

ABOUT CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

Department Conducted Under Auspices of Sorosis.

The article following was written to the Civic Committee by a friend and by request is herewith published:

Ladies of Sorosis.—In the commendable effort made by your society to improve the appearance, comfort and health of Wilmington, I trust you will not overlook the preservation of our shade trees.

During my residence in this city I have seen several fine trees despoiled or unnecessarily removed and have saved others, only by vigorous protest.

As I was about to write the foregoing, the accompanying clipping came to my notice. It is of humble origin, but comprehensive.

There is so much embodied in the thought of "civic improvement" that one with a low standard of living, regardless of the Golden Rule, will soon tire of a proposed reform.

The universal man has a constitutional dislike to a house-cleaning season, and is inclined to get out or fret out, during this ordeal. Likely no thorough cleansing was ever wrought without the spur or co-operation of woman.

We call Wilmington a city; yet, it is diversified by many signs of rural life.

There is the odoriferous cow yard, established close to dwellings which it supplies with swarms of flies.

The miniature poultry farm occupied by noisy tenants, permitted to fence, destroy gardens, and roam over public streets, appeal to the aesthetic sense of a clod. He has none.

Our most reliable aid must be derived from intelligent municipal law, and the training of the young.

A competent, tactful teacher has an influence sure to extend to the home. An occasional brief talk in the school room on live subjects, has worked great changes.

Besides carelessness, there is waste in Wilmington. Many back yards littered with unsightly trash could be cleared and converted into vegetable gardens.

Our school year is deplorably short. In four months of vacation, the habit of idleness and make themselves most disagreeable on the streets. If these boys and girls were employed—even a portion of the day—their morals and manners would improve and their work, if well done, would be remunerative.

My own labor in the garden with a rake and broken hoe yielded a valuable addition of vegetables to our table. If the city were districted, and prizes offered for the best garden in each district, a few months would record improvement. Probably a small fund can be obtained for this purpose.

Wilmington is a liberal city; it is giving freely to the uttermost ends of the earth and the uplifting of our own youth should touch its purses. Last Summer I rode through towns adorned by attractive gardens made by early rising, hard working people, and thought of the more forcible opportunities in our community. You may not favor this kind of effort although adopted with success elsewhere. Assuring you of my interest in the improvement of Wilmington, I am, Sincerely,

Trimming Trees.

"No greater service could be rendered our Nation than that our people should be awakened to the importance of not only planting trees, but caring for those we already have.

"When man first entered upon his inheritance there was nothing in all this broad land so valuable as its forests, and nothing has been so ruthlessly destroyed.

"There is no way in which a correct estimate could be made of the damage done in this county by the tree butcher.

"The practice of cutting off large limbs several inches from the body is common. Drought soon sets in and the bark peels off. Then the stubs rot, leaving a hole in which water collects, causing decay to the trunk of the tree.

"The proper place to cut a limb is close to the shoulder, which you will find on every branch close to the trunk.

"You can take off a large portion of a tree and you will watch the wound and keep it well packed it will heal nicely; any point will do. This keeps out the moisture, and preserves the wood until nature can close it over with a new growth.

"There is another specimen of vandalism that should be suppressed. That is the criminal cutting of trees by telephone and electric companies for running their wires. As a rule these mercenary butchers have no regard for beauty or life of the tree. They have no more right to run their wires through your trees than they have to cut away a portion of your house for that purpose. Both are equally your property—but in case of the house it can be rebuilt, but the tree cannot. Of course, it is sometimes necessary to cut trees for human purposes, but in this event a man should be employed who is capable of performing the work so that there is the least damage to the tree, and who will as far as possible retain its beauty.

"A very common mistake is made in trimming your trees, that of heading back.

"With all of man's intelligence is there anything that has done so much mischief as man himself? Talks of bugs and insects destroying trees. He has destroyed the forests and dried up the streams; he has butchered the buffalo and nearly all the game, not sparing the song birds. And now he is trying to finish his diabolical work by butchering up the shade trees in our cities and towns."

