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The date on the label on your paper shows the time to which your subscription is paid.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Over 100 spring chickens were stolen from Mrs. S. K. Herr, last Friday night.

The Independent Order of Mechanics ran an excursion to Baltimore on last Monday.

John Senft, of near Pleasant Valley, is preparing to erect a new dwelling on his premises.

Leland Myers has been awarded a scholarship at Western Maryland College from Dorchester county.

Rev. Wm. C. Harding, of Forestville, Md., will preach at Providence M. P. Church, Gamber, Sunday evening next at 8 o'clock.

The city is putting down crossings of Belgian blocks on East Main street at the Washington and Manchester roads.

The Lutheran Sunday school will hold their annual picnic in the grove of Mr. Theo. F. Englar, near this city, Thursday, August 4.

Ed. A. Christ was so unfortunate as to lose the hind leg of his horse last Friday. It fell down while working on the new State Road near town.

A dog belonging to Mrs. Michaela, East Green street, showed symptoms of rabies last Saturday evening and was killed by the city officers.

The Carroll county Mutual Fire Insurance Company has begun work on a brick addition to its building. It will afford a much needed director's room.

Mr. Lewis, of Mt. Airy, is one of the delegates appointed by the Governor to the National Good Roads Congress which opened at Niagara Falls yesterday.

Mayor Bouseman, of Ridgeview, Va., was blown to pieces by a bomb last Friday. The explosion was caused by the committee the dastardly deed are unknown.

Much trouble is being had in New York over short weights and high prices. Vigorous measures are being taken by Mayor Gaynor to correct these frauds.

Edwin Zahn, son of Mrs. Lizzie Zahn, East Main street, was taken to a hospital in Baltimore on Tuesday by Dr. E. M. Sullivan. He is suffering from appendicitis.

A number of workers of the Salvation Army, now holding meetings at Glyndon, visited Westminster Thursday, and entertained the town with sacred songs and music.

Engineers of the United States Government were in town this week investigating the preparations made by the town for the resurfacing of Main street, which will begin next Monday.

Rev. Andrew B. Wood, assistant state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, delivered an interesting and very optimistic address at the M. P. Church, this city, last Sunday evening.

The Mayor and Common Council have decided to build a new bridge on Green street. The work will begin as soon as the material can be obtained and pushed rapidly. The floor will be of concrete supported by I beams.

The W. C. T. U. of Sandyville will hold a lawn meeting and festival at the home of Miss Myrtle Caple, Sandyville, Wednesday evening, August 17th, beginning at 6 o'clock. If the weather is unfavorable it will be held the 18th. Everybody welcome.

An electrical storm passed over this county Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by much wind. The rainfall in Westminster was slight, but in the upper portion of the county rain fell in torrents, which will be greatly beneficial to vegetation.

Concrete pavements and gutters are being placed in front of the residences of Miss Anna Beaver, George E. Matthews and the business place of Edwin L. Mathias, and a gutter by Joseph Weaver, on East Main street. Paul Case has the contract.

Wm. Brown, son of Elder Ezra C. Brown, met with a severe accident on Sunday while riding on Main street. His horse being frightened, he was thrown opposite Mr. Scott Rood's and rendered unconscious. Although still confined to his home he is improving.

The Republican State Central Committee endorsed the application of Wm. A. Murray for the postmastership of Hampstead. He is the brother-in-law of the deceased postmaster, Chas. M. Murray. His chief opponent was A. T. Hunt. The fight was keen and the vote stood 5 to 2.

James L. Slaughter has sold his farm to Mrs. M. D. Burke, of Baltimore, formerly of Canada. John Jones has sold his farm of 40 acres to Mrs. A. W. Carter, of Howard county, for \$3,000 cash. Both sales were effected by E. W. Case, manager for The E. A. Strout Co., New York.

The annual picnic of the Methodist Protestant Sunday school, this city, was held at the home of Mrs. M. D. Burke, on Tuesday. The day was ideal, and a large crowd was present. The school was taken to the grove in one of Mr. J. D. Crowl's large teams. Ice cream was served in the afternoon, and a good time in general had by all.

Charles Grove, Jr., of Manchester, purchased a new model Ford automobile this week.

The annual fête of St. John's Church, this city, begins tomorrow night and will continue all next week.

Mr. Chas. V. Wantz has improved his handsome property by putting in a concrete gutter and pavement.

The property of the late Catherine Myers, adjoining the church in Pleasant Valley, was sold Thursday to E. H. Myers, for \$1250.

Harry G. Mitten, of near Reisterstown, has a turkey gobbler that disappeared, and when found a week later it was setting on guinea eggs.

