

TWO BIG STORES TO CONSOLIDATE

Bill Cunningham and J. S. Porter & Company Will Consolidate on or About January 1.

Arrangements have been completed by which the stores of Bill Cunningham and J. S. Porter & Co. will consolidate. The new store will operate in the store room now occupied by W. C. Cunningham.

It is expected that the stock of J. S. Porter & Co. will be moved to the new headquarters by the end of the year or possibly before.

The new firm will be composed of W. C. Cunningham, Steve Porter, Jess Conley and Mark Dowdle.

Chief Engineer Here—Plans For Power Dam Under Way

Mr. C. I. Emerson, Chief Construction Engineer, with Robert & Company, reached Franklin last Tuesday to discuss with the town board the plans for the municipal power dam. Mr. Emerson has recommended that all iron and steel parts of the machinery be purchased at once as the iron and steel markets are constantly advancing. The city fathers are disposed to take his advice on his matter. Mr. Emerson is of the opinion that plans for the dam will be sufficiently far advanced by the end of the year to justify letting the contract for all necessary electrical equipment at that time.

A member of the board stated Wednesday that the town authorities intend to rush the preliminary details and to let the contract for building the dam at the earliest possible moment. He also stated that the town board now contemplates building the dam 25 feet high. Should this be done considerably more power can be developed than was at first contemplated. A dam of this height would back the water in Town Creek as far as Mr. Tom Angel's stables near the station on Main street.

Baptist Church Finishing 75 Million Campaign

Southern Baptist have come to the last week of their five year program known as the Seventy-five Million Campaign. The objective when the campaign was launched five years ago in Atlanta was seventy-five Million dollars. This was over subscribed and work of the denomination was increased along all lines. All over the South the churches are putting forth an effort to reach the goal and there is a reason to believe that the last day of December will find the goal reached.

The local church has been engaged in the work. Last week a series of enlistment meetings were held and beginning Sunday a canvas of the subscribers was made. The teams have been reporting good success and a good report was sent in for the books of the State convention which closed the third of December. Already the Franklin Baptist church has paid in fifty per cent more than its original quota though the full amount of the pledge has not been paid. However there remains the rest of this month for the work in rounding out the campaign and the local church is determined to make the best use of the time.

Light From Trees

A French scientist has discovered a means of extracting and harnessing the electricity in trees. He connected a copper plate attached to a tree, and another plate buried in the earth, with a galvanometer, a delicate instrument which measures the strength of weak currents of electricity, and obtained a record of the current passing through the tree.

With three trees connected in the same way the power was increased, the experiment, with a like result, being continued until twenty trees were linked up in this fashion.

The scientist then placed two copper plates in the earth, about six feet apart, and with the current thus obtained lighted a small electric lamp.

Whether the idea can be extended to be commercially worth while has yet to be determined.

Safety Lessons Learned

Saving the lives of 769 children of school age is credited to safety instructions in the Detroit schools for the five years, 1919 to 1923, inclusive. Decrease in child fatalities has been from 1.64 a thousand in 1919 to .78 in 1923, a drop of more than 50 per cent; in relation to automobile registration the decrease has been from .85 a thousand in 1919 to .33 in 1923; on the basis of total population the decrease has been from .22 a thousand to .18 a thousand.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our father. The children of

J. FRANK RAY.

FAMILIAR LINES IN EARLY SCHOOLBOOKS

Middle-Aged Find Charm in Simple Sayings.

Old-time schoolbooks were likely to be painfully solemn and didactic; levity was abhorrent to their conscientious compilers. But in our day they afford amusing reading.

Lindley Murray, a grave and heavy-minded Quaker, was averse not only to laughter but to smiles; in a footnote to the once-famous Lindley Murray's English reader he carefully apologized for a brief passage that he feared was too playfully expressed. But no one who read the passage and the footnote could ever discover the playfulness! Modern readers, however, can discover a good many passages that are the cause of mirth, however unmirthfully they were intended. He desired to be impressive in his account of Niagara falls; he gave its height and pronounced a eulogy upon its grandeur; and then he provided a complete anticlimax by adding, "It is said that the Indians have sometimes passed down it in their canoes in safety."

