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ROUND THE REGION.

A breaker to be operated entirely by electricity is being erected by the Susquehanna Coal Company near the Auchincloss mine, a few miles from Wilkesbarre. It was designed by an architect and engineer who never saw a coal breaker. The new breaker will be built entirely of iron and steel, thus protecting the company against loss by fire. There will be no boiler houses in connection with it and the machinery throughout will be run by electricity generated on the ground.

The application of the Lehigh Valley Railroad for an injunction to restrain the new Hazleton-Wilkes-Barre trolley company from constructing a bridge across the Valley tracks along the line of the new road was argued before Judge Durham, of Tunkhannock, at Wilkesbarre. The Valley has no objection to the bridge, but there is some difference of opinion regarding its height.

William Kurtz, 22 years old, of Philadelphia, while on a visit to his parents at Pottsville, became ill with smallpox, and was removed to the hospital. Before the Kurtz residence could be quarantined some of the children circulated among a number of school children. In order to be on the safe side, the Board of Health has closed the school building.

An injunction has been asked to restrain the borough of Duryea from awarding a new contract for sweet lighting. It is claimed that when Duryea was a part of the township of Marcy a contract was made with the Black Diamond Light Company and that the borough officers have no right to break a contract.

Joseph Close, of William Penn, was convicted of perjury and received a sentence of four years at separate and solitary confinement in the Schuylkill county prison. A provision was added that Close should be forever debarred from acting as a witness in any case tried in this commonwealth.

Fine confectionery at Kelper's.

The members of the poor board of the upper end of the county have elected Abram Nesbitt president, Stanley Danvenport treasurer, George Butler secretary and Dennis Macklin superintendent of the poor house at Retreat.

Nanticoke health authorities have decided to allow no one from Plymouth, where smallpox prevails, to enter the town, and no one from there to go to Plymouth.

The effort to establish a plant for the construction of convertible cars at Wilkesbarre has failed, the promoters being unable to get the \$200,000 necessary.

A fire at Olyphant caused a loss of \$40,000, the factory of the Olyphant Shoe Company and the furniture store of P. T. Douglar, adjoining, being destroyed.

The 700 employees of the Buttonwood colliery, Wilkesbarre, went on strike because twenty of the outside employes are non-union men.

PLEASURE.

January 11.—Fair at Eckley Catholic church.

January 12.—Entertainment of Young Men's Corps at Grand opera house. Admission, 10 and 15 cents.

January 13 to 18.—Fair of Loyal Castle, No. 65, A. O. K. of M. C., at Krell's opera house.

January 18.—Close of shooting contest for bear at William Gallagher's hotel, South Ridge street.

January 30.—Ball of the Polish societies of Freeland for the benefit of St. Kasimer's Polish Catholic church at Krell's opera house. Tickets, 25 cents.

January 31.—Joint ball of Citizens' Hose Company and Fourth Ward Fire Company at Krell's opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

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FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Arranging Furniture.
 In arranging furniture it cannot be too often emphasized that the first element to be considered in the use of the article is the place in which it is put. For example, a screen standing against the wall between two windows is bad. A screen is intended to screen something—a draft or unattractive doorway or unsightly view. It is never an ornament except secondarily, says the Saturday Evening Post. Chairs, too, are to sit in. They should express this purpose by their placing—the low sewing chair by the sewing table, another inviting one by the reading lamp, a lolling chair near the hearth, one into which a listener by the piano may drop. Tables, too, have a purpose. They are not to be dotted over a room because they fill space or because a certain number is owned. Two or three years ago a New York woman received as a curio a slice from a mahogany tree which was seven or eight inches thick and at least three feet in diameter. She had it hollowed and polished and mounted on a tripod of mahogany and even then would not let the beautiful thing it had grown to be stand in her parlor till she had discovered a use for it as a card receiver. It supplanted a less attractive one and now, just at the right of her door, is most convenient for its purpose and a joy to every one who sees it.

Royal Copenhagen.
 There are so many varieties of beautiful ware on the market that it is almost impossible to make a choice when attempting to select a rare bit of bric-a-brac, and one is well nigh bewildered and ready to declare that each piece produced is prettier than the last. Royal Copenhagen has always been much admired, but it seems to have arrived this season prepared to make a bid for first place among lovers of ceramics. Its lovely flower effects in dull blue, green and gray on white are most artistic, and the quaint shapes will readily appeal to those who are in search of something lovely and unusual.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Siphon Milk Skimmer.
 It is often desirable to draw off the milk from a bottle after the cream has formed without pouring off the cream, and for this purpose the siphon skimmer here shown will be found convenient. Without an arrangement of this kind it is next to impossible to separate the milk and cream with any degree of accuracy, a portion of the one nearly always remaining with the other. Charles A. Mead of Newark, N. J., the inventor of this siphon, states that it can be adjusted so as to draw off all the milk without disturbing the cream, or it can be made to mix the two in any desired proportion. The variation is obtained by lengthening or shortening the outer leg of the siphon. The graduations correspond



TAKES OUT THE MILK.

with the percentage of cream, and a little practice soon enables the user to set the tube at the proper mark. Then it is only necessary to start the flow, when the apparatus may be left at work with the absolute assurance that it will stop as soon as the milk has been withdrawn.

