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A TRUCE IN PIGGERY HOSTILITIES

The war upon piggeries in several sections of Montgomery county (as noted on the first page, this issue) has subsided—the demolition of piggeries halted, pending a modern and greater parlorizing of the housing quarters of porcine quadrupeds, as per sundry State Board of Health requirements. \* \* Concerning pork and piggeries, my dear old friend Benjamin Alderfer Fryer, for many years the gifted city editor of the Reading Eagle, and also the deservedly recognized local historian of Berks county, recently promulgated through the columns of the Eagle, a very interesting story of the days of auld lang syne when Reading "had as many pigs as people"; when the back yards of homes "produced ham and eggs, sausage, and sauer kraut." Then cheap "fitch" at 4 cents per pound; now costly bacon. Ben's thrilling resume of Reading's "pork age" of pig sties, flies and odor, gives rise to the query as to how the ancient inhabitants of Reading ever escaped annihilation because of the years of "sties, flies, and odors." But, no matter how, Reading made progress in population, in industrial achievements, and is now one of the greatest cities of homes on this planet. Ancestral Readingites were strong along hereditary lines, and easily withstood the influences of the pigsty odors in their environment. My friend Ben fails to record a single instance when, in the old days, typhoid fever, pneumonia, high blood pressure, diphtheria or any other fatal disease was traced to the backyard existence of "piggeries." If he had done so, his story, now marked A, would be A-plus.

ELECTRICITY IN THE FUTURE

What the expansion of the electric industry will be in the future is a good subject for the active imagination to consider. Experts hold that home lighting and industrial power development is still in its infancy. Farm electrification and electrified railroads are almost virgin fields for progress. In 1912 the electric industry had fewer than 4,000,000 customers; now it has more than 23,000,000. In the former year 36.1 per cent of electricity was used for industrial power; now industry employs over 66 per cent. More and more of America's industrial power requirements are being met by electricity. Manufacturers are discontinuing the operation of their private plants in favor of the increased efficiency, economy and dependability of service afforded by great central stations and interconnected systems. With the consolidation of small electric units into unified systems, the cost of power goes steadily down due to increased efficiency of operation. It is far below the pre-war level in spite of greatly increased wage and commodity prices.

OIL AND GAS AS FUELS

Some weeks ago, in this department of The Independent, statements were made concerning the use of gas as a fuel, showing that gas was cheaper than oil in supplying heat for hot water or steam plants. A local dealer in heaters takes issue with the statements made, averring that the use of oil in his burner at a cost of 6 1/2 cents per gallon equals coal (for furnishing the same amount of heat) at \$6.50 per ton. The new low price of gas for heating in the newest type of gas boiler is the equivalent of coal at a cost of \$22.50 per ton; apparently a decided difference in favor of oil. It would appear from the dealer's statements that at this time oil is considerably cheaper than gas as a fuel for heating purposes. The use as fuels of coal, of coal gas, and of oil, afford opportunities for household experiments, as to the relative cost of each in furnishing a given number of units of heat.

ASKING GRACIOUS PERMISSION!

The Noah's Ark Exploration Association recently applied to the State Department at Washington to secure permission from the Turkish government to explore for Noah's ark. The department informed the association that it should apply to the Turkish embassy at Washington for that government's permission. How about exploring for the bones of humans and other animals that Noah refused admission to his antediluvian boat?—and for the discovery of the exact spot where Joshua stood when he issued his famous command? The Noah's Ark Exploration Association is very enterprising, in its own peculiar way.

JEW AND MOSLEMS AT WAR

Another religious war is materializing in Jerusalem, and environmental territory. Among the numerous lives lost in conflicts between Jews and Moslems (disciples of Mahomet), were twelve Americans. The activity of the Jews was and is regarded as interfering with comforting religious hallucinations of the Moslems; therefore hostilities. Religious wars always have been, always will be, prominent among the curses and crimes of humanity. The slaying hand of religious persecution gives deadly impetus to the ignorance and hate of religious fanaticism.

