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**WHY SOCIALISM DOESN'T GROW.**

"Tabulation of the votes cast in the November presidential election is at last complete," says the Globe, Arizona Record. "It reveals one surprising fact: the Socialist party polled a vote, in the nation of only 300,000.

"Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate this year, was probably the ablest man that party has ever named as a standard bearer. He made a strong campaign. \* \* \* Yet the Socialist party polled the lowest vote since 1904. Why should this be? What has happened anyhow, to give the Socialist party pernicious anemia?

"Probably it is because the fundamental tenet of Marian Socialism—that the workers form a distinct class of the population, with aims diametrically opposite those of the upper classes—is entirely out of line with modern thought.

"In Europe the worker is 'class conscious.' He feels a solidarity with his fellow workers; he feels that the capitalists are forever looking for an opportunity to crush him, and he uses his vote to gain every advantage he can.

"But in this country there is little of this solidarity. The worker is more liable to look on himself as a future employer. He knows that if he has the ability and the determination he will rise; and, if he stays a worker, he also knows he will earn more wages than his European brother ever dared dream of.

"It used to be said Napoleon's army was so successful because every private carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack. The same thing applies to American workers. Each one feels that he may some day be a capitalist. Accordingly, Socialism fails utterly to prosper here. If conditions ever change and opportunity is shut off—that may be another story. But under present conditions, Socialism cannot grow."

**THE ELECTRIC YEAR.**

Nineteen hundred and twenty-eight was a year of marked progress and achievement for the electrical industry. In all phases of operation it further improved the efficiency and economy of its service to the public.

Wherever possible refinancing was carried out at lower interest costs, resulting in large savings, that have, in general, been passed on to the consumers by reduced rates throughout the nation.

Much additional area was added to that served by electrical utilities, and many more communities now have the advantage of adequate electrical power. A number of important construction projects were executed to the further enhancement of service.

In the new and outstanding field of far electrification, great progress was made. Scientific research, carried on over a period of years, has definitely established that if electricity be continually employed in agriculture it will more than pay for itself in comfort, efficiency, speed, certainty of operation, economy and labor saving. As rapidly as 1 spractical new farm areas are being given electric service.

The outlook for the future is encouraging. The industry's great past triumphs are but at a beginning; there are vast potentialities for electric power yet to be exhausted. In the farm, the home and in industry new uses are appearing almost daily.

At the root of our industrial expansion is the tireless hand of electricity and without it our great civilization could never have developed.

**GASOLINE, CIGARETTE AND HORSE'S TAIL BRING DISASTER.**

We have heard many tales of the serious consequences wrought through the near proximity of gasoline and of lighted cigarettes, but when a horse's tail enters the train of incidents, the effect apparently is overwhelming, if one is to judge from a story received from Evanston, Illinois.

There, a milk truck driver, smoking a cigarette, parked in the dairy yard to refill his gasoline tank. Fuel overflowed on the ground at the moment he flicked ashes from his cigarette. Instantly, the gasoline flared up and ignited his coat, which, in hastily removing he threw on the tail of one of 12 horses in a near-by barn. This annoyed the animal so that he switched his burning tail, tossing the burning coat onto a pile of hay.

Result: A policeman managed to lead out the frightened horses but the fire loss included the barn, five trucks

and some wagons; damage \$12,000. The National Board of Fire Underwriters estimates that careless use of matches and smoking caused fire losses of over \$29,000,000 in 1927, while petroleum and its products resulted in losses of more than \$12,500,000. It is well to treat these products with due care.

**RECORD CROWD OF VISITORS TO SEE 1929 FARM EXHIBITION**

With favorable weather one hundred thousand people are expected to visit the State Farm Products Show which opens on Tuesday morning, January 22nd in Harrisburg, the management announced this week.

Five large buildings, conveniently located in the business district of the city are being decorated and arranged for the show, which promises to be the largest and most attractive winter farm exhibition ever held in the eastern part of the United States.

Many new and unusual features have been added this year to make the exhibits and meetings even more entertaining and educational than ever before.

The opening meeting on Tuesday evening, under the direction of C. G. Jordan, secretary of agriculture, will be one of the most interesting events of the entire week. The Potato King, Dairy King and Egg King of 1929—all outstanding Pennsylvania farmers, will be seated on the platform, along with the county agricultural agents and other doers and dignitaries. Short addresses will be made by four of the state's leading citizens. Music and stunts will entertain the audience during the evening.