Lightning struck in a large cedar tree on the farm of Joseph P. Yingling, at Pleasant Valley, Wednesday, which stood only 60 yards from the house.

Considerable excitement was caused on Main street Thursday morning by a five horse team running away. It was caught in Court street, and little damage done.

A vacant tenant house on the farm of Elder Ezra Brown, near Meadow Branch, burned by fire of unknown origin Wednesday night, entailing a loss of about \$1,000.

While Wm. Wolf, tenant on Joseph Smith's farm, at the edge of town, was burning brush Thursday afternoon, a straw stack which was in the field caught fire and was consumed.

Messrs. O. D. Gilbert, Jas. H. Cassell and M. L. Lantz are having concrete pavements and gutters placed in front of their residences on East Main street, near the railroad, which will add greatly to their appearance.

During the storm which passed over this county Wednesday afternoon, lightning struck the barn of Uria Uiz, near the Pennsylvania line, and totally destroyed it, together with this year's crops. The live stock was saved.

Application has been made to Governor Stuart, of Pennsylvania for the incorporation of the Littlestown Milling Company. The incorporators are George S. Kump, C. H. Buehler, E. E. Reinoldler, Edward H. Sharretts and Norman Hess.

Mr. Samuel K. Yingling, of East Green street has a young apple tree which is heavily laden with most attractive fruit. He left a sample of it in this office this week, and the size and coloring of the apple is remarkable. He says it is called the "Dutchess of Old."

Walter Coppersmith, one of the rural mail carriers, met with a painful accident Tuesday evening. While attempting to stop a runaway cow a hook in the end of the chain caught in his hand, frightfully tearing a gash nearly an inch long, which will disable him for several weeks. Dr. H. M. Fitzhugh dressed the wound.

During the storm Wednesday afternoon lightning struck the porch of the residence of John H. Brown, at Pleasant Valley, on which Mr. Brown and his family were sitting. The family miraculously escaped, with the exception of his son Oscar, who was burned about the feet and legs, but a shepherd dog was killed instantly.

As Mrs. Grant Mathias and daughter, of Cranberry Valley, were driving to this city Tuesday afternoon, one of the front wheels of the buggy ran off, leaving the axle drop on the horse's heels, causing it to run away. The occupants were thrown out and considerably bruised and shaken up, the horse was hurt and the buggy broken.

A large barn and its contents on the property of Cecil A. Snyder, of near Hampstead, were destroyed by fire Wednesday. Mr. Snyder has been most unfortunate from fires, as his home in Arcadia was destroyed last February. At that time he was awakened by passing railroad men and was unable to save any of his effects.

The many friends of Mr. Joseph L. Franklin, former sheriff of Carroll county, will be pleased to know that he is up and about again. Mr. Franklin has not been well for several months, and in June last was compelled to go to bed where he has since been under the care of a trained nurse. Although he shows the suffering he has endured, he now feels much better than he has for many years.

Governor Crothers appointed on Tuesday a large delegation to represent Maryland at the National Farmers' Convention which will be held at Lincoln, Neb., on October 6th. Those from Carroll county are: L. P. Shriver, Jesse P. Weighright, Jesse W. Fuss, Rev. J. Stewart Hartman, C. J. Hibberd, Samuel Little, H. R. Wooden, C. R. Metcalf, Robert Gist, Michael E. Walsh, Philip C. Slingluff.

Mr. J. Oliver Wadlow, of Freedom, former Register of Willis of Carroll county, and now treasurer of Springville State Hospital, was taken ill in the Union Trust Building, at Baltimore, last Saturday while attending a meeting of the board of directors. After resting some time he recovered sufficiently to be taken to his home by Dr. Clarke, superintendent of the Hospital. Mr. Wadlow has many friends in Westminster, and his attack gave them much concern. He is now fully recovered.

C. W. De Lyon Nicholls, of New York, Governor-General of the National Society of Sons of Colonial Cavaliers, has issued a new edition of his Blue Book. In it the names appear of the ultra-society people, who are not only known in this country, but abroad. His selection has caused quite a furor in Baltimore, where only two unmarried women were chosen, Miss Lota Randolph Robinson and Miss Suzanne Carroll. Miss Carroll is well known in Westminster, and is the niece of Mrs. Guy W. Steele.

The papers of the cities are all right if you want them, but remember that it is your own home papers that advertise your churches, your schools, your various societies, your entertainments for the public benefit and enterprises of all sorts for the public good. It is the local paper that writes up wedding festivities and all kinds of social functions, as well as obituaries of the dead, and mentions the thousand and one items in which you are interested during the year and do not find in the city dailies.