AND NOW, A BREATH TESTER!

The latest contrivance invoked to aid in the detection of "hooh" dealers and drinkers is something like this: One breathes through a colored solution. If there is no alcohol in the system of the person who does the breathing there will be no result. But, if there is any alcohol, the solution loses color. How startling the achievements of geniuses. I am wondering how a high-powered onion breath would affect the solution?

BIOGRAPHY OF REV. G. W. LUTZ

The memory of late Rev. George W. Lutz, Reformed pastor in the Perkiomen Valley section, associate editor of the Pennsburg Town and Country, and well known humorist, is to be honored by the publication of a biography of his life. The work is to be issued in regular book form. To me this is welcome information, because Rev. George Lutz was a dear friend of mine, and I know that a record, in book form, of the outstanding activities of his useful life, will be widely read and greatly appreciated.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONS

In this era of great public utilities, monopolistic in character, Public Service Commissions have a great service to render in safeguarding public needs from the exploitations of combinations of capital, and unfair rates and revenue. Is the great service incumbent upon the Commissions being impartially and justly performed? That question concerns consumers as well as producers.

PERKY LEAGUE BASEBALL

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Street grounded out to start the game. Carlin singled. Graterford took the first break in the very first inning when Faust's vicious drive to center took a bad bounce over Joel Francis' head for a home run. Slater followed with a clean single. Hetrick drove a fast grounder thru Mut Undercoffler's legs that went for a hit. Slater and Hetrick caught Collegeville napping and pulled a double steal. Waters was thrown out at the plate and the crippled Mauger was carried into the batter's box to watch three strikes breeze by for the third out. Score 4-0. In the second inning Carlin again singled. Faust forced him at second. Faust scored on Slater's triple. Score 5-0. Gip Sterner doubled in this inning but was out trying to stretch it into a triple. Rube Place with only one day's rest went in to relieve Collegeville's Sterner at the start of the third. Don Sterner made a sensational catch of Waters drive in the fifth. Fox started Collegeville's rally in their half of the fifth canto with a double. Undercoffler's drive went thru Street for a triple, Fox scoring. Place walked. Joel Francis came thru with a timely single scoring Mut. Hunter was safe on a fielder's choice. Brother Bud Francis singled scoring Joel. Don Sterner strode to the plate and lined out a long drive to deep right field. The tying runs were on the paths but Cobby Espenshup surprised even himself by running backward, spearing the horsehide, falling down, turning somersault and coming up with the glove in his glove for the third out and the end of the rally. Score 5-3. Place hurled effective ball to the veteran Landis men until the seventh when Slater lashed out a drive that bounced away from Fox for a triple. Hetrick followed with another triple in the hard dry ground in center field. Waters made things look bad by socking Joel triple in succession. Bradford was safe when Place misjudged his infield fly.—and still nobody out. Stierly walked. Waters scored the third run of this frame on Street's sacrifice fly. Score 8-3. Collegeville scored a run in the eighth on Harley's drive. Bud Francis carried in the counter after beating out an infield hit and advancing on Don Sterner's Texas leaguer. Harley and Sterner died on base as Fox fanned and Undercoffler grounded out. In the ninth Collegeville scored their last run to make the final score 8-5. Pete Tyson, pinch hitting for Place, singled. Joel Francis forced Lin Detwiler running for Pete at second. Hunter singled. Joel scored on a wild pitch.

