew hit 'im again they're 10 cents."—Chicago Record.

Weeks Versus Years.

He (five weeks after marriage)—I have brought you a birthday present, my angel—a diamond necklace, which, however, will pale before the brightness of your eyes.

He (five years after marriage)—I have brought you a birthday present—an ash receiver.

She—But, my dear, I do not smoke cigars.

He—N-o, but if you have an ash receiver for me to put my cigar ashes in it will save you the trouble of sweeping them up, you know.—New York Weekly.

His View of It.

Teacher (to Bainbridge street boy)—Now, if you have a meal at 12 o'clock, what do you call it?

"Luck," said the boy.—Philadelphia Record.

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