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## BRIEF MENTION

Superintendent of Schools J. M. Dolph of Port Jervis has been seriously ill.

Some Creighton dogs last week caught 100 rabbits with a ferret in Monroe County. They were caught and sold \$25.

The remains of an infant child of A. W. Bajah Jr. of Hattisburg were buried this week in Millsted Cemetery and removed to Pine Grove Cemetery. The work was done by Jacob Marsh and son.

Note the large ad of Montgomery Ward & Co. of Chicago inviting you to send for their catalog.

John A. Klipp Esq. of New York was in town on business the first of the week.

E. F. Peters has turned loose 3,000 trout in Little Bushkill Creek.

Bert Millspaugh, who it will be recalled was badly injured in a rail road accident several years ago and who resided here for a time, has just returned to Port Jervis from Detroit where he went to hunt his wife who deserted him about three years ago. He found her living with a man named Pier, to whom she claimed to be married and also alleged she had divorced Millspaugh. She now served papers in divorce on him though why if she had been through that mill is not explained. She was Nellie Molinaux of this place before her marriage.

If plans do not go awry the coming winter in the legislature, the revenues of the State will be increased ten million dollars by taxing auto mobiles, anthracite coal and corporations. The money will be applied to schools and for increasing teachers salaries.

Farmers at and near Montrose in Susquehanna brought in the Saturday before Thanksgiving about three and a half tons of turkeys which sold for between sixteen and seventeen thousand dollars. The birds are mostly raised in the woods where they feed on beech nuts. Prices were from 25 to 27 cents a pound.

It is guessed that 800 deer have been killed in this State, but several counties are yet to hear from. This is the largest number for several seasons.

A postoffice was inaugurated at E. T. Hively last Monday with \$20,000 on an Erie train near Otisville N. Y. A heavy bolt struck the window of the car and the flying glass cut and scratched her face quite badly. It is not known whether the bolt was thrown by some one or whether it was hurled by the train.

Orto Kimble who has always lived near Kimbles in this County died Tuesday night Nov. 23 in the Scranton Hospital aged 71 years.

Census returns show that the population of America and her possessions is nearly one hundred and four million.

Nathan Emery has returned from a visit of several days with his son Frank in New York.

Pennsylvania raised twelve million fowls of various kinds this year with a value of between six and seven million dollars. She is now in the front rank of poultry raising States.

In a factory fire last week in New Ark, N. J. twenty-four girls lost their lives.

Report says President Taft in his forthcoming message to Congress will recommend a reduction of letter postage from 2 to 1 cent and it is believed this will encourage sending mail by first class postage that the revenue of the department will be increased.

In Oregon where under the Constitution vote is passed by direct vote only nine of the thirty-two proposed measures carried. They were all printed and every one had a chance to read and study them carefully. The advice giving was when in doubt vote no, and the doubt appeared to carry largely of direct voters were too busy or careless to study the questions submitted.

In Stroudsburg a woman last week five years old child on a farm horse and then she mounted another to go a short distance to visit. The horse holding the child slipped and allowed it to hang under the horse which became frightened and ran away. The child was killed by its head hitting the ground and stone in the road. Has that mother enough sense to have children?

Five deer, a bear and a number of pheasants and rabbits, the trophies of the Chob hunting party were first in 1892 last week.

## THE CLOSED CHURCHES

A recent writer deploras the fact that churches which are built and furnished at great cost are really opened but one day in the week for public use. He thinks they might be the means of doing far more good if they would so arrange that their parlors might be used as reading rooms where young people could meet under proper regulations. In few towns comparatively are there suitable places where the youth can meet and enjoy their evenings in some profitable manner. In some quarters it is suggested that even the Y. M. C. A. has apparently passed its stage of usefulness and steps must be taken to revive interest. It takes patience and perseverance to establish an institution which shall attract and hold young people away from the counter attractions which the emissaries of the evil one so lavishly provide. These places are warmed, lighted and furnished with a view to make them enticing to the young, and such amusements are offered as will engage their attention and hold them. Now if churches would make equal effort in this direction, if they would in like manner provide places equally attractive but with diversions of a more unimpeachable and not degrade they might build up a sentiment for better things. At all events the experiment might be worth a serious trial, and the churches might gain an influence in the community which they do not now possess. It took Ris and his collaborators years of patient, self-denying work and personal sacrifice to wipe out Mulberry Bend in New York but they accomplished it. In any town has its Bend and the same kind of work must be done by those who would improve conditions if they are subdued. Our churches stand in splendor and their spires point upward but too often they are very silent monitors. Can they not be made to speak in more effective tones if their doors are thrown open more frequently and if they offer attractions to the multitude of youth waiting to be enticed within their portals.

