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### Farmers Should Read.

In the current issue of the Chautauquan the "editorial outlook" contains a suggestion regarding the intellectual advancement of the farming people which are well worth weighing by all rural readers. The writer says:

"Our system of common schools is gradually opening many ways to intelligent understanding of the higher life where intellectual and esthetic interests go side by side with the coarser economies. The church, the lyceum, the literary club, and the various social and charitable establishments are doing their fine work even in remote rural nooks. Every competent observer sees and feels a decided veering of rural currents toward intelligent consideration of what we call culture. The movement may be slow and faltering; but it indicates no uncertainty. But how shall the way be best smoothed and this happy change be most successfully hastened? The conservative spirit is stubborn in our sound-hearted and hard-headed rural population. Fashions and habits and traits die hard where the community does not feel the direct urge and stress of conventional requirements. On the farm there is little to provoke inquiry touching the latest wave-caps of that great sea called human progress. A newspaper comes once a week, a magazine, possibly, once a month; but the stream of the world's great throbbing life is scarcely known to exist; it is but faintly adumbrated, as the picture of a picture. Still, culture and the sweets of it are becoming facts within the feeling and the vision of the youngest generation of country people in America, and we may as well face the duty of rightly directing the inevitable reform in country life. Education—and by the word we mean book education—is the chief factor in every great social and intellectual change for the better. Good literature is not the whole of life; but it is a corner-stone of true enlightenment. The greatest need of our country people is to read, to learn, to strengthen and broaden their grasp of what are the best possibilities of human existence. Not so much mere polite culture as solid wisdom in life's lighter affairs is demanded. Facility in reaching happiness of an enlightened sort, a quick comprehension of the difference between crudeness and refinement, and a cordial recognition of what a desirable thing a refined life is, are mightily aided by good reading. It is because country people are reading and studying as they never read and studied before that a great improvement in farm life is beginning to make itself apparent."

Last April the Evangelical alliance of the United States sent to the sultan of Turkey a formal petition, reciting some of the outrages perpetrated upon Armenian Christians in his dominions, and praying him to bring the persecutions to an end. Recently a reply was received from Teyfik Pasha, Turkish minister of foreign affairs, in which it was declared that Christians in Turkey have enjoyed complete security and the protection of their lives, property and honor from the foundation of the empire, and are at the present time in a state of prosperity. This flat denial of the atrocities and massacres both in European and Asiatic Turkey, which have been protracted through a period of two years, illustrates the peculiar workings of the Turkish official mind.

A recent cablegram announced that Mr. and Mrs. Castle, the well-to-do Americans who were arrested in London for stealing things from shops, had been committed for trial. The woman is probably a kleptomaniac. This disease is a strange one, but it is genuine, and is most commonly observed in women. On the 4th of February, 1889, the day of an exhibition, 49 female thieves were arrested at the Ion Marche. Among them were marchionesses, countesses, baronesses, and other dames of nobility and wealth.

How Shoes Are Made. From the Boston Watchman. In Brockton, Mass., the queen of all "Shoe Cities," stands the massive framework, glittering with myriad windows, of the W. L. Douglas Shoe Co.'s factory, where bales of leather change with marvelous rapidity into famous shoes. The shoemaker's bench of "ye olden time" has disappeared, and in its place ponderous machines stamp and clank and growl and toss bales of leather from one to another like a pack of dogs worrying some hapless little animal, till the shapless leather that the cutter pounced upon in a long room at the top of the building comes riding into the packing-room, a pack for its carriage, a polished and shapely shoe.

Probably no place in the world offers such a splendid object lesson in shoe making as does the Douglas factory, where everything has been systematized down to the minute detail, and so carefully arranged that a walk through the factory is like a visit to a museum. The factory illustrates clearly the development of the shoe.

First comes the cutting room. Here is little machinery, but leather is everywhere, from the scraps that litter the floor and fill the bins, to the neatly piled "ramps" and "tops" arranged on racks, each pile labelled with the name of the cutter. The most marvelous thing in connection with this part of the work is the ingenious system whereby every bit of leather is kept track of. The foreman maps out the work; that is, he determines there shall be so many boxes of shoes cut that day and each box shall have so many pairs of a certain size. The cutters, each one doing but a single thing, such as cutting a " vamp," gets his leather and goes to work, trimming the leather with a curved knife, according to the metal pattern. His work passes under the experienced eye of an inspector, who at a single glance judges the quality of the leather and sorts it into different grades.

## THE COAST DEFENSES

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY OF WAR LAMONT.