WEST'S WAY OF CHECKING RUSH FROM THE FARM IMPRESSES EAST.

Enthusiasm for Modern Ways of Agriculture is Aroused in the Country Lads by Organizing Them Into Clubs and Giving Prizes.

Up here in Iowa, where the flower of the nation's great farming land lies, they have found a way to check the tide which, ever since the days following the civil war, has been carrying the farmers' boys away from the soil and into the cities and towns there to grow up among the marts of trade far removed from the fields their forefathers tilled.

The method used in the accomplishment of this end is gradually going eastward. Already there are plans on foot in New York State to apply the method there, and those who have looked deeply into the subject say there is no doubt that it will succeed quite as well in the East as in the Middle West.

The method itself is simple enough. It is nothing more or less than the arousing of enthusiasm in the country boy for those things which pertain directly to farming—modern farming—not the kind of farming their grandfathers and their great-grandfathers did, but the kind of farming which pays, which places the farm upon the basis of a mercantile establishment and makes of the farmer himself a keen business man, with all the acute perceptions of the city man of business.

In Iowa, especially some parts of it, there is the advantage of many object lessons to drive home the arguments of those upon whom the duty has devolved of arousing enthusiasm for the farm in the minds of the farmers' sons. One does not have to travel far in certain sections to find model farms. Page county, for instance, is full of them.

The vehicle used in arousing enthusiasm in the sons of farmers is not alone the "talker," verbal arguments. Nor is it alone the object presented by model farms and model farmers. Both help, it is true. But there is another and even more important vehicle in the Iowa method.

It is the creation of rivalry among the farmers' sons. Rivalry in the study of modern farming, which puts them upon their mettle, drives all thought of the city from their minds, and starts men along the trail of up to date agriculture, which leads to success early in life.

Perhaps the key note of this rivalry among the farmer lads of Iowa is to be found in the boys' agricultural clubs which have been founded in recent years. Starting with one small club in Page county several years ago, these organizations of country boys have spread throughout the State, have overlapped the boundaries of Iowa, and have been crawling eastward until they are now at the threshold of New York State and ready to step in.

There are some very wise heads in Iowa. There are also able men living in the East, who have large farms out here and who have done much toward aiding the native Iowans in solving the question of keeping the country boys on the farm. One of these is President William C. Brown, of the New York Central line. Mr. Brown has a model Iowa farm. Whenever his railroad duties are not too arduous he hops on a train and runs out here to see how things are getting along and to give encouragement and advice to those who are carrying on the struggle of educating Iowa's boys to the value of the farms and modern farming.

Only a short time ago he left here to go back East after attending a meeting of the Boys' Agricultural Club of Page county farmers' boys and their fathers, which was held at the Opera House at Clarinda. He was introduced from the speakers' stand by one of the boys of the club—a sturdy little chap, whose enthusiasm has been directed along agricultural lines and who is the earnest student of those things which pertain to successful farming as a city boy in his high school studies.

President Brown is an enthusiast on the subject of boys' agricultural clubs. All the Iowa farmers are, for that matter. They are just as enthusiastic about it as the boys themselves, for they know that the future of the farm depends upon the lads who are members of the clubs.

Robert C. Ogden, president of the Southern Education Board, is another boys' agent who is earnestly working for the boys' agricultural clubs. He came so recently after coming with a committee out to Iowa to learn all about how Iowans work the thing.

Page county, the heart of the State's model farms, was considered the logical county to inaugurate the boys' agricultural club, just as it is growing larger all the time. Miss Jessie Fields, the county superintendent, is head of the club. At least she exercises a general supervision over it.

It was she who really organized the club. Miss Fields is herself a practical farmer. It is not uncommon among the women of Iowa to be good farmers.

The original purpose of the Page County Boys' Agricultural Club was to encourage the youngsters in their studies of modern farming. But its purpose is still that, the scope of the organization has widened. It has come to be the official "enthusiast" of the farming youth of Page county, and in the judgment of some of the most successful of Iowa's modern farmers, it has accomplished far more than was ever expected.

Regular meetings of the club are held. There are branches of the organization all over Page county, and in each of these the farmers' boys are instructed in the scientific treatment of soils, the selection of seed, the adaptability of certain soils for certain products and all those other things which enter into farming on a business basis.

It is in the selection of seed that the rivalry is fostered among the farmers' boys of Iowa. Each year there is held a county club contest in the judging of seed corn. There is also a State contest.

The winners of the county clubs are entered in the State contest, and farmers and the farmers' sons, from throughout the State gather to witness the contest. It is quite an event in Iowa.