George Turner, who is Sporting Editor of the Middletown, Conn. Times, spent part of last week with his parents here.

Henry L. Canine Esq. of Dingmans township is seriously ill.

Governor-elect Tener had the editor of the Star published at Shatington, Pa. arrested for criminal libel.

The first real sign of winter here appeared last Monday when the ground was covered with snow.

Politics should not enter into purely business matters and we have no desire to inject them but it might not be amiss to call attention to the fact that Democratic County Commissioners are responsible for the contract for firing cases, doors and sash which led the county into a judgment against her for \$2000 for which she has absolutely nothing to show. Delaware township received the \$5,000 obtained by a Republican for work at Cave Bank, will she repay her share of the judgment in which her democratic commissioner is in part responsible. Possibly no and she may desire to reward him still more just to prove that she can be grateful under different conditions and other politics.

With all their controversies Mr. Hallinger and Mr. Pinchot have been successful in avoiding mix-ups of the kind.

Science manages to maintain a normal balance in human affairs by discovering new diseases about as rapidly as it discovers cures for old ones.

In view of the arrest and exposure of that \$50,000,000 fraudulent stock deal case in N. Y., it is evident the two top lambs are not all dead yet or thoroughly placed either.

H. Stubbendorf and wife left yesterday for Philadelphia in which city they will pass some time and they travel further south to a warmer climate.

In Philadelphia this week with the weather man predicting rain people put on cheerful faces because they thought fine weather was coming.

The Chicago Tribune and the New York Mail are seeking a definition of exactly what a "man about town" is. Not infrequently he is a loafer whose room would be better than his company.

Oklahoma rejected female suffrage at election, but a new aeroplane designed and built by a woman soared over Long Island last Sunday.

In cases where a family feels that it cannot afford both a baby and an automobile, we are inclined to recommend the baby.

The Republic of Portugal is pursuing a policy of honesty and retrenchment because there is nothing left to steal.

There is no reason why this country should not have a parcel post system," says a contemporary. Mistake, guileless friend. There are a powerful and substantial Express reasons, the 'American,' the 'United States,' the 'Adams' and the 'Wells Fargo.'

Mexico will do well to remember that when the United States goes to war it usually takes along an annexation bag.

The news that there are enough Republican insurgents in the Massachusetts Legislature to defeat Lodge for reelection is almost too good to be true. Lodge is as bad as Cannon and they defeated the Republican party.

One million pounds of hair was imported into this country from China and Japan last year and yet it is claimed that "rats" are the cause of Botanic plague.

The G. J. P. turned a summer suit recently. It can turn back again as easily. Don't forget that.

## WHY HOUSE PLANTS FAIL.

Many who try to keep plants wonder why they die and the following from the Youth Companion may enlighten as to the best way to preserve them:

An attempt to grow plants in the living-room of the house frequently results in their speedy death and a keen disappointment to the grower. Success demands that a temperature of sixty five to seventy degrees be maintained during the daytime, with a drop of ten to fifteen degrees during the night; fifty degrees is as low a temperature as most plants can successfully stand. Incidentally, these temperatures are the best for the health of the family.

Too often the temperature of the living room reaches seventy five or eighty degrees during the winter months. Such temperatures are almost invariably accompanied by a low percentage of humidity in the atmosphere, and the soil in the pots dries rapidly in consequence, for not only are the plants transpiring much water through the leaves, but water also evaporates from the surface of the soil and through the porous clay of the pots. Rapid fluctuations of soil moisture are extremely bad for the health of plants. The worst result of this condition is dry soil in the bottom of the pot, for too frequently house-plant watering consists merely in pouring a little water on the surface of the soil, not enough to reach down to the bottom.