The War Department's Elaborate Plan of Fortifications and Armament—United States to Be Put in Position to Quickly Repel a Possible Invasion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The annual report of the secretary of war, Daniel S. Lamont, has just been made public. It shows that the expenditures of the war department for the fiscal year ending June 30 last were \$51,893,295.92; the appropriations for the year ending June 30, 1897, were \$54,044,200 and the estimates for the year ending June 30, 1898, \$52,883,383.29. The aggregate of appropriations for this department unexpended and turned into the general fund of the treasury at the end of the last fiscal year was \$1,975,933.07. For the year 1895 it was \$1,764,407.98, and for 1894 it was \$1,387,922.21.

The number of enlisted men in the service last Oct. 31 was 25,426, or 281 less than the number authorized by law. Deducting those absent on furlough, recruits not joined, the men employed in the staff departments and on detached service, the effective field strength of the army on that day was 22,382 of all arms. The number of officers of the line is 1,619. Of these 1,300 are serving with their regiments and 319 are on detached duty.

In no previous year of the history of the army has the health of the troops been so satisfactory as during the last fiscal year. Each soldier was sick 12.4 days, as against a record of 15.3 for the preceding ten years. The number of soldiers disabled as a result of their discharge from service was 9.15 per 1,000, as compared with 23.77 annually for the preceding ten years. The mortality rate was 5.16 per 1,000 of mean strength, as compared with 7.85 for the preceding decade.

**The National Guard.** Referring to the national guard, the report says: "There are now 35 army officers regularly assigned to state headquarters, and in addition to those 31 officers have been detailed on temporary duty during the past year at state encampments. All concern in reporting a steady improvement in the training and efficiency of the militia. Camps of instruction were held in 31 states, and in several instances regular troops were encamped with the militia, serving not only to furnish an object lesson in military drill, but also to promote cordial relations between the regular and state forces.

The total number of officers and men comprising the organized militia of the states and territories is shown to be 117,887. The artillery arm, comprising 47,700 officers and men, is maintained in 31 states, and the cavalry, comprising 4,030 officers and men, is maintained in 26 states. The general government last year allotted \$400,000 toward the maintenance and equipment of the national guard, and aggregate appropriations of \$8,000,000 were made therefor by the states and territories.

**The Coast Defenses.** The matters of fortifications and armament are treated in detail and at considerable length. The secretary asks for an appropriation of \$10,000,000 in addition to the \$12,000,000 appropriated by the last congress for the construction of needed coast defenses, the equipment of new stations, the reorganization of the infantry branch and other improvement in the general service.

In the past year the department has made great progress in the purchase of material for the manufacture of great guns and other parts of coast defense equipment and will ask congress that large additional appropriations be made with which to continue work. Contracts have already been awarded for the purchase of 21 sets of 10 inch and one set of 16 inch steel gun forgings, costing nearly \$2,000,000, and a second contract will shortly be made for assembling 8, 10 and 12 inch guns, costing nearly \$4,000,000, besides 66 mortars, costing about \$800,000. When the work has been completed, 128 guns of large caliber will be required for installation and 156 mortars, costing the government an even \$8,000,000. Of the 481 guns to be replaced it is now proposed to mount but 48 on non-disappearing carriages. The remainder of the 433 guns to be replaced will be mounted on secondary batteries of a battery size such as the authorities claim, as to make adequate cover for the gunners in shore batteries an absolute necessity. The experiments, it will be shown by Secretary Lamont in his report, with disappearing gun carriages, have developed a fine type, the whose efficiency there is no longer a question.

The full scope that the coast defenses of the country will take is set forth elaborately in the report and embraces, Colonel Lamont says, about 21 cities so far, with chances that seven more will be added to the list requiring the attention of the national government. Of the number of placements will be ordered and work pursued in the next six months in the construction of emplacements at Portland, Me.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Boston, Narragansett Bay, eastern entrance to Long Island Sound, eastern and western entrances to New York harbor, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Hampton Roads, Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Key West, Pensacola, Mobile, New Orleans, Galveston, San Diego, San Francisco, the mouth of the Columbia river and Puget sound.

**An Enormous Project.** This enormous project will require, the secretary's report shows, 481 high powered guns, excluding the great 16 inch gun for which the authorities have been endeavoring for years to secure an appropriation. The emplacements are to be located by the engineers with a view of enabling the guns to throw a line of defense at a minimum of 8 to 10 miles from the place defended and to give the guns in most instances a clear sweep for at least 12 miles. The engineers will require further that the guns shall be so arranged that they can concentrate upon any one portion of the enemy's vessel a fire equal and if possible superior to the heaviest that can be brought to bear from the most powerful hostile fleet which could attack the position. To hold the fleet under fire of the guns and prevent them from running the batteries the project of the report says, requires a complete system of submarine mines, so placed as to close all navigable rivers to an enemy, while offering no obstructions to friendly commerce. These batteries will form one of the most formidable features of the coast defenses of all cities, and upon them is a great measure several of the big cities will depend for their safety from invasion. They should be the first to be held by the fleet outside. To protect the principal cities and harbors on the navigable waters of the coast the report says that over 6,000 mines and 10,000 mortars will be used to prevent an invading fleet from occupying an advantageous position.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Thursday, Nov. 20.