The huge pyramid, made up of 696 bushels of potatoes—Pennsylvania's record acre yield—grown by H. J. Walton and Sons, of Chester county, will likely be one of the most popular exhibits of the show. The pyramid will cover approximately 400 square feet at the base and extend almost to the ceiling of the room.

Every department of the show will be filled to capacity. The corn show will far surpass previous exhibits; every county will compete this year, for the first time since the corn-borer began its spread in northwestern Pennsylvania. The exhibits in the egg, wool and potato shows are also expected to maintain or exceed their previous high marks, which established them as the largest displays of their respective products ever assembled in the United States.

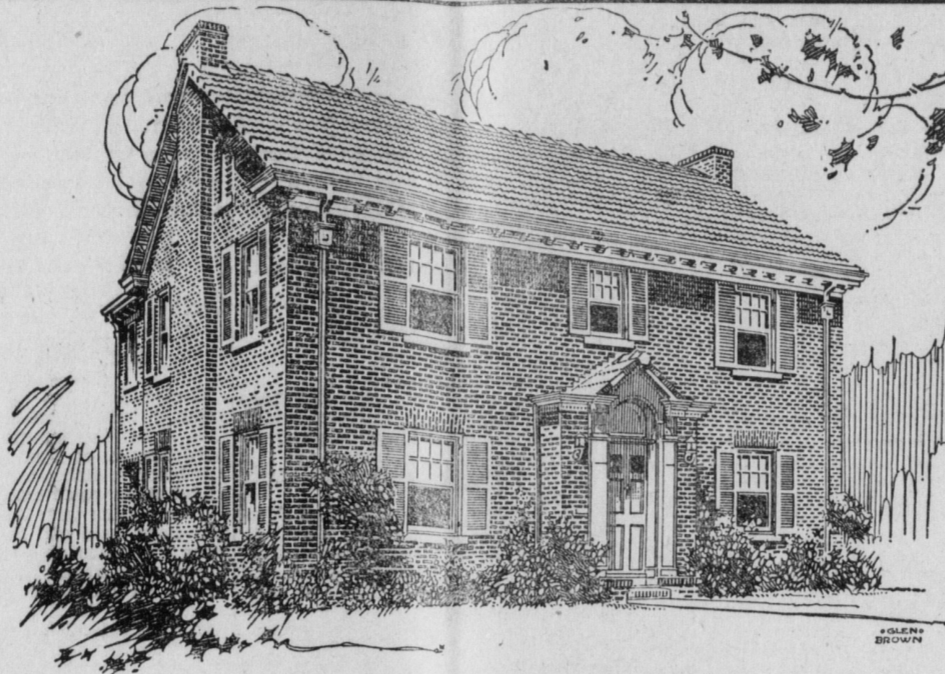
New features of the poultry show are the international meet of the Cornish Club, the second district meet of the Rhode Island Club, and the National United Acona Club meet. These meets are expected to bring netries and visitors from many different states and foreign countries.

The display of vegetables and the exhibit of handwork and canned products—both the departments of the show—will easily justify their addition according to present indications.

Greater interest than ever before is being manifested in the exhibits of farm machinery and supplies. The Pennsylvania show has become recognized throughout the east as opening the new season for farm machinery, and is looked to as an indication of the trend in developments, just as the New York automobile show is regarded in the automobile industry.

Added to the thousands of people who come only to see the exhibition of farm products and live stock will be hundreds who come also to buy purebred livestock, to place orders for farm machinery and supplies, and to attend one or more of the twenty-five annual meetings of state-wide farm organizations. Several thousand officers, directors and members of organizations such as the horticultural association, the poultry association, the dairymen's association, the beekeeper's association, the swine and dairy breed associations, the vegetable growers' association and the Society of farm women are expected to be in the city for two or more days during show week.

**Colonial Homes Always Win Popular Favor**



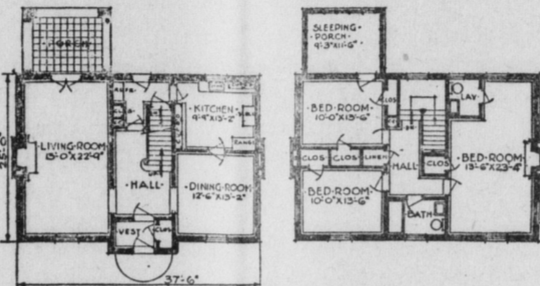
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**P**OPULARITY of the various types of residential architecture is continually changing, for tastes will inevitably differ, but the one always dependable house is the Colonial. It satisfies for many reasons, not the least of which is its economy of construction and the minimum of space lost in the layout of its rooms. No other type of home adapts itself so readily and completely in this respect. And none is more convenient when built.