Some little time ago a reminiscence writer in the New York World declared that the Webster spelling book and the Webster reader had doubtless had the longest history of any schoolbooks in the United States—once covering at least three full generations.

How familiar, after you pass the alphabet page, these lines appear to us: "Am I to go in? I am to go in." "She fed the old hen." "The hen was fed by her." "Ann can hem my cap." "She has a new fan." "Fire will burn wood and coal." "Coal and wood will make a fire." "Will you help me pin my frock?" "The good girl may jump the rope." "Bakers bake bread and cakes." "I like to play in the shady grove." "Cider is made of apples." "A tiger will kill and eat a man." "Ann can spin flax." "A shad can swim." "Cotton velvet is very soft to the feel." "We can burn fish oil in lamps." "Never pester the little boys." "I had some green corn in July on a plate."

The obviousness and simplicity of those sayings have now a distinct charm. But they were gauged, it must be remembered, for infantile minds not long graduated from the cradle. Some changes in society have taken place since they were written. Ann cannot spin flax now, because that crop has lost its prevalence, and we no longer burn fish oil, but when gas and electricity are not in hand use oil of another sort. A shad can still swim, but he now swims with rare and rarer frequency and very soon will not swim at all unless we stop polluting our streams and waterways.

Readers for older children often included selections that from their terrifying, puzzling or too ornately rhetorical qualities we should not deem suitable nowadays. Children often read these "elegant extracts" without understanding them or even trying to understand them. A grandmother of today was told by her mother of the extreme amazement with which long after she had grown up she came in her reading upon a passage with which she had been familiar since her little girlhood and found that it really meant something and, more astonishing still, that she enjoyed it!—Youth's Companion.

Italy's Chemical Industry

More than 100,000 workers are now employed in the chemical industry of Italy. In 1914 it had 50,000 workers. Capital invested has risen during the same period from \$40,000,000 to \$85,000,000. Advances to the American Chemical society indicate that Italy, like the United States, marched forward on its own initiative when its dye-stuff supply from Germany was curtailed by the World war. Ten years ago the Italian chemical industry produced no artificial dye-stuffs or coal tar dyes. Last year it produced 2,400,000 kilograms of sulphur black, 1,000,000 kilograms of azo dyes and more than 100,000 kilograms of various basic and acid dyes. About six-tenths of the national requirement of coal tar products is now produced in Italy, which also exports some of the leading intermediates.

May Reproduce Old Mill

The Philadelphia chapter of the Society of Colonial Dames of America has submitted to many organizations in Pennsylvania a plan to erect on the original site a replica of "The Old Swede's Mill," the first mechanical enterprise to be set up in that highly industrialized region. The original structure says the Detroit News, was built by direction of Governor Printz, in 1646, eight years after the first Swedish colonist arrived there. The stream on which the old mill stood, now known as Cobb's creek, flows through what is now the southwestern outskirts of Philadelphia. The proposed reproduction will be made a gift to the municipality.

HAILS PASSING OF MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN

Writer Eulogizes Present Age of Youthfulness

Gray hairs are gone, old age is out of date, and a sign of the times is the disappearance of the middle-aged woman.

This is as it should be. So long as a mature woman does not ape a flapper, why should she not keep her youthful looks into the forties—or the seventies? Why should a dowager assume that it is her duty to be dowdy?

A black gown and a white heart are not inseparable, and dull gray and goodness do not always go together. If a woman is "all glorious within" it is well that her looks should make this manifest.

Nowadays our social world seems to be divided into girls, young married women and women who are great-grandmothers. No more do you see the middle-aged matron, with her proud grace and reserved bearing; or the handsome mother of forty, with her flow of talk and flock of dull daughters. And we never come across the sweet-faced, sad-eyed single woman—the typical maiden aunt of the Victorian era.

Sad to say, the ideal old lady has gone forever, with her silver hair, white cap, black gown and gentle, dignified manners. Old ladies, such as those depicted in Whistler's famous portrait of his mother, or in Manet's picture of Mme. Manet mere, have ceased to exist in our social life of today.