Dryness of the soil is best determined by the gardeners' method. Lift the pot a sharp blow with the knuckles of the first and second fingers. If the sound is hollow, the soil is dry; if dead, there is sufficient moisture. When the soil is thoroughly dry, the only sure way to water the plant is to place it for several minutes in a pail containing enough water to cover the pot.

Moisture can be supplied to the atmosphere by keeping a dish of water on or near the stove, where it will evaporate readily. Most fur cases have a place for water in the jacket which will keep filling daily. Plants usually thrive in the kitchen because of the moisture the atmosphere derives from the steam of the kettle and the pots.

Gas is an enemy of house plants,—either coal or illuminating gas,—and it will retard growth and prevent the opening of flower buds even when present in such small quantities that it cannot be smelled.

Fresh air is essential. Ventilate the room by leaving a door or window open just a little, but never allow a draft to cross the plants. Like gas, drafts cause "blasting" of the buds as well as browning of the leaves.

The leaves are the plants' lungs, and they must be kept clean. The surface of each leaf is filled with minute pores through which respiration and transpiration take place. Sponging the leaves frequently with clean water will be sufficient with, perhaps a weekly syringing, which should be done with the plants in a sink or bath-tub. Rubbing the leaves with any oily substance to make them shine is unnecessary, for a clean, healthy leaf will have abundant gloss. The grease clogs the pores, preventing the leaves from performing their proper functions.

To obtain a well-balanced plant, turn it halfway round each way, for plants in a window grow toward the light.

## Farmers' Institutes

Sessions of Farmers Institutes will be held at Greentown Jan. 4, 5, 1911, and at Paupac Jan. 6, 7. They will be attended by J. T. Campbell, M. H. McCallum and S. P. Woodman and County Superintendent Lucian Westbrook is also expected to be present. Part of the sessions will be devoted to educational interests. The lectures are all practical men who have been raised on farms, have experience and are successful. Their suggestions therefore will be of value as having been demonstrated by actual tests. The educational features will be instructive and will tend to inspire a greater desire for agricultural pursuits. It is a desire to awaken a deeper interest in farming in the younger generation that your suit which Washington declared was the noblest of all. The Institutes will be in charge of R. F. Killam Esq. who with his well known energy will no doubt make them highly entertaining and profitable.

Concrete blocks made in any quantity by R. E. Humbert, Milford, Pa.

## NOTES FROM SANDYSTON

The Annual Turkey supper at the Hainesville church on Thanksgiving Eve was well attended, and those present had a pleasant time. About \$70 was taken in but with the price of turkeys at 27 cents per pound took some of the profits.

The Grange dance at Layton on Friday evening was fairly attended, but as there was other dances in the surrounding towns, the attendance of them all was curtailed.

Corn husking is still in progress, but is mostly done in the barn. The cold is too severe and the wind too boisterous for out of door work.

From the reports in circulation, the work on the old Macondam road is progressing very slowly, and if those reports are true much good money is being wasted.

Deer hunting is a nuisance as it is carried on at present, for every hunter tells the same story, that the deer are being hunted with dogs for they see the dogs in the woods.

That deer are killed on other days than those named in the law is pretty certain, and the sex is not regarded.

Bartly Litts of Chatham is spending a weeks outing in hunting in and about Layton. Bartly many friends are glad to see him on our streets.

## ENDS WINTERS TROUBLES

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, prove cold and such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest Relief of Burns, Bolls, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c at All Druggists.

## The Silent Givers

In tune with the spirit of Christmas cheer and helpfulness is "The Silent Givers," by James E. Harrow in HUMAN LIFE for December. These stories of men and women of vast wealth who, particularly at this season, do so much to lighten the woes of the homeless and hopeless, show that beneath "robes and furred gowns" best hearts that after all feel their kinship with the world of want and pain.