As One Grows Old

The bowels become less inactive and a gentle stimulant is necessary occasionally to insure regularity, which is essential if good health is maintained. Rydale's Liver Tablets are the best for old people who suffer from constipation. They gently stimulate and tone the liver, intestines and bowels and establish a healthy, regular habit. We guarantee Rydale's Liver Tablets to cure the most stubborn case of chronic constipation. Robt. R. Bellamy.

HOMEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS.

Great Gathering in New York in May

—Wilmington Member. (Special Star Correspondence.)

New York, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Homeopathic physicians all over the country are preparing to flock to New York City next May, to participate in one of the greatest celebrations in which the members of their school of medicine have ever taken part, the semi-centennial exercises of the New York Homeopathic Medical College.

The college, which is represented by graduates in almost every state in the Union, and which draws its students from almost as wide a field, is planning to observe the centenary of its fiftieth year with elaborate ceremony. Representatives of all the other homeopathic colleges of America will attend, and it is expected that the occasion will bring together the greatest gathering of homeopaths that the country has seen.

The alumni association of the college is cooperating with the college authorities to bring back the graduates from all parts of the country. The former students will play an important part in the ceremonies.

The first day of the celebration, May 31st, will be devoted to the completion of exercises of the college, but the two following days will be given over almost exclusively to the alumni. They will attend a great public meeting on June 1st and will then scatter to various parts of the city, to hold class reunions. Each class from 1870 to 1899 will hold its own affair, while the members of the classes of '90s will hold a joint reunion. On June 2nd, the annual business meeting and banquet of the alumni will be held, with Dr. George Royal, of Des Moines, Ia., president.

Wilmington has one graduate of the college, Dr. W. R. Storm, of the class of '77. The class is already discussing plans for its reunion, and Dr. Storm's classmates will soon be urging him to join them in New York for the semi-centennial celebration.

The "old grads" will return to find their Alma Mater in most flourishing condition. The college enrolled more new students last Fall than in any other year in its history, not only members of the freshman class but students who were attracted from other institutions. Dean Royal S. Copeland, who gave up a position at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, to take charge of the New York Homeopathic Medical College, is now in the second year of his administration.

The college has a new secretary, Dr. Copeland accepted the post as dean, and indications are that it will continue to grow, not only in attendance but in importance and usefulness.

Flower Hospital, which is owned and operated by the college, is also growing. During the past few months it has opened a new nurse, and has the space formerly occupied by the nurses in the hospital buildings has been turned into wards, giving an increased capacity of fifty beds. Besides its free dispensary for the poor of the East Side, the hospital maintains one of the most efficient ambulance services in the metropolis. It serves a large territory with two automobiles and three horse ambulances, and in time will do all its ambulance work with automobiles. This new feature is of great interest to the alumni, and many are planning an inspection when they return for the semi-centennial.

Flower Hospital, by the way, is the only hospital in the country owned by a medical college, and the combination has proved of the greatest advantage to instructors and students.

EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL

Dickinson Will Grant No Favoritism in Panama Canal

Washington, Feb. 19.—Secretary of War Dickinson today declared that there shall be no favoritism as between steamship companies plying between the East and West coasts of America in the use of the Panama canal for trans-shipment of cargo.

In answer to an inquiry from a San Francisco firm which projects a line of steamers between Panama and San Francisco on condition that they should receive special consideration, Secretary Dickinson replied that the Postoffice Mail line had no exclusive rights, that the open door policy would be maintained, and that he would be glad to receive any proposition from any new company.

The matter in its last phase came before the War Department in the shape of a telegram dated San Francisco, Thursday, from Bates, and Chesbrough. They stated that following their negotiations of last year with Secretary Wright, they were protecting the establishment of a line of two steamers, sailing every 28 days, but before making contracts they wished to know the attitude of the Panama railroad particularly as to Atlantic service and the length of time the present agreement with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company would run. They asked whether the government would contract with them on the basis of 70 per cent. to the steamship company of the through rate, with free port charges at LaBoca and with coal at cost providing the company guaranteed from 100,000 to 150,000 tons of freights per annum, the government to route by their line all cargo not specifically shipped via Pacific mail.

Secretary Dickinson's reply was as follows: "Panama railroad company will give to you or any other person or corporation exactly the same disposition upon the same terms and conditions that is given to the Pacific mail."