By the bursting of a steam pipe at the Hotel Savoy, New York, two men were seriously injured and the guests thrown into a panic.

Burglars blew open the safe in the Mount Carmel (Conn.) postoffice, having first tied the door of nearby houses so that the citizens could not molest them. They secured little booty.

The southern express on the Pennsylvania railroad crashed into a derailed freight train near New Brunswick, N. J., and was wrecked. The engineer and fire men were killed. Several passengers were injured, but none seriously.

In the libel suit of Lord Russell against his mother-in-law, Lady Scott, and others, endorsing letters from the earl to Lady Scott were read, as was also one from Lady Scott to a detective promising reward for proof of her charges against the earl.

**Friday, Nov. 21.** Ambassador Bayard and Mrs. Bayard dined with the queen at Windsor castle, agreeable to her majesty's command.

Walter M. Castle and his wife, Ella Castle, the wealthy Californians who were arrested in England on a charge of shoplifting, have returned to this country.

The dock strike in Hamburg increased, there being 12,000 men idle. Tom Mann, the English agitator, is reported to have been arrested while trying to enter Hamburg.

**Friday, Nov. 21.** Dr. William Fisher Grier, a prominent New York physician, seized with acute insanity from overwork, fought three men and was taken to Bellevue hospital in a street car.

The steambait John E. Moore, with a party of 150 fishermen, sank on the Homer shoal, about three miles outside of Sandy Hook. The passengers and crew were rescued with great difficulty.

Leonard Mauffrand, aged 71, who murdered Gabriel Guarin, aged 81, on the night of Nov. 4, died at Linn, Mo., from wounds inflicted upon himself on Monday night while confined in the county jail there. He frequently made threats of suicide.

**Saturday, Nov. 28.** The Venezuelan boundary commission is preparing the vast mass of evidence collected by it for publication.

The tenth annual convention of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools was held in Philadelphia.

The strike at the Hamburg docks continued. The Warehouse company of Bremen has offered to compromise with its employees.

Adolph Skrynetski, who lived near the powerhouse of the Citizens' Electric Light company in Brooklyn, was driven to suicide by the noise.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Charles H. Ketchum of New York state decided that teachers in public schools need not wear any religious garb.

John S. Rankin, a wealthy timber dealer of Detroit, was found dead on Fitzwilliam island, Georgian bay, and it is feared, Thomas J. Austin, his companion, was drowned.

Evidence is being taken in Corning, N. Y., to prove the legality of Mrs. Mary Dawson McCafferty's claim to the widow's share of the fortune left by John McCafferty of Chicago.

**Monday, Nov. 30.** The death of Baron Saville, the British diplomatist, is reported from London.

Dr. Robert d'Unger of Chicago has invented a machine for transmitting over the wires pictures, writing and printed matter by means of X rays.

A cablegram from Sydney announces the death of John Macdonald, a member of Hoyt's "A Trip to Chinatown" company, which was playing in Australia.

In New York a 15-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl arranged to elope, and for the purpose of providing means the girl stole \$150 worth of diamonds from her father.

A friend of Samuel W. Allerton of Chicago said on returning from Canton, O., to Chicago that he was confident Mr. A. Allerton would be Mr. McKinley's secretary of agriculture.

Miss Minnie Selig, 18 years old and a bride of ten months, died from the effects of Paris green, which she took with suicidal intent at her uncle's home, 1291 First avenue, New York.

Four burglars attacked a night watchman at a coal yard near Hudson, N. J., and tried to gag him. He fought them, and was clubbed unconscious, but not before he had made so much noise that the neighbors heard him, and the burglars ran away.

**Tuesday, Dec. 1.** Ira Shaffer, a well known lawyer, died at his home near Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

John Scott, ex-United States senator from Pennsylvania, died in Philadelphia.

M. C. Blaine, an army chaplain, stationed at Fort Ringgold, Tex., and his daughter, were burned to death.

Robert E. Marshall, superintendent of the Altoona division of the Pennsylvania railroad, committed suicide in Washington.

President Elect McKinley's callers included Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and General Horace Porter of New York City.

William Steinhay, the head of the piano manufacturing house bearing his name and a widely known patron of music, died in New York.

The G. A. R. executive committee selected Buffalo and the week beginning Aug. 23 as the place and time for holding the next annual encampment.

Friends of Joseph H. Choate of New York are urging him for United States senator to succeed Mr. Hill. It is stated that he will accept the office and allow his friends to make a contest in his behalf.

**Wednesday, Dec. 2.** An intimate friend of McKinley at Canton, O., says that Hanna will accept the navy portfolio.

The control of the Postal Telegraph company was placed in perpetuity with the Commercial Cable company.

