

Weather: Rain or Snow

FARMERS' INSTITUTE HELD TODAY AT COURT HOUSE

A Farmers' Institute is being held in the city today at the court house, and many farmers are in town to attend it.

Day before yesterday one was held at Bath and yesterday at Aurora, and it reports are true exceedingly enthusiastic and helpful meetings were held at both places.

These institutes are under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture, and the discussions embrace matters pertaining to soil improvement, live stock, marketing, etc.

A women's institute is being held in conjunction with the farmers', in which household economics, home conveniences, cooking, health in the home, education of children, and topics of like interest are discussed.

A year's subscription to a farm paper will be given for the best loaf of bread baked and exhibited by a

wife or woman living on the farm. To win this premium the bread must score at least 75 points, according to the method of judging in the contest by points. A year's subscription will be given to a man exhibiting the highest scoring on five ears of corn, and to the boy under 17 years of age scoring highest on five ears of corn. No premium will be awarded unless the exhibit has merit.

The following ladies and gentlemen who are directing the farmers' institute work being done at various points around this section, are today registered at the Louise: Mr. G. M. Garren, Mr. R. G. Hill, Miss Ward and Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Hunt.

Some of the farmers who have brought their families into town for this institute have brought lunch along with them, in order to stay all day and miss no part of the instruction which may be conveyed to them through the various discussions.

CHRISTIANS KILLED BY TURKS

Sofia, Bulgaria, Feb. 13.—According to dispatches given out here yesterday the Turkish troops yesterday assembled the whole male Christian population of the seaport of Bayuk Chukmedje in the village school-house and massacred them.

Subsequently they killed all the Christian women and children except the young girls, whom they carried off on board ship.

There was no fighting yesterday either in the Gallipoli peninsula or at the Tchatalja lines.

The bombardment of Adrianople, however, continues.

COOPERAGE M. I. ORDERS BIG NEW BOILER

It is apparent to the most careless observer that Washington is expanding fast as a manufacturing town. The latest indication of this fact is the installation by the Pamlico Cooperage Co. of a large 150 horse power boiler.

HIGHEST POINT IN WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia's highest mountain is located in Pendleton County and is known as Spruce Knob. Its altitude, according to the United States Geological Survey, is 4,860 feet. The lowest point in the State is on Potomac River—246 feet above sea level. The average elevation of the State is about 1,800 feet.

DR. FRED I. POTTS VISITS OLD HOME

Dr. Fred I. Potts, a prominent physician of Spartanburg, but formerly of Washington, is visiting his brother, Mr. Z. M. Potts, on Bonner street. This is the first visit Dr. Potts has had his home city in seven years.

MOUNT MARCY HIGHEST POINT IN NEW YORK

The highest point in the State of New York is Mount Marcy, an Adirondack peak, which rises 5,344 feet above sea level, according to the United States Geological Survey. The average or mean elevation of the State is estimated at 900 feet.

HARVARD CLUB MEETING CALLED FOR TONIGHT

The secretary of the Harvard Club, Mr. E. H. Harding, has issued a call for a meeting of this organization tonight at 9 o'clock in Worthy & Eldridge's Drug Store. All members are urged to be present, and hear the matter to be brought up at this time.

The friends of Mr. Jesse Mayo will be saddened by the news that at the hour of going to press he is sinking rapidly.

TROOPS HELD READY TO EMBARK

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—President Taft and the cabinet are in accord that Congress shall share the responsibility for any intervention in Mexico.

A day of conferences between the President and his advisers ended with the understanding that should conditions in Mexico City become so much worse as to demand the landing of American troops, Mr. Taft will lay before the houses of Congress the full facts of the situation in a special message.

To every preliminary was arranged for the action which might follow such a course. Thirty-five thousand men of the army, navy and marine corps were put in readiness for the movement.

The first brigade of the first army division, just created in the re-organization, 3,000 men in all, and the nucleus of an expeditionary force of 15,000, was put on marching orders ready to entrain for Newport News, Va., where army transports wait under steam.

Between 2,500 and 3,300 marines of the Atlantic battleship fleet at the Guantanamo naval station were prepared for immediate movement to Vera Cruz, where they might be kept aboard ship ready for landing to blaze an avenue of escape from Mexico City for foreigners, as they did at Peking.

GIVES WIFE ALL SALARY; NO MAN; SAYS JUDGE

Baltimore, Feb. 13.—"A man who gives his wife all his salary is no man at all," declared Judge John J. Dobler, of the supreme bench of Baltimore, in the Criminal Court yesterday.

The dictum was delivered after Thomas Nichols had been arraigned for non-support and had promised to give his wife all his salary each week.

"I don't want you to do that," said the judge. "A man who gives his wife all his salary is no man at all. The man is the treasurer of the family and he should be the financial head in family as well as theory. A man must take some pride in the fact that he is a man and the head of the house."

It was arranged that Nichols, who admitted that he was making \$24 a week, should give his wife \$2 a week.

BETTY THIEF ENTERS STORES

The Royal Blue Shoe Store and the Five and Ten Cent Store were both broken into from the rear Saturday night or Sunday by a petty thief. Nothing of value was taken, since only the back room in the shoe store and the warehouse behind the ten cent store were invaded. Entrance was effected in each case by breaking a window.