The Inferior Joint.
 It is strange how little many cooks appear to think of such joints as the flank steak, the back ribs or the rump. Granted that the two last are not so delicate, perhaps, as the sirloin and that the amount of bone in the back ribs is greater than in the more esteemed joint, still the price is proportionately lower, and after all a bone is not waste. As regards the flavor and tenderness, the inferior joint of a first rate beast is fully equal to the superior cut of a second or possibly third class animal, especially if properly treated. The round, for instance, if kept well basted, is capital roasted and is delicious stewed or braised.

The Reserve Salad.
 A salad that will be of use to the harassed mistress whose hands are always so full just before the serving of a meal is the following, because it may be prepared several hours before needed.
 Slice boiled potatoes thin; add a few sliced truffles that you have cooked in a little wine, and two red herrings, boned and diked. The mayonnaise that accompanies this salad must have a little mustard in it, and the whole should be mixed at least four or five hours before serving.

Cider's Popularity.
 Iced cider and cider cup are excellent drinks. Cider is being ordered a good deal again. Now that we are all so hygienic and even young girls are complaining of gout and rheumatism we cannot do better than fly to cider, of which the dry brew is the most desirable.

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HINTS FOR FARMERS

Care of Sheep in Winter.

If sheep are less exacting than the cows in their demands upon the time and attention of the farmer, they should not be neglected, says American Cultivator. Good food, and plenty of it, every day is needed, and if they are, as they should be, turned out every pleasant day for exercise and fresh air do not expect them to get a living from the frostbitten grass that they may find, as a little of it will not hurt them and may do them some good, but it cannot be a very nourishing food. A few oats, a little bran, and if their roughage is of inferior quality, a little cornmeal every day will do them good, helping them to bring better lambs and grow more wool. Plenty of water where they can go to it as they please should be at hand, for when on dry feed they like to drink little and often, and they want it always clean. A sheep will go long without water rather than drink that which is not clean. Give them bedding enough to keep their sheds dry and clean and plenty of pure air. Cold does not hurt them when they have on their winter coats, but keep them dry, with the fleece free from rain or snow.

Housing Farm Implements.

The good farmer is supposed to clean and house all farm implements as soon as he has finished using them each day, but many do not do this, says American Cultivator. They should devote at least one day to the work of collecting them, rubbing the dust off, oiling the ironwork and putting in good order for another year's work. When well housed, it will pay to go over the woodwork with a coat of paint. Do this before the snow comes, and when the tools are wanted for use next spring and they are found all ready and in good condition this will prove one of the best days' work done in the year, as it will save several days' time and bother with them in the busy season, save strength of men and teams and prevent many of the accidents that unlucky men are so apt to have in breaking down just when most in a hurry.

Exercising Brood Sows.

We aim to feed our brood sows about four pounds of grain daily, commencing with less and gradually increasing the amount as pregnancy advances until farrowing takes place, says a correspondent of American Agriculturist. I feed rather sloppy feeds before farrowing and no corn. I give nothing at all for twenty-four hours after the pigs have arrived except water. I then feed enough to produce as much milk as the pigs will take and do well. The hardest thing I have to contend with in winter is to get the old sows to take enough exercise. I aim to gain this by scattering oats rather thinly over some clean ground. I am forced from experience to believe that where the sow is worried into taking exercise no good results follow.

Candy For Bees.

Never use anything in making candy but the best grade of sugar, says American Agriculturist. Boil granulated sugar to a thick sirup and when done, so that it breaks like a pipstem when dropped in water, take it off and as it begins to harden stir it until so thick it will just pour and then pour into pans or dishes, so that it hardens in cakes about an inch thick. A different candy can be made if you can get good extracted honey, but it is not so good as the sugar one. Heat the honey until it is thin, but don't boil it, and then stir in all the pulverized sugar it will take up. Then knead it with the hands and work in more sugar until it becomes a stiff dough.

Concerning Irrigation.