"The Pacific mail has no exclusive rights. The agreement with it is terminable upon 90 days notice. The door policy established by Secretary of War Taft is being and will be maintained. Will be glad to receive proposition and confer with you upon the foregoing basis."

Paris, Feb. 19.—The fight here tonight for the welter weight championship between Harry Lewis and Willie Lewis, both Americans, was declared a draw in the 25th round. The referee was loudly hooped for the decision number of supporters in the audience.

Bluefield, W. Va., Feb. 22.—The Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway finished its Clinch river bridge today and ran trains over the Dumps Creek extension. The road will take this route to Elkhorn, Ky., from which point it will go to Ashland, Ky. It is expected daily for work on the extension to Charleston, S. C. The road now reaches Spartanburg, S. C.

TRAINS BY TELEPHONE.

New Dispatching System Extended by the Lehigh Valley.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Train dispatching by telephone has been instituted on the main line of the Lehigh Valley Railroad between Easton and Penn Haven Junction, Pa. This installation is the direct result of the success of telephonic dispatching on the company's Mahanoy & Hazelton Division, in the anthracite coal region.

The new system has even exceeded the hopes of the officials. It is found that communication between the dispatcher and the offices along the line is much less subject to interruptions and delays than it formerly was, and the movement of trains is smoother and more rapid. Plans to extend the system still further are already made; they will be carried out as soon as practicable.

The amount expended in equipping the two divisions with telephones was about thirty thousand dollars. One hundred and fifty-two miles of line are covered.

Strict rules govern the sending and the receiving of all messages. The numbers of trains and engines and the names of stations must first be pronounced distinctly and then spelled out in full. The person at the receiving end writes out the order from the dispatcher exactly as if it were received by telegraph.

A feature that has proved of great value is the possibility of talking directly with engineers and conductors. This direct conversation enables the men to carry out orders with fewer mistakes than is the case when they receive them in the form of a telegram.

By a device known as a "selector" the dispatcher can call any office he chooses, without calling other offices. In a general way the "selector" may be compared to the face of a clock, with the names of stations in place of the hours. Pointing the hand, or indicator, to "Allentown" for example, the dispatcher rings up that place without disturbing the agent in the offices at Bethlehem, Mauch Chunk, or any other station along the line.

Since the installation of the telephone service on the Mahanoy & Hazelton Division, December 6th, there has not been a single failure among any of the 36 "selectors" on that division. The current for their operation is furnished from a storage battery of 100 volts, the voltage being constant at all times.

The difficulty of summoning the men at the telephone is rapidly disappearing with the telegraph system, is completely done away with when telephones are used. Part of the scheme of operation of the "selector" is to make the gong in the desired station ring, and continue ringing, until the call is answered.

In the case of telegraphic dispatching, atmospheric conditions have a great deal to do with the sounding of the instrument, as it is necessary to adjust the "relay" to the changes in the weather.

If a man in any office along the line wants to call the dispatcher he first pulls the telephone arm forward, places his ear to the receiver, and waits. If the line is busy he waits for his chance, and announces his presence by depressing a foot switch and giving the name of his station. The dispatcher acknowledges the call by saying either "right" or "cut out," the latter expression is equivalent to the more general one, "the gong off."

The bulletin issued to employees informs them that "the best results are obtained by speaking directly into the transmitter in a monotone; that is, an even tone of voice that is neither raised nor lowered."

The telephones are being installed gradually, one section after another on the Lehigh Valley, so that the operation of the system may be thoroughly effective from the start. The results up to date, in the speed and smoothness of train movement, show that, if the entire road is covered by telephone, the innovation is going to be of great ultimate benefit to shippers and the traveling public.

On the divisions equipped with telephones, telegraph facilities are still maintained for the handling of car reports and other communications not pertaining to the movement of trains, but the telephone may ultimately displace the telegraph entirely.

DON'TS FOR CHURCHMEN.

Don't be impatient. Patience is proof of piety.

Don't get narrow. There is no faith where there is no freedom of thought.

Don't question the Almighty. Obey the best you know how and you will fare much better.

Don't depend on God when you have no need for it. That is a good prayer which forces you to answer for yourself.

Don't imagine that there is no progress in religious experience. Religion can only defend the truth as it discovers new truth.