A box of shoe strings and shoe polish showed evidence of being tampered with in the Royal Blue Store, while the ten cent store missed a few pictures, some cakes and some candy.

HARRY THAW IS NOW A CHANGED MAN

Albany, Feb. 13.—Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, has become a Washingtonian. With the announcement yesterday that the Legislature would appropriate \$10,000 to pay former District Attorney Jerome for defending Thaw in his last fight for freedom, came word from Matteawan that Thaw had become a bookkeeper. The officials at Matteawan reported that Thaw asked to be set to work, for the first time, a few weeks ago. Pouring over books and figures from five to eight hours daily, it was learned, has made a changed man of Thaw. He no longer complains against confinement, nor does he criticize the officials over him.

Thaw's altered demeanor is said to date from the day, several weeks ago, when he was taken to New York to testify in the suit brought against his mother, Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, for the collection of a debt. The official in whose charge Thaw visited New York reported afterward that Thaw expressed a desire to return to Matteawan Asylum as soon as his testimony had been taken on the stand. Thaw at that time had been acting as a bookkeeper for a few days and seemed anxious to get back to his desk.

The most unusual self-imposed change in Thaw's daily routine relates to his meals. Up to the time that he took up bookkeeping Thaw used to have his three meals brought in to him from outside the asylum. He used to partake of all the season's delicacies, omitting nothing of a culinary character calculated to make life more endurable behind asylum walls.

Now Thaw eats only the prison fare, soups, roast meats, bread and coffee, such as are supplied to the other inmates.

The fact that Thaw's mother no longer makes her residence in a little cottage within a stone's throw of the asylum and undertakes fewer trips to Matteawan to visit him, in connection with his changed attitude, gives the impression that he proposes to give up fighting for his liberty for some time to come.

The opinion prevails here that Attorney General Carmody's determination to have the law enforced as to make it easier and less expensive for the State to fight Thaw's repeated attempts at liberation, may have some bearing on Thaw's evident resolve to subside.

DEATH OF MRS. WARNER

News has been received of the death of Mrs. Polly Warner of Old Fort. She had reached the age of 84, and was exceedingly well known in the county. At the time of her death she was keeping house for Mr. J. P. Bouie, she being up till recently in good health and very active for her age.

NOTICE OF THANKS

Mrs. John R. Kessinger and children desire to express to their friends in Washington their profound appreciation for the sympathetic kindness shown them in their recent bereavement.

Mr. S. R. Cleary is in Norfolk on business.

COURT DOES NOT COME VENE UNTIL TUESDAY

Superior Court will not convene until Tuesday, it was officially announced today. It was to have begun Monday, but a delay of one day has been found necessary, for the reason that all the attorneys desire to be in Raleigh Monday, when the question will come up of the redistricting of the State.

Mrs. J. E. Doughton is in Raleigh at the bed side of her sister-in-law, who is dangerously ill.

CENTRAL PARK SNAKES GET LOOSE

New York, Feb. 12.—The python is a large non-venomous serpent, said Head Keeper Snyder of the Central Park Zoo yesterday morning as he paused solemnly before a group of keepers in the Primates House of the menagerie. This monkey house is being remodelled into the finest place of the kind in the country. There is to be a fountain in the center and the cages will have scenic backgrounds painted by an artist from the American Museum of Natural History.

While the work has been going on under the eye of Louise F. La Roche, as the representative of Park Commissioner Stover, the pythons have been packed away in a box. Yesterday the work had reached a point where the snakes could be put back in a cage.

"Now," said Bill Snyder, "when I open the box grab the big fellow by the tail and we'll carry him to the cage."

He stooped, reached into the box, and brought up thirteen feet of motley, squirming reptile.

"So!" he continued, "they haven't been fed for two months and they are a bit hungry, but they are harmless unless—"

Right there the python agreed with Bill that he was hungry. He squirmed out of Bill's hands and fell with a splash on the pavement. Like a flash he wound seven feet of himself about LaRoche's legs. Three other snakes of lesser length gilded out of the box and scattered about the building. One slithered up the side of the cage of Baldy, the ring-tailed monkey, who got the animal's coiling by means of hot steam pipes.

For five minutes there was the liveliest time that Central Park ever saw. The hot pipes thawed the embracing La Roche's legs, looked pythons out and big Kate, the one inquiringly at Snyder, as if to ask: "Shall I give him a hug?" "No, Kate," said Bill. "I have a julep rabbit waiting. Don't bother with this gentleman. You couldn't eat him anyway."

Kate permitted herself to be unwound and was got to the cage. Then the keepers captured and caged the other runaways.

"As I was saying, they are perfectly harmless," remarked Snyder getting his color back.

"Apollo killed one and"—

"Yes, and St. Patrick put 'em all out; but I'm no Apollo, nor St. Patrick, either," said a keeper, disappearing.

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He had enlarged his zone of action and had sent forces against the national palace.

But last night Madero was optimistic. Throughout the bombardment and the almost continuous rattle of machine guns and rifles, the president went about his work in the palace apparently unperturbed. He took counsel frequently with the finance minister, Ernesto Madero. From time to time he was in conversation with General Huerta, the commander-in-chief, regarding plans of attack. His courage was great, his confidence remarkable.

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