"There is a wide difference in the spirit of giving. Most men who rank as philanthropists are actuated by human interest only. They see suffering and their sympathies are touched. And, since it lies in their power, they do all they can. This spirit, of course, moved John S. Hays, but behind it he had a motive which made his giving unusual. "All the checks which he signed for charitable purposes he drew from an account marked "M. P." For years the recipients of these checks wondered what the mystic letters might mean, but he did not explain until shortly before his death. "M. P." stood for "My Partner," and by that he meant God. He was a deeply religious man and sincerely considered himself as acting in a vicarious capacity, and all those who benefited by his silent giving felt that there was something of the ideal ministrations. He gave annually close to half a million dollars to all sorts of philanthropic work, but he had a way of doing it which subordinated the amount of the gift to the thought behind it."

## Palmer Protests

The withdrawal of his name for consideration for the nomination for Governor by the Democratic convention just on the eve of its meeting by C. Larus Munson threw the party into confusion and resulted in the disastrous selection of Grim. There were many surmises at the time as to the reason for Munson's act. Among others it was suggested that he had the promise of a judicial appointment and for that threw his party overboard. Late developments indicate that this may have been the underlying reason, and Munson himself has suggested that he is in a receptive frame of mind. In view of this Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer, who is now looked on as one of the most promising leaders of a rehabilitated democracy, puts in a protest to President Taft against the appointment of Munson to the Court of Commerce bench. It seems hardly possible that Taft after all that has been said about the Munson deal, would put the republican party in this state in such a doubtful position as to apparently carry out a corrupt and designing bargain made for selfish purposes and for selfish reasons. We do not believe he will but protests may not be amiss.

## FA K E CORPORATIONS

The government has arrested a number of swindlers who have been using the mails to gull people into buying their worthless stocks. A wireless telegraph company has taken many millions out of the pockets of poor people who were allured by the promise of large dividends. It seems strange that in these days of newspapers warning against such schemes that so many should disregard facts and figures and be taken in. The mail of one firm brought \$20,000 in one morning from would be investors and numerous telegrams asking that stock should be reserved until the money could be sent. If there was such easy money to be made, and the schemes were at all sure to produce such golden results, there are rich men enough with idle capital to buy up every last share of the stock and the promoters themselves would not be spending thousands of dollars in advertising it nor would they let a single share pass from their control. Men are not so philanthropic as to pass around a really good thing, they want to keep it all for themselves, and when the promise is made that a company will pay extraordinary dividends be sure that it is a swindle. Let it alone. Another thing. Too many presumably upright and successful businessmen with good reputations lend their names to these frauds as directors, or president, and so become party criminals because their standing is a presumption that they have investigated and do fully endorse the statements made with respect to the soundness of the scheme. We read pitiable tales of widows and those of limited means investing their last dollar in these frauds only to learn when too late that their money is gone without hope of recovery. The swindlers ride in autos, dwell in palaces and live on the fat of the land. Their families dress extravagantly, their wives and daughters enjoy society and all that money can buy, while the poor victims go back to the wash tub or to the poor house. This is not overdrawn. You can't get something for nothing unless you steal it or beat some one out of it, and there usually are those who are a little quicker at the game than you are and get there first. Remember this when next you receive an attractive prospectus promising you a gold mine for a basket of chips, or in other words shares of stock at \$1 each or less, paying fabulous dividends, with even greater returns in sight just after you invest. The returns are all to the velvet clad gentlemen who pocket your money and casually remark to their fellows "another sucker caught."

WANTS TO HELP SOME ONE.  
For thirty years J. F. Boyer, of Fertile, Mo., needed help and couldn't find it. That's why he wants to help some one now. Suffering so long himself he feels for all distress from Backache, Nervousness, Loss of appetite, Lassitude, and Kidney Disorders. He shows that Electric Bitters work wonders for such troubles. "Five bottles," he writes, "wholly cured me and now I am well and hearty." It's also positively guaranteed for Liver Trouble, Dyspepsia, Blood Disorders, Female Complaints and Malaria. Try them. 50c at All Druggists.