Everything in life—art, dress, rules of health and beauty culture—tends toward the exit of the middle-aged woman. And she is out of it on the stage and in fiction. Balzac's "Femmes de Trente Ans" seems a back number, as many heroines in up-to-date novels are well on in the forties and fifties. And the same note is sounded in the plays of the period.

Most of us live up to this august example. Women of sixty or seventy yacht, hunt, shoot, dance, play golf and hockey and drive their own motor cars. One peeress, who was married in the sixties, drives her car with success, and another of the same age leads cotillions, although she is the proud owner of several grandchildren.

Much can be said on the side of perennial youthfulness. The desire to prolong one's youth shows vital force and is said to be a sure proof of national well-being. Every woman for her own sake would fain keep fresh and young, as she is well aware that so long as her looks remain she can rule men, and there will be no "Finis" written on the page of her book of life.—The Hon. Mrs. Fitzroy Stewart in the London Mail.

Advertising in the Press sells the goods.

A Case of Hogs.

Mrs. James Woody down on Tellico recently swore out a peace warrant for Mr. James Ramsey, claiming that Mr. Ramsey had threatened to do her bodily harm. Mr. Ramsey was tried last Monday before Magistrate Geo. Carpenter. At the time of the trial Judge Carpenter had on a batch of bread at the bakery. That the Judge might attend to his bread while hearing the evidence the trial was held in the bake room at Clouse's restaurant. Judge Carpenter while taking bread from the oven refused to halt the proceedings, stating that he could hear and work at the same time.

According to the evidence the Woody hogs had been taking undue liberties with Mr. Ramsey's corn fields. When Mr. Ramsey ventured a protest the owners of the hogs became incensed. In fact, according to one of the witnesses, their remarks to Mr. Ramsey were pointed, vituper-

ative and likewise vitriolic.

Many witnesses testified in Mr. Ramsey's favor. Judge Carpenter was evidently of the opinion that Mr. Ramsey is an honorable and law abiding citizen and that he had made no threats against the peace, dignity or persons of the Woody family. Mr. Ramsey was therefore discharged.

Dr. W. H. Brabson of Cornelia, Ga., formerly a practicing physician in Macon County and well known here, is now at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., taking a special clinical course. He will return to Cornelia after the Christmas holidays.

NOTICE! One week till the Big Christmas Edition. Get your ads in AT ONCE.

See that the label on your paper is dated in advance, if you want the Press to continue coming to your home.

NOTICE! We have on hand the T. D. STOKES AND COMPANY'S fine hats and caps for men and boys.

A supply of Ready-to-Wear dresses for ladies, just in from New York; also a sample line of shoes from J. K. Orr & Company, Atlanta, Ga.

You are invited to look over these items.

J. R. PENDERGRASS

A FORD FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

That boy of yours is getting along toward 18 years of age. For 10 or 12 years now he has been doing his part toward making a living for the family. What have you done for him?

Other boys of his age are riding in cars and your boy is getting restless. Do you want to keep him at home? If so, you must make life a little more pleasant for him. What was good enough for us is not good enough for our children. And we would not have it otherwise. When this old world ceases to advance civilization will perish.

Keep your boy at home. Make his life a happy one. Buy him a Ford. The whole family can use it. In these days a car is a necessity—not a luxury.

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"The White Brick Building On the Square"

LOOKING AHEAD FOR YOU

Next week everybody will be thinking of the big ads. I want to tell you of what I have and let you see and think in the meantime.

LISTEN LADIES

For these cold days and nights you will find at my store coats, sweaters, suits, underwear, blankets, cotton and wool hosiery, shoes, dress goods, caps and everything else that you will need for the winter days that are now here.

The best of all my goods are ready for inspection and I'll guarantee the quality to be the best and the price to be the lowest.

Fifty Ladies' Coatsuits will be sold regardless of cost. You can buy one for the cost of making and have the material extra.

It will be profitable to you to see my great, big line of merchandise and get my prices.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. Come early and get the best. There are bargains in every line. I will appreciate your trade.

JOS. ASHEAR