Don't get a long face on Sundays. You cannot make the week divine by making Sunday dismal.

Don't imagine you have gained sanctification because you have conquered one sin. The mark you make depends on the mark you set before you, and sanctification is perfection.

Don't think that you can ever be perfect in this world. There is not much good in a man who thinks himself good enough.

Scratch By Mule's Tooth.

Monroe Journal: For nearly two weeks Mr. Bryce Rushing, son of Mr. A. E. Rushing of Lanes Creek township, has been very ill from blood poisoning. The trouble came from a scratch made by a mule's tooth while Mr. Rushing was trying to give medicine to the animal, which had pneumonia. The mule died, and in a day or two the scratch on Mr. Rushing began to get so bad that a doctor was called in. He saw it to be a serious matter, and sent to work Mr. Rushing is now improving but for ten days he was confined to his bed, a very sick man.

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If you suffer from bleeding, itching, burning or protruding Piles, send me your address and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment. I will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references from our own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send money, but tell others of this offer. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box 7, New Dune, Ind.

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Atlantic Coast Line SUBURBAN SCHEDULE. CORRECT TO MARCH 1st. NOTICE: The arrivals and departure are given as information, as well as connections with other companies, but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed. NORTHBOUND: Lv. Wilmington 7:00 am, 7:30 am, 8:00 am, 8:30 am, 9:00 am, 9:30 am, 10:00 am, 10:30 am, 11:00 am, 11:30 am, 12:00 pm. SOUTHBOUND: Lv. New York 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 4:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 8:00 pm, 8:30 pm, 9:00 pm, 9:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 11:00 pm, 11:30 pm, 12:00 pm.

SEABOARD Air Line Railway SCHEDULE. Apply at Union Depot Ticket Office or S. A. L. Railway Freight Office Telephone No. 1294 or No. 1. Trains Leave Wilmington Effective Feb. 6, 1910. No. 45—4:30 A. M.—For Hamlet and Charlotte, connects at Hamlet with No. 57 for Raleigh and points North. No. 38—7:45 P. M.—For Hamlet, connects at Hamlet with No. 45 for Raleigh and points North. No. 43 and 48 connect at Hamlet with No. 45 for Atlanta. No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 63 for Atlanta. No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis and Charlotte, with No. 42 for Norfolk, Norfolk and New York, and Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and New York.

MORTGAGE SALE. By virtue of the powers of sale contained in certain mortgage deeds made by Julius Cowan and wife Julia Cowan to the North Carolina Home Building Association, and bearing date the 6th of February, 1909, and duly registered on the records of New Hanover County in Book 88, page 62, and the other bearing date the 15th of March, 1910, and duly recorded in Book 58, page 446, and duly registered on the records of New Hanover County in Book 88, page 62, and the other bearing date the 15th of March, 1910, the following described property in said City of Wilmington, N. C., to-wit:—Beginning at a point in the western line of Rankin street 96 feet west of the western line of Fifth street; runs thence easterly parallel with Rankin street 45 feet; thence northwardly parallel with Bay street 66 feet; thence easterly parallel with Rankin street 45 feet; thence southwardly parallel with Bay street 96 feet to the beginning, being part of estate lot of Lot 5, Block 242. This 8th of February, 1910. THE NORTH CAROLINA HOME BUILDING ASSOCIATION. By John D. Bellamy & Son, Attorneys. MORTGAGE SALE. By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed made by C. I. Dickinson and wife Lilly W. Dickinson to Samuel Blossom, bearing date the 15th of June, 1909, and duly registered on the records of New Hanover County in Book 28, page 28, and the other bearing date the 10th day of March, 1910, the following described property in said City of Wilmington, N. C., to-wit:—Beginning at a point in the Southern line of Ann street 100 feet east of the eastern line of Fifth street; runs thence easterly with the southern line of Ann street 35 feet and 3 inches; thence southwardly parallel with Fifth street 66 feet; thence easterly parallel with Ann street 35 feet and 3 inches; thence northwardly parallel with Fifth street 66 feet to the beginning, being part of Lot 1, Block 117. This 7th day of February, 1910. SAMUEL BLOSSOM. By John D. Bellamy & Son, Attorneys.

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