The selection of seed corn is believed by the modern farmer in Iowa to be almost as important for the achieving of large yields as the selection of fertilizers and the proper rotation of crops on a certain field. There is always a State trophy for the winning team of corn judges from the boys' agricultural clubs. It is usual-

ly a large silver cup or vase, and those prizes are valued far more than their weight in gold by the winners.

With such a State-wide interest among the farmers it is not strange that a keen rivalry exists among the various county clubs. To the boys the State judging prize is quite as important as the international cup for which the yatching men contended some years ago before Sir Thomas Lipton became tired of building racers.

In the last corn judging event among the farmers' boys of Iowa Mr. Brown played an interesting part. He was naturally proud of Page county. He wished the trophy to go to a Page county team.

A little while before the State contest was scheduled to take place Mr. Brown sent the Page county team of three boys to the Ames Agricultural College for a short course. They carried off the trophy. These lads were Edwin Sawhill, Bernard Hagglund and Martin Johanson.

There are several important factors entering into the judging of seed corn. One is to determine just what shape kernel is best adapted for seed. It should not be too flinty nor too short. Nor should it be too round. Also the cob must be just the right size, for large cobs usually produce light weight grain and cobs which are too small do not hold enough kernel of grain.

FISH 30 YEARS CAPTIVE.

Grown to Enormous Size, Sturgeon Is Released for Lack of Pond Big Enough to Hold Him.

Portland, Ore.—A big sturgeon that had been a prisoner thirty years has just been released from his long captivity and set free in the Columbia River. The fish was taken from the Columbia River, near Cascade Locks, in the spring of 1880. It was caught in a fish wheel and was given to the late Dr. W. H. Adams, of Hood River.

The sturgeon was placed in a small pond on the Adams place. There were then two ponds on the place and the fish was changed from one to the other from time to time. Some years ago the ponds filled with grass and weeds and the water became so shallow that the back of the sturgeon was blistered by the sun.

The fish was then moved to the pool of a fountain on the farm, where it swam about in a circle. It kept growing bigger until it was about six feet long and the fountain was too small a place for it to keep in.

Mrs. Sue M. Adams Armstrong, owner of the farm, returned from Portland recently and ordered the release of the pet fish, and the sturgeon was carted to the Columbia River and set free.

Interested spectators predicted the fish would swim in a small circle in the river from the habit of thirty years, but this was not true. Dazed for a moment by the unaccustomed extent of water, the sturgeon hesitated and then swam away to the down channel of the river.

25,000 MILES WITH DOG TEAM.

Brown Arrives in Los Angeles, Claiming To Have Won Wager.

[From the Los Angeles Express.] William Brown, of St. Johns, Newfoundland, arrived in Los Angeles today traveling in a cart so many dogs. He claims his arrival in this city completes a journey of 25,000 miles, thereby winning him a wager of \$10,000.

The conditions of the wager, according to Brown, were that he should travel by "dog power" a distance equal to the circumference of the globe in seven years' time or less, starting from St. Johns without a cent. He says the money now is awaiting him in a bank in his home town. The bet was the outcome of a National Sporting Club, Newfoundland.

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She Smokes Cigarettes.

[Pittsburg Correspondence New York Press.]

The report that Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, formerly Miss Alice Roosevelt, is in the habit of smoking cigarettes was brought up at the afternoon's meeting of the Pittsburg Playgrounds Association, which was attended by the leading clubwomen of Pittsburg, and some rather pointed remarks were passed in favor of and against Mrs. Longworth. Among the clubs represented were the Women's Club of Pittsburg, Daughters of the Revolution, Daughters of Pioneers and the Women's Southern Society.

Mrs. J. H. Armstrong provoked a storm by announcing she looked on a woman who smokes as a woman who bleaches her hair—with suspicion.

"The higher the position a woman holds the more womanly she should be, and I am surprised at Mrs. Longworth if this report is true," said Mrs. Minnie O. Roberts, who was applauded.

"I think any woman has a right to smoke cigarettes if she wants to, so long as she doesn't tread on the toes of any one else," said a little woman, member of the Women's Southern Society, and the meeting began to buzz.

Mrs. Dale, of the Daughters of the Revolution, rose at this point and said: "We women of Pittsburg needn't get up our feathers because Mrs. Longworth smokes cigarettes. Let us not forget that our maternal ancestors in Pittsburg smoked corn-pipes."

This caused a great uproar and many of the club women were on their feet instantly to protest against the intimation that there were or had been any cornpipes in their families. Mrs. Dale was smilingly rebuffed, however, and seemed to have the better of the argument that the Pittsburg women were mostly living in houses of glass.