The best results with most crops can be had by wetting the ground well and then letting it alone until it needs water again, says a Kansas farmer in American Agriculturist. This is better than to put on a little water every day or two. This rule will apply to almost all garden stuff except tomatoes. You

cannot drown them, but you can make them grow too much to tops and not bear so much fruit. A good plan with tomatoes is to keep them growing nicely until the fruit is well set and then give them a good wetting.

Cleansing the Fowlhouse.

Spraying the poultry houses with a solution of sulphuric acid, one pound to twenty gallons of water, is an efficient remedy for lice, mites and all disease germs if it is put on so as to cover walls, ceilings, floors, roosts and nests and forced into cracks and crevices. It is better than some other sprays, as it is not necessary to keep the fowl out more than an hour or so, and it will destroy the eggs as well as the developed insects if it touches them.

Vetch Seed For Cows.

Vetch seed has been used in German experiments for feeding to cows. Five pounds of the vetch seed meal was used daily with thirty-five pounds of clover hay. The cows ate the vetch with relish and with no apparent unfavorable results.

Farm Notes.

An animal impoverished in flesh cannot grow or mature and must be maintained at a loss of feed.

Winter is a good time to clean up the farm, clear out the fence rows and make the farm neater and cleaner.

Many improvements can be planned and partially executed during the winter if advantage is taken of the opportunities.

Most crops exhaust the soil in proportion to their value.

Small farms well tilled are what make a nation wealthy.

The secret of success in stock raising is superiority in quality.

A change of rough feed as well as of grain is essential.—Kansas Farmer.

Her Reason.

Mrs. Greene—You told Mr. Brown that Mabel was your oldest daughter. You have always said that your oldest is Fannie.

Mrs. White—I invariably say that the daughter who happens to be present with me is my oldest. One might as well be merciful to oneself, you know, on the age question.—Boston Transcript.

Cut Up.

"Doesn't your old barber shave you any more?"
 "No; he's entirely too musical."
 "Whistled while he worked, eh?"
 "Oh, no, but while he was shaving me the other day a street piano outside began playing a ragtime tune, and he kept time to it with his razor."—Philadelphia Press.

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 ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS.
 LEAVE FREELAND.
 6 12 a m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.
 7 34 a m for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Scranton.
 8 15 a m for Hazleton, Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Delano and Pottsville.
 9 30 a m for Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah and Mt. Carmel.
 11 42 a m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah and Mt. Carmel.
 11 5 a m for White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and the West.
 4 44 p m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel and Pottsville.
 6 35 p m for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and all points West.
 7 29 p m for Hazleton.
 ARRIVE AT FREELAND.
 7 34 a m from Pottsville, Delano and Hazleton.
 9 12 a m from New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Weatherly, Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah and Mt. Carmel.
 9 30 a m from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.
 11 51 a m from Pottsville, Mt. Carmel, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City, Delano and Hazleton.
 12 45 p m from New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk and Weatherly.
 4 44 p m from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.
 6 35 p m from New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Weatherly, Mt. Carmel, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City, Delano and Hazleton.
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 Time table in effect March 10, 1901.
 Trains leave Drifton for Jeddo, Eckley, Hazlebrook, Stockton, Beaver Meadow Road, Roan and Hazleton Junction at 6:00 a. m., daily except Sunday; and 7:07 a. m., 2:38 p. m., Sunday.
 Trains leave Drifton for Harwood, Cranberry, Tomhicken and Drifter at 6:00 a. m., daily except Sunday; and 7:07 a. m., 2:38 p. m., Sunday.
 Trains leave Drifton for Onedia Junction, Harwood Road, Humboldt Road, Onedia and Shepton at 6:22, 11:10 a. m., 4:41 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 8:11 a. m., 3:11 p. m., Sunday.
 Trains leave Drifter for Tomhicken, Cranberry, Harwood, Hazle Brook, Eckley, Jeddo and Drifton at 5:26 p. m., daily, except Sunday; and 8:11 a. m., 3:44 p. m., Sunday.
 Trains leave Shepton for Onedia, Humboldt Road, Harwood Road, Onedia Junction, Hazleton Junction and Roan at 7:11 a. m., 12:40 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 8:11 a. m., 3:44 p. m., Sunday.
 Trains leave Shepton for Beaver Meadow Road, Stockton, Hazle Brook, Eckley, Jeddo and Drifton at 5:40 p. m., daily, except Sunday; and 10:10 a. m., 5:40 p. m., Sunday.
 All trains connect at Hazleton Junction with electric cars for Hazleton, Jeannette, Audenried and other points on the Traction Company's line.
 Train leaving Drifton at 6:00 a. m. makes connection at Drifter with P. R. R. trains for Wilkes-Barre, Sunbury, Harrisburg and other west.
 LUTHER C. SMITH, Superintendent.