A better example could hardly be found than the one illustrated here. The center hall, an invariable feature of the true Colonial, provides for vestibule, with coat closet, broad stairway, without crowding the hall space, and access to the rear without entering the dining room, besides closet and refrigerator

space in the rear kitchen hallway. The living room is large, with open grate, three windows and an open porch in the rear. Both dining room and kitchen are large and well lighted.

On the upper floor are three large, cheerful bedrooms, one a master's room, and an inclosed sleeping porch, supplied with roomy closets. The bath is convenient to each and large. Not a foot of space is wasted anywhere. Such a home has about it an air of substantial well being, from its sturdy brick walls and red tiled roof, its truly Colonial entrance and the old fashioned cornice decorations, that will play an important part when the day comes to offer it for sale. Indefinitely it promises a maximum of comfortable living and a ceaseless satisfaction of ownership.



The Common Brick Manufacturers' Association, Cleveland, Ohio, can furnish complete drawings for this design. Leaflet on brick construction sent upon request.

An exhibit of forestry has been planned for exhibit at the twelfth annual Farm Products show to be held at Harrisburg January 22nd to 25th, Secretary Charles E. Dorworth announced this week.

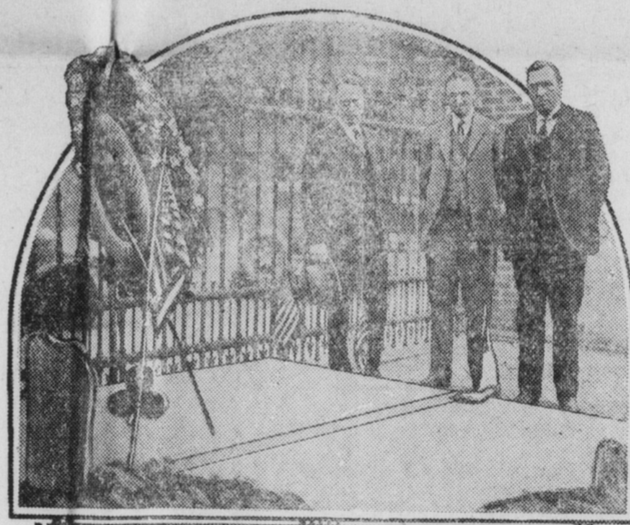
The forestry exhibit this year will not only stress reforestation of idle acres on the farm and methods of improving woodlands, but will feature the Commonwealth's program of developing state forests as well as the state wide co-operation with private and other land owners in tree planting, examination of woodlands and protection of all forest areas from fire.

Three large panels in color forming the background of the exhibit will portray the pageant of forest history from the time of the virgin forest down to the pioneer days of lumbering, and conclude with the many phases of forest restoration of the present day. A large map of Pennsylvania six by ten feet in size will depict the state wide forest fire observation system. A model fire tower, five feet high an exact reproduction of those being erected by the department, will be on display.

Another large map in color will show the 1,300,000 acres of forest land located in thirty different counties and point out the 160,000 acres added to the state forests during the present year. These additions during the year were made in eighteen counties and were the first new purchases for state forest purposes within the past ten years.

One section of the exhibit will be devoted to products of the trees and the various stages of manufacture such as rayon or wood silk, raw pulpwood and finished paper, wood chemical products ties, poles and mine timbers.

**BRITISH TELEPHONE OFFICIALS AT BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S GRAVE**



Two executives of the General Post Office, London, are shown with Leonard Ormerod (left in hand), an official of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania at the simple tomb of America's first Postmaster General during their recent visit to Philadelphia to study American telephone methods.

**TELEPHONE GIRLS LEARNING PRINCIPLES OF FIRST AID**



As part of their health training course young women operators of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania are thoroughly schooled in the necessity of prompt and effective treatment in cases of accident in the home or on the street. Members of a class are shown above receiving instruction in the fundamentals of bandaging.



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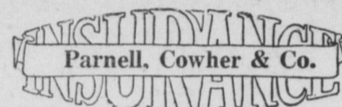
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