Doing The Hardest Thing First.  
I know a very successful man who early in life resolved that, no matter how hard anything might be, or how seemingly impossible for him to do, he would do it if the doing would prove of value to him, says "Success Magazine." He made this the test, and would never allow his moods or feelings to stand in the way of his judgment. He forced himself into a habit of promptly doing everything, no matter how disagreeable. If it would further his advancement.

People who consult their moods, their preferences or their ease can never make a great success in life. It is the man who gets a firm grip on himself and forces himself to do the thing that will ultimately be best for him, who succeeds. The man who goes through life picking out the flowers and avoiding thorns in his occupation, always doing the easy thing first and delaying or putting off altogether, if possible, the hard thing, does not develop the strength that would enable him to do hard things when necessity forces them upon him.

It is pitiable to see young men and women remaining far below the place where their ability ought to have carried them, just because they dialked to do disagreeable things until compelled to. The best way always is to tackle the hardest things first.

## QUEER CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Some of the Things Found by the British Dead Letter Office.

During the ten days preceding Christmas about 190,000 parcels are handled every twenty-four hours by British postoffice officials, or approximately 1,750,000 for the entire ten days during which the rush lasts.

The contents of many of the parcels are, to say the least, somewhat curious, says the Pictorial Magazine. A hamper of live leeches, for instance, seems a strange sort of Christmas gift. So does an artificial leg. Yet both of these were among the parcels "treated" last Christmas.

Along long coffin shaped box excited suspicion on account of the odor emanating therefrom. On opening it, however, nothing more dreadful than a young alligator in a dormant condition.

Another evil smelling hamper was found to contain no fewer than 300 dead mice, while yet a third inclosed a defunct puppy consigned for post-mortem purposes to an eminent surgeon.

Christmas presents of live animals are constantly being sent through the postoffice notwithstanding the fact that the practice is strictly prohibited. Pigeons, rabbits, white mice, rats, ferrets, silkworms, lizards, snakes, guinea pigs and even on one occasion a pet lamb have all been dealt with at some period or other.

Not longer ago than last Christmas even a box was intercepted containing 150 live frogs, and a short time before twelve healthy young adders were discovered in an innocent looking hamper which was supposed to contain poultry.

Some of the inclosures are decidedly eccentric. Of this class was a two foot long can bearing the endorsement: "A Christmas present for John Jy. For outward application only. To be well rubbed in."

## Oyster Supper.

Methodist Episcopal Church  
Thursday, Dec. 8, 1910.  
5:30-9 P. M.

## MENU.

Bread, Rolls, Salad, Celery, with Oyster Cocktail,	15c
Raw Oysters	15c
Oyster Stew	20c
Escalloped Oysters	20c
Sandwiches, Ham or Peanut	10c.
Coffee	5c.
Pie, Mince or Pumpkin	5c.

## Head of the Conservation Movement

"Something like thirty three years ago," writes Fred W. Beckman in HUMAN LIFE for December, "a doctor and his patient sat facing each other in a very serious discussion.

"The patient was a man in his forties, tall, stooped, thin, weak—very evidently a confirmed consumptive with one foot in the grave.

"You must get out of the ministry at once if you want to live six months," said the doctor soberly.

"The preacher quit that very day, and a little country congregation lost a faithful minister, but the world outside ultimately gained a man whose noble labor for conservation of the soil for thirty years recently won him election as president of the National Conservation Congress—Henry Wallace of Iowa."

The romance of this man's life,—the way in which he fought the grim battle with Death and won, his rise from obscurity to a career of notable prominence,—is as fascinating as it is inspiring. Beginning as a farmer in a humble way, he found more marvels in the growing grain and feeding herds than in "balks and Grock." But he was studied and investigated the thing which impressed him most was that the "average" farmer was not getting enough from the soil, or putting back enough life to conserve its fertility. Then the old instincts of the preacher prompted him to spread the gospel of scientific farming.

But how should he preach?  
Any man who has a real message and is in real earnest about it will not lack long for an audience. The story tells how Mr. Wallace not only aroused the farmers to the immense importance of conservation and better farming, but also how he helped them to whip trusts and politicians in the battle for their rights.