COLLEGEVILLE AB R H O A E J. Francis, cf. 5 0 1 2 0 0 Hunter, 1b. 4 0 0 0 0 0 W. Francis, c. 5 0 2 3 0 0 D. Sterner, 2b. 5 0 2 3 0 0 G. Sterner, 1b. 4 0 1 7 0 0 Harley, 3b. 4 0 1 7 0 0 Fox, rf. 4 1 1 10 0 0 Undercoffler, ss. 4 0 0 0 0 0 L. Stierly, p. 0 0 0 0 0 0 Place, p. 2 0 0 0 0 0 Tyson, p. 1 0 1 1 0 0 Detwiler, p. 0 0 0 0 0 0 Totals 38 5 14 27 11 4

GRATERFORD AB R H O A E Street, cf. 4 1 1 4 1 0 Carlin, 1b. 4 1 2 13 0 0 Faust, c. 0 0 0 0 0 0 Slater, 2b. 3 0 1 10 2 0 Hetrick, 3b. 0 0 0 0 0 0 Stine, 1b. 2 1 0 0 0 0 Waters, rf. 3 1 1 0 0 0 Bradford, ss. 2 1 2 4 0 0 Dersch, p. 3 1 1 0 4 0 Totals 29 6 9 27 11 2

TROOPERS AB R H O A E Stoll, 3b. 4 0 0 0 2 0 Cresson, 1b. 4 0 0 0 2 1 Gullan, 2b. 4 3 3 12 0 0 Deem, rf. 4 2 3 0 0 0 Shellenbarger, cf. 4 0 1 2 0 0 Spieth, cf. 4 0 0 0 1 1 Werbeck, 1b. 4 0 0 0 0 0 Poinebet, rf. 4 0 3 0 0 0 Beecher, p. 3 0 1 1 2 0 Totals 34 5 13 24 9 1

Oaks AB R H O A E Sch' e 1 0 1 2 4 0 0 2 x-9 15 5

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FARM-RAISED BOYS HAVE BETTER CHANCE That farm-raised boy who takes a four-year agricultural college course finds himself prepared upon graduation to enter many phases of agricultural endeavor that he never before considered possible, is the experience of officials at the Pennsylvania State College. President Ralph D. Hetzel and the dean of the School of Agriculture, Dr. R. L. Watts, in reviewing occupations of agricultural graduates of the past few years, finds that many boys raised on the farm are making a success in the allied agricultural interests. While many return to the homestead farm or become farm managers, livestock raisers and the like, a large number enter extension work, become food chemists, fertilizer specialists, farm machinery salesman, agricultural journalists, vocational teachers, creamery operators, college, or federal research workers, or enter scores of other branches. Penn State officials declare that the farm-bred boy or girl has a decided advantage over those lacking the valuable experience of life on the farm. The college has never refused admission to such applicants who are especially well prepared for entrance and who have ranked high in their high school studies. Such applicants can still obtain admission to the freshman class that gathers at State College for observance of the usual Freshman Week on September 19.

coffer's legs, advanced on a sacrifice and scored on Himsworth's single. Al the sixth Skippack made another. Al Bishop was safe on Harley's bad throw. Rubin walked. They pulled a double steal as Taylor fanned for the second out. C. Bishop walked loading the bases. Al Bishop was almost trapped on third but not quite. Place forced in a run by walking Ziegler. Again in the seventh Skippack scored a run as Himsworth and Hunsberger drew passes, Himsworth scoring on Al Bishop's single.

Harley started the winning rally in the eighth with a home run to center. Fox doubled. Place singled. Joel Francis sent one down too hot for C. Bishop to handle scoring Fox. Hunter came thru with a timely double scoring the tying and winning run. Place and Joel Francis scored on this hit. In the ninth manager Gip Sterner not to be outdone poled out the longest hit of the day a fly swat that sailed many feet over Himsworth's head in deep left for a home run. Brother Don, who had singled and then stole second, scored ahead of brother Gip. Final score 9-6.

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SKIPPACK AB R H O A E Himsworth, 1b. 4 1 1 0 0 0 Pollack, cf. 3 1 0 2 0 0 Hunsberger, rf. 3 1 3 0 0 0 Bishop, 2b. 3 0 5 10 0 0 Rubin, c. 3 0 0 5 1 0 C. Bishop, 3b. 2 0 0 4 0 0 Ziegler, 3b. 2 1 0 2 0 0 Mendinhal, p. 4 0 0 0 0 0 Totals 30 6 5 27 11 2

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