"Well, anyway, I think Mrs. Longworth should be ashamed of herself setting such an example to the young matrons of our country," said one of the Wimodousian Club members. "I for my part would not want my daughters to pattern after her. It's awful to contemplate."

Westminster's Best Store. LAST DAYS OF July Clearance Sale. SPECIAL TO-DAY. In the New Annex. 500 Grass Porch Seats, for To-day only, and only one to a customer, at 2c each. 7c Calicoes 5c a yard. 50c Pongees 25c a yard. \$2.50 Axminster Rugs \$1.98 each. 7c Apron Gingham 5c a yard. \$1.50 yard wide Black Taffeta Silk 98c a yard. \$25.00 to \$30.00 Axminster Rugs, 9x12, \$19.00 each. 7c Unbleached Muslin 5c a yard. \$1.50 yard wide Black Mesaline and Beau de Soie 98c a yard. Crex Matting Rugs 10 Per Cent off. 10c 40 in. Unbleached Muslin 6c a yard. \$1.25 Wrappers 98c each. 35c Matting 25c a yard. 12c Bleached Muslin 9c a yard. \$1.50 White Linene Skirts 98c each. 25c Matting 19c a yard. 90c 81x90 Sheets 69c each. \$1.00 and \$1.25 White Linene Skirts 69c each. 15 to 19c Matting 10c a yard. \$1.25 Bedspreads 98c each. \$5.00 and \$6.00 Wool Skirts \$3.75 each. 19c Ribbons 10c a yard. 15c Towels 10c each. \$3.50 Ladies' Skirts \$1.98 each. 12 1/2 Bates Gingham 9c a yard. 3c Wash Cloths 1c each. \$1.25 and \$1.50 White Shirtwaists 98c each. 12 1/2 Percales 9c yd. \$1.50 Silk Gloves 69c. 50c and 75c Shirtwaists 39c each. Ladies' Trimmed Hats 98c each. 7c Cotton Toweling 4c yd. \$5.00 Ladies' Wash Suits \$2.98 Suit. \$3.00 and \$3.50 Men's and Ladies' Oxfords \$2.25 pair. 25c Red Table Damask 19c yd. 50c Wool Dress Goods 19c yd. 5 to 10c Handkerchiefs 3c each. Men's and Boys' Straw Hats at cost. \$1.00 and \$1.25 Wool Dress Goods 69c yd. 25 to 39c White Goods 19c a yard. \$1.40 Axminster Carpet 98c a yard. All Men's and Boys' Clothing One-fourth off.

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RECEIVE MAIL ONCE A YEAR. Three White Persons Live on Lonely St. Lawrence Island in Behring Sea.

Without Means of Support, Man Contracts \$24,000 Debt. From the Louisville Courier-Journal. An enterprising individual in New York has filed a petition in bankruptcy, and the schedule shows that he has liabilities of \$24,000 and assets of \$25. The list of creditors shows that the bankrupt was a good liver and enjoyed a goodly portion of the luxuries of life, although he had no visible means of support.

RECEIVE MAIL ONCE A YEAR. Three White Persons Live on Lonely St. Lawrence Island in Behring Sea. Seattle, Wash.—With the sailing of the schooner Bender goes the only means of communication with the outside world in a whole year for three white people—Dr. Edgar Campbell, his wife and Miss Anna Anderson, who are engaged in Indian educational work by the government on St. Lawrence Island, in Behring Sea.

RECEIVE MAIL ONCE A YEAR. Three White Persons Live on Lonely St. Lawrence Island in Behring Sea. Since October no word has come from these people and none has been expected. Dr. Campbell and his wife have held the remote post several years and are happy. The Bender carried supplies for the school at Little Diomed Island, also books, stationery, fuel, coal, school supplies and clothing, and last year's Christmas presents for the far away white people.

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RECEIVE MAIL ONCE A YEAR. Three White Persons Live on Lonely St. Lawrence Island in Behring Sea. He alleges that she later drove him off the farm without paying him.

RECEIVE MAIL ONCE A YEAR. Three White Persons Live on Lonely St. Lawrence Island in Behring Sea. Woman's Pluck Rewarded. Washington, D. C., Saturday.—Mrs. Margaret D. Bailey, after struggling to support her invalid husband twenty years by selling newspapers on the streets, has earned enough money to retire. She has abandoned her post at Fifteenth and H streets and gone to Wilmington, Del., to join the man for whom she braved all sorts of weather and hardships for a score of years. She had sold newspapers in Kansas City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Cincinnati and Washington.