A fire, at which two firemen were badly hurt, did about \$100,000 damage to the buildings 745, 747 and 749 Broadway, New York city.

Delegates from 12 cities met in Indianapolis and issued a call for a national currency reform convention to meet in that city in January.

The new cruiser Brooklyn was turned over to the government by her builders, the Cramps of Philadelphia, and placed in commission at the League island navy yard.

## RAILROAD TIMETABLES

THE DELAWARE, SUSQUEHANNA AND SCHUYLKILL RAILROAD.

Time table in effect December 15, 1896.

Trains leave Drifton for Jeddido, Eckley, Hazle Brook, Stockton, Beaver Meadow Road, Roan and Hazleton Junction at 5:30 a. m., 4:15 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 7:00 a. m., 2:38 p. m., Sunday.

Trains leave Drifton for Harwood, Cranberry, Tomblin, Tomblin and Deringer at 6:30 a. m., daily except Sunday; and 4:45 a. m., 2:38 p. m., Sunday.

Trains leave Drifton for Onedia Junction, Harwood Road, Humboldt Road, Onedia and Shepton at 6:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 7:11 a. m., 3:08 p. m., Sunday.

Trains leave Deringer for Tomblin, Cranberry, Harwood, Hazleton Junction, Roan, Beaver Meadow Road, Stockton, Hazle Brook, Eckley, Jeddido and Drifton at 2:55 a. m., 9:07 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 9:37 a. m., 9:07 p. m., Sunday.

Trains leave Shepton for Beaver Meadow Road, Stockton, Hazle Brook, Eckley, Jeddido and Drifton at 5:25 p. m., daily, except Sunday; and 8:00 a. m., 4:45 p. m., Sunday.

Trains leave Hazleton Junction for Eckley, Jeddido and Drifton at 5:45 a. m., 3:38 p. m., 10:15 a. m., 5:38 p. m., Sunday.

All trains connect at Hazleton Junction with electric roads, Hazleton, Jeannetteville, Ansonia and other points on the Traction Company's line.

Trains leaving Drifton at 6:00 a. m., Hazleton Junction at 6:20 a. m., and Shepton at 7:11 a. m., connect at Onedia Junction with Lehigh Valley and Erie roads.

Trains leaving Drifton at 5:30 a. m. makes connection at Deringer with P. R. R. train for Harrisburg, Sunbury, Harrisburg and point west.

For the accommodation of passengers at Drifton, an extra train will leave the former point at 3:30 p. m., daily, except Sunday, arriving at Harrisburg at 6:40 p. m.

LUTHER C. SMITH, Superintendent.

## LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

November 16, 1896.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS. LEAVE FREELAND.

6:05, 8:45, 9:30 a. m., 1:40, 3:28, 4:30 p. m. for Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.

6:05, 8:30, 9:30 a. m., 1:40, 2:31, 3:28, 4:30, 6:17 p. m. for Hazleton, Jeddido, Foudry, Hazle Brook, and Lumber Yard.

6:30 a. m. for Hazle Creek Junction, 6:57 p. m. for Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Philadelphia and Easton.

7:00 a. m., 2:31, 4:36, 6:57 p. m. for Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Ashland, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin and Pottsville.

7:30 a. m., 4:36, 6:57 p. m. for Stockton and Hazleton.

10:20 a. m. and 12:35 p. m. for Jeddido, Foudry, Hazle Brook and Lumber Yard.

8:28, 10:50 a. m. for Sandy Run, White Haven and Westbury.

1:15 p. m. for Hazleton, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.

10:50 a. m. for Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin and Pottsville.

10:20 a. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Bethlehem, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk.

7:00 p. m. from Westbury only.

9:20, 11:24, 11:54 a. m., 12:58, 2:30, 5:20, 6:50, 7:08 p. m. from Lumber Yard, Foudry, Jeddido and Drifton.

7:25, 9:30, 10:41 a. m., 2:30, 5:20 p. m. from Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Ashland, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin and Pottsville.

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## RE-ANNEXATION OF PART OF FOSTER TOWNSHIP TO FREELAND BOROUGH.

The undersigned, an auditor, appointed by the court of quarter sessions of Luzerne county, to ascertain the existing liabilities of Foster township, the school district of Foster township, Freeland borough, and the school district of Freeland borough, said county, as far as the same are affected by the annexation of a portion of Foster township to the borough of Freeland by said court, as set forth in proceedings N. Y. 428, September session, 1894, and to ascertain the amount and valuation of the property passing from the township of Foster to the borough of Freeland, and the school district of Freeland, and the school district of Foster, do hereby certify that the duties of his appointment at the office of John M. Carr, Esq., on Centre street, in the borough of Freeland, on Saturday, December 19, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. All persons having claims against said township, borough or school district, or any other persons interested in said proceedings, are notified to be present and make known and